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WEATHER



MONDAY
High: 70F / Low 51F



TUESDAY
High: 71F / Low 50F



WEDNESDAY
High: 60F / Low 47F

ON CAMPUS

Refugee Stories through Poetry and Art
Mon., Oct 2 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Presentation by refugees, coordinated by the International Rescue Committee in the Lookout Room of the SUB.

Ethnic Luncheon
Join us for the Ethnic Student Luncheons at noon until 1 p.m. Luncheons are sponsored by the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and hosted by the Cultural Center. This event is free and a chance for you to meet with other students, staff and faculty. Location: Hatch AB - For more info call 426-5950.

Black Hawkup

BSU ROTC cadets rode Black Hawk helicopters to Idaho City for training last weekend.

BY RYAN RASMUSSEN
News Writer



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Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from the Treasure Valley and other military personelle arrived in Boise to prepare for a week-end in the mountains, full of land navigation training and battle scenarios.

Cadets flew to Idaho City in Black Hawk helicopters. Cadets ran opportunity drills during the wait time. Opportunity drills are performed during any downtime and include squad drills and checks for injured persons.

"These are tactics that have been used for a while, Vietnam tactics don't work as well in Iraq and Afghanistan but they are still very effective, good to learn and bring on good leadership skills," ROTC Cadet Byrne said.

A total of 42 cadets and a handful of other military personnel were present for the training. "Seems like the program has really been growing," Byrne said. "Two years ago there were only about 25 (cadets), now there are around 62 in the program."

Wind whipped and whirled around all who stood within the area as the Black Hawks landed. Hats had to be removed or were lost. Dust swirled in every direction and the green, grassy landing pad was flattened.

Cadets prepared to board the transports, crouching down and at the ready for when they were given the signal to board. It gave a sense as though it was an actual mission.

"No one has ever landed before in the old penitentiary, even when it was in use, so this is pretty cool," ROTC Captain Castillo said. He also said these training exercises were performed the same way when he was in ROTC ten years ago.

The cadets boarded the Black Hawks and quickly

strapped themselves in to their seats. The helicopter lifted off at a rapid speed. The flight to the training site took just a few minutes. Segments of the trip were akin to a roller coaster ride. The pilots performed dips and dives, causing the stomach to flutter at the sensation. The helicopters climbed to higher altitudes, banking side to side, offering a bird's-eye view of the area as well as the morning sun rising over the mountains.

After landing, cadets were bused close to the site they would set up base. The moment they unloaded from the bus, the cadets performed a tactical maneuver: They set up a 360-degree perimeter. Each cadet had a sector of the circle, so that if they were armed, the line of sight from each sector would cross over every sight vector, completing the circle and eliminating blind spots.

After this maneuver, all cadets then formed a perimeter on the road where they proceeded to travel a short distance to base camp. This march is taken with a backpack, referred to as a "rucksack." Rucksacks weigh 45-to-50 pounds. The load-bearing equipment weighs around 20 pounds, MS-3 Bradfield, a junior at BSU, said.

The cadets marched in intervals on both sides of the road, well-spaced as if in a real situation. Should a grenade or mortar go off, the cadets would not be one big, easy target. A silence was created during the march.

"Keeping noise discipline is key, especially for ... if going through enemy territory," said Cadet Nathan Papke, a BSU student majoring in computer science.

Cadets proceeded to their day land navigation course. This challenge was for cadets to find certain sets of points on a map, go out into the wil-

derness and locate the points. Three checkpoints were set up, which provided fresh water for cadets and a moment to catch their breath. Not much time was allotted for this exercise. Cadets had to find 5-of-7 points in three hours. The same scenario would be in place for night navigation training later that evening.

During the entire training weekend the higher level cadets were evaluated. The evaluations are sent to a committee. The committee places a cadet in a certain placement, in comparison with the nationwide ROTC program. The top ten percent of the ratings get to choose the branch of military they want to enlist in after they finish with ROTC.

"Many of the females do this for the nursing program," Cadet Byrne said.

Other cadets plan to join different fields. "I plan to be commissioned as an officer and fly helicopters," Cadet Kyle Clark, a BSU student, said.

Saturday consisted of mock battle scenarios. Cadets ran bunker raids, squad drills, assaults, reactions to contact and area reconnaissance.

The cadets did not use real weapons. The exercises were all done with paint ball guns.

"Yes, in infantry training we get to use paintball guns," S-1 Officer Janee Mestrovich said. "It's very fun and very high-energy all day."

The weekend's intent was to train cadets. They learned new skills, put into practice already-learned skills and had a fun time. Once scenarios were completed, cadets packed up and returned home that night to rest, recharge and prepare for another week of school.

For more information on the ROTC contact them at 426-3500 or armyrotc@boisestate.edu.

Holocaust survivor speaks of her liberation

CEAN SIEGEL
News Writer

As part of Human Rights Month, Holocaust survivor Gerda Weissmann Klein gave a speech at the Morrison Center Sept. 29. In front of a near-capacity crowd comprised of students, teachers and community members, she had no problem capturing the attention of everyone in attendance.

Klein was 15-years old when Nazis broke up her family and relocated her from her home in Bielsko, Poland, to labor camps in Marzdorf, Landshut and finally, Grunberg. In 1945, Klein and 2,000 other women and girls were sent on a 350-mile

death march. Only 120 survived.

After several short introductions, the evening began with a showing of "One Survivor Remembers," which tells the story of the Holocaust through Klein's eyes. The film won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject in 1995.

As Klein took the stage, she received a standing ovation, and she spoke of the kindness she has experienced here in Boise.

"I have been the recipient of both warmth and friendship, which will be with me for as long as I live. It is impossible to thank everyone," Klein said.

Klein began her speech by talk-

“ Freedom is like air. You always think there is an abundance of it.”

- Gerda Weissmann Klein,
Holocaust survivor

ing of her experiences, of her liberation.

"What do you feel at such a moment? The moment you have prayed for every waking moment of six years. I don't recall any feeling at all," Klein said. As she continued, Klein touched briefly on the privileges that many often take for granted.

"Freedom is like air. You always

think there is an abundance of it," Klein said. Additionally, Klein spoke of her involvement with the healing process at Columbine High School.

"I couldn't conceive that here in America, here in our land among the beautiful mountains of Colorado, two disturbed boys would sit for an entire year with their schoolmates ... and plan for one year their mur-

der on Hitler's birthday, in honor of Hitler," Klein said.

In conclusion, Klein addressed the "young people" in the audience, and urged them to pursue whatever their true passion was.

Overall, many in the audience were impressed by the speech.

"I thought she was amazing," community member Anna Daley said. "She is an incredibly eloquent speaker and she has an amazing story to tell that needs to be told."

Klein is the author of several books including "All But My Life" and "A Boring Evening at Home".

These books were available for sale at the event.

Water main breaks near busy campus intersection

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

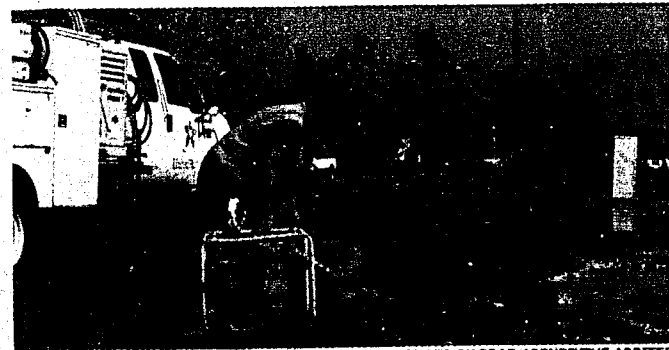


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A water main broke outside the SUB annex Friday afternoon. Traffic was blocked on east bound University Dr. for hours as crews repaired the broken pipe.

Crews on the scene made repairs and tried to determine what could have caused the PVC pipe to break.

Public Affairs Manager of United Water of Idaho Mark Snider said residents should not be concerned with water contamination in the area.

"When there is a break in a line our crews shut off water to the affected pipe - that's standard procedure," Snider said. "We have shut off valves throughout the system, which will allow water to be re-routed to help customers in the area and prevent contamination."

According to Snider, United Water will flush the section of main out with nearby fire hydrants.

This took place once the new pipe was installed and repairs were made to the damaged areas.

Once this was done, water was intentionally spilled through the fire hydrants to make sure there weren't any sorts of sediments or contamination in existence. The incident caused traffic lanes near the intersection to be closed off to motorists.

Individuals near the University and Lincoln intersection may continue to experience some delays as the repairs are being finished.

The sidewalk will be out of service indefinitely. The SUB Annex parking lot will be closed Wednesday, Oct. 4 for construction.

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Standard Chartered bank looks to grow within Asia

Standard Chartered became one of the biggest banks in Asian tiger Taiwan with the \$1.2 billion takeover of Hsinchu Bank last Thursday.

The British champion in emerging markets and Asia becomes only the second major western bank after Citigroup to penetrate the Taiwanese market in any significant way.

Hsinchu is mainly a retail bank, with 83 branches in the wealthy Silicon Valley-style region north of the capital Taipei.

However, it also offers business banking services. Standard Chartered hopes to grow both sides of the business. It is considering changing Hsinchu's name to Standard Chartered.

It is Chief Executive Mervyn Davies' biggest deal since his 2005 takeover of Korea First Bank for \$3.3 billion.

Since that transaction, he has struck a number of small deals in areas such as Pakistan that totalled about \$1 billion, but has been holding his fire for a major purchase. He pulled out of the auction for Korea's biggest credit-card firm last month, fearing the price was getting too high.

"I've been looking for an acquisition in Taiwan for a long time - as long as 10 years - but this is the perfect one for us," Davies said.

Standard Chartered will be funding the deal by selling \$1.2 billion of new shares. Morgan Stanley, UBS, Goldman Sachs and Cazenove will manage the placing.

Standard Chartered's timing raised some eyebrows as Taiwanese banks are still smarting from a recent consumer-credit crisis.

Banks lost heavily on their credit-card and other unsecured lending operations as customers struggled to pay off debts.

Hsinchu did not emerge unscathed from the rout, losing \$95

million before tax in the six months to June 30 as a result. But its lack of exposure to credit and cash cards meant it was far less affected than its peers. It made \$191 million of provisions for bad debts in the half-year.

Davies has won the approval of the four powerful Taiwanese dynasties that control the business; the Wu, Chan, Chen and Tsai families. Chief Executive CW Wu will stay at the helm of the operation with just over 20 percent of shareholders' backing.

Remaining investors must now vote on the deal, which would see the bank bought off the Taipei Stock Exchange. Completion is planned for November.

Hsinchu will be merged with Standard Chartered's small, existing Taiwanese business, which opened in 1985 and has three branches and 900 employees. That process will bring savings of about \$20 million per year from 2008.

Davies has won plaudits for turning around the company by beefing up its operations in Asian markets. He has also bolstered specialist areas such as private equity and debt capital, which will benefit from backing fast-growing companies in Taiwan's technology belt.

But the biggest boost from the deal will be for Standard's large wealth management business, which will be able to sell its products through the Hsinchu branches.

LOCAL/BSU

An 'Orange Invasion' comes to downtown Boise

Boise State University supporters can gear up for the Broncos' homecoming invasion of the infield with an event of their own. The "Orange Invasion," a new Homecoming tradition, kicks off at 7 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Grove Plaza in Downtown Boise.

The Orange Invasion will give community members, students,

alumni and all other Bronco fans a chance to see a special presentation by Coach Chris Petersen and players from the offensive and defensive lines to get fans ready for the big game against Louisiana Tech.

The Harvey Neef Maneline Dancers and the Boise State Cheer Squad will be on hand to boost school spirit, and face painting and free balloons will be available for the smallest of Bronco fans. "Bronco pride has never been stronger," said Renee White of the Boise State Alumni Association. "The community truly supports us, and we are thrilled to bring Coach Pete and a few of our players downtown."

Several downtown businesses will offer special deals to Boise State supporters, including Artisan Optics, Bucket o' Brew, Gallery 601, McU Sports, the Loft, Salon 162, Washington Mutual and Tully's Coffee. For more information about the "Orange Invasion" or about other homecoming events, visit <http://homecoming.boisestate.edu>.

Canyon County Commissioner accuses newspaper of divisiveness

Canyon County Commissioner Robert Vasquez today stated that the "Idaho Press-Tribune" is continuing to promote racism and division in Canyon County.

"The 'IP-T' has taken yet another step toward dividing Canyon County between those proud American citizens that are fighting to hold the line against the invasion of illegal aliens, and the business interests that see only profit in the exploitation of illegal aliens," Commissioner Vasquez said.

Now the "IP-T" has joined the ranks of those corporate interests that want to make a buck of the backs of hard-working Americans by charging them for their daily newspaper, selling advertising to local businesses to fill the pages of their new La Prensa Libre, while stating it will be "free to readers," Vasquez

stated.

"Why should you have to press one for English, and now, pay the 'IP-T' to print a free newspaper in Spanish?" Vasquez said.

"Constituents have called my office and expressed their outrage at this latest blatant, discriminatory, biased and racist act by Canyon County's major newspaper. They have asked me to take action and represent American citizens in another front in this culture war," Vasquez said.

Here is just one comment from an outraged fellow patriot that sees the threat posed by providing, at American citizens' expense, yet another accommodation to those in this country who refuse to learn the language:

"I am enraged at the 'Press-Tribune' for continually making it easy for them to not make this effort. They have been printing stories in Spanish alongside of the same story printed in English. Now to add insult to injury, the 'Press-Tribune' is going to give them the paper for free. I don't know about you, but I have to pay for my paper. I feel, as an American citizen, that English should be the official language and that all printed materials, signs, etc. should be printed in English. As a Citizen of Canyon County, I feel as though there should be an immediate boycott of the 'Press-Tribune' and also the businesses who advertise in that publication. I don't see any papers printed in Japanese, Basque, German, French, etc. - why are the Mexicans being treated better than anyone else? Isn't this a form of discrimination?" added the taxpayer, who asked to remain anonymous.

"I am today calling for all patriotic American citizens to send the 'Idaho Press-Tribune' a message by canceling their newspaper subscriptions. If the 'IP-T' wants to profit from illegal aliens, then let them get their money in pesos and pay to print the paper with that," Vasquez said.

WHAT THE?

Did I say Bob? I meant John, honestly - I did

Police in Boulder, Colo., questioned a man in a bar about the theft of a purse, but because he was a wanted man, he gave the cops a phony name. Unfortunately for him, the rightful owner of the alias he used was also wanted by the police.

Don't worry, buddy, I'm here ... what the?!

A man drove to the police station in Selden, N.Y., to pick up his friend, who had been arrested for drunk driving. When he arrived, police noticed "visible signs that he was drunk," and arrested him.

It's ok, I'm here now ... Now where's the fire truck?

An off-duty New York City firefighter, who had been drinking during a visit to New Jersey, was passing a fire station in Rockleigh, when he heard a call on the emergency radio that there was a fire in Cloisters.

So he walked into the station, stole a fire truck, and drove to the blaze. He was arrested.

We must have took a wrong turn somewhere

Two teenagers stole a car in Florida and, in order to elude police who were chasing them, drove right into the headquarters of the United States Central Command.

A large number of armed military personnel immediately swarmed them.

Oooh, she feels real nice

A Charleston, W.Va., man pretended to be mentally retarded so that home health care work-

ers would come to his apartment to care for him. While the ladies changed his diapers, he would fondle their breasts.

He was sentenced to a year of home confinement.

Dude, I am so wasted!

Five farmers in Romanesti, Romania, were arrested for feeding their cows marijuana.

They said it made the cows produce more milk because they were "happy."

But I was just getting to the good part officer

Police pulled over a man in Aiken, S.C., and arrested him because he was watching pornography on his car's DVD system as he drove along the highway.

They're films to watch on rainy days, your honor

Because of the long lines at the portable toilets, women preparing for a road race in Newcastle, England, were forced to go into the nearby woods to urinate.

A voyeuristic fellow took advantage of the situation, setting up a camcorder in the bushes where he caught 30 women on film.

After he was caught, he explained to police that he did it because "it's not something you see every day." But police searched his home where they found more footage, similar to what the man had just recorded.

This may sound like a stupid question, but ...

Operators at the New York City new municipal services line, 311, have received some very unusual calls that have nothing to do with municipal services.

One caller asked for Oprah Winfrey's phone number, and another asked if Ray Charles was Stevie Wonder's uncle.

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Coles speaks to ACLU about gay rights

BY CASSIE GUTIERREZ
News Writer

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Idaho put on a "Partnership Prohibition" banquet Thursday night, Sept. 28 at the Double Tree Hotel Riverside.

Opening Speaker David Adler, political science professor at Idaho State and member of ACLU board of directors, began the function for Keynote Speaker Matthew Coles.

Coles is the director of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project and ACLU. Coles graduated from Yale University in 1973, and continued his education by attending Hastings College of the Law at University of California. He finished law school in 1977 and has been a gay and lesbian civil rights leader ever since.

As a lawyer, Coles specialized in gay and lesbian issues and was appointed the director of ACLU

in 1995.

Coles has been recognized for contributing to many gay and lesbian civil rights causes, including the first law to ban discrimination on sexual orientation in 1977. In addition to helping pass multiple laws, Coles has also taught law at Stanford University and the University of California Los Angeles.

Adler kicked off the banquet by speaking about the Constitution and Bill of Rights being threatened in the United States.

"This is a crucial time for Americans to defend the Bill of Rights," Adler said. "If we choose now to stand up for the Bill of Rights and the Constitution, we may yet be able to say in a decade that we have a Constitution and a bill of Rights."

Adler encouraged everyone to challenge authority and defend the civil liberties of everyone, no matter whose rights may be violated.

"I thought the speeches were really great tonight," Nicolea Potts said. Potts came from Sun Valley, with her mother, to attend this event.

"I thought it was great that they spoke on what was really going on in Congress and in the nation right now in terms of the jeopardy of our Constitution and democracy," Potts said.

Adler's speech encouraged everyone to contribute to the ACLU as well.

"David Adler is one of our treasures here in Idaho," said ACLU member Tom Ryder. "He's been involved in ACLU for a long time and someday I want to move to Pocatello and take one of his classes just because you can sit there for a whole semester and listen to him speak."

Coles spoke about the "Idaho votes no on HJR2" issue, which is the amendment stating that there should be a ban placed on same-

sex marriages in the state of Idaho. Coles tied the national security issue in with civil liberties. "It's the same basic civics lesson," he said. "People think they're being asked to vote on a law about whether gay people can get married or whether marriage is for homosexuals, but they're not."

"They're being asked to vote on a constitutional amendment that says we're not going to leave it to the Idaho legislature or the local city council to make up rules about relationships anymore."

Coles encouraged people to do whatever they can to make a difference by standing up for gay and lesbian civil rights.

"It won't happen fast, but if you aren't willing to do it, America is finished," Coles said.

Many people at the Partnership Prohibition said that they found the speeches to be inspirational.

"I thought the speech was very in-

spiring," said Ryder.

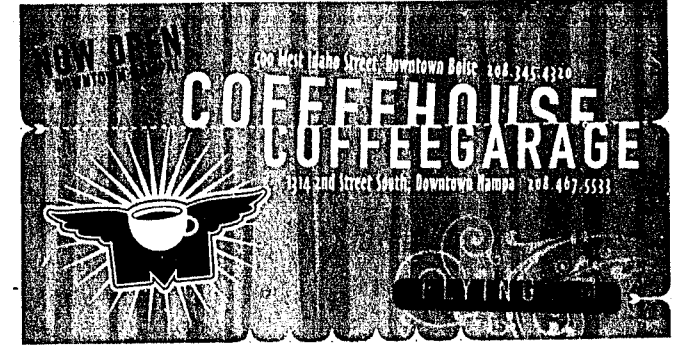
"He pointed out a lot of things that affected us at a national and state level."

Anybody that can combine the George Bush national security issue with the local Idaho HJR2 issues is real creative."

Another believer in the ACLU's

values, ACLU volunteer Lorri Morgan, agreed that it's important to stand up for the ACLU.

"With so much of Idaho being so conservative," said Morgan, "it's really important for those of us that do believe in these issues and that we raise up our flags and really understand what patriotism is."



Rewards from the Peace Corps require time and dedication

BY MARTEE ORTIZ
News Writer

A Peace Corps representative and a handful of former Peace Corps volunteers shared their memorable experiences with a small audience Sept. 27 in the William F. Hayes Memorial Auditorium located at the Boise Public Library.

All walked away with a better understanding of the Peace Corps, due to the stories shared.

Boise State University student Heather Hansen walked away with a different understanding of the Peace Corps. "I never really understood everything that happens in a different culture, or country for that matter. Hearing the stories and watching the initial video really made me re-evaluate my decision. I really want to give of myself and share my knowledge with people of a different country," Hansen said.

Founded by John F. Kennedy in

1961, the Peace Corps focuses its main goals on "world peace and friendship." It achieves these goals by helping people from selected countries meet reasonable needs, and it helps portray an understanding of the American culture by learning the ways of another country's cultures.

"How many of you who are going to be doctors are willing to spend your days in Ghana? Technicians or engineers, how many of you are willing to work in the Foreign Service and spend your lives traveling around the world?"

"On your willingness to do that, not merely to serve one year or two years in the service, but on your willingness to contribute part of your life to this country, I think will depend the answer whether a free society can compete. I think it can, and I think Americans are willing to contribute. But the effort must be far greater than we have ever made

in the past," said John F. Kennedy to the nation.

Months later, he said, "My fellow Americans: Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country."

A long, tedious process awaits those interested in joining the Peace Corps. The average paperwork process and physical for a single person varies seven to nine months, whereas for a married couple the process could take up to twelve months. Even after completing this process, only 30 percent of applicants actually receive acceptance. This low acceptance rating is usually the result of passing the initial physical, but later developing health problems before acceptance.

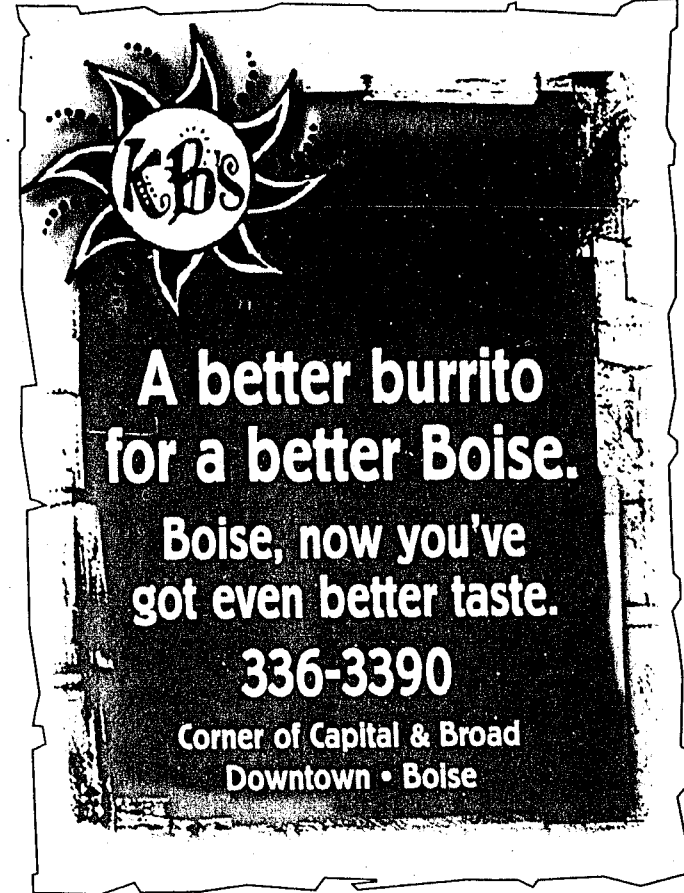
Volunteers must be at least 18-year-old, be willing to give 27 months to a project and have more than just a little higher education completed. The Peace Corps recommends candidates learn a second language,

but it is not required. Even if a person knows a foreign language, he or she may not get to travel to a country that speaks the same language.

The average age ranges from 25 to 28, and 95 percent of the volunteers have a bachelors degree.

The Peace Corps looks for healthy, energetic people interested in sharing their knowledge in business, technology, education, social sciences, the environment, health and many other areas of study. After approval, volunteers must complete three months of cultural training and the remaining two years in the country assigned. Volunteers receive 24 days of vacation a year, free medical and dental care, paid round trip airfare, an allowance and a \$6,075 readjustment check upon returning to the States after the 24 months of volunteer work.

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BY DANIEL KEDISH
Culture Editor

GLOBALLY

HOT
Jackson plans for "The Hobbit"

It's been almost three years since we last heard from Middle Earth, and finally audiences may get another chance to escape into the world of hobbits.

Academy Award winning Director Peter Jackson is in the discussion by MGM and New Line as the favored director for the film "The Hobbit," which is no surprise.

Who else could direct such fantastic stories?

However, with MGM holding the distribution rights, and New Line with the motion picture rights, there will have to be major consolidation and compromising to get this movie underway.

According to Jackson, "New Line would much rather buy MGM out and do it all themselves."

So, while waiting for "The Hobbit" to become a major motion picture is mind-numbing, we can't deny how hot a new Middle Earth film can be.

NOT

Dancing with sellouts

"Dancing with the Stars" is in its third season and I can't help but think the show is just the stars' way of holding on to some sort of fame. Which, in turn, only means one thing: they are sellouts.

You were once a teen sensation, Mario Lopez, with "Saved By the Bell," but would Slater really be wearing tights and spinning all over a hardwood floor? And Jerry Springer, what happened? You go from crowds screaming your name to an audience on edge hoping you don't break your hip.

All I have to say is dancing may be entertaining, but celebrities doing it for their last chance in the spotlight ... I have to say that's not hot.

LOCALLY

HOT

Local theater makes any night

Now that fall is upon us, so are the great shows in theater. It's that time of year again, where people dress up in their evening wear and formal coats and head to the stages in the Boise area.

Sometimes with the overaccumulation of movies coming out, many people forget about the wonders of live theater and the magic of seeing actors in real life act out scenes of drama and comedy.

Be sure to take advantage of the shows playing this season at the Morrison Center, which include "The Barber of Seville" and "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat."

NOT

Parking garage nightmares

While we flock to the indoor environment, since evenings outside have become too cold for thrills, the need for reliable parking becomes a factor.

However, parking garages can be the worst part of your evening if you aren't prepared.

When the show's over, hundreds of people will walk out to their cars and all at once decide to drive out - except you can't all drive out together without one gigantic traffic jam ensuing.

Last Thursday educated me on this notion when trying to leave the parking garage located on the Boise State campus, when "Chicago" audience just got out.

An hour later I was still parked in my spot waiting for the line to let me in. Finally, a total of two hours later, I found University Drive and was home free.

So while going out to shows and avoiding the frigid conditions is fun, let's not forget the trouble that awaits outside in the parking garages.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY



Managing Editor

It really was right up my alley. The assignment of a lifetime, to be assigned the dubious duty of reporting my findings, choosing my favorite beer from The 2006 Old Boise Brewer's Festival.

I realized pretty early Saturday, as I stood with my fifth plastic taster cup, sipping on a Full Sail India Pale Ale, I may be a beer drinker, perhaps even so serious in my exploits to be classified as a drunk, but when it comes to being a connoisseur, my talents rest on the amateur level.

I won't lie. I have an idea, but can't explain exactly how the level of hops determines the taste. I don't know beer history, or even which beer won this event last year.

But I tasted by my own studious method. I walked around slowly, soaking in one of the last fine days of September.

I tried every beer. I stuck my nose deep inside and inhaled the flavor wafting over the top of each cup. I sipped. I swallowed. I examined. I stared into those cookie cutter clouds and made mental evaluations of why this beer was better or worse than the last, the first.

The event, held in the parking lot behind Dirty Little Roddy's and hosted by staff of Roddy's China Blue and The Bistro, provided enough brews to intoxicate thousands of Boise patrons.

They were selling T-shirts for charity and the lovely Tracy told me about Camp Rainbow Gold, a getaway camp in Sun Valley. The funds raised through T-shirt sales would go directly to a fund to send children with cancer to camp. Some of the campers cancers are in remission. Others are cured and others are faced with terminal varieties. The weeklong camp offers a respite from the pressures of valley air and groups these wonderful children together, that they may feed off each other's positive energies.

It made me take a step back. It made me feel good to be an American for five good minutes.

Then I saw this dude with a T-shirt which read, "Beer is proof that God loves me and wants me happy," and I realized I had a job to do.

I tried the Rogue Brewing Company beers, the Dead Guy Ale and the Uber Pilsner. The Uber was very bitter, biting my taste buds with sharp flavor. The dead guy felt like a corpse dropping down my throat, and strangely I liked it.

I hit up the Sun Valley Brewing Co. and found a taste of lighter beers. Both their Sun Valley Blonde and Gretchen's Gold were lighthearted beers with soft kisses from old lovers.

The beer vendors were under white canopies along the six-foot fence enclosure. The

... a... sp... the... in... afternoon, warm enough to wear shorts and a sun so sweet I wore shades.

I bounced around, tasted the Full Sail Pale Ale and realized I loved beer. It was bitter, like the taste of forever. Full Sail's Sessions Lager was so nice, it felt like sleeping on a friend's couch after a night in the rain.

The Hale's Ales Brewing Company gave me the O'Brien Harvest and the Drawbridge Blonde Ale. Some dude walked up and patted me on the back, telling me to vote for the Harvest. "It's the best beer here," he said. The Seattle brew was very bitter and remember thinking that dude was a jackass, but the girl behind the tap, with the peach shirt and wanderlust eyes made that station one of the most used.

It was there I saw another T-shirt, "Sleeping with a bartender isn't worth a free drink ... but it's worth a shot."

The kickback dude pouring Alaskan Amber gave me a full glass and I noticed my writing in my notes got much bigger and more sloppy as the drunk went from pubescent to middle-aged. My photographer showed up and I dared him to scale the side of China Blue, to score the bird's eye view.

I tried the Pabst Blue Ribbon. A drunk asked the guys behind the counter, "What the fuck are you guys doing here?" I felt like a real Idahoan, drinking PBR with all that other beer out there.

Sierra Nevada Pale ale, that hoppy goodness and the summer ale and a drunk telling the woman pouring, "You have the best beer, the prettiest smile."

There was cheap pizza to be had. Barbecue from The Pair to indulge and Pacific Subs too. There was a high-class beeramid, some six feet tall and five feet in circumference.

I saw a few old friends and was frankly disappointed in my great drunk friends whom were absent, I thought they were more responsible than that.

The \$20 cover might have dissuaded them. But it could not dissuade me. I was there on assignment. I had one task left to accomplish, now thoroughly intoxicated and stumbling through my second drunk of the day (the first having arrived at Suds for a 36-3 shellacking).

I had to choose a best in show. My vote came early, the third brewery I sidled up against: Deschute's Brewing Company and its Mirror Pond Pale Ale, which I gave an 8-out-of-10.

But my favorite, perhaps not the best by professional standards, but my favorite was the Twilight Ale, which according to Deschutes, "is a lighter, but full-flavored ale with a balanced malt profile and a harmonious blend of four hops." It just sounds heavenly.

I voted it best of show and left the lot, the beer, the possibilities around 8:30 p.m. The festival ran from 2-10 p.m. My stomach was full of 50 different beers and my head was in the clouds.

I tasted some wondrous brews and some I plain disliked. But I tasted more than 50 beers. Can you say that of your Saturday?

Brewers battle to
boast Boise's
best brew



The 2006 Old Boise Brewer's Festival intoxicated thousands of beer connoisseurs Saturday in the parking lot behind Dirty Little Roddy's. More than 30 vendors offered tastes of more than 50 varieties of beer from the Northwest. Participants paid \$20 to drink all day and voted for best of show.



PHOTO BY JOHN TOWNER, THE ARTIST

Homecoming is underway

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

Homecoming week is upon us here at Boise State. This week is going to be packed with spirit-filled events, including Toilet Bowl flag football, campus office decorating, community decorating and dorm floor decorating. Also, don't miss the Student Spirit Competition or the Stampede Parade. The finale of homecoming will be the homecoming football game against Louisiana Tech on Saturday night at 6:05 p.m.

The Toilet Bowl flag football tournament will be held today in the football stadium. Even if you didn't sign up to play on one of the 16 teams, you can still go and watch the tournament. It is free to attend this exciting event, which is held from 4-10 p.m.

Campus office decorating will be judged on Tuesday, Oct. 3. Participating offices were given a "bag of goodies" to assist in their decorating. Look for the best office across campus decorated in Boise

State colors. The winning office will receive the Homecoming Office Decorating Trophy.

New to homecoming this year at Boise State is the community decorating contest. Local businesses will challenge to show their Bronco Pride by decorating their business. The winning business will be announced at the homecoming game on Saturday night.

Julie Bergstrom, a freshman from Taylor hall majoring in business, seems to be excited about participating in the dorm floor decorating contest. The winning floor will receive a complimentary pizza party after the homecoming game against Louisiana Tech on Saturday night. Judging will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The student spirit competition will take place immediately following the judging of the dorm floor decorating contest. Also, the winning floor will be announced here. Show your school spirit here and win a leather football signed by the Bronco football team. This exciting event will

take place in the Jordan Ballroom at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The Stampede Parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. Almost 40 floats from student organizations, high school bands and community groups will make their mark here at the parade.

The parade's route will start at the end of Myrtle St. and proceed down Broadway and onto University Dr. The Stampede Parade is a must-see event that should not be missed.

The conclusion of homecoming will be the football game against Louisiana Tech on Saturday night at 6:05 p.m. Tickets are available starting Monday at any on-campus ticket outlet. Make sure to get your tickets fast because the game will sell out for students very fast.

Also, don't miss free orange and blue snow cones on the quad on Tuesday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Alumni events include a miniature golf tournament at Boondocks Fun Center in Meridian on Friday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. and a golf scramble for the

alumni of the Business and Economics Colleges at Shadow Valley Golf Course at noon on Friday, Oct. 6.

Other ways to be involved with school spirit this week and every week are tailgating and wearing Boise State clothes and colors.

Bethany Peterson, a freshman from Chaffee majoring in Theatre Arts, and her roommate Tina Lopeman, a freshman majoring in English, plan to at least tailgate for the game even if they do not attend the game.

Remember to show school spirit throughout the week and throughout your entire Boise State career.

Good luck to all the participants in each event in Homecoming this week and go broncos!



Ashton Kutcher aims to prove his mettle in 'The Guardian'

BY TERRY LAWSON
Detroit Free Press

"Somebody told me recently that they didn't have a hero when growing up, and that they really didn't believe in heroes," Ashton Kutcher said. "At first, I just found that strange. But then afterwards, I was thinking, wow, that's really sad. A world without heroes is like a world without hope."

A little more than three years ago, Kutcher read a script for a movie that would ultimately be titled "The Guardian." It was about the relationship between a veteran Coast Guard rescue swimmer (played by Kevin Costner) who accepts a job teaching at the Guard's academy, and a cocky young high school swimming champion who forgoes Ivy League scholarships to try to make it in a program where only half of the hand-picked recruits finish training, and only half of those ultimately win their fins.

"It was a really smart action-movie script, which is something pretty rare in Hollywood these days," says Kutcher, one of those guys who gives you all his attention in conversation and expects the same; if you look away, he'll stop speaking until eye contact is resumed. "And I knew that Andrew Davis wanted to make it, and I think 'The Fugitive' (which Davis directed) is one of the great modern action movies."

"But if I'm being perfectly honest with myself, what I really wanted to do was make that next step from smaller films, romantic comedies, to prove I could cut it. So I was like Jake, the character I play, I guess. I had something I wanted to prove."

What Kutcher, 28, had to prove, put simply, is that he is more than the good-looking television sitcom star ("That '70s Show") who had made good in teen-themed movies like "Dude, Where's My Car?" "My Boss's Daughter" and the surprise



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hit fantasy-thriller "The Butterfly Effect." That he was more than the trucker-hatted, Gen-X goofball who created the MTV practical-joke show "Punk'd" and thrilled gossip columnists by romancing and subsequently marrying 43-year-old actress Demi Moore.

"I was figuring it was time I either put up or shut up," Kutcher said. Kutcher lost the lead in "Pearl Harbor" to Josh Hartnett, and was replaced by Orlando Bloom in Cameron Crowe's "Elizabethtown," allegedly because he didn't have the acting chops.

Crowe denies that, saying it simply became obvious after a few days of shooting that "I had screwed up. Ashton's a good actor, but I had simply miscast the role. I'd make another movie with him in a minute." Still, the rumors hurt more than Kutcher's pride; it hit him where he lives.

"It's a small town," Kutcher said, "where rumor becomes fact pretty fast. And whatever people thought, I took my job pretty seriously. I wanted to do better work. I wanted to be a better actor."

Kutcher believed "The Guardian," a movie that spends as much time inside the troubled heads of the mentor and the mentee as it does in the ocean, was the film that could

prove he had the goods. All he had to do, he says, was prove that he could hold a screen with Costner, who he says represented "the kind of actor I wanted to be," and that he could convincingly play a Coast Guard swimmer.

"I was sweating both, for certain," says Kutcher. "Kevin was one of my acting heroes, along with Harrison Ford, when I was young. So it was important for me to earn his respect. As for the swimming, I grew up in Iowa, you know? I earned my (swimming) badge in the Boy Scouts. That basically meant I could make it from one side of the pool to the other."

Director Davis says Kutcher's screen test and audition with Costner convinced him Kutcher could handle the stuff on solid ground, and he thought the casting dynamic would work in the film's favor.

"It's about one man facing the reality of growing older and another learning from his mentor what life is really about and how not to make the same mistakes. It's that human element in the midst of all those natural forces that makes the thing fascinating."

Determined, he says, "not to embarrass myself," Kutcher spent eight months training before filming began, just so he looked like he knew

what he was doing before he arrived for the boot camp Davis had scheduled with real Coast Guard rescue swimmers before the shoot.

"Working out in a pool is a whole lot different than being lowered into the ocean on a rope," says Kutcher. "But if I was going to make a movie that honored these guys who risk their lives on a regular basis to rescue strangers, I wanted them to at least know how much respect I had for what they do."

"Kevin said he believed real rescue swimmers were found, not made, and I think that's true. But neither of us wanted to have stunt doubles in every scene. Even though most of the stuff we did was filmed in a wave tank, we wanted it to be as authentic as we could possibly make it."

Costner says he respected not only the work ethic of his co star, but also his "ability to seize the dramatic opportunities that aren't necessarily on the page, seize them and translate them into dramatic moments in the film."

"The greatest compliment and the greatest advice I ever got from another actor was from Kevin," says Kutcher, whose relationship with Costner didn't end with filming. When "The Guardian" wrapped, Costner went to work with Kutcher's wife, Moore, as her costar in a dark comic thriller called "Mr. Brooks."

"He said 'Kid, you're really good, so don't just jump into another movie when this is over. Wait until you get a script that's better than you think you are right now. Don't settle for the next thing that comes your way.'"

"So, I'm not working," says Kutcher, whose only completed projects have him lending a voice to the animated comedy "Open Season" and doing a small role in the large-ensemble Robert F. Kennedy assassination drama "Bobby." "So I'm unemployed. Fortunately, we're a two-income family."

Steve Moore draws on Idaho to bring 'Open Season' to life

BY DAVID PARKER
McClatchy Newspapers

It wasn't the awe-inspiring Idaho landscape or Idaho's famous potatoes that motivated Boisean Steve Moore to come up with the story for a movie. Instead, he found his inspiration for the new film "Open Season" from the critters living outside of towns like Ketchum and McCall.

Moore, who has drawn the popular "In the Bleachers" syndicated comic for the past 21 years, read article after article about wild animals that became somewhat domesticated by living outside of resort towns.

These animals ultimately would hack off the folks that lived in town and be relocated into the nearby woods, where there were no overflowing dumpsters to be found.

What happened to the animals after the disruption of their lives of luxury is the basis for "Open Season," Sony Picture Animation's first full-length CGI film.

Moore, who developed the story idea with producing partner John Carls, is an executive producer of the new film. The story, which revolves around Boog, a 900-pound grizzly bear (voiced by Martin Lawrence) and Elliot, a scrawny mule deer (voiced by Ashton Kutcher) came easily for Moore.

"I do so many hunting-related cartoons where it's actually the animals getting the better of the hunters," said Moore, whose "In the Bleachers" strip is syndicated in more than 250 newspapers nationwide. And although hunting is a topic Moore often touches on in "In the Bleachers," he's quick to point out that "Open Season" is not really a hunting movie. "That's the third act," says Moore. "It's really about the relationship between Boog and Elliot." With hunting season just three days away, Boog and Elliot must befriend the beasts of the forest where they have been relocated

in order to survive. That forest is outside of a town called Timberline, which Moore says is a mix between Ketchum and McCall.

"Open Season" is the first feature-length film Moore has worked on after a number of television scripts and animated shows, such as "Metalheads," a children's show bought by the BBC and shown in Europe.

He has, however, always had an affinity for film. "I'm not a slathering, stalk-the-actor type of guy," jokes the easy-going 52-year-old. "I've just always been fascinated with it."

Along with "Open Season" co-executive producer Carls, Moore also sold a script to Dreamworks Animation in 2000 that turned into the Aardman Animations (of Wallace & Gromit fame) movie "Flushed Away," which is expected to open in theaters this fall.

And Moore is currently working on the script for "Alpha & Omega," which he describes as an animated romantic comedy about the reintroduction of wolves into Idaho from Canada.

He shrugs off the fact that wolves could be a controversial issue for an animated film, just like he shrugs off a question about whether there's any pressure in producing the first animated film for a company whose sister division (Sony Pictures Imageworks) won an Oscar last year for best visual effects for "Spider-Man 2."

"My opinion is that they have so many good movies on their slate that are in production or pre-production that if 'Open Season' is respectable, they're going to be just fine," says Moore. "The first one is always the one people watch the closest."

When he says "respectable," he is referring to "Open Season's" box office haul, which will matter to film executives greatly.

Moore has more important judges of the film on his mind; his eight, 10 and 12-year-old kids.

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'The Lake House,' the return of the old-fashioned love story

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

In a day and age where the postal service's main use is for delivering and receiving bills and junk mail, there is finally a film that appreciates the simplicity and the uniqueness of old-fashioned letters.

Remember when having pen pals and passing notes were the coolest things to do? Writing to a Japanese student and learning about her culture became an interesting way to

expand on worldly issues. Or passing a note to your best friend about the boy you have the biggest crush on. It was a time when your writings meant so much more than just words.

Now, we e-mail our friends with ambiguous messages that you can hardly make out because we use symbols to express fake feelings and abbreviated words that require a dictionary to determine what they mean.

Call me old-fashioned, but I re-

fuse to succumb to today's writing format. I still use complete sentences and punctuation to relay my thoughts to my intended recipients. Maybe it's just the writer in me who found this film completely romantic and smart.

Alex (Keanu Reeves) and Kate (Sandra Bullock) correspond by writing letters, through a mailbox in front of the lake house that serves as a portal through time. Alex is in 2004 and Kate is in 2006.

A friendship that starts out as in-

nocent develops into a full-fledged love affair, among two strangers that have nothing but time standing in between them.

The film keeps audiences on their toes, wondering whether they will ever be together. Coincidental meetings among Alex and Kate raise the viewer's hopes, meanwhile twists and turns in the story keep you thinking it is impossible. Ultimately, love can overcome all obstacles - even time.

"The Lake House" is another

film where the chemistry between Reeves and Bullock is as great as that of Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. In "Speed," audiences saw a young Keanu and a beautiful Sandra fall in love after cheating death, but in this film their connection is much deeper and full of emotion.

Although this movie's storyline parallels 1998's "You've got Mail," the appeal and difference in "The Lake House" remains in the uniqueness of the time factor. Are Reeves and Bullock the new Hanks and

Ryan? I don't know. Those are tough shoes to fill, but I do know that they make a great duo, and I would love to see more of them together.

The only puzzling question that remains with me is why Alex and Kate? Why were they chosen out of everyone to have this long time distance between them? I don't know.

That was a fact writer David Auburn of 2005's "Proof," starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jake Gyllenhaal, did not reveal. If anybody knows, please let me know.

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'Chicago' gives Boise 'the old razzle dazzle'

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Culture Writer

"Welcome ladies and gentlemen. You are about to see a story of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery - all those things we all hold near and dear to our hearts."

These were the opening words of the musical "Chicago."

The show gave three performances at the Morrison Center last week and entertained the audience with suspense, glamour and of course, "all that jazz."

Set in 1920s Chicago, the show follows Roxie Hart (Michelle DeJean) and her desire to become a vaudeville star. Her dream hits a bump in the road when she murders her jerk-face boyfriend and winds up on death row.

It's difficult to feel sorry for Roxie at this point, even if the guy did use her. She looked like one crazy chick after firing three gunshots.

Roxie meets a handful of characters in prison, including fellow

murderer Velma Kelly (Terra C. MacLeod) and matron "Mama" Morton (Carol Woods).

Velma and Roxie become rivals as they compete to gain sympathy from the public. After all, only one pity case can get away with murder. "Mama" Morton, on the other hand, remains neutral during their constant cat fights.

Roxie and Velma both hire lawyer Billy Flynn (Gregory Harrison) to defend them. Sophisticated, cunning and very cute, Flynn boasts that he can win any case - for a price.

The plot sounds heavy, but "Chicago" lightened it up with edgy humor and bunches of singing and dancing.

The cast kicked off the show with the well-known song "All That Jazz" and followed up with other toe-tappers like "Cell Block Tango," "Me and My Baby" and "Razzle Dazzle." The dancing resembled a cross between ballet and 1920s jazz.

MacLeod earned an honorable mention for her flexibility and high

kicks. Not too many people can fold themselves in half on demand, but she didn't have a problem.

DeJean gave a standout performance. She portrayed Roxie as a quirky, naive girl who will do anything to break into show business. She explained this drive in her solo number "Roxie." Here, DeJean's exceptional vocals won over the audience.

Speaking of outstanding performances, the orchestra also had its fair share of the spotlight. Unlike most musicals where the orchestra hides from public eye, "Chicago" featured it right on stage with the actors. The conductor introduced songs and interacted with some of the characters.

At the end of the night, "Chicago" successfully dazzled the audience.

"I love the high energy," said one audience member.

"I like this better than the movie," said another attendee, referring to the 2002 film version starring Renee Zellweger as Roxie.

That's entertainment. That's "Chicago."

Take a deep breath: to exercise effectively, it's all about rhythm and pace



Inhale - exhale your way to a healthier heart, lungs and life through understanding the importance of breathing and exercise, which can in turn decrease chances of heart and lung disease.

BY RICHARD SEVEN
The Seattle Times

Breath is as basic as you get, especially for athletic performance, yet most of us do it at only a fraction of our capability. We hold our breath while swimming. We let it get out of sync while running or lifting weights. We don't exercise our lungs and wonder why they burn when we finally go all out.

Our aerobic capacity generally declines six to 10 percent with each decade we age, and genetics plays a major role in lung capacity. But oxygen consumption can improve eight to 15 percent with training.

Find yourself out of breath easily? It could indicate underlying heart or lung disease, but usually it means you're out of shape.

"If someone fatigues too quickly or they get winded quickly, or develops chest pain or even does not improve with training, they should seek medical attention," says Dr. Steve Kirtland of Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle.

Pulmonologists like Kirtland are trained to diagnose what may be limiting people; they use a variety of tools, such as exercise tests, that measure how oxygen is processed.

You cannot make your lungs stronger, they are not muscles. But training improves how efficiently muscles process oxygen. Generally, a cyclist will be more efficient in using oxygen when cycling than he or she would be swimming or running. Still, says Kirtland, exercise of any kind improves cardiac response and health.

Experts recommend training at about roughly two-thirds of your maximum heart rate for 30 minutes about two or three, days a

week (to determine your "submax" level, subtract your age from 220). Training at this level helps avoid chance of injury and muscle fatigue so you can train longer.

Breathing is never as critical as it is in swimming.

Victoria Scott, a Seattle personal trainer, grew up swimming. She worked as a lifeguard and swim instructor and also wrote swimming books for the Red Cross. After she finished her first triathlon in 1994 (at age 46) she tried talking friends into doing one with her. Almost everyone said they would if it wasn't for the swimming leg - because they couldn't breathe while doing it.

In fact, so many said it that Scott was inspired to launch her career as a personal fitness trainer and to eventually become a certified USA Triathlon coach. She has been teaching people to "breathe" ever since, with the front crawl stroke, which she says is the most efficient stroke.

"The biggest problem in breathing while swimming is that every breath we take is like it's our last breath," says Scott, who owns the Body Electric Fitness Co. "We take a long, deep breath down to our navel, and now we have to exhale before our head is out of the water to take the next breath."

In other words, newbies take in too much air and don't have enough time to let it out while still under water. So they turn their heads (rotating the body, actually) to take the next breath.

"That's when we start survival swimming. Our bodies go vertical, and we do weird things with our arms and our kick to hold our head up long enough to finish our exhale. And then inhale when our mouth is

still out of the water."

You must establish a breathing rhythm. Scott breathes on her right side every stroke. She simply sips air because she will be up for another breath in two seconds. She rotates her head, shoulders and upper torso to the right 50 to 55 degrees with her left eye and ear in the water as she takes a breath.

Once she has caught the proper rhythm, keeping both arms doing the same thing and using her kick to stay horizontal, she can play with the pace, breathing every other stroke or alternating her breathing between the right and left sides.

In Pilates, you are taught to take full, deep breaths. They are that integral to moving efficiently through the exercises. The breathing pattern is designed to get circulation flowing more robustly and improve power and focus.

"Pilates breathing has many benefits that our day-to-day, unconscious breathing does not provide," says Stephanie Dalton, founder of Maya Whole Health Studio. "It relaxes tension in our bodies, gives our blood a better exchange of oxygen, and employs our abdominal muscles. And it helps not only with the body, but with the mind and the spirit."

As you breathe in, focus on expanding the side and back ribs. The diaphragm contracts and relaxes. Pilates breathing gets the diaphragm moving downward during the inhale, allowing space for air to fill the lungs, she says.

As you breathe out through the mouth, focus on blowing out all the air as if you were wringing out your lungs. This contracts the abdominals connected to the ribs and helps recruit the lower abs.

The way we see it ...

Homecoming Week offers a variety of activities for everyone

Homecoming week is upon us, and believe it or not - that means more than just another football game.

Sure the Bronco's game against Louisiana Tech this Saturday will be the exclamation point on Homecoming, but that doesn't mean you should forget about the rest of the week's great activities.

One of the oldest homecoming traditions is back for another year when students and faculty 'suit it up' (sort of) in the annual Toilet Bowl. Watch as co-rec's do their best Ian Johnson and Corey Hall impressions on the "smurf turf" inside Bronco Stadium in this flag football tournament.

Kickoff is 4 p.m. Monday and games go till around 10 p.m. Admission is free for all.

Stop off in the quad between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on your way to class Tuesday. Members of the Student Programs Board will be giving out free blue and orange snow cones for all to enjoy.

Paint your body orange and dye your hair blue, or ... just yell, "Go Bronco's" - whatever you're more comfortable with, just as long as you're showing your student spirit Wednesday in the Jordan Ballroom at 7 p.m. The winner of this event (which is eerily like The Spartan Cheerleaders of Saturday Night Live skit) takes home a leather football signed by the 2006 Boise State football team.

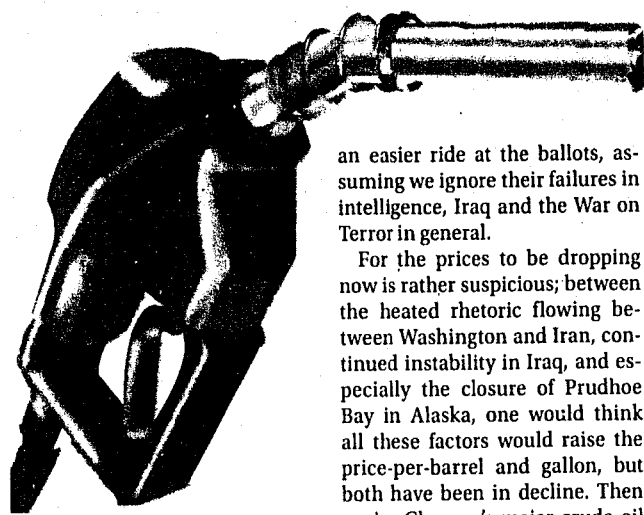
Be part of an Orange Invasion this Thursday in downtown Boise at 7 p.m. Join alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members at the Grove Plaza for a special presentation by Head Football Coach Chris Petersen. Boise State cheerleaders and Maneline dancers will be at the event as well, keeping everyone entertained and energetic.

Two parades take center stage over the weekend with a Student Spirit Parade this Friday at noon on the quad and the Stampede Homecoming Parade this Saturday before the game at 2 p.m. Indulge yourself in hearty bowl of chili before the game at the Alumni Roundup Chili Feed & Reunion at the Boise State Alumni Center (across from the stadium) as nearly 40 floats from student organizations, community groups and high school bands go on by in The Stampede Homecoming Parade.

Finally, put the rubber stamp on Homecoming by watching your Broncos buck the Bulldogs of Louisiana Tech Saturday night. Kickoff is at 6:05 p.m. and students can pick up their free ticket at any on campus Select-a-Seat location this Monday at 10 a.m. Get in line early though as tickets for this game are expected to go fast.

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Gassing up the GOP



BY MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

As gas prices nation-wide continue to drop, the blogosphere is alive with conspiracy theories. One of which that this price-cutting is a deliberate ploy on behalf of the Republicans to retain control of both houses.

Months ago, commentators stipulated that one of the major hurdles Republican incumbents would face in the run-up to the midterm elections was energy prices. Now, as prices nationwide vary from \$2 to \$2.70 per gallon, it seems that Republicans will have

an easier ride at the ballots, assuming we ignore their failures in intelligence, Iraq and the War on Terror in general.

For the prices to be dropping now is rather suspicious; between the heated rhetoric flowing between Washington and Iran, continued instability in Iraq, and especially the closure of Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, one would think all these factors would raise the price-per-barrel and gallon, but both have been in decline. Then again, Chevron's major crude oil discovery in the Gulf of Mexico could be alleviating domestic suppliers' fears of geopolitical instability as per the oil market is concerned.

I wonder whether we should be cheering for the financial relief at the pump or vehemently challenging "why now," in a time where the geopolitical future of oil is still in question. With both Venezuela and Iran at odds with U.S. foreign policy, the future of America's suburban roadways is iffy. We could still face higher prices than we have seen yet and there's no real reason prices should be as high as they are even now.

As more and more Americans trade in their guzzlers for hybrids, Ford and GM are feeling the pinch. More and more Americans are turning to Kia, Toyota and Honda for financial aid at the pump. This is more reactive than revolutionary; as bio-fuels become more efficient and available, we will need less gas - especially if the hydrogen-fueled car is finally released on a mass scale.

Personally, I'd like to see this cynicism regarding Republican control over energy markets gone. Also, I would like to trust that politicians aren't using economic forces to persuade voters into a certain line of thinking. Sure, the GOP has a slam-dunk victory over the DNC, given its hard line on terrorism and the war.

If they continue to hype the security of our nation in a post-9/11 world and if gas prices continue to lower, they will (unfortunately) probably win the election.

If they win, and suddenly gas jumps back toward three dollars per gallon, it will be time to end speculation. That will be the time for investigations into corruption, price gouging, and (if necessary) impeachment. It's time we stopped allowing ourselves to be manipulated by politicians because we, the voters, carry all the power - at least in theory.

Immigration isn't the problem, it's capitalism



BY AMY BOWMAN
Opinion Writer

Recently, I went to see Carlos Mencia at Boise State University's Morrison Center. Mencia is well-known for his "in your face" comedy, making it a point to hit below the belt. His aim is political - he kicks Bush in the teeth, talks about the war, civil liberties, immigration, religion, parents being too soft, stereotypes and racial concerns. I think he's funny as heck, and although I don't agree with him always, he makes some good points.

One of the issues Mencia often rants about is the argument over immigrants and jobs, specifically the heated debate that Americans are losing jobs to Mexicans. At the base of this accusation is the fact that undocumented workers are willing to work for less money, thereby taking over entire job markets with their unscrupulous business savvy, and sending poor Americans to the unemployment line. I don't think so. The other side contends that immigrants are simply doing work that Americans won't do. The media prefer the focus to remain

on the former, not the latter. Being almost as opinionated as the four-letter-word-throwing Carlos Mencia, I say you are missing the point entirely. The real point is that by identifying two sides and polarizing them further, we create a situation of division. Division is the capitalists' smoke screen and serves to maintain a lower class argument, which keeps the focus off those responsible for the poor state of the economy in the first place. Some of you scoff because you are obviously in a higher income bracket than those who are truly suffering without the luxury of a living wage, or you've been watching the B.S. on television that poses for news.

In 2004 the living wage in Idaho for a family of four was \$14 per hour, assuming a forty-hour work week. How many Idahoans actually earn this wage, and where are immigrants, single parents and the uneducated in the pile?

The center of the issue revolves around the economy, and the economy revolves around a small group of power elites. This group represents corporate America, controls production, banks, media and you. This power group agrees on these principles of capital and free enterprise, profits, private property, an unequal and concentrated distribution of wealth, and private economic power. Decisions that are made in boardrooms of banks and large corporations determine the fate of inflation and unemployment in the U.S. The most important thing this elite depends on is an abundance of disposable labor. They own the means of production, and by keeping a large pool of low-paid labor available, ensure their future positions of power and profit. That's where most of the American population and beyond come into the picture. We are the disposable labor force. The five percent at the top of the pyramid that are controlling most of the wealth, have successfully hidden themselves as we, at the ever-widening bottom, duke it out senselessly. My advice is to get involved and work toward change, or get used to being disposable - but don't blame our immigrant and migrant population for the poor state of the poor.

The way you see it ...

Help us save NAMI

Calling all students: There is nothing worse than seeing a student organization fall away silently. I have set out to help raise the awareness of students and to help re-grow the NAMI-Boise BSU chapter. The National Alliance for Mental Illness is a national grassroots project set out to raise awareness on mental illness, provide support, and reduce stigma. Many of us fail to realize that mental illness affects 1 in every 5 Americans.

This includes schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, depression, etc. It is a wonderful program that can lead to many possibilities; whether students need information, support, or are looking to help others. I am calling all students to consider involvement with this affiliation. For those who would like more information you may send an email to Bogini383@hotmail.com.

There will also be a booth set up October 2nd from 12-3 in the Student Union providing information on NAMI-Boise BSU, Mental Awareness Week, and the NAMI-Walk event coming up on October 7th.

Julia Szpakiewicz, Boise, ID

Who's really for sale?

On behalf of the Otter Campaign, Pete Cennarusa wrote a letter of July 31 that portrayed Jerry Brady as "Idaho's own Ted Turner" whose campaign is a "cynical money machine" and who dishonestly "IS FOR SALE" to wealthy, out-of-state liberals and big-government elitists... This is not true.

If you visit the Idaho Secretary of State's Web page and look at campaign disclosures, you can view both Brady's and Otter's latest disclosures. Otter's contributions from out of state contributors totals 49.5% of his total contributions disclosed. Big money corporations like Citi Group, Ida Bank PAC, Zion's Bank, Q-West, Amerigas, US BANCORP, Regence, Novartis, Pacific Corp Energy, Bechtel, Glaxo-Smith, and other pharmaceutical, energy and insurance organizations. Now, take a look at Jerry Brady's. Brady's contributors from out of state total 12% of all the contributors to his campaign. Very few are not just regular citizens and include the Democratic Governors Association, IBEW Education Committee, United Steel Workers, Drexler Family Trust, and Southwest Airlines, but most are just regular citizens.

So, which candidate for Governor is for sale to wealthy out of state types? Certainly not Jerry Brady. Jerry Brady is the only candidate truly "for Idaho".

Mark D. Reaney, Jr., Lewiston, ID

The truth about MEChA

There you go again, as Ronald Reagan used to say. I wonder if the students of a particular political persuasion on this campus consult their Karl Rove desk calendar this time of year and find the following reminder: "Mid-September--T'wash MEChA Month." Please Mr. Trujillo, you can certainly do better than this.

Apparently Mr. Rove and Mr. Vasquez have not taught you anything about using inflammatory rhetoric. Hyperbole should be avoided. Words like "anti-American" or "conquistador-esque" should be worn like a red Windsor knot on sparkling blue oxford—subtle and understated.

One more time: MEChA is a student organization that seeks to educate people about the cultural genocide of millions of people of Latino and Indian descent in the Americas; raza is a term I first heard in the sixties as millions of Latinos followed Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta into the streets to oppose their systematic exploitation; Aztlan is the cultural homeland of many Latino/Indian people of the Americas. The actions of individual students may or may not break the law and if so, then those students should be held accountable.

And finally, come on, a machete and a stick of dynamite. First of all the image in the paper looks more like a war club, but certainly a machete representing the labor of millions of campesinos is not too mysterious. As to the dynamite, I guess if we are going to attack that image, we better get rid of the football cannon, ban any reference to guns, lightning bolts, swords, war regalia or insignia that are used to symbolize everything from sports teams and fraternities to soccer teams.

Nice try Mr. Trujillo. Rove-ian polemics may still work on the Fox network and in USA Today, but in the bright light of reality, these hyperbolic rantings simply betray the rictus of arrogance, cynicism and contempt for the truth of a dying ideological corpus.

Robert McCarl, associate professor of anthropology

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[THIS WEEK IN SPORTS]

Men's Cross Country
Saturday
Eastern Oregon Invitational
TBA
La Grande, Ore.

Men's Golf
Monday-Tuesday
Wolfpack Invitational
TBA
Reno, Nev.

Women's Golf
Monday-Tuesday
Heather Farr Invitational
TBA
Denver, Colo.

Football
Saturday
Louisiana Tech
(Homecoming)
6 p.m.
Boise

Soccer
Friday
San Jose State
TBA
San Jose, Calif.

Sunday
Hawaii
1 p.m.
Boise

Men's Tennis
Friday-Sunday
Santa Clara Tournament
TBA
Santa Clara, Calif.

Women's Tennis
Friday-Sun
Jackie Taylor Classic
TBA
Boise

Volleyball
Thursday
San Jose State
7 p.m.
Boise

Saturday
Fresno State
1 p.m.
Boise

[SIDE LINES]

BSU runner wins sixth career race

Boise State University seniors Forest Braden and Ty Axtman finished first and second respectively at the 32nd Annual Charles Bowles Invitational Saturday at Bush's Pasture Park.

Braden posted an 8-kilometer time of 23:52.45-seconds to record his sixth-career individual title. The All-American has finished first or second in each of his three races this season.

Axtman, a first-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection in 2005, posted his third-consecutive top-15 finish and his second of the season in the top three, finishing second, 18.7 seconds behind Braden. The duo led the Bronco men to a sixth place team finish.

On the women's side, three Broncos finished in the top 20, leading Boise State to a second place team finish. Sophomore Breanna Sande finished 14th, posting a 5k time of 18:00.15. Junior Chaly Jones finished in 15th, only 1.2 seconds after Sande. Sophomore Kendra Hernandez made it three-consecutive Broncos across the finish line, finishing 16th with a time of 18:09.05.

The Broncos continue their season on Oct. 7 at the Eastern Oregon Invitational in LaGrande, Ore.

Correction

The Arbitrator Staff would like to clarify a report that was run in the Sept. 28 issue. The Arbitrator ran a report that two high school football players had signed to play at Boise State.

Kellen Moore and Dan Paul both expressed verbal commitments to Boise State, but are actually unable to sign a national letter of intent until the next NCAA signing period.



PHOTOS BY STANLEY BREWSTER/THE ARBITER

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Most of Rice-Eccles Stadium cleared at the end of the third quarter in Saturday's game between Boise State and Utah. The Broncos were up 33-3 and had field position at Utah's 40-yard line after the fourth interception of the game by the BSU defense. As the clock ran out nearly 4,000 Bronco fans remained, chanting a clear message to the world: "BCS, BCS, BCS!"

Following Texas Christian University's upset loss Thursday night, the Broncos were lifted into the most-likely spot for a mid-major vying for a Bowl Championship Series bid. It took a quarter to heat up the Boise State engine, but for the last 45 minutes of the game the Broncos sent a message they are up to the challenge.

Boise State linebacker Corey Hall created the first scoring opportunity of the game just four plays into Utah's first offensive series. Hall grabbed his first of two interceptions and returned the ball to the Utah 21-yard line. Boise State scored its only points of the first quarter four plays later on a 35-yard field goal kick by Anthony Montgomery.

The Bronco defense forced a punt on the next Utah offensive possession, starting the second Bronco offensive drive on the 1-yard line. The poor field position didn't last long, however, as Jared Zabransky found Jerard Rabb for a 39-yard completion and what looked like a momentum-swinging catch. Rabb tipped the pass to himself in close coverage and finally came down with the ball while falling onto his back.

Utah countered quickly, swinging the momentum back momentarily as safety Eric Weddle stepped in front and intercepted Zabransky at the 50-yard line. The Ute's managed a drive to the Boise State 20-yard line before converting a 37-yard Louie Sakoda field goal to tie the score 3-3.

The second quarter proved to be a more explosive one for the Bronco offense and an opportunistic one for the defense. BSU started the second quarter with a third and one on the Utah 6-yard line. Despite a false start penalty that pushed the Broncos back to a third and long, Zabransky found Brett Denton for an 8-yard completion and first down. One play later, Zabransky connected with fullback Brad Lau for a 3-yard touchdown pass to give the Broncos a 10-3 lead.

The Bronco defense forced another short offensive series for

Ute's. After a short 6-play drive, BSU regained possession with another Utah punt.

The Bronco offense was able to put together a 9-play, 59-yard drive before running back Ian Johnson fumbled the ball at the Utah 4-yard line. Johnson broke two tackles on the 14-yard run before defensive back Steve Tate came in and forced the ball out of Johnson's arms.

The Boise State defense held strong once again, however, forcing yet another Utah punt from the 8-yard line. Zabransky led the offense down inside the Utah 20 with a completion to tight end Derek Schouman. The Broncos ran a double pass play, in which the ball was touched by running back Vinny Perretta, then Zabransky and finally by Schouman.

Zabransky suffered a cut on his right wrist after smacking his hand against the helmet of a Utah defender on the play. Zabransky returned on the next drive of the game but did say afterward he would be needing stitches.

Backup quarterback Taylor Tharp was needed for just one play as Perretta found the end zone on the next play from scrimmage. The 8-yard sweep to the left side of the field pushed the score to 16-3, despite a missed point after attempt by Montgomery.

The Ute's never recovered from the Boise State scoring run, as quarterback Brett Ratliff was intercepted for a second time just three plays into the next Utah drive. Senior linebacker Colt Brooks intercepted Ratliff at the 12-yard line and returned it untouched for another Bronco touchdown and a 23-3 half-time lead.

The Bronco offense appeared not to lose any momentum at the break as Montgomery kicked a 40-yard field goal through the uprights concluding a 9-play drive to begin the second half.

Korey Hall intercepted his second pass of the game, this time off backup quarterback Tommy Grady. Grady replaced Ratliff to start the second half but was unable to produce any more offense for the Utes. Hall returned the interception 43 yards before putting the ball on the ground with an attempted lateral to Kyle Gingg. Gingg managed to fall on the ball at the Utah 2-yard line. BSU punched in its fourth touchdown of the day on a Zabransky 1-yard keeper three plays later.

Following the last Ratliff interception, most of the 45,222 fans in attendance had seen enough and left, giving the Boise State cheering section



virtual control of the stadium for the final quarter.

"We came out for warm ups and our fans were louder than their fans booing us," Zabransky said. "We felt it, we felt the electricity. There was definitely a different aura than other games."

The Bronco defense held Ratliff and Grady to just 51 passing yards for the game with four interceptions. All four Bronco interceptions led to points for Boise State. Hall led the Bronco defense with his two picks and a team-high eight tackles.

"I think, again, it came down to when you get that many turnovers because of awesome pass coverage you get pressure on the QB," Bronco head coach Chris Petersen said. "When we get it rolling on both sides they start to feed off each other."

Offensively, the Bronco attack was powered by a very balanced running game. Ian Johnson finished with 89 yards on just 14 carries.

Meanwhile, backup Vinny Perretta provided the biggest offensive lift with a 69-yard performance on 12 carries with one touchdown. Perretta's performance was by far his best of the year.

"We've got a lot of respect for Utah," Petersen said. "You could see it in the kids, how hard they played. We stepped up to the challenge and I think they feel good about themselves."

With Saturday's win, Boise State improves its record to 5-0 and is steadily moving up in the nation's top-25 rankings. The game was also the last nonconference game of the year for BSU. The victory at Utah improved Boise State's record to 11-0 against Mountain West Conference opponents.

"It says a lot about our program and where it's come from," Zabransky said. "I think the WAC and the Mountain West have about the same level of talent that they get. Boise State is continuing to prove points and continuing to up the standards."

Boise State improved their record to 5-0 after a decisive win at Utah on Saturday. The Broncos moved up the Associated Press polls to 20 and The "USA Today" polls to 21 with the win. BSU hosts LA Tech for the homecoming game on Oct. 7.

Boise State vs. Utah

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Utah	3	0	0	0	3

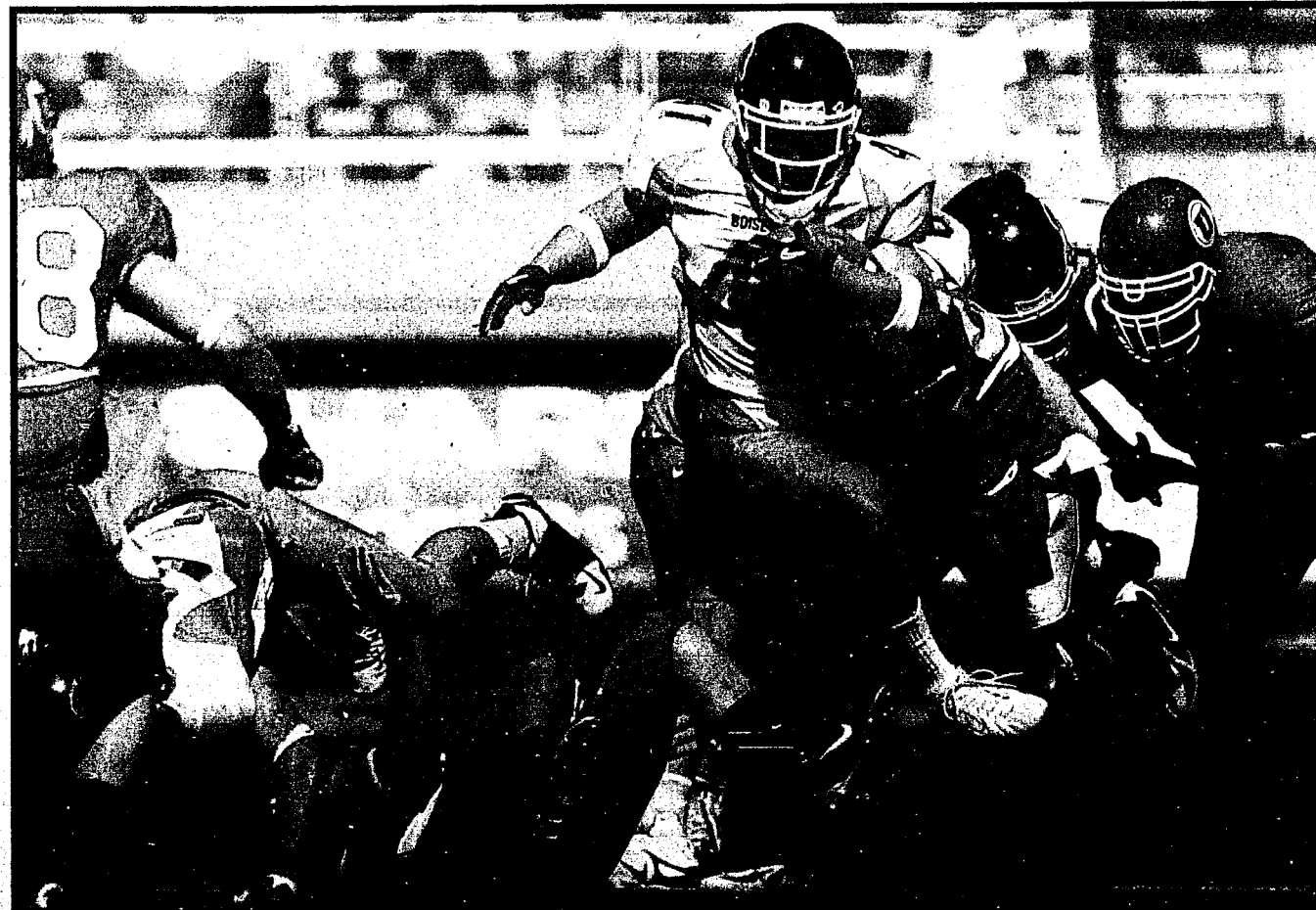
First quarter
BSU-Montgomery 35 FG, 11:28
Utah-Sakoda 37 FG, 6:08

Second quarter
BSU-Lau 3 pass from Zabransky (Montgomery kick), 14:49
BSU-Perretta 9 run (Montgomery kick failed), 5:27
BSU-Brooks 12 INT return (Montgomery kick), 3:39

Third quarter
BSU-Montgomery 40 FG, 9:49
BSU-Zabransky 1 run (Montgomery kick), 1:02

Fourth quarter
BSU-Montgomery 22 FG, 10:31

GameStats	BSU	Utah
First Downs	18	8
Rushing Yards	188	127
Passing Yards	210	51
Comp-Att-INT	15-22-2	8-27-4
Sacks-yards lost	0-0	1-10
Punts-yards	2-79	7-314
Return Yards	79	314
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	5-35	5-34
Time of Possession	32:20	27:40



The View from up here



It's OK to turn off the television, really

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

I have to choose between college football, pro football and major league baseball. Those are just the sports currently playing through their respective seasons. College basketball and the NBA are preparing to start their pre-seasons and even though nobody cares, the National Hockey League will start up sometime at the end of the fall, I think.

October is the craziest sports month of the year. I always get the same feeling a guy gets after ten hours in a strip club. "I think I've seen enough. I have no more saliva in my body and I may have blacked out two hours ago."

Boise State's run at a Bowl Championship Series game is enough to put me at the top of my stress level for the next three months. If the Tigers make the World Series and the Cowboys get hot in the next few weeks, I'll probably just slip out the back door and disappear forever.

How am I really supposed to decide on what to do Thursday night? Baseball is on Fox, college football is on ESPN 2 and an NBA preseason game is on TNT. Meanwhile, "SportsCenter" is on ESPN breaking down all the above and more.

It's like wanting to be God, but never expecting it will happen. Then one day he knocks on your door and hands over the keys to the world. It's at this moment that you realize you can't handle getting dressed in clean clothes every morning, let alone control the entire universe.

What ever happened to seasonal sports anyway? I know at one point in time football games were played in the fall, basketball was a winter sport and baseball was a summer infatuation.

Now you can't distinguish one season from the others because a league plays nine months of the year and has only three months of off-season. It's no wonder why nobody goes out to a Florida Marlins baseball game until they make the playoffs. With the Heat and Dolphins to keep an eye on as well, who cares about 162 regular season baseball games? If you miss one, I'm pretty sure there will be another one coming around in a day or two.

Some fans become so engrossed with the fall schedule their world will turn upside down without them even knowing. I've heard stories about guys that sold their houses and used the money to travel the world watching sporting events. How do you think he felt when he showed up three months later and a foreign group of people were living in his house? I doubt his wife was waiting for him in the driveway.

I've concluded it is possible to make it out of October with your sanity, however. Think of it as a sports diet. It could even go nicely with a real diet for any of you that like to barbecue and drink beer all five nights of the week that football is on. I watch sports as a career choice and even I find it unhealthy if you've been to five Bronco games this season and only had one date. And I'm being generous with those numbers.

Sports fans are advised to approach October like any night out at the bar. If you want to make it through and be able to enjoy all of the night's festivities, pace yourself. There is nothing wrong with turning off a blow out or going to dinner with your girlfriend, missing a game all together. While sports are important, they're about as important as your tonsils. We dread having to losing them, but in reality, people live without them all the time.

Men's tennis strives for success

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Writer

In any sport, reaching the NCAA championships is anything but an easy task. This is especially true in tennis.

The competing tennis season lasts from the beginning of September until the end of spring making it an exceptionally longer season than the average sport. Boise State men's head coach Greg Patton knows this all too well.

"It's a long journey, it's a marathon," Patton said. "You got to have the strength of a marathon runner. You got to have the perseverance, every step you take is important."

According to Coach Patton, tennis is more than a competitive activity. It is a way of life for his players.

"It takes good health, a lifestyle, an attitude," Patton said. "It takes playing intensely."

While this season has barely gotten under way, positive signs are already appearing all over the court. With the recent roster updates, Coach Patton enters the season fully confident in the team's potential.

"It's kind of like going to a wedding

rehearsal," Patton said. "It's looking really good and you're thinking 'you know what; this could be a life long thing.'"

The Broncos have only entered players into four events so far this season. However Coach Patton is more than ready to predict a successful year for the team. According to his plans, this season may be a milestone for Boise State.

"I've done this for almost 30 years and this team could be one of the most exciting teams I've ever had," Patton said.

"It's definitely one of the most motivated and disciplined in terms of vision, where they want to go. We're a top ten, top five team and we're going to contend for a national championship, that's where we're at."

Boise State tennis is often underestimated based on location. Traditionally, the schools that reside in the more mild climate areas tend to produce relatively better tennis programs.

However, the Broncos have come to be recognized as a threat to be dealt with. Last spring, BSU men's tennis ended with a ranked 27 in the nation. Coach Patton is hoping to

beat that number this year starting with their preseason rank.

"We never get ranked in the preseason as high as we probably deserve, which is OK," Patton said. "It doesn't bother me at all. I've always ended up higher than the preseason rank. So we're hoping to be ranked in the top 25 in the preseason and then just get better."

Workout intensity will be the key to the team's success this year. Patton says the team's consistency in training will make all of the difference in helping the players remain healthy and in top competing shape throughout the season.

"We train hard," he said. "We're always lifting and running and we're the best athletes we can be. When you look at our team, we look like athletes."

Entering year 11 as head coach of the Broncos, Patton has built a distinguished program in search of its fourth WAC championship in five seasons.

"They see Boise State become a dominant tennis program in a non-traditional tennis area," Patton said. "We're just saying we're moving the magic to Idaho now."

Tournament win lifts Men's Golf program

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior Nick Travers entered a Division-one golf tournament on Sept. 25 for the first time in nearly a year. The tournament was the Vandal Fall Classic in Moscow, Idaho. And surprisingly enough, he won.

"This is his first tournament back from being off for a year, and he wins" men's golf coach Kevin Burton said. "And not only does he win, he wins by four shots. So I think he continues down this road he's going to get more comfortable and I think he's just going to end up being up there knocking on the door every week." With a team full of new players, Coach Burton expects the results of improvement to come in steady waves, but not necessarily so soon.

"We've got a whole new team, we've only got two players that return, so we have ten new players" Burton said. "So we started off may-

be a little slower than we'd like, but we're constantly every week getting better and better and I think that's what I projected, I think when we get another tournament or two under our belt we're going to be right where we want to." To go along with Travers, the team only has three other members who aren't freshman. Junior's Matt Hastings, Scott Loewen and Troy Merritt round up the remaining upperclassmen on this year's team.

"Troy Merritt has got nine wins at the division two level," Burton said. "Don't think he even played as well as he wanted, but he's got two top 15 finishes already. So I think he's only got room for improvement." With so few returning players, the Bronco's may find their bumps in the road along the way. However, coach Burton still plans on being in the thick of things in the Western Athletic Conference.

The end result of last season may have left a bitter taste in coach Burton's mouth, as he felt last year's

squad had the talent to be the first Boise State team to qualify for the NCAA's but we're unable to get the job done. "We had a lot of seniors on the team that granted, it was more important for them to graduate," Burton said. "So we weren't able to probably do as well as we wanted, but we definitely had the talent to make it last year. As soon as we do it'll be the first time, and I think that will be this year." With Travers playing the way he has been, it may lead many to believe that with a bonafide number one on the team, the rest may follow in his footsteps.

Exactly how important was Travers early success? According to Coach Burton, it may be the key to his team's success throughout the year.

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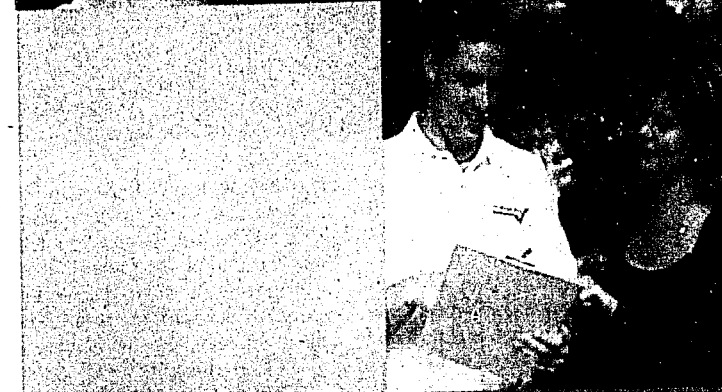


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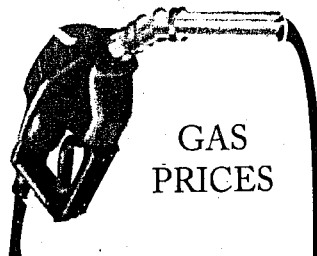
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Hewlett-Packard's dreadful day at Congress

BY HARSH MANTRI
Arbiter Staff

Last week, Hewlett-Packard brass faced a congressional subcommittee to talk about the company's boardroom-leak investigation and how it was unethical and illegal. Congressional members compared the spying debacle to the likes of Enron and Watergate, while questioning the company's top current and former executives.

Subpoenas were issued by California Attorney General Bill Lockyer to ascertain as to how the phone records were obtained. When appearing in front of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, HP Chief Executive Officer Mark Hurd clearly took the responsibility for the catastrophic investigation the company launched at the start of this year to find the source of the boardroom leaks.

"Eventually, the buck stops with me," said Hurd. "In the end, I am responsible."

Testifying first against the subcommittee, former Chairwoman of the Board of Directors Patricia Dunn appeared indifferent when questioned about the boardroom leak scandal and her involvement in it.

"I do not accept personal responsibility for what happened, but I am very sorry for what happened," she said.

The spark that started the boardroom leak



investigation, codenamed "Kona-II," was a CNET news article describing a confidential HP Board of Directors meeting.

This angered Dunn at the time, who authorized a private investigation firm to discover who leaked the information. The job

of finding the leaker fell on HP's General Counsel Ann Baskins and Senior Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer Kevin Hunsaker. Also involved was HP's Manager of Global Investigations Anthony Gentilucci. Dunn was closely involved with all three of them.

Anthony Gentilucci enlisted the help of long-time friend Ronald DeLia, who heads a private investigation firm.

The firm used pretexting, which is the practice of tricking phone companies into releasing phone records of victims by posing as them. This was by far the most controversial technique employed by HP.

In one question and answer session with committee members, Patricia Dunn responded to House subcommittee Chairman Joe Barton, R-Texas,

Barton: "If I called you up, Ms. Dunn, and said, 'I'd like your phone records,' would you give them to me?"

Dunn: "In your position, I would give you my phone records."

Barton: "Well, praise the Lord, I wouldn't give you mine."

Dunn: "I hope that doesn't mean you have something to hide."

After reviewing the phone records, George Keyworth II (HP director since 1986) was identified as the leaker and asked to resign.

Thomas Perkins, disapproving of the tactics employed by the company, resigned on the spot in anger.

In addition, he sent a letter to the HP board in which he disagreed with the company's portrayal of his resignation as routine.

Study shows most colleges don't cut the mustard

BY SILVIO LACCETTI
MCT Campus

Millions of college students are now returning to school. "U.S. News and World Report" has just released its latest, much-heralded ranking of America's best colleges. Amid all this activity and fanfare, we might ask how our system of higher education is faring.

The system is failing, according to a less-heralded study conducted by the American Institutes for Research earlier this year.

Its survey of college literacy indicates that most college students can't perform an array of "common but complex" assignments, like balancing a checkbook, understanding simple charts or comprehending this article.

Only 38 percent can do the latter.

Leaders in all areas of society must ask "why?" "What's wrong?" I ask why such dubious performers are in four-year colleges to begin with. What kinds of institutions have colleges become and what is their proper place in a pressure-packed 21st century that seems to require higher education of all

Americans?

In the last 60 years, colleges have taken on a multiplicity of purposes and meanings, most of which are not central to the historic function of the college as an educational institution.

First and foremost, college has become a big business, as have most other aspects of education and training. There are 18 million college students. They are customers, or consumers, of educational services. Program offerings are profit centers.

The all-important appropriate "market share" is sought by clever public relations campaigns and through the purportedly unbiased annual ranking surveys.

Every college wants to top out its own targeted market share of students.

If, during their stay, students are educationally short-changed, who cares? We know they can't balance their checkbooks anyway!

The big business culture in education can inhibit academics and can debilitate programs which, though necessary, may not be profitable in an economic or public re-

lations sense.

For the big colleges, especially the NCAA category, the intrusion of pre-professional sports dovetails well with the economic model of college as a big business.

For example, the Bowl Championship Series football games produce \$150 million in revenue for participating teams and conferences.

Television revenues are enormous. Cable and television network sports programs are ubiquitous. Big name coaches are usually the highest paid employees on campus.

The money, hype and lure of big-time athletics send the wrong message to our society — and to the world community — as to what college is all about. In particular, the televised world of sports-crazed fans ties in with what is perhaps the most insidious function of contemporary colleges: the extension of adolescent dependence in millions of young people. The public should never underestimate the role of parties, drinking bouts or spring break hijinks as portrayed in print, media, movies, on television and beer commercials.

For far too many individuals, college has become an adventure in hedonism. In this mode of operation, college keeps our youth occupied and out of the economy, which has no place for them anyway. For a growing number, adolescence continues even after college graduation — witness the post-baccalaureate migration home.

The most important new social function colleges have acquired in the post-World War II period has been career preparation. Go to college so that you can get a good job.

Of course, preparation for a productive life (for example in the ministry) has long been an aim of higher education, but the narrowing vocationalism and economic imperative of it all is something more recent. The globalizing, high-tech service economy demands post-secondary training.

The American Institutes for Research survey suggests that only about 38 percent of ready-to-graduate students can "perform complex tasks" across the board.

Thirty-eight percent is a failing grade.

What is impressive is that the

United States has done so well in the world politically and economically, given the dismal findings of the survey.

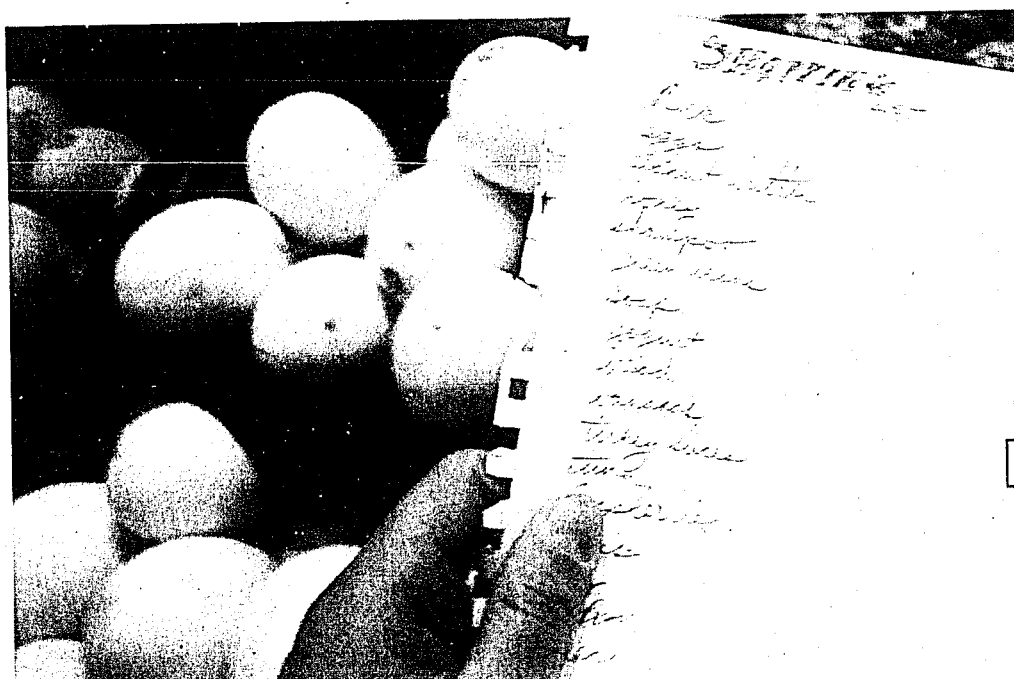
The only explanation for this must lie in those students in various colleges, not just the elite institutions, who possess the mandatory creative, analytical and critical reasoning skills. These students must be in college where such skills are developed, expanded and refined, or the U.S. fails utterly.

For America to continue its world leadership colleges must first and foremost be about learning. Students must develop their creative powers, which foster new ideas and technologies.

Students should cultivate analytical abilities in order to understand complex issues; and they should know how to apply critical reasoning to the various problems of our age.

We must seek to increase the required number of potentially talented students drawn from every class and sector of society.

But to accomplish any fundamental change, we must first be able to read the handwriting on the wall.



Save a bundle on groceries: Online stores provide a gold mine in savings

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BY AMIE STREATER
McClatchy Newspapers

Wallet? Check. Organizer? Check. Database printout? Check.

With gasoline prices and electric bills shooting through the roof, more folks are turning to one of the oldest tricks in the family budgeting book: trimming the grocery bill.

But many now go beyond stocking up at warehouse clubs and clipping coupons by seeking out Web sites that arm shoppers with detailed comparison information on weekly sales.

Three years ago Cindy O'Connor, a stay-at-home mother of seven, hated grocery shopping because every trip gave her a bad case of sticker shock.

"Going into the grocery store was always a stomach-knotting experience for me," she said.

To keep their \$800 monthly grocery budget in line, O'Connor said, "we just did without, or I bought store brands and cheap stuff."

O'Connor, 46, has six children at home — including two teenage boys — but she now spends far less on food, even though prices have gone up and her growing children eat more.

She said she now spends \$80 to \$150 a week on food — a monthly savings of at least \$200 — thanks to her subscription to "The Grocery Game," a weekly online list of the best sales and coupon deals at major grocery stores.

"I definitely need help with my grocery bill," said O'Connor, who lives in southwest Fort Worth, Texas. "I never couponed before because I thought it was too hard and too complicated. I probably still wouldn't do it on my own, but with the list, I know exactly what to get and what coupons to pull out, and it is very easy."

"As my family is growing, you expect to pay more, even with prices going up," she said. "But I buy more name-brand stuff than I used to, and I get it cheaper than the store brands."

"Grocery Game" members — pr players, as they are called — pay \$10 every eight weeks for a weekly list of the best sales at their favorite store.

The data also list any newspaper coupons available for those sale items, and the date that the coupon appeared in the paper.

Additional store lists are \$5 each every eight weeks. A four-week trial costs \$1.

There are many other grocery savings Web sites out there, most of which are free.

One of the more popular free sites is www.couponmom.com, which offers a virtual coupon organizer, links to printable coupons, tips on cutting gasoline costs and money-saving grocery-shopping strategies.

The site, headed by Stephanie Nelson, "The Savings Mom" on "Good Morning America," stresses helping out those less fortunate with its "Cut Out Hunger" program.

Web site users are urged to con-

tribute to their local food pantries by using coupons to obtain products for free or for pennies on the dollar.

The budgeting Web site www.stretcher.com has a "Grocery Store Tricks" article that explains some of the techniques used by stores to encourage shoppers to stray from their lists and offers ways to avoid temptation.

Another Web site, www.grocerysavertips.com, offers the kind of informal and practical advice you might expect to get from a frugal friend or neighbor.

"Not using a grocery coupon on an item that you're going to purchase anyway is just like throwing money away," advises Michelle Jones, the Web site's editor and North Carolina mother of four.

"And, yes, it does take a little time each week to clip the coupons and take them to the store. But just like earning money takes time, so does saving money."

Jones, like Nelson, asks those who use her free Web site to use

their savings to help those in need.

"Being the savvy grocery shoppers that we are, we can also help our local food banks and other charities by sharing our best bargains throughout the year. The more we save, the more we can give!" she writes.

"Grocery Game" members also seek ways to get bargains on things needed by food pantries through the site's message boards, on which members also trade recipes, storage tips and dole out their own money-saving advice.

A popular topic on the message boards is the issue of stockpiling, a major component of playing "The Grocery Game."

By shopping off the list and stockpiling sale items, "Grocery Game" players build up their own stores of food at home and eventually reduce the amount of money they have to spend on food every week.

"I shop my pantry and my stockpile and my freezer, then I look and

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say OK, I need paprika this week," O'Connor said. "There are very few things I need to buy. Basically, I shop to stockpile, and whatever I have a coupon for, that is what I buy."

She said her average savings is 45 percent to 50 percent a week. Her personal best was a 68 percent savings in a single trip.

O'Connor said she loves "watching the tab go down over and over and over" while the checker scans her coupons.

"Everyone behind you is just amazed and looking at you like,

"Wow, aren't you special!" "Grocery Game" creator Teri Gault started the business in 2000 and now has more than 100,000 members in all 50 states.

After years of tracking grocery prices using 3-by-5-inch index cards, Gault figured that with the Internet and e-mail, she could use her knowledge to help others.

She tested her first electronic lists on her coupon-hating sister, who was immediately hooked. A business was born.

Although most "gamers" are moms, Gault said her lists are

catching on with single adults and college students whose budgets are crimped by rising gas prices, especially in her home state of California.

Singles and students "are finding that they are spending as much as a family of four on food because they eat out so much," Gault said. "If you are going to go out, you're going to spend \$12 versus \$1 or \$2 on a meal at home."

"We're crossing into a market that I had not expected to see because they also stand to save a whole lot of money," she said.

10 ways to slash your grocery bill

1. Never shop without a list. Organize your list by the layout of your store so you can sweep through as quickly as possible, avoiding the temptation to buy items not on your list.

2. When a big sale hits on items your family uses often, stock up. Try to buy enough to last you until the next sale.

3. Shop at stores that double and triple coupons.

4. For your first few months of couponing, dedicate your savings to a special fund for a deep freeze. Having a separate freezer will allow you to stock up on meats, ice cream and other expensive frozen foods when they go on sale.

5. Bring a calculator. The biggest sizes are not always the best value, especially if you have a coupon. Calculate the price per ounce before you decide what size to buy.

6. Leave the kids at home when you shop. Not only do they grab impulse items and throw them into the cart, they will distract you from finding the best bargains.

7. Ask the butcher, produce manager and other staff at your favorite store about upcoming sales and specials.

8. Compile a list of what your family buys most often, then note the regular store price of each item whenever you regularly shop. Next time that item is on sale, write the sale price next to the regular price in pencil. If you ever see the item on sale for an even lower price, erase that sale price and replace it with the lower price. Then you will always know what the rock-bottom price is for that particular item.

9. Use a coupon organizer and always keep it with you.

10. Watch the cash register screen as your items are being rung up to be sure you are charged correctly, and check your receipt before you leave the store.

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Technology speeds nurses' workforce entry

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Mixing a bit of video gaming with medical skills and technology, virtual reality (VR) technology is becoming part of the curriculum at many nursing schools across the country. Computers and multimedia, including videotaped instruction, interactive television, desktop video conference and Internet-based programming, are all used to produce simulated real-world environments, increasing nursing students' clinical skills without actually risking harm to real patients.

Virtual reality technology allows nursing students to take risks, while making decisions independently, giving them some of the tools they will need later in their career.

"Nursing education adapts to meet the needs of the marketplace, as well as take advantage of new technology, today and beyond," says Andrea Higham, director of The Johnson & Johnson Campaign for Nursing's Future. "And the sooner we can train or re-train highly skilled health care workers, the better."

More than 41,000 qualified nursing school applicants were turned

away from nursing schools during 2005, due to the continuing lack of faculty available to teach

these students. Technology can assist and reduce some of these staffing gaps.

Distance learning, via online classes is also being used with increasing frequency to train and educate nursing students.

To meet the growing health care needs of an aging Baby Boomer population, greater and more varied applications of technology are expected to expand educational horizons and opportunities, as well as free up faculty for lecture and other traditional classroom settings.

Web site of the week: Games Radar

BY ERIC GOODWIN
McClatchy-Tribune

In the already-crowded world of video game Web sites, a new challenger is stepping up to fight for your attention. Games Radar (<http://www.gamesradar.com>) promises a new experience for gamers who want keep pace with the fast and furious world of the gaming industry. Does it measure up to the hype?

One of the things that stands out upon visiting the Games Radar Web site is its layout. Many gaming Web sites suffer from information overload, cramming so much text, images and ads on their front pages that it can make your eyes hurt. Games Radar, on the other hand, practices much more restraint, using a cleanly de-

signed animated slideshow to highlight its top news stories.

Games Radar offers everything you'd expect from a video game site. There are plenty of screenshots, cheat guides and trailers for you to browse through. One of the ways it differs from other sites, however, is in the brevity of its stories. Game reviews and previews are only a few paragraphs long and don't go into heavy specifics on gameplay, visuals, etc.

Also, because the site only recently launched, Games Radar doesn't have a rich story archive like some of the more established game sites.

For avid gamers who crave detailed game descriptions, Games Radar isn't for you. If you play video games casually, however, you might enjoy the site's approach.



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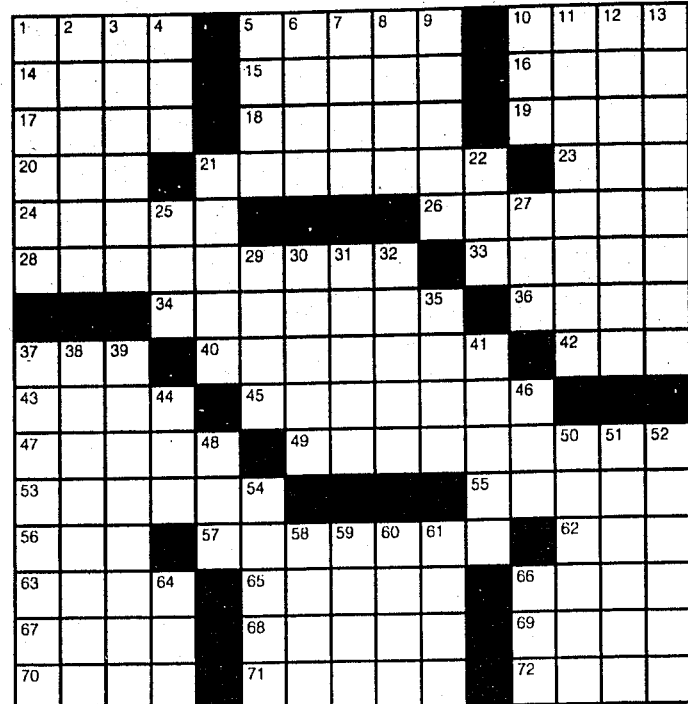
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Speaker's platform
 - La Scala cheer
 - Vigoda and Burrows
 - Minuscule
 - Take it easy
 - Take it easy
 - Headliner
 - No later than
 - Bear dad
 - Actress Sara
 - Candidate for cement boots
 - Coffee server
 - Major aluminum producer
 - Chattered
 - Final
 - Faulty
 - Holiday harmonizer
 - Cancun cash
 - Homburg or fedora
 - Discontinuity
 - Male offspring
 - Actor Alda
 - Eared seal
 - Muddle
 - Foundry
 - Group of seven
 - Chris of tennis
 - Actress Balin
 - Thumbs down on both
 - Black goo
 - Actor Diggs
 - Angler's basket
 - H.H. Munro
 - Shoshones
 - Damages
 - Grp. with energy
 - Saucy and spirited
 - Shoot from shelter
 - Camp shelter



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- DOWN**
- Dreary
 - 5th-century leader
 - Newton and Asimov
 - Isr. neighbor
 - Champagne designation
 - Vegas rival

Solutions

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- Today's Birthday (10-02-06).** Finish a tough household project this year, with the help of your family. Then take a vacation in the luxury and the privacy of your own home. 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 a 6 - This is not a good time to be impulsive. Don't let anyone else go shopping with your credit cards, either. Hold onto what you have.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**
Today is a 6 - You can't do everything by yourself, so give up on that right now. The assignment is to get the others to do it better than you could.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
Today is a 7 - Do something special to express your love. The more thought you put into the gift, the less you'll have to pay. The best things in life are free.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
Today is a 9 - Doing it yourself can be fun, but also quite frustrating. Patience is a virtue you'll be happy to have learned.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
Today is a 6 - Others are pushing you to make a decision. Go ahead and do it. If you wait for them to decide, you'll wait forever.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
Today is a 7 - Your heart's as big as all outdoors, but that doesn't mean you should go along with a stupid idea. Use your own good judgment.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
Today is a 5 - Keep costs down and money coming in, that's the idea. For inspiration, dangle a juicy carrot in front of yourself.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
Today is an 8 - It's not a good time to make demands, or even simple requests. Do that tomorrow. Meanwhile, edit your list to the important stuff.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**
Today is a 4 - You're doing well, and will be doing even better soon. Continue to clean up old messes, that's what's bringing you the good luck.
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COMICS

I COME FROM A PLACE WHERE WE HAVE MANY COLORFUL FOLK SAYINGS!

I'M HAPPIER THAN A WOODEN SPOON AT A SPELLING BEE.

MOST OF 'EM DON'T MEAN NOTHIN'.

DID YOU START THE BENCHMARK TESTS?

I'M ALL OVER THAT LIKE A CATERPILLAR ON MY SUNDAY PANTS.

DOES THAT MEAN ... YES?

DO BIRDS EAT BEANS TO FLY FASTER?

I CANNOT DECIDE IF YOU ARE VERY WISE OR JUST A BIG STUPID MORON.

WELL, I'LL TELL YOU, LITTLE COWPOKE, WHEN THE SNAKE FALLS IN LOVE WITH THE SPAGHETTI, IT'S TIME TO BUY A NEW HAT.

YOU LOOK MORE FLUSTERED THAN A BAREFOOT SQUIRREL AT A TIRE STORE.

GA!!! THEY ALMOST MAKE SENSE!!!