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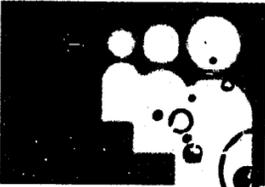
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WEATHER



TUESDAY
High: 44F / Low 30F



WEDNESDAY
High: 52F / Low 43F



THURSDAY
High: 51F / Low F

ON CAMPUS

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Poverty Issues Awareness Week The Boise State Volunteer Services Board is sponsoring several events, including presentations, a film and a hunger banquet, that spotlight poverty issues. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Volunteer Services Board at 426-4240.

TUESDAY

Inquiry Night Student Union Barnwell Room. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Local teachers will share their innovative teaching methods. English professor and Boise State Writing Project director Jeffery Wilhelm will give a keynote speech.

Possible hate-crime prompts rally

ASBSU PRESENTS:

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NO OPPRESSION TOLERATED
ON OUR CAMPUS

"The report of such a crime is horrible. A single incident of this nature is one too many."

-Frank Zang, BSU director of communications and marketing

BY CHAD MENDENHALL
News Editor

The violent attack on a Boise State student Thursday, Nov. 9 on the Greenbelt portion of Boise State University's campus has prompted student and administrative organizations to sponsor a rally promoting tolerance and civility on campus.

The rally, "No Oppression Tolerated, Not On Our Campus," will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. on the Quad. The rally is expected to last 30 minutes, where T-shirts and buttons with the "No Oppression Tolerated" logo will be passed out as students speak about tolerance on campus.

"All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. We ask that faculty members please excuse student tardiness, as they participate in this important

event," Taylor Newbold, ASBSU Secretary of Public Relations said.

The demonstration responds to an alleged violent attack on a member of the student government staff Thursday Nov. 9. According to police officials, the victim said he was struck from behind with an object and then hit several times in the face. After regaining consciousness and coughing up blood, the student made his way to the Student Union Building, where an ambulance took him to the emergency room, according to ASBSU officials.

"Fortunately, it does not appear that the student sustained any serious injuries. The student has been treated and released from the hospital," Boise State University Director of Communications and Marketing Frank Zang said.

The incident is actively being investigated by the Boise Police Department as a bat-

tery classified as a suspected sexual bias incident, because the victim said his attacker used anti-gay expletives. According to police officials, the victim's car was vandalized earlier that morning with the same anti-gay epithets.

"The report of such a crime is horrible. A single incident of this nature is one too many. As a university community, we are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our students, faculty, staff and visitors," Zang said. "We are equally dedicated to fostering a culture of respect, sensitivity and courtesy."

Lt. Winegar of the Boise Police Department said the on-going investigation has yielded no current leads on a suspect.

Winegar said he believes the Greenbelt is still safe and the gay community is not in any danger, but everyone should take pre-

cautions when walking alone.

Bob Seibolt, director of University Security said, "We would invite all to play an active role in campus safety by reporting suspicious activity to University Security, including the observance of someone who appears in some manner to need assistance."

"We encourage anyone with information about this incident or any other possible crime on campus to report it by calling University Security," Seibolt said.

The alleged attack took place on the Greenbelt somewhere between Taylor Hall and Friendship Bridge.

"Such deplorable actions must not be overlooked, and we hope the university and the Boise community does everything in their power to find the person or persons responsible and bring them to justice," Newbold said.

'Rake up Boise' draws in community volunteers

BY JOSLYN SALOW
News Writer

The 21st Annual "Rake Up Boise" event, coordinated by Neighborhood Housing Services, takes place Saturday, Nov. 18. With help from area volunteers, more than 650 of Boise's senior and disabled residents will have their yards raked and winterized.

Amy Lindley is the resource development and event coordinator for Neighborhood Housing Services. Her job entails marketing, special events like "Paint the Town" and "Rake Up Boise," and fundraising events.

Lindley attributes the event's success each year to the sponsors, media and volunteers. She said that the consistent volunteerism of the community is one of the factors that keep the event going. Among the companies that volunteer every year, she mentioned Idaho Power, Simplot and Wells Fargo.

This year's sponsors include: 94.9 The River, Channel 6, Idaho Business Review, Key Bank, D&B Supply,



Idaho Power Company, State Farm Insurance and Wells Fargo Bank. Lindley also mentioned the City of Boise's support.

"City of Boise provides all of the leaf bags... they purchase those and donate them to the program. That is a huge part of the program's success. We average about 15,000 every year. The waste company is contracted through The City of Boise. They pick up those bags, take them to the city landfill, compost them and then use them in the parks for mulch around

flower beds and trees. The leaves are recycled and the bags themselves are recycled too, it is a pretty neat program," Lindley said.

According to Lindley, 690 yards were raked last year by just over 250 teams.

"I anticipate about the same this year. We accept applications really even the week before the event... Last year 690 was the largest the program has ever done," Lindley said.

Lindley said that each year the "Golden Rake" award is given to the

team which rakes the most yards, with last year's top prize going to Simplot, which raked 22 yards.

In addition to donations, "Rake Up Boise" is supported through fundraisers.

"We sell T-shirts every year to help the program. The teams like that because a lot of them collect the T-shirts so they like to get the new one every year. It also looks really cool when you go out and drive around on "Rake Up Boise" day and see everybody in the same shirt," Lindley said.

Lindley feels that involvement in the program is especially beneficial for Boise State students.

"I think that it is a great way for students to get involved in the community outside of campus and personally meet the people that they are benefiting... it is a simple way to get involved. For some who don't have a history of volunteering it is a good introduction to volunteering in their community without a huge commitment," Lindley said.

Andres Forshey, president of BSU's Taekwondo Club, comment-

ed on why the club participates in "Rake Up Boise."

"It keeps a great part of Boise clean so that everyone can enjoy it, it's easy and it's fun," Forshey said.

Amy McDevitt, Vice President of Idaho Regional Banking Communications for Wells Fargo, participates in "Rake Up Boise" whenever she can. According to McDevitt, Wells Fargo has been involved in the "Rake Up Boise" program with volunteers and financial contributions since its inception in 1986.

This year they have more than 100 volunteers, making up 11 teams.

"Rake Up Boise" provides a vital service to seniors and disabled homeowners throughout the city of Boise who are unable to do the work themselves.

"In addition to raking leaves and sprucing up yards, volunteers clean and mulch flowerbeds, prune and clear out gutters.

"It's a wonderful event that fosters community pride and keeps our neighborhoods vibrant," McDevitt said.

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

China shares bird flu samples with researchers

After more than a year of international pressure, China acquiesced Friday to demands that it share samples of avian influenza virus with global health authorities but rejected a report that a new vaccine-resistant strain of the disease is spreading.

China provided samples from bird flu outbreaks in 2004 and 2005 but didn't offer samples from outbreaks this year, when the variant reportedly has flourished. The nation's chief veterinarian, Jia Youling, said 20 samples had been delivered to the Atlanta-based U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a research partner with the World Health Organization.

At a news conference, Jia, a lead spokesman for China on bird flu issues, made little effort to assuage tensions between his nation's scientists and global health experts.

He heaped scorn on a Hong Kong researcher who alleged last month that a new variant of the deadly H5N1 virus had emerged in Fujian province and spread to Southeast Asia, and labeled as "irresponsible" an earlier CDC proposal for ending a deadlock over providing the virus samples.

"There is no such new 'Fujian-like' variant at all. It is utterly groundless to assert that the outbreak of bird flu in Southeast Asia was caused by avian influenza in China," Jia said.

The World Health Organization's China representative, Henk Bekedam, said he was "very encouraged" that China had offered the bird flu virus samples, and would "follow up instantly" to press for samples isolated this year.

"Viruses do change, and we need to monitor the change," Bekedam said.

NATIONAL

Florida county's recount focuses on voting machines

On the day that would again ce-

ment Florida's reputation as ground zero for election oddities, Les-Lee Rowland walked into the polling station where she worked and realized there was serious trouble.

Some voters complained that the touch-screen machines weren't registering votes for Congress, prompting Rowland to shut two down briefly for inspection. More than a dozen poll workers said voters complained of missing the race entirely due to how it was displayed on the screen — an issue so serious that Sarasota County Elections Chief Kathy Dent had pointed it out three days earlier in an e-mail to poll workers handling early voting.

Dent headlined her note: "CRITICAL."

On Election Day, Dent's office reinforced the point by calling each of the 156 precincts to remind poll workers to let every voter know the ballot design made it easy to miss the congressional race.

By then, it was apparently too late. The result: 18,382 nonvotes in the race, a looming recount because of the tiny vote margin between winner and loser, and renewed criticism of the iVotronic voting machines — the same type used in Miami-Dade and Broward counties.

Some of the criticism might be blunted if people didn't vote simply because they didn't notice the race. And it would hurt Democrat Christine Jennings, who won only Sarasota in the five-county congressional district.

The touch-screen machines are programmed so that if a voter doesn't make a choice in a given contest, they will say the voter intended to skip the race. Thus Jennings may lose the recount to Republican Vern Buchanan, who leads by 373 votes. The recount starts Monday and will take three days.

State and county elections officials, as well as manufacturer Election Systems and Software, say the machines weren't broken. Jennings' legal team isn't sure and says it may sue after the recount.

Interviews with more than a dozen Sarasota County poll workers and precinct clerks on Friday revealed a consistent pattern of complaints

about the visibility of the U.S. House race. The U.S. Senate race was listed on the first of the electronic ballot's 15 pages. At the top of page two came the congressional race, listed just above the governor's race — a higher-profile election.

Still, the House election was one of the most contested in the nation, one of the costliest and one of the nastiest — so much so that Dent herself said she, like many voters, skipped it intentionally. She attributed the other undervotes to voter error, adding during a press conference Wednesday: "I do not know what to attribute it completely to."

During early voting the week before Election Day, Dent's office was beset with complaints from voters who said they couldn't find the race. Others said they cast votes, but noticed during their review that no mark was recorded in the congressional race.

Dent then wrote her "CRITICAL" e-mail, telling poll workers: "Some voters are overlooking the Buchanan/Jennings race until they get to the review screen."

She then told the "Sarasota Herald Tribune" that she didn't expect a big undervote rate in the early voting.

It turns out the early voting had the highest undervote rate: 18 percent. Absentee voters, who used paper ballots, undervoted less than three percent of the time.

LOCAL/BSU

Idaho revs up war on meth

The Gem State took a major step last Thursday in an all-out attack on methamphetamine use in its communities.

Hundreds of those on the front lines in the battle joined together to learn about the raw and devastating effects of the drug and aim for solutions.

"This is not your daddy's Oldsmobile," Dr. Mary Holley, founder and director of Mothers Against Methamphetamine, told the group. "This is a different animal. There's no other drug that makes holes in your brain like meth does."

Holley spoke at a daylong confer-

ence in Boise at the invitation of Gov. Jim Risch. Her message was clear to the 250 conference attendees: Meth is a dangerous, prevalent and devastating drug that destroys minds, bodies, babies, individuals, families and communities.

"The more people know, the better able they are to fight," she said. "You can't fight an enemy you don't know." A former obstetrician, Holley said the first line of defense against meth use and addiction is involved parents.

"It's more than just education. It's also supervision," she said. "Parents need to take an active role in supervising their children. They need to get over this idea that the kid has a right to privacy." Her message to parents: Don't be afraid to inspect your children's rooms and computers.

"Invade their privacy in a very major way," she said. "That empowers [parents] to both prevent addiction — because the kid knows they are looking — and to detect it in the earliest stages."

Idaho first lady Vicki Risch, who hosted the event, called meth use "the very worst problem we have facing the citizens of the state of Idaho."

Idaho Drug Czar Jim Tibbs said the workshop and town hall meetings scheduled for the next two days will help increase the level awareness in communities "that there's something that needs to happen to address the meth issue right now."

"If there's one drug that can destroy a community — if you think of all the different drugs, legal and illegal — it's meth," stressed Tibbs, who served previously as a longtime officer in the Boise Police Department.

Contributed by Idaho Press Tribune

WHAT THE?

You are one smooth dude

A man came to court in Jedburgh, Scotland, to answer theft charges wearing a T-shirt that featured the message, "Read this while I check out your tits." The judge was not amused. He charged the man with contempt of court.

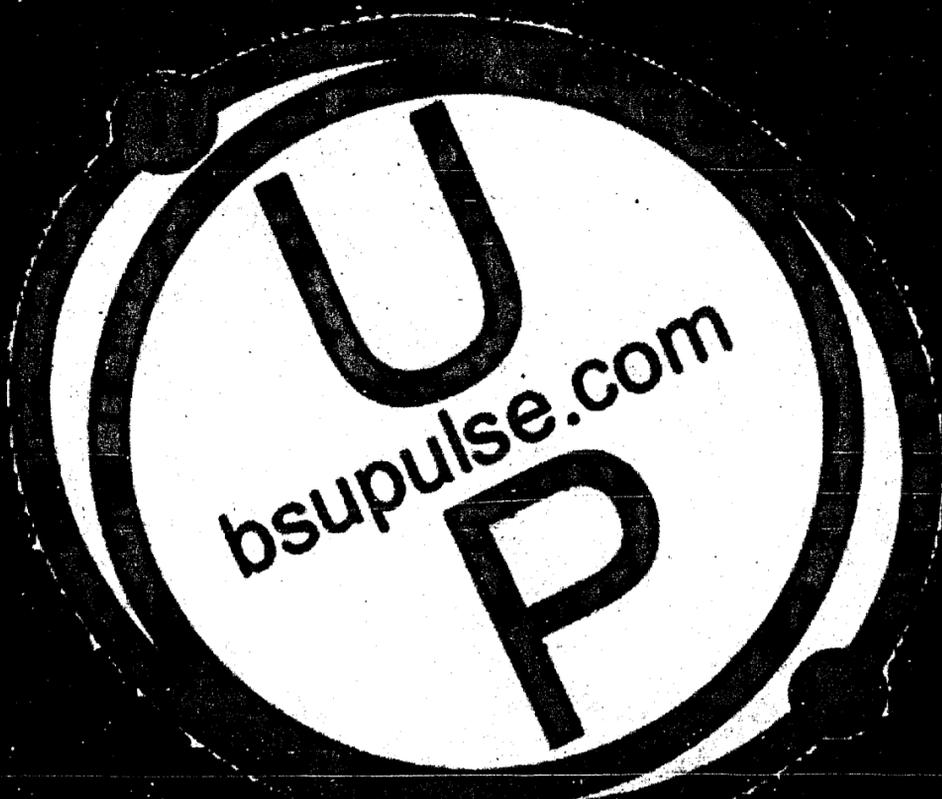
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The way we see it ...

Last week's Greenbelt attack was deplorable

Last Thursday's violent attack on a Boise State student leader was disgusting.

The incident, which took place at the edge of campus on the Greenbelt, appears to have happened because the student is gay.

This hateful act raised the ante of anti-gay sentiment, which has an ugly history at Boise State, to new heights.

Two years ago an Associated Students of Boise State University presidential candidate received a death threat.

In years prior, acts of vandalism and defamation to openly gay students at Boise State were committed.

The sentiment has now turned violent and that is entirely unacceptable.

The person that did this is nothing more than a pathetic, hateful bigot.

This person, this attack is not an accurate representation of what Boise State is.

If the point of the attacker(s) was to silence ideologies and speech they disagree with, they have failed.

Despite the threats, despite the violence, the free exchange of differing ideas that only a college campus can provide will continue.

We can only ask, hope and even pray that it is done so in a more respectable manner by everyone involved than it has been recently.

In response to the attack, student and administrative organizations have organized "No Oppression Tolerated," a rally promoting tolerance and civility at Boise State.

The rally will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 12:30 p.m. on the Quad and we encourage the entire Boise State community to come out for the event in full force.

Despite any differences we may have, it is crucial we all send a clear message to the pathetic cowards who would commit or support attacks such as this that they're the ones not welcome on this campus - they're the ones not wanted at Boise State.

People whom choose to resort to violence to prove their opinions perpetuate stigmas of intolerance.

Violence is the worst solution to differences of belief or opinion.

To resort to attacking a person from behind is the epitome of cowardice.

How dare you bring acts of hatred to our campus!

We are better than that.

Grow up.

Use your voice, not your fist. Violence is unbecoming of a student, of a human being.

In addition, we beg anybody who knows something about this horrendous attack to come forward to the Boise Police Department with any information they may have.

The criminal(s) who did this must be brought to justice.

The way we see it is based on the majority opinions of The Arbiter editorial board. Members of the board are Drew Mayes, editor-in-chief; Troy Sawyer, business manager; Heather English, production manager; Dustin Lapray, managing editor; Brandon Stoker, opinion editor; Harsh Mantri, online editor; and Sheree Whiteley, lead copy editor.

An open letter to the students

BY JONATHAN SAWMILLER
Opinion Writer

Recently, there has been a lot of controversy on campus concerning opinion articles I've written, actions I've taken as a College Republican and my status as a Senator in Associated Students of Boise State University.

To clear up misconceptions that have been presented before the ASBSU Senate and in The Arbiter, I would like to address some of these issues.

Let me first say that what I write in The Arbiter is my own personal opinion. I do not purport to represent in my articles the opinions of the ASBSU Senate, BSU College Republicans or any other entity.

I do not condone violence or threats of violence on campus, regardless of the victim or circumstance.

I condemn last week's vicious attack on a student leader. The person who committed the crime should be punished to the full extent of the law.

I've heard some claim that an opinion article I wrote last week is somehow responsible for this criminal act of violence, and that my opinion articles (which take the conservative side in political issues)

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should be banned. These claims are simply ludicrous. The only action I have ever called for is participation in the political process.

The article in question asked students to vote "YES" on a ballot initiative preserving traditional marriage.

Imagine that! Voting - an act of violence and hate! I make no apology for writing opinion articles that espouse conservative political viewpoints.

The Arbiter has other opinion writers who consistently put forth liberal ideology, and features guest opinions from all sides.

This dialogue is not "hate," but a free exchange of ideas that is essential not only to freedom of speech and

press, but democracy itself.

While I write in support of conservative ideas and take on organizations and ideologies, I have never targeted individuals.

To do so takes discussion beyond the realm of political and moves into personal attack, something that should not occur in a college newspaper.

Because of my political views, I have been personally attacked many times, in print, in fliers around campus, and on the floor of the Senate.

After the College Republicans posted fliers contrasting the socialist ideology of Che Guevara and the democratic ideology of Ronald Reagan, fliers appeared around campus bearing my picture and Adolf Hitler's.

After I wrote an article condemning a student organization for racist language in its founding documents, an instructor at BSU took it upon himself to attack me personally in The Arbiter - calling me a "Hitler Youth," among other names.

Last semester, a spokesman for Bisexuals, Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity threatened to stalk me after reading an article with which BGLAD disagreed.

It's time that such behavior be put to a stop. It leads down a dangerous path. Personal attacks took a vicious turn last week when a student was assaulted, not for his political views, but because of his sexual orientation. That's just plain wrong.

We are adults, attending an institution which is supposed to foster civil discussion of ideas, theories and political views. We need to rise above personal attacks on individuals, libel and violence. We should be able to disagree on political ideology without the accusation of "hate-mongering," without attempts to silence differing viewpoints.

We should all be able to present our political views and live our lifestyles without fear of reprisal.

That's the message that I want to deliver today - a message of freedom, not hate.

Staff should no longer stand by in silence

BY MIKE ESPOSITO
Guest Opinion

Thursday, Nov. 9, a student was attacked on campus. The student survived, but now has to continue through school knowing that this campus did nothing prior to the incident to stem the venom which promoted this violence.

For the past several months, other staff and I have seen a steady increase in the level of hate-filled rhetoric on this campus; be it in The Arbiter, or in fliers posted on campus, or in student conversations. The hate aimed at gays, Latinos and women - anyone different - has been unrelenting. And Boise State has done squat to address it.

While we have a large number of faculty and staff who have seen the problem, few have felt empowered to respond for fear of being viewed, either by students, the administration or the public, as being "political."

"Oh, you can't address a hate-filled poster hung by a club - that would be political." "Oh, you can't call a student opinion writer on the carpet for deliberately mis-citing statistics on gay issues

- that would be political." "Oh, you can't defend the Women's Center from inaccurate attacks on the 'Vagina Monologues' - that would be political."

Staff have been told we must remain neutral so all students feel "comfortable" talking with us. So, in the face of mounting hatred, we are told (in essence) to shut up and take it. "Students are just exercising their free speech. The attacked students have free speech too. This promotes 'dialogue.'" The point few realize is those under these hateful assaults feel the most helpless to respond. Attacked students feel constant fear in the atmosphere created by hate-mongers, and are afraid. Hence, they remain silent and the hate-mongers keep right on talking. This isn't a "dialogue," rather a "monologue" of vitriol. And BSU has let it go unanswered. And now we are to the point of violence because of our silence.

What will our campus reaction be now that we cannot remain quiet? A button campaign? A dull, largely un-read, platitude filled e-mail to the campus?

That's what we did two years ago when a hate letter was left at ASBSU threatening death to a student because he was gay and running for office.

Personally, I am sick of making life

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"comfortable" for those who hate, be it students or staff. I am tired of being neutral in the face of hate. Can they spout their views on campus? Sure, free speech still exists, as it should; but do I have to sit and listen to it? Do I have to sit and affirm what they say through silence? According to previous edicts by various university leaders - yes.

Last week Executive Director of the Student Union and Student Involvement Leah Barrett stressed civility in dialogue - a laudable goal I support. But I must add, telling someone their comment was hateful, inaccurate, or completely uninformed is not uncivil. If they take offense at being called hateful that still doesn't make the rebuke inherently

uncivil. Telling them to leave when they utter hateful comments is not uncivil. Being "impassioned" when responding can be done civilly.

We, as faculty and staff, must respond to the atmosphere of hate we have allowed to build on this campus. The burden of response should not be dumped on already overwhelmed students trying to get an education - or as in the case of the attack Thursday - avoid murder. It should be the faculty and staff's job and required duty to respond and we had better start soon, lest more violence occur.

Mike Esposito is the assistant director of student activities

Enough with the blame game - it's time for campus unity

BY BRANDON STOKER
Opinion Editor

In the aftermath of several condemnable crimes, people have been quick to point fingers at possible culprits and instigators.

At a time when people should unite against this spree of criminal activity, they are instead fanning the flames of hate with name-calling, fault-finding and hasty speculation.

Some accuse The Arbiter of irresponsible journalism for - gasp! - allowing people to publish political speech regarding the recent election.

They contend that these "hate" articles, which quite civilly argued for

against various ballot initiatives and candidates, instigated violence against minority groups.

This would make sense if the authors called for public floggings, vandalism, libel and assault, but they did not.

The only action demanded of the reader was participation in the political process.

Others criticize the Cultural Center for its venomous attacks against proponents of HJR2 - labeling them as hate-mongers and homophobes in "The Tunnel of Oppression" - or affiliated student groups for their impassioned attacks against anyone willing to criticize or posit academic inquiry into their political agenda.

I think it's quite pretentious for anyone to claim to understand the motivations of the at-large criminal perpetrator(s).

The name-calling and hate-baiting detracts from a united movement to support the victims and quell escalating violence.

I hope we can stop passing blame on others for the tragic crimes perpetrated by an irrational few. The university - and especially our independent newspaper - should be a free marketplace of ideas.

We are not about to begin a censorship campaign to stop anything that could possibly offend, rouse or otherwise displease others. There are obvious bounds on free speech - a specific

call for violence, malicious defamation of character, or something meant to incite disorder - but we will not heed the opportunists' calls for thought and speech suppression. The correct approach is reproach for those who committed the crimes.

Violence is never the answer to an argument.

It is the mark of intellectual resignation - only someone incapable of articulating a rational response employs libel, intimidation and violence against his foe.

We should pity the perpetrator, and more importantly, apprehend and prosecute him (or them) to the fullest extent of the law.

you should know

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HOT

Britney's new prerogative

Well, it looks like Britney Spears was back in the public eye "one more time" this last week with the announcement that she and Kevin Federline are getting divorced, which makes his new name Fed-Ex.

Apparently, she is filing for irrec- oncilable differences and is asking for each party to pay their own legal fees. It's about time Spears found out how much he was counting on her money.

Spears is also requesting physical and legal custody of the couple's two sons: Sean Preston and Jayden James, with visitation rights for Federline.

NOT

Bob Saget is back?

Bob Saget plans to reenter the spotlight of Hollywood with his latest escapade involving the movie "Farce of the Penguins," which is headed straight to DVD. The story makes fun of the late release of "March of the Penguins," while following the lives of a group of penguins that travel more than 70 miles to get laid. Bob Saget (our creepy father figure) plays such a penguin. Talk about type casting.

In almost every role that Saget has played, he has been alone and searching for some tail. In "Full House" he was looking to score with his co-anchor, in "America's Funniest Videos" he flirted with the winners and now making a cartoon with adult humor just goes to show the pathetic nature of Saget. While the movie may make people laugh, let's not forget whose voice it is of sexual repression.

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If you are tired of the same old scene downtown, or just looking for a new spin on your nightlife, check out the wonders of Japanese culture in the form of Karaoke.

Some great places to check out include The Navajo Room, The Overland Bar and Club Savvy's which offer a fresh young crowd of sketchy figures. Either way, each location offers hundreds of songs - including new releases.

So when making plans to go out this weekend, try something new and hit up the karaoke scene.

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Unwanted company: the B.F.T.P.

It happens when you least expect it, you go out with friends and encounter the B.F.T.P. (bitch from the past) which can ruin any night.

In order to embark on a night of pure pleasure without the burden of the B.F.T.P., here are a few helpful hints.

1) Play up the inside jokes. When you're out with friends and the B.F.T.P. approaches, instantly bring in the inside stories between you and your friends, leaving no room for the B.F.T.P. to interact.

2) Lay on the looks. You need a couple to make sure you confuse the B.F.T.P. Make sure to have the angry glare, the confused face, and the A.D.D. stare. Mixing up the three will leave the B.F.T.P. in a world of perplexity.

3) The big gesture. If all else fails, you need the big move to make your point. Situations vary according to circumstances. One friend on mine got her point across to the B.F.T.P., who happened to be our server, by knocking over all our drinks and leaving the restaurant with the confused face. No longer does she face the B.F.T.P.

So here's to nights B.F.T.P. free.

MySpace addiction

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

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About me:

With new innovative technology such as MySpace, communication with old and friends and meeting new people is becoming easier for people across campus and across the country. The site provides a tool for everyone to communicate, regardless of age, sex, location or personality. Times are changing, thereby forcing old means of communication (such as phone calls and meeting in person) into extinction. When logged in, people don't interact face-to-face - and that makes it easier to say what they feel rather than censoring their words and/or actions while in person. This freedom of communication can be a good and bad thing. Many of the students on campus hold different opinions about the Website.

Jared Coleman, 20, said, "Myspace is addicting. People use it to keep in contact and it gets to a point where that is all they do." Coleman recently deleted his account because he spent too much time on the site.

Who I'd like to meet:

Many students at Boise State, like Coleman, have deleted their accounts because they spent too much time on the site, causing them to lose the important face-to-face interactions and possible study time.

"Yes, it is addicting because there are so many different things you can do on it. Myspace is just glorified e-mail," Ben Gann, 23, said.

Gann said he checks his account every day and, although it depends on the circumstances, he spends about a half hour on the site daily.

The addiction to the website stems from the fact that all people can relate somehow to one of the many different aspects of the site. Blogging, messaging and commenting are just a few outlets of communication Myspace provides.

The site creates a way for people to communicate with not only nearby friends, but with distant friends as well. Many college students' friends go away to another state or other parts of Idaho and Myspace allows them to keep in contact.

A few students on campus have actually "hooked up" with people they met on the site and find the site to be a great tool that should be used.

For example, freshman LaTasha Larsen, "hooked up" with a guy she met on Myspace about a year ago. She is now happily married to him, but she advises that people should be careful about using the site to meet new people and also should avoid meeting one-on-one the first time.

Freshman Ali DeLuca is against using her account to "hook up" but still uses it to keep in touch with friends. Although she is now against meeting people on Myspace, she did go out with one guy for about a week who she met through the website.

Freshman Jessica Warnecke, said although she spends about two hours a day talking to friends on Myspace, she does not find it addicting. She also uses the site to meet people but she spends most of that time messaging and commenting to her friends.

Students are logging in, checking their accounts, and messaging and commenting back all around campus. Myspace has taken over the college community. Mixed opinions about the site fill the campus, ranging from negative to positive. Many students on campus believe the site is addicting while many others see it as a great tool of communication.

The 'Tunnel of Oppression' helps students experience the dark side of reality

BY JULIA C. ARREDONDO
Culture Writer

The walls to the entrance of "The Tunnel of Oppression" were covered with posters Friday, Nov. 10.

Poems and pictures about domestic violence, poverty, hate crimes and HIV/AIDS lined the walls and provided students with a taste of what they were about to experience.

The tunnel ran for most of the day in the Student Union Building Hatch Ballrooms. It started at 10 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. Students and Boise residents that attended the event were asked to sign a consent form before participating.

"If you have a history of direct experience with oppression, violence or discrimination, this program may cause you to feel as though you are reliving those experiences," read the second paragraph of the form.

Groups of about 15 participants entered one at a time - with a new group going through every half-hour. Each group lined up outside the rooms, waiting for it to begin. A few individuals were given a small, square piece of paper and told to make sure the paper was visible on them at all times.

Upon entering the room, these individuals were offered cake and something to drink, but no one else was. The group sat in the center of the room, made circular by heavy red curtains. In the front of the room an anchorman and anchorwoman began the performance.

The show was a combination of audio, video and acting. The entire experience was focused on situations that were uncomfortable, but real.

Ema, the anchorwoman, announced how in the recent elections Idahoans overwhelming-

ly voted against gay marriage, "Proving that the state of Idaho is not to great for hate."

Throughout the broadcast, reporters were constantly interrupted by a man beating his wife behind one of the curtains. They commented on it, but did nothing to help the woman.

Meanwhile, off to the side, a young couple discussed with an adoption agency representative the foreign child they were looking forward to bringing home. Race did not matter, they said - but they definitely wanted a boy. These typical, middle class, average Americans were not adopting a child to call their own - they were buying a house boy.

Later, individuals stepped out from behind the curtains and testified about how they became infected with HIV/AIDS. There was an ex-drug user, the sister of a victim of bad blood transfusions, a wom-

an who had been in a monogamous relationship, a girl who contracted the disease from her very first sexual experience: all of them different, all of them never suspecting it could happen to them.

Throughout the performance, the lights went out a few times. A video with Boise State students who had disabilities turned on and the audience was able to hear - probably for the first time - how their schoolmates were discriminated against on a regular basis.

The last time the lights went out the voice of a crying and terrified 6 year-old girl filled the dark. It was a 911 call. She pleaded with the operator for help while her father beat her mother in the background. Agony overwhelmed the silent room when the lights came back on and the participants were lead into the debriefing room.

"I'm glad Boise State's here ... to do these things," said Kathy Lemay,

who took her son to the event.

The human trafficking scenes weighed heavily on some of the participants' minds. Andrew, a freshman on campus, had already done some research into the topic after a favorite show of his, "Without a Trace," focused an episode on the issue.

The information about how little money the United States government spends on tracking and punishing people who were buying house-hands in our country was not known to him.

To most participants and actors the event was an eye-opening experience.

"I'm making jokes I've never made," reflected Ema, when asked about the comments she knows some people do make and accept from others. "For a few minutes afterward we're dead silent," she said about how the actors try to recover from each performance.

Poppy talk: College students calling home more often

BY NORMAN DRAPER
McClatchy Newspapers

Today's college kids can't seem to cut the cord with mom and dad. Great score on a test? Flip open the cell phone and give mom the good news. Roommate bugging you? Zip an e-mail to dad to get some solace. Going home next weekend? Alert the folks to stock up on laundry soap.

Recent studies nationwide show that the so-called "millennial generation" is calling home at a rate that would boggle the mind of past generations.

Strolling through a busy college campus, one might assume all those students busily yakking on their cell phones are talking to boyfriends, girlfriends, buddies. Not so.

Marjorie Savage was walking-

across the University of Minnesota campus recently when she overheard a brief cell phone conversation. It could serve as a model for modern times:

"I heard a student say, 'OK, mom, test was fine, talk to you later.' That was the entire conversation," Savage said.

Savage, who heads up the U's parent program, practiced the ancient arts of letter writing and calling col-

lect as a college student in the '60s.

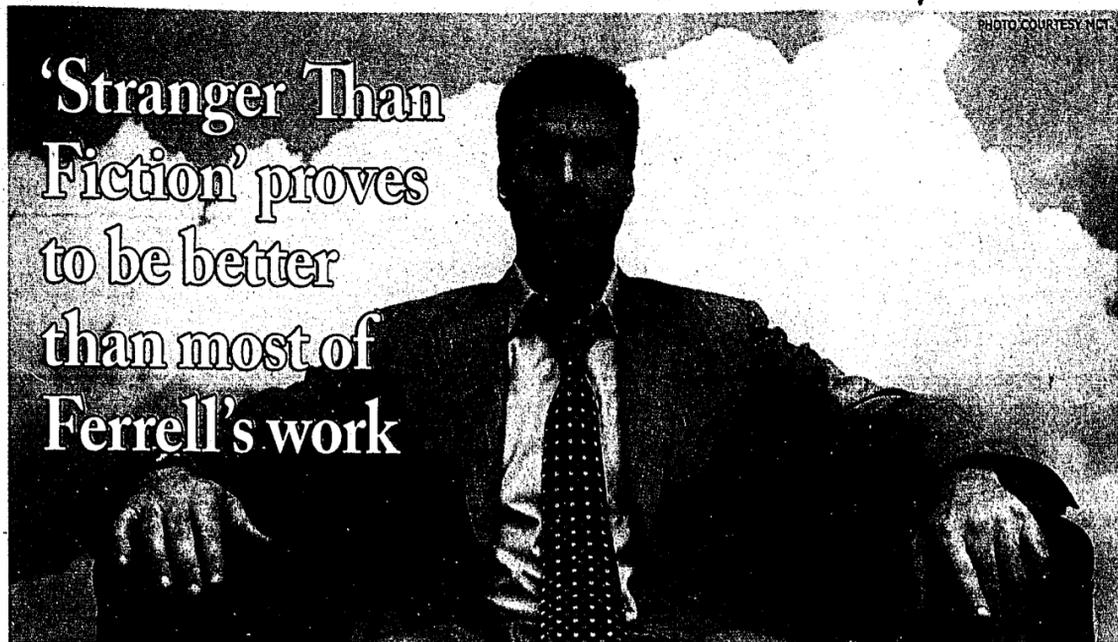
At the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., the orientation skit for incoming freshmen includes a plea that parents get text messaging. And in Fond du Lac, Wis., insurance agent Beth Ciracks had already had two cell phone conversations with daughter Amanda Berg, a University of Minnesota senior, by the time she got a midday call via the old-fashioned land line.

from a newspaper reporter.

Aided by the instant communications revolution, college students contact home for any reason these days. This is a two-way street that involves full participation of the parents.

In fact, a parent survey conducted by Savage earlier this year found that one-fifth are in touch with

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'Stranger Than Fiction' proves to be better than most of Ferrell's work



BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

People everywhere are just a little bit OCD (having Obsessive Compulsive Disorder) sometimes. Whether they wash their hands significantly more times than others do or they flip the light switch on and off three times before turning off the light, people continue to live their lives meticulously through their daily routines.

For Harold Crick (Will Ferrell), his

life's functionality depends wholly on maintaining his daily routine precisely in the same way every day, from "counting brush strokes" while brushing his teeth to going to bed at the exact same time every night. Crick appears happy with his 'same old, same old' life, that is until he hits a huge pot hole in the road of his life.

On what seems like a normal Wednesday, Crick begins to hear the voice of a woman narrating his every move and thought. She knows everything about Crick, things that no one but Crick would know.

He believes he's losing his mind, meanwhile author Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson) is literally losing her mind trying to figure out how she'll kill off the lead character in her latest novel, coincidentally named Harold Crick.

Crick enlists help from Literature Professor Jules Hilbert (Dustin Hoffman) in order to figure out the source of this narration and how to keep himself from dying. While Crick and Hilbert are trying to solve the mystery, Crick begins to live life to the fullest by buying a guitar

and falling in love with the owner of a small bakery, Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal).

This film shows audiences how people get so immersed in their daily routines that they forget about the other things happening around them. People often operate like robots, doing the same thing day in and day out, ignoring the activities that make them truly happy.

Crick realizes that his life is worth living, and he doesn't want to die. He finds Eiffel and urges her not to finish the novel, but it's too late. She's already handwritten the ending. Eiffel gives Crick the manuscript to read and the rest I'll leave to you, the reader and viewer, to discover.

This enjoyable film tells the story of a seemingly-average man who suddenly experiences something extraordinary that changes his entire life. Many viewers may assume that this film is just another one of Ferrell's annoying funny films about an idiot, but it is not.

Crick is no idiot. He is, however, predictable - but that's the point. This film shows a whole new side

of Ferrell's talent, and he remains hilarious as ever. Crick does some really funny things, but they're the types of incidents that you and I are capable of doing. Viewers can definitely relate to Crick.

I was drawn to Emma Thompson's character, Kay Eiffel. She's a chain-smoking writer, which is a characteristic I am often guilty of (brief pause, as I inhale my cancer stick).

"Stranger Than Fiction" is a fresh new comedy for audiences tired of the "same old, same old" annoying comedy.

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Did students rock the vote?

BY KASHA GLYNN
Culture Writer

Last Tuesday, the city of trees, along with the rest of the nation, experienced election day. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. members of the community gathered at designated locations to cast their votes.

With the close of the evening, Idaho proved itself once again to be a red state, but just how many of those votes came from college-age voters?

Out of 100 students randomly surveyed on the Boise State University campus, only an astonishing 24 students actually cast their vote. That is less than one fourth of the total surveyed.

According to the "Pulse," a lifestyle and entertainment publication, only 32 percent of 18-24 year-olds voted in the last presidential election. With these kinds of numbers staring us in the face the question is, "why is it that the college-age demographic feels that it is unnecessary to exercise their right to vote in both local and national elections?" BSU communications

major Marcus Ogawa was among those who did not vote in the recent election.

"I believe that voting is an important way to be active in our democratic system, but between attending school, working full time and taking care of my 2-year-old daughter, I just could not get to the polls," Ogawa said. "It is imperative that we exercise our right to vote, but sometimes getting to the polls is not conducive with people's schedules."

Like Ogawa, many of the students surveyed on campus expressed an interest in a form of online voting. "If I could vote at home instead of having to go to a certain location within my district, I would have been more inclined to fill out a ballot," BSU marketing major Jen Heuett said.

Although lack of convenience seemed to be a contributing factor in the decision of whether or not to cast a vote, the most common reason students gave for not voting was lack of education concerning the candidates and issues presented on the ballot.

"I'd rather not vote if I don't know

about the issues," mass communication/journalism major Lauren Tyler said. Tyler also said that she feels because she is a democrat in Idaho her vote does not really count.

Many students surveyed seemed to agree with Tyler. The majority of those surveyed said that they would probably be more inclined to take an active role in the election process once they were out of college and the issues had a larger affect on their lives.

Only a small handful of the surveyed students shared in BSU junior mass communication/journalism major Mike Perry's enthusiasm about voting.

"I think I was very educated on the issues and candidates on the ballot and I feel I made a knowledgeable decision when I voted," Perry said.

Despite the lack of college-age voters, one common thread existed among nearly every student: in a true democratic system, it is extremely important to exercise one's right to vote, whether they had time to cast a ballot or not during this last election.

Poppy

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their kids at college one or more times a day. More than two-thirds said they're in touch with their kids at least twice a week. A members survey by the College Parents of America found that three-quarters of those who responded contacted their college children at least two-to-three times a week.

"I probably call my mom two to four times a week," said University of St. Thomas junior Carl Mickman from Otsego, Minn. "I just talked to her about a half-hour ago... I might have insignificant reasons for calling. I might need some money for groceries, and that might evolve into a conversation where we discuss what's going on in our lives."

Meanwhile, the conventional telephone and hand-written letter appear to be going the way of carrier pigeons. Savage's survey found that only nine percent of respondents used a land line frequently. Eight percent take pen in hand with any frequency.

"I've had one letter from my (U senior) son since he left for college and none from my (University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh sophomore)

daughter," said Faye Rasmussen of Stoughton, Wis. And regular long-distance conversations simply don't happen.

"We're talking about cell phones, so these are free calls," Rasmussen said. They converse by e-mail, too.

Rasmussen said her son, Ricky, calls if he's having problems, while daughter, Charlie "will talk to me about the dorm, what kids are doing, when she's coming home and what she needs." For Rasmussen, the frequent contact is an extension of her heavy involvement in activities in the K-12 years. It's not easy to give that up.

"I truly went through withdrawal when they went to college," she said. "I had to consciously not contact my son every day when he went to college."

Not everyone's on the same wavelength. "We have students here whose folks call them every day, or who call their folks every day, or they call them a couple of times a day," said Geraldine Rockett, director of personal counseling at the University of St. Thomas. "Then, we have people who call their folks every Sunday afternoon from the phone booths in the halls."

Is there good in all this back-and-forth? Sister Sharon Howell, St.

Thomas assistant dean of students, thinks there is: It's a sign that families are taking seriously the advice of schools and experts that they should be active players in their children's lives. "We see this as a reality of our times, and a very positive reality," she said.

But there's a flip side. Hank Toutain, dean of students at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., worries that too many students are using their parents as a crutch to help get them through tough times. There's also the possibility of lost opportunities.

"Often, instead of talking to one another, the minute they're out the door the phones flip open... I worry that that's a missed opportunity for them to build community here."

Ciriacks figured her daughter, Amanda, "might still get on the computer and say, 'hi' to me again," before the day ended. "I don't know; maybe we're excessive. She needs that though; she's very lonely."

But not everyone wants to be instantly reachable via parent phone. "I dated a guy who was from St. Paul," Amanda said. "I noticed every time his dad would call, he would press the 'ignore' button. His dad called a lot."

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DOES SMOKING INTERFERE WITH EMPLOYMENT?

A nationwide trend toward smoke free work place policies is spreading.

FACTS:

- Sixty-nine national corporations have enacted smoke free work place policies to protect the health of their employees, reduce health care costs, absenteeism and lost productivity, including Texas Instruments, AT&T, BASF Corporation, Union Pacific and IBM.
- Employers are increasingly screening their applicant pools to weed out smokers.
- All government buildings are smoke free and many states enforce these policies on government owned property.
- At least 34 universities have enacted smoke free policies on their campuses, including Purdue University, University of California-Berkley and University of Colorado-Boulder.
- Most hospitals and medical facilities are moving toward smoke free campuses. Treasure Valley hospitals have entirely smoke free campuses.

With this growing trend, college students are being forced to consider their use of tobacco, as they prepare to enter the professional workforce. Boise State University is involved in ongoing tobacco cessation support to help.

On Thursday, November 16, Health, Wellness and Counseling Services will host:
Great American Smoke Out

This event offers support, quit kits and information on tobacco cessation options. Look for booths on the Quad, in the Student Union Building and at Boise West. For more information, log onto www.boisestate.edu/healthservices/tobacco.asp or call 426-5686.

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Saturday
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[SIDE LINES]

Ian Johnson remains in San Jose hospital

Ian Johnson, sophomore running back for the Boise State University football team, remains in a Bay Area hospital following an injury he suffered during the Broncos' 23-20 win over San Jose State University.

Johnson, who leads the country in scoring with 21 touchdowns, suffered a partially-collapsed left lung sometime during the game on Saturday Nov. 11. Johnson will remain at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. until at least Tuesday Nov. 14 before returning to Boise.

Johnson's status for the Broncos' final home game of the regular season Nov. 18 against Utah State University is yet to be determined.

Cross country runner advances to NCAA

Senior All-American Forest Braden led the Broncos at the NCAA West Region Championships Saturday, finishing in sixth place individually and qualifying for the national championships. Braden advances to the national championships as one of the top four individual placers not on an advancing team. The NCAA National Cross Country Championships will be held Nov. 20 at Terre Haute, Ind.

Men's basketball falls at Wyoming

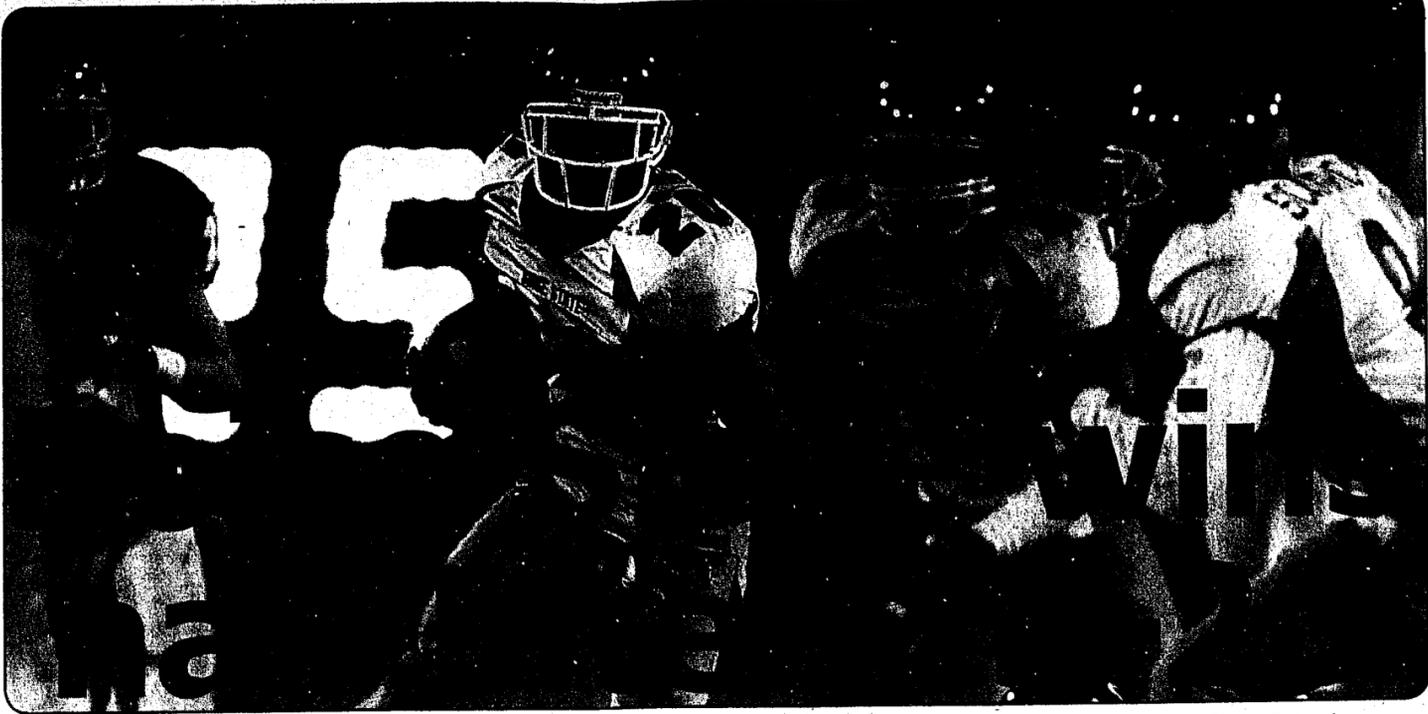
The Bronco men's basketball team dropped its season opener at University of Wyoming Saturday 94-79. The Broncos pulled within ten points with 1:11 left in the game, but were unable to make a final push at a win. BSU was led by Senior guard Eric Lane, who led the team with 20 points. Forward Matt Nelson finished with 16 points and nine rebounds. Senior Coby Karl led the Broncos with eight assists but could only manage nine points on 2-of-9 shooting.

BSU volleyball defeats Fresno State

After setting a school record Thursday night against San Jose State, senior Jackie Stroud broke another Bronco mark, leading the volleyball team to a five-game victory (20-30, 29-31, 30-26, 30-24, 15-13) Saturday in its last road match of the regular season.

Stroud set the all-time record for digs in a career against the Spartans Thursday, and with 41 digs against the Bulldogs, the libero shattered the school's record for digs in a single game.

With the victory the Broncos improved to 11-15 on the year and 4-9 in Western Athletic Conference play. The Bulldogs dropped to 4-22 overall and 2-12 in conference action.



Marty Tadman (20) returned a punt 44 yards to set up Boise State for a last second field goal to beat San Jose State Saturday.

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Boise State football fans experienced a feeling of déjà vu Saturday.

The Broncos found themselves tied 20-20 with the San Jose Spartans with only 12 seconds left in the game. Two years ago the Broncos were undefeated and ranked No. 13 in the country when they entered Spartan Stadium. After an offensive shootout BSU escaped the 2004 game with a 56-49 double overtime win.

"I love this place," Boise State Head Coach Chris Petersen said following the game. "It brings out our guys' competitive spirits. It shows what we're really made of. Our backs were to the wall most the game, but they came through like champions."

This year's BSU team entered Saturday's game 9-0 and ranked No. 14 in the country. San Jose managed to hold the Broncos scoreless in the first quarter and out of the end zone for the entire first half. It was the first time all season the Broncos were shutout after a quarter of play. It was also the first time all year BSU failed to score a touchdown in the first half.

With just under three minutes left in the game it appeared as if BSU was headed for another overtime game in San Jose. Marty Tadman changed that notion with a 44-yard

punt return all the way down to the San Jose 37-yard line. Tadman set up the Bronco offense with one last chance to score with 2:33 on the clock.

"There was a lot of room to run," Tadman said. "There was great blocking up front. I think I was back there to play it safe, catch the ball and get the offense on the field. It turned out to be more than that."

On the game's final drive BSU quarterback Jared Zabransky found Vinny Perretta for a 10-yard completion that moved the Broncos down to the 26-yard line. Three plays later BSU was sitting at the 19-yard line with two seconds left on the game clock and their Bowl Championship Series dreams riding on the leg of Anthony Montgomery.

Montgomery drove home the 37-yard attempt as time expired and Boise State moved up on the scoreboard 23-20. The win came in the most dramatic fashion of the season as Montgomery kicked his first career game-winning field goal.

Montgomery was 3-for-3 on field goal attempts for the game. BSU scored on two field goals in the second quarter. Montgomery split the uprights from 24 yards out to cap a 13-play, 83-yard drive.

Boise State would settle for its second field goal of the game with just 12 seconds left to play in the first half. After marching down to the San Jose 6-yard line, BSU

was held to no gain on the following two plays. Quarterback Jared Zabransky was sacked for a four yard loss forcing a 27-yard field goal by Montgomery. Montgomery's second made field goal closed the gap to 7-6 to end the first half of play.

San Jose found its only score of the first half on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Adam Tafralis to James Jones. Jones caught the pass on a fade route to the right corner of the end zone. The one touchdown was all San Jose needed to become the first team all season to lead the Broncos at halftime.

It took BSU 8:05 in the second half to take its first lead of the game, 12-7. Zabransky found Drisan James on a 43-yard hook up down the middle of the field to put the Broncos at the 11-yard line. San Jose was able to hold BSU to a fourth and goal on the 2-yard line. The Spartans failed to make a final stand, however, as running back Ian Johnson found the end zone for the first time all game on a 2-yard touchdown run. BSU opted to go for a two-point conversion but was stopped on a Zabransky interception at the goal line.

On the ensuing San Jose drive the Spartans recaptured the lead on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Tafralis to John Broussard. San Jose attempted a two point conversion of their own to extend the lead to three points. The conversion failed

despite a second try because of defensive holding by BSU linebacker Colt Brooks on the first attempt.

San Jose's momentum carried over to the next kickoff. BSU was flagged for a block in the back, which pushed the Broncos back to their own 6-yard line. Things only got worse for BSU as Zabransky was intercepted on the next play of the game. Spartan cornerback Chris Owens picked off Zabransky's pass and returned it 24 yards to the BSU 5-yard line.

San Jose scored three plays later on a 3-yard touchdown pass from Tafralis to Jones.

Boise State's offense went back to work with a 20-12 deficit and just 10:38 to play in the fourth quarter. BSU comprised a 12-play, 63-yard drive, which was capped off by a one yard Zabransky touchdown run. Zabransky found Jerard Rabb on the two-point conversion, which tied the score 20-20. The catch was one of just two for Rabb in the game, but it couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

"I think we're starting to get more and more confident with (Zabransky) and the receivers," Rabb said. "He's starting to leave it up there for us to make plays."

The BSU defense held strong on the final San Jose offensive possession of the game. The Broncos forced the Spartans into a third and three from their own 40-yard line.

On third down Tafralis went to his main target, James Jones, one last time.

Jones had caught eight passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns in the game up to that play.

However, Jones failed to hold on to what would have been his ninth catch, just past the first down marker.

On the next play Tadman sprung the big punt return that propelled BSU to its 10th win of the season. Tadman led the defense in tackles with seven, including one for a 9-yard loss on San Jose's first drive of the game.

Ian Johnson continued his dominating play. He finished with 151 rushing yards on 29 carries and one touchdown.

Zabransky started for BSU despite an illness that kept him out of Friday's workouts at Spartan Stadium. Zabransky finished the game 14-21 for 181 yards.

"He's only got so many games left as a Bronco and there was no doubt he'd be out there battling," Petersen said.

After the game Johnson was taken to a local hospital. He was complaining of nausea.

Zabransky was also ill before the game and did not participate in Friday's walk-through.

The Broncos play their final home game of the season Saturday Nov. 18 against Utah State.



Ian Johnson led the Broncos with 149 rushing yards on 29 carries and 1 TD.

Boise State vs. San Jose State

Boise State	0	6	6	11-23
San Jose State	0	7	6	7-20

Second quarter

SJSU-Jones 10 pass from Tafralis (Strubeck kick), 14:56
BSU-Montgomery 24 FG, 7:20
BSU-Montgomery 27 FG, 0:12

Third quarter

BSU-Johnson 2 run (Conversion failed), 6:55
SJSU-Broussard 4 pass from Tafralis (Conversion failed), 1:21

Fourth quarter

SJSU-Jones 3 pass from Tafralis (Strubeck kick), 14:21
BSU-Zabransky 1 run (Rabb pass from Zabransky), 5:22
BSU-Montgomery 37 FG, 0:00

Game stats

	BSU	SJSU
First downs	20	13
Rushing yards	160	75
Passing yards	181	173
Return yards	52	0
Comp-att-int	14-20-1	17-23-0
Sacked-yards lost	1-7	2-11
Punts	3	5
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-yards	3-24	5-32
Time of possession	34:06	25:54

Women's basketball defeats Aggies

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The Boise State women's basketball team got its season off to a nice start with a convincing 73-56 win over UC Davis Friday night at Taco Bell Arena.

Led by junior Jackie Lee and senior Jackie Thompson, the Broncos (1-0) scrapped and hustled their way to an early lead and never looked back.

Lee hit a pair of early 3-pointers to give Boise State the quick lead, but the first half was really highlighted by Thompson.

Although Thompson only scored six points in her 23 minutes of action, it was her loose ball

rebounds and second chance points throughout the game that sparked the team.

"I'm really excited," Thompson said. "It helped that my team was pumping me up. They were helping me out. They were pushing me, telling me to get rebounds - so that was great."

"She's kind of the motor for us a little bit," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell said. "She's full of energy, full of enthusiasm. Not only does she get all of those rebounds, she tips balls. You know, she's just always got her hand on a ball. She's done a great job for us."

UC Davis' first half was highlighted by sloppy passing and a load of turnovers.

The Broncos capitalized off of them and went into the break leading 38-20.

Lee again started the second half with a hot hand. She nailed another pair of 3-pointers to extend the Bronco lead. Lee had a team-high 16 points on the night including 4-of-9 from 3-point range.

UC Davis cut the Bronco lead down to 15 with just over seven minutes remaining, but was unable to go on a scoring run to make the game close.

Thompson finished the game with 10 rebounds, six of which were offensive boards.

Sophomore guard Jessica Thompson scored 10 points. She was one of three Broncos to score

in double digits. Jessica Thompson was 5-of-8 from the field and also added four rebounds and a pair of steals.

Senior post Michelle Hessing also had a solid game. She scored 11 points and blocked two shots. Guards Tasha Harris and Bridgette Reyes also got into the action. They had the most assists on the night.

UC Davis nailed a handful of 3-pointers in the last two minutes of the game. But it wasn't nearly enough as Boise State came away with a 73-56 victory.

A season opening win is nice, but Jackie Thompson and Coach Presnell both know there is a lot of room for improvement.

"We played good I mean we played really good, but we can improve in a lot of areas - we're better than we played today," Thompson said.

Presnell looked ahead to the next meeting with UC Davis.

"One thing is we play these guys in Sacramento so we've got to be more prepared," Presnell said.

"But the rest of the teams on our schedule play much more conventional with a passing game offense and a good man to man defense. We need to get up and down the floor and our kids will get into the rhythm and relax and go a little bit. I'm glad we won."

The Broncos host the University of Portland Friday.

Montgomery propels Broncos to 10-0

BY BRIAN LUPTAK
Sports Writer

Anthony Montgomery nearly became strictly a point after try kicker for Boise State football this season. Since the Broncos offense was so lethal inside opposing territory, he had only been called upon for 10 field goal attempts this season prior to last Saturday's game in San Jose, Calif. On the other hand, he was averaging close to five PAT kicks per game due to the Bronco's excessive amount of touchdowns. Who would have guessed that this weekend's game against the Spartans would be any different?

In Saturday's conference game against San Jose State, Montgomery played the biggest role in the team's effort to avoid an upset. Surprisingly, his job did not include any PAT attempts. The Broncos were shut down offensively for the majority of the game while the Spartans' offense produced more than expected against the WAC's number one ranked defense.

Montgomery tallied all of Boise State's six points during the first half in attempt to catch up with San Jose State's opening touchdown score. His first kick followed an 84 yard second quarter drive that ended without a touchdown. His 24-yard attempt was good to put the Broncos on the board even though it was slightly tipped at the line of scrimmage.

His second calling came at the end of the next Bronco possession which was stopped after 58 yards of offense. The 27-yard field goal sailed through the uprights with ease as the clock wound down to the final seconds of the first half.

The senior kicker from Hanford, Calif. went unused for nearly the entire second half as the Broncos continued to struggle offensively. BSU did score a touchdown midway through the third quarter. Attempting to extend the small lead, the Broncos tried a two-point conversion instead of relying on Montgomery's PAT. The try failed.

The Broncos struck once more in

the fourth quarter without the help their kicker. The score was following two additional touchdowns by the Spartans. Therefore, the two-point conversion attempt was mandatory once again. The Broncos converted this time as Montgomery watched from the sideline.

Even though Head Coach Chris Peterson's utilization of his kicker was minimal during the second half, Montgomery continued to stay warm and loose waiting for his possible time of need.

"It's nicer here than it is in Boise," Montgomery said. "There you get stiff and start tightening up. Every time we cross the 50 I like to go kick some balls into the net."

Boise State's last offensive drive was limited to 19 yards following a long punt return. The offensive drive came to a halt as soon as the Broncos entered the red zone. Jared Zabransky dove into the middle of the field to set up a straight shot.

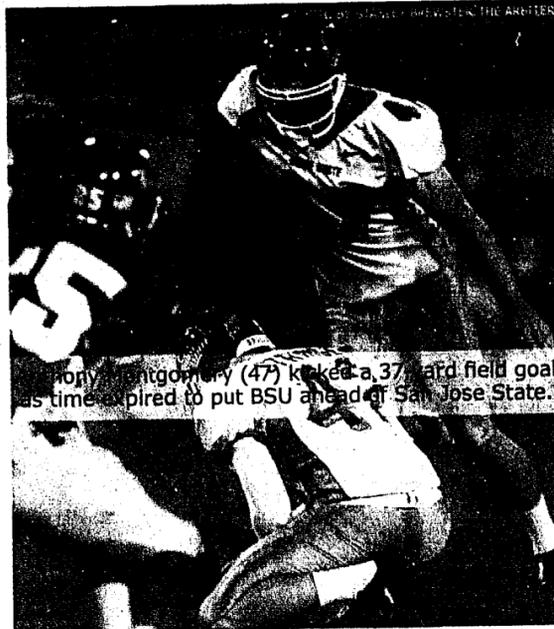
Montgomery walked out to attempt his first career game-winning field goal.

"It's kind of hard," Montgomery said. "Warming up in the net and staying focused, that's the big thing. I know I can kick a field goal; it's just the focus, that mental aspect of the game. You've just got to keep that sharp while you're waiting on the sidelines for the game to come down to a field goal."

The football came off of his foot perfectly. This time it had no chance of being deflected and the suspense was minimal as it sailed high above the defensive linemen directly toward the middle of the uprights. Montgomery's recollection of his 37-yard game winner was lost in the excitement.

Coach Peterson had full confidence that Montgomery was about to extend Boise State's undefeated season as he watched the kicker jog onto the field.

"He's been money," Peterson said. "That guy's such a hard worker. I really had no doubt that guy was going to drill that. I think all his hours of hard work came through right then and there."



Anthony Montgomery (47) kicked a 37-yard field goal as time expired to put BSU ahead of San Jose State.

Yablonski hits opponents and the ice, again

BY ANDREAS KREUTZER
Sports Writer

Jeremy Yablonski stepped on the ice for the first time this season when the Idaho Steelheads lost 4-3 in overtime to the unbeaten Stockton Thunder Friday. It took the enforcer only 15 seconds to deliver his first hit of the season.

Yablonski, a Meadow Lake, Saskatchewan native, is known around the league for his physical play. Entering Friday night's game Yablonski had played in 328 games.

To date the forward had only scored 13 goals and added 11 assists for a total of 24 points. However, he amassed a total of 1260 penalty minutes, making his presence

felt on the ice.

"He's an energy guy, goes in and hits and gets under the other team's skin a little bit," Steelheads head coach Derek Laxdal said. "He's a tough guy."

The 6-1, 235-pound Yablonski missed the first eight games of the season due to immigration issues. He got the green light for Friday night and his teammates are happy to have him back in the lineup. D'Arcy McConvey, the Steelheads' top-scorer in the 2005-06 season pointed out the importance of having a player with Yablonski's physical presence on the team.

McConvey is recovering from sports hernia surgery and watched the game from the press box

tallying hits for Yablonski and his teammates on a hit chart.

"He can change the momentum of the game with a big hit or a fight," McConvey said. "It can energize the bench and energize the team."

Yablonski started playing hockey at age five and has loved the physical part of the game ever since.

"That's why I grew up playing hockey," Yablonski said. "That's the way I've played ever since as far as I can remember. I'll keep doing that as long as I'll play."

In addition to his toughness, the 26-year old brings a lot of experience to the team. A seven-year pro, Yablonski has played in the WCHL, the ECHL and the AHL and he appeared in an NHL game

for the St. Louis Blues.

"He's a great guy in the locker room," McConvey said. "He's friends with everybody, always trying to help guys out. He knows a lot about what it takes [to compete at such a high level] and he works hard."

Yablonski was a boxer prior to playing professional hockey. A six-time Golden Gloves winner in Canada, he tried out to go to the Olympics for Team Canada. Yablonski thought about going pro in boxing, but chose to play professional hockey instead.

"My first love is hockey," Yablonski said. "This way I can play hockey and do both on the ice if I have to."

In his NHL debut against the Philadelphia Flyers, Yablonski was looking for the ultimate challenge. He tried to pick a fight against the Flyers' Donald Brashear, but Philadelphia's toughest guy did not want to go. Yablonski did not have to finish his first and only NHL game without fighting. Todd Fedoruk, who Yablonski had already played against in junior hockey, was willing to drop the gloves.

"It was good, I took him down with one punch," Yablonski said. "It was nothing big, but it was a dream come true, definitely."

Yablonski shaped his style of play after one of his idols in the NHL. He grew up watching Kelly Chase play for the St. Louis Blues and tried to

copy the enforcer's style of play.

"He's a good old Saskatchewan boy," Yablonski said. "He's a tough great player and I've always tried to play like him."

Yablonski already played for the Steelheads in 2001-02. He spent three years in the AHL before returning to Boise for the final three games of the 2005-06 season.

Yablonski likes being back in Boise. "I just fell in love with the city, the people here are great, it's one of the best places I've ever been," Yablonski said.

Yablonski and the team will go on a five-game road trip next week before starting a six-game home stand Wednesday, Nov. 29 against the Las Vegas Wranglers.

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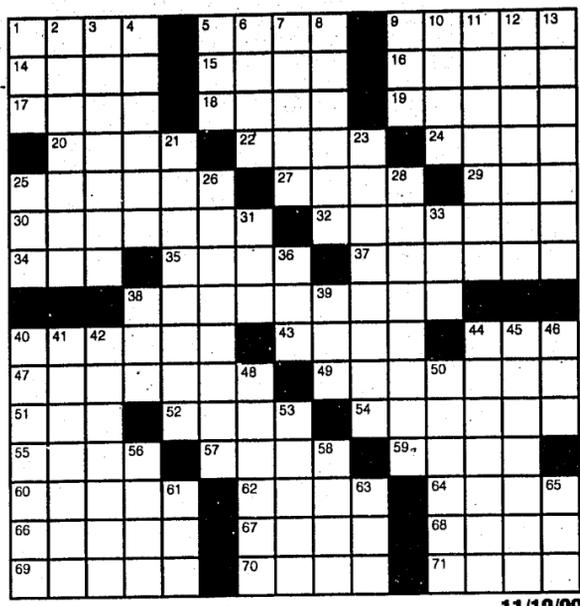
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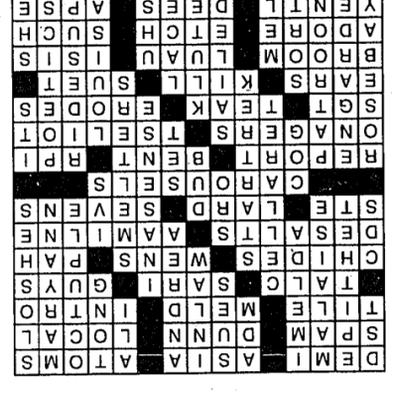
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MY FIRST BABY WEIGHED 11 POUNDS. THAT'S NOTHING.

I ONCE PASSED A KIDNEY STONE THAT WAS THE SIZE OF A SMALL HORSE.

I FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE. THAT KIDNEY STONE WENT ON TO WIN THE KENTUCKY DERBY!

THEY'RE FILMING A MOVIE DOWN-TOWN. I JUST SAW BRAD PITT! THAT'S NOTHING.

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HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK
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Today's Birthday (11-13-06). You're almost over the top, and into a whole new phase of your life. This year, you'll make new friends and have lots of reasons to celebrate. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - The odds are good you'll want something desperately that you can't afford. The odds are good that if you get it, you'll soon wish you hadn't. Take care.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 9 - Let people know what's expected of them, in a loving manner. Be tough, and get them into shape. There's a test coming up.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5 - You're a good teacher naturally, so use those skills now. Try not to yell at a person who's nervous; that will only make matters worse.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8 - Use your money to make more money, further on down the line. While you have the opportunity, take care of your future, first.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5 - The more you listen, the more you'll understand what you're up against. Don't bother to offer suggestions yet. Encourage another to talk.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 9 - You're super-intelligent now, and have the patience to really study. Get into a subject you've always wanted to try, and master it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5 - Avoid distractions and focus on ways to streamline your procedures. When you can do your job in less time, you'll have more time to play.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is an 8 - There is a test, and it's a tough one. Don't leave anything to chance. Be prepared, careful and charming, and you'll win the big prize.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 4 - Don't go yet - you're not ready, even if you think you are. Caution is advised, and you'll be better off safe than sorry.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 9 - You'd like to go out and celebrate with your friends, but you're not there yet. Don't forget the most important thing, like putting the check in the mail.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5 - It's better for you to say less, and let someone else say more. Focus on keeping the others on track, and let them fight out the details. Maintain objectivity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 - The job is still not finished, and it seems to be taking forever. The more distractions you can avoid, the sooner you'll finish this task.

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