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Al Gore tickets available Tuesday for returning students

By JESSICA CHRISTENSEN

Co-editor-in-Chief

Boise State students can still get tickets for former Vice President Al Gore's Jan. 22 speech at the Taco Bell Arena. The Frank Church Institute set aside 2,000 student tickets for Gore's address on global warming. All general admission tickets are sold out.

Students can pick up free tickets (maximum two per person) with ID at either the Student Union Info Desk or the Taco Bell Arena Office. A total of 500 tickets are available now; the remaining 1,500 tickets will be released at 10 a.m. Tuesday to all students who weren't able to attend the address on Monday.

Gore will deliver the keynote address for a daylong conference titled "Global Warming: Beyond the Inconvenient Truth," sponsored by the Frank Church Institute. Sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Gore's address, which requires a ticket, will begin at 7 p.m. in the Taco Bell Arena.

For more information about the conference (no ticket inquiries please), contact assistant director, Garry Wissink at 208-426-3941 or gwissink@boisestate.edu.

Elko D.A. drops rape charge

By JESSICA CHRISTENSEN

News Editor

Former Elko County District Attorney Ryan Rasmussen is dropping rape charges against a 35-year-old man.

The case involved a 19-year-old woman who said she had been sexually assaulted by a man she met at a bar in downtown Elko.

Rasmussen said no new evidence has been found and that he believes there is not enough probable cause to continue the trial.

In the court hearing, the district attorney said the case "was not handled in a timely manner and was not resolved."
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President Kustra declares Fiesta Bowl victory opens doors to 'The New U'

BY JOSLYN SALOW / News Writer

In President Kustra's Spring Update Speech Wednesday, Jan. 16, he spoke about how the Fiesta Bowl win elevated the university's already strong brand. He addressed the packed Jordan Ballroom of the Student Union Building with high hopes for 2007 and what he ordered to as "the new U," which he explained, "is really for you new and old to us."

"Out the success of the Fiesta Bowl was ready in the hands of the coaches who prepared it and the players who executed it, so

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Campus Crime

December 11 - 14 - Driving while suspended - Regular traffic stop resulted in a conviction of a driver or restricted license. Report taken.

December 15 - DK - Student attempting to leave a party struck a parked car or vehicle. Officer took a report. Report taken/committed.

December 16 - DK - Driving without permission - Student without valid license caused an arrest of a driver without a license. Report taken.

December 17 - DK - Grand theft - Student suspect took a laptop from a room in Taylor Hall. Report taken.

December 19 - DK - Warrants and drug paraphernalia - While searching the room of a suspect, officer arrested suspect and found drug paraphernalia. Suspect was found in Student Union.


December 24 - DK - Grand theft - Student suspect took an item from a patron of the Student Union. Report taken.


December 29 - DK - Bomb threat - A bomb threat was found in the Library. Building secured and suspect arrested. Report taken.

December 30 - DK - Driving without permission - A suspect除 for making a driving had a suspended license.

December 31 - DK - Reckless driving / Kit and a Bike - Suspect was found with a bicycle and alcoholic beverages in a vehicle and was in the car. BKS report.

January 1 - DK - Theft - Unknown suspect took a purse from a patron of the Student Union. Report taken.

January 3 - DK - grand theft - A suspect took a front tire off a parked bicycle. Report taken.


January 6 - DK - Theft - Unknown suspect took an item from a patron of the Student Union. Report taken.


Website of the week: Newsarama

BY MICHAEL GOODWIN
BizTech Writer

Do you think the Broncos deserve a shot at the national championship?

A) They haven't lost a game all season. How can they not be given a shot?

B) They had a good season, but no way.

C) It doesn't matter, the BCS is unfair to everyone except the two teams in the championship.

D) Screw the Broncos, they just got lucky and had no one pick them to beat a half-decent Oklahoma team.

POLL RESULTS

A) 122
B) 13
C) 38
**BY DANIEL KEDISH**

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Culture Editor

“Children of Men”

“Children of Men,” directed by Alfonso Cuaron (the director of “Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban”), is a mind-blowing film that takes audiences on a mind-shattering journey in attempting to understand the human condition.

The year is 2026. A young pregnant girl (Ashley Judd) is the only country known as the Human Project. What started out as a simple-sounding project becomes complicated when the audience begins to see the warm shades of our being. The spiritual symbolism of the movie reveals the potential of new life, the movie becomes an intense plot line involving not only saving the world but also saving the human soul. The movie unfolds with all odds against the main character, a sharp turn from the norm. Taylor, the group’s representative, is the only one left to start over. The movie ends with the audience seeing a lucky break after all the hard work. The verbal “image” remains absent from the film.

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Unsurprising: O.C.'s demise devoid of drama

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

The New York Times

A product in white heat. Then it's not
real. Then it goes away. You seem to learn from mis-
takes, but at the very least it's searching
for an audience and born out of it speaks across
the eight-year history even if it's inevitably followed
by another show, then one after another.

The imminent demise of Fox's "The O.C." announced last
week was both predictable — and predictable.

The program, once widely
enough to suggest a flood of Christmas packages such as the
corningware/matte-black combos "perfect
for the kids," has had its audience steadily to
4 million viewers this season.

That's close enough to 20 num-
ber of students priority seating
brought about bringing lunches, bags, or back-
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The way we see it...  

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great American

We talk, in America, about history and how events affect us. But we also need to consider the distant past, as if we were there ourselves. Both perspectives are important.

Take note that Dr. King was an incredible student. He graduated high school at age 15. He did his undergraduate work at Morehouse, where he was given theology at Crozer Theological Seminary. He did his graduate work at Boston University and received his graduate and doctoral degrees from Boston University. He was given 20 honorary doctoral degrees and some of these degrees went to him.

He became the Minister at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. When he was only 24 years old, he married Coretta Scott. Their first child, Martin Luther King III, was born in 1955.

A year later he became a leader of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In 1955, the Supreme Court decided that segregation was unconstitutional. Blacks who were forced to use the back of the bus were often subjected to violence and intimidation. This led to protests and civil rights organizations being formed to help blacks end segregation.

King was a master of the powerful words he used to inspire others. He wrote some of the most powerful speeches in American history. His "I Have a Dream" speech is one of the most famous speeches in history. It is a call to action for all Americans to work together to end segregation and end the discrimination faced by blacks.

The speech is about the dream of Martin Luther King Jr. He talked about the dream of a world where people are judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. He talked about the dream of a world where there is no more discrimination.

The speech ended with the words: "Let us be glad. Let us sing. Let us shout. Let us praise the Lord. Let us be glad."

The speech was delivered on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D.C., at the Lincoln Memorial.

King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. He was 39 years old. His death shocked the nation. But his message lives on. It is a message of hope, a message of love, a message of equality.

The way we see it, the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is a reminder that we must continue to work towards a world where all people are equal. His message of hope and love is still relevant today.

The way we see it, Martin Luther King Jr. was a great American. His message of hope and love will live on for generations to come.

By Melissa McPhetridge

The Boise State Teacher Education Student Organization (TEAS) is gearing up for its 20th anniversary. The organization was founded in 1993 and has been a staple of the Boise State University community ever since.

The organization provides a variety of opportunities for students to get involved in education. From field trips to local schools to annual conferences, TEAS members have the chance to learn about education in a variety of ways.

The organization's goal is to provide students with the tools they need to succeed in the field of education. This includes providing opportunities for networking and professional development.

The organization's name, the Teacher Education Student Organization, reflects its focus on education. The group's mission is to support students pursuing a career in education. This includes providing opportunities for networking and professional development.

The year 2023 will mark the 20th anniversary of the organization. The group is planning a number of events to celebrate this milestone. These events will provide an opportunity for current and former members to come together and reflect on the organization's history.

The organization is open to all Boise State students who are pursuing a career in education. This includes students majoring in education as well as those pursuing degrees in related fields.

By Melissa McPhetridge
After the dust settles: The Boise State football team is back in Boise trying to start life after the Fiesta Bowl.
Boise State wrestler finds his way home

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Sometimes it takes leaving to realize what you left behind.

Boise State wrestler Andy Patrick learned this lesson the hard way. Fortunately for Patrick and Bronco wrestling Coach Greg Randall, the lessons didn't mean too much that Andy couldn't do something about it.

Patrick graduated from Meridian High School in 2003 after winning the Idaho State Championship his senior year. Despite winning to rank as a number for a number of programs after high school, Patrick chose to pursue his degree at the Naval Academy. After a semester at Annapolis Preparatory School, however, Andy began to re- view what he had done but wasn't sure what he wanted to be after all.

With his academic career on hold, Patrick transferred to Boise State to pursue a degree in Coaching. After three seasons at the school, Andy said he was back on track on where he wanted to be.

According to coach Randall, this made Patrick's email to the Boise State coaching staff. "When we're in need, Andy's body was a little disappointing," Randall said. "He didn't feel happy there and wanted to get back to the habits that had been good for him."

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BSU swimming and diving hosts inaugural home meet

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Boise State swimming and diving team competed in its first dual meet of the season Saturday in a 112-111 loss to the University of Nevada-Reno.

The Broncos went in to face the defending Southwest Conf- ference champions, igniting the fact that the meet was the first home swimming and diving dual in Boise State history. Following the meet, Head Coach Kristen Hill said she is very confident with where the program is headed.

"I think the first two months or so I didn't know if I was going to be able to get the team to the point where I thought we would be," Hill said. "Coming in I had hopes for the dual. The first couple weeks were kind of shaky. They had been in the water for a long time. They're just learning so much more than the goals have changed. I think it's because we can take more things from them than we did last season.

Along with seeing her team's improvement, the final against Nevada also gave coach Hill a lesson in running a home meet. Hill spent six years as an Assistant in Texas A&M, but even then that could prepare her for putting on the BSU's first meet ever. Hill gave up a lot of her time to make sure that the meet went off perfectly and, presumably, the support staff was also instrumental in the matter. Hill said the meet had the second day being the way she had hoped to put together aough schedule to compete.

"We've had a huge string of people come to watch the meet as well as the people from the community that seem to be growing in part of getting this program added," Hill said. "That's been a really neat part, to have everyone come together and actually support us." Hill added, "Aside from volunteer help, the meet went off rather well."

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Meet Results

200 yard Medley relay — 1.
Nevada, 1:40.50. 2. Boise State, 1:41.03. 3.
Idaho State, 1:41.21.
200 freestyle — 1.
Kaitlynn Fritcher, Nevada, 1:52.45. 2.
Nate Fritchkin, Nevada, 1:52.63. 3. Boise State, 1:52.99.
200 backstroke — 1.
Jay Deee Huppert, Nevada, 2:02.90. 2.
Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 2:05.72. 3.
Jay Deee Huppert, Nevada, 2:08.01.
200 breaststroke — 1.
Katlyn Prlchett, Nevada, 2:02.02. 3.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 2:05.42. 4.
Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 2:08.57.
200 fly — 1.
Pembly Fritcher, Nevada, 1:58.01. 2.
BobbieLee Reese, Nevada, 1:52.56. 3.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 1:58.25. 4.
Sarah Shields, Nevada, 1:58.54.
500 freestyle — 1.
Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 4:27.91. 3.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 4:30.96. 4.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 4:34.59.
100 breaststroke — 1.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 1:04.66. 2.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 1:05.42.
3.
Samantha Neff, Nevada, 1:06.10. 4.
Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 1:07.78.
100 backstroke — 1.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 1:00.79. 2.
Sarah Shields, Nevada, 1:01.05. 3.
Geoffrey Huppert, Nevada, 1:01.18. 4.
Jennifer Brueckel, Nevada, 1:01.43. 5.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 1:01.94.
100 freestyle — 1.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 1:00.21. 2.
Kaitlynn Fritcher, Nevada, 1:00.84. 3.
Lisa Sutton, Nevada, 1:01.05. 4.
Samantha Neff, Nevada, 1:01.20. 5.
Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 1:01.95.
200 IM — 1.
Jennifer Brueckel, Nevada, 2:03.04. 2.
Nepali Whitfield, BSU, 2:03.07. 3.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 2:03.68. 4.
Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 2:04.90.
800 freestyle relay — 1.
Jennifer Brueckel, Nevada, 7:49.27. 2.
Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 7:52.06. 3.
Jennifer Dorling, Nevada, 7:52.77. 4.
Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 7:55.24.
1650 freestyle relay — 1.
Jennifer Brueckel, Nevada, 15:44.66. 2.
Kaitlyn Whiteside, Nevada, 15:47.90. 3.
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Margaret Doolittle, Nevada, 15:53.07.
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<td>Estimated travel time: 45 minutes 1,800-foot vertical drop 2,600 ride-able acres</td>
<td>52 trails</td>
<td>250 inches average snowfall Night skiing</td>
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<td><strong>Brundage</strong></td>
<td>Eight miles north of McCall in the mountains of Central Idaho</td>
<td>Estimated travel time: 2 hours 45 minutes 1,800-foot vertical drop 1,300 ride-able acres</td>
<td>43 trails</td>
<td>Five lifts</td>
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<td>Estimated travel time: 2 hours 2,800-foot vertical drop 368 ride-able acres</td>
<td>35 runs with 500-foot super pipe and terrain park</td>
<td>Seven lifts</td>
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<td>Three lifts</td>
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<td>36 percent beginner, 42 percent intermediate, 22 percent advanced 530 inches average snowfall</td>
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<td><strong>Pomerelle</strong></td>
<td>One of Idaho's oldest ski resorts Approx. 110 miles from Boise Estimated travel time: 1 hour 45 minutes 1,090-foot vertical drop 500 ride-able acres 24 runs</td>
<td>Lifts: one double, one triple, one handle tow 500 inches average snowfall</td>
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<td>200 inches average snowfall</td>
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Utah

**Snowbasin**
- Approx. 317 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 18 minutes
- 2,959-foot vertical drop
- 2,800 ride-able acres
- 509 inches average snowfall
- www.snowbasin.com

**Park City**
- Approx. 369 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 15 minutes
- 3,100-foot vertical drop
- 3,500 ride-able acres
- 355 inches average snowfall
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- www.parkcitymountain.com

**Snowbird**
- Approx. 365 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 18 minutes
- 2,240-foot vertical drop
- 2,500 ride-able acres
- 89 runs, 12 lifts
- 500 inches average snowfall
- www.snowbird.com

**Solitude**
- Approx. 366 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 13 minutes
- 2,047-foot vertical drop
- 1,200 ride-able acres
- 64 runs, 12 lifts
- 500 inches average snowfall
- www.skisolitude.com

**Jackson Hole**
- Approx. 383 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 22 minutes
- 4,139-foot vertical drop
- 2,500 ride-able acres
- 402 inches average snowfall
- www.jacksonholewy.com/winter

**Mt Bachelor**
- Approx. 317 miles
- Estimated travel time: 7 hours 9 minutes
- 3,365-foot vertical drop
- 3,683 ride-able acres
- 71 trails, seven lifts
- 370 inches average snowfall
- www.mtbachelor.com

**Mt Hood Meadows**
- Approx. 382 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 23 minutes
- 2,777-foot vertical drop
- 2,150 ride-able acres
- 85 trails, 10 lifts
- 430 inches average snowfall
- www.mthoodmeadows.com

**Mt Hood Ski Bowl**
- Approx. 457 miles
- Estimated travel time: 7 hours 49 minutes
- 1,500-foot vertical drop
- 960 ride-able acres
- 65 trails, four lifts
- 300 inches average snowfall
- www.skibowl.com

**Big Sky**
- Approx. 442 miles
- Estimated travel time: 8 hours 15 minutes
- 4,350-foot vertical drop
- 4,812 ride-able acres
- 350 runs, 15 lifts
- 400+ inches average snowfall
- www.bigskyresort.com

**Bridger Bowl**
- Approx. 476 miles
- Estimated travel time: 8 hours 21 minutes
- 2,600-foot vertical drop
- 1,500 ride-able acres
- 71 trails, six lifts
- 350 inches average snowfall
- www.bridgerbowl.com

**Discovery Basin**
- Approx. 497 miles
- Estimated delivery time: 8 hours 9 minutes
- 1,670-foot vertical drop
- 630 ride-able acres
- 63 trails, six lifts
- 200 inches average snowfall
- www.skidiscovery.com

Oregon

**Anthony Lakes**
- Approx. 317 miles
- Estimated travel time: 6 hours 22 minutes
- 900-foot vertical drop
- 1,100 ride-able acres
- 21 runs, three lifts
- 300 inches average snowfall
- www.anthonylakes.com

**Mt Bachelor**
- Approx. 317 miles
- Estimated travel time: 7 hours 9 minutes
- 3,365-foot vertical drop
- 3,683 ride-able acres
- 71 trails, seven lifts
- 370 inches average snowfall
- www.mtbachelor.com

Montana

**BlueWood**
- Approx. 383 miles
- Estimated travel time: 5 hours 32 minutes
- 1,125-foot vertical drop
- 355 ride-able acres
- 24 trails, three lifts
- 300 inches average snowfall
- www.bluewood.com

Washington

**49 Degrees North**
- Approx. 474 miles
- Estimated travel time: 9 hours 47 minutes
- 1,831-foot vertical drop
- 2,523 ride-able acres
- 54 runs, six lifts
- 301 inches average snowfall
- www.go-washington.com/49-degrees-north

**Crystal Mountain Ski Resort**
- Approx. 503 miles
- Estimated travel time: 8 hours 51 minutes
- 2,613-foot vertical drop
- 2,300 ride-able acres
- 50 trails, 10 lifts
- 385 inches average snowfall
- www.skicrystal.com
Local ski areas are watching the snow gradually pile up. Some are offering new attractions and services while others are simply upholding their original standards of excellence.

The only concern preventing skiers and snowboarders from hitting these slopes right away is snow, a necessity that could never be too plentiful in the early weeks of the ski season.

"We don't make a whole lot of snow," Bogus Basin Spokeswoman Gretchen Anderson said. "We're very limited on our water and power supply. We don't make our own snow except for in the loading and unloading areas of the lifts."

The ski areas have not experienced excessive early snowfall. And as the snow accumulates, so does the excitement. In any case, the situation in uncontrollable and patience becomes a highly practiced virtue.

"We've had forecasts of five inches of snow where we get two feet and we've had forecasts of two feet of snow where we get five inches," April Russell, of Brundage Mountain, said. "Mother Nature is in the driver's seat here."

Bogus Basin has received only a couple inches of new snow in the last week and Brundage has not added much either. While Tamarack makes a lot of snow by machine, the mountain has slowly been receiving more natural snow and has built up a base of more than 29 inches at the summit.

Not many additions were made at Bogus for this ski season. However a "moving carpet" in the learning area will provide less frustration for first-time skiers and boarders.

At Brundage, modifications to the lodge will be the most noticeable improvement. The work that has been done will ensure faster lines in the rental shop and will get customers on the mountain quicker. The bar area has also been remodeled, a change that will give more entertainment after a day of recreation.

"We've expanded our bar to most of the second floor of the restaurant," Russell said. "We're going to have live music every single Saturday in there. It should be a real fun place to come up, ride all day and then hang out in that area for a little after-skiing entertainment."

Tamarack has made the most recreational additions, including 5,000 acres of backcountry terrain and 265 acres of new lift-accessed runs. The resort also added a 1,700 square foot snowmobile shed at the summit of the mountain for community and guest storage.

There are many special deals for the public as well as college students this year. At Bogus, Boise State University students can buy a season pass for only $299. Tamarack is also offering discounted prices for college students, including season passes for $289 and daily passes for $38 - $20 off the regular price of $58. Remember that for most of these deals, a current college ID is required. So don't forget it at home.

All three of these ski areas are sure to provide a thrill for the Boise community.

Their Web sites provide daily snow conditions as well as information on ticket prices and upcoming events. With weather systems quickly moving around the Northwest it is sure to be a season full of excitement so get geared up, be safe and have fun.
All aboard!
Next stop: a winter wonderland

BY KATRINA L. SAVITZ
Assistant Culture Editor

Looking for something different to do with family and friends during winter break without the frostbite? Try something new with a traditional flare, like a comfortable train ride that follows the beautiful Payette River.

This soothing and scenic trip magically whisks you away through the lush mountains of Boise County. The rider might even catch a glimpse of bald eagles and deer.

This railroad was not always used as a recreational escape for the city folk, in fact more than a century ago the railroad’s main function was to haul gold and other such amenities in the growing West. Now the Thunder Mountain Line fills the hearts of hundreds with the joyful experience of an old-fashioned train ride.

There is nothing like riding through the wintry mountains in a train. A sedan or an SUV will never compare to the chugging sounds of the train’s wheels or the unforgettable horn as the train departs.

The Thunder Mountain Line has five themed rides scheduled just in time for the holidays. These rides are great for people of all ages.

The rides include: The North Pole Express, the Christmas Dinner Train, the Christmas Train, the Holiday Train and the New Year’s Train.

If you want to take the kids on a local trip they’ll never forget, then the “North Pole Express” is just the ticket. They’ll enjoy milk, cookies and Christmas stories as they make their way to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus.

Carolers are on board, filling the train cars with Christmas spirit. The train picks riders up in Horseshoe Bend and travels to Montour where families can step off the train to take pictures with Jolly Old Saint Nick.

An estimated 250 people make reservations for the “North Pole Express.”

Maybe a nice dinner with the family in an old-fashioned venue is what you need. Make reservations on the Thunder Mountain Line. Serving all your holiday favorites from turkey and cranberry sauce to stuffing, catered by Boise’s A Lively Chef.

Reservationist Shannon Hamley said, “The ride is full of holiday and Christmas spirit. We love watching our guests and especially the children enjoy themselves.”

Going out of town for the holidays? Not to worry. The Thunder Mountain Line also has rides for Easter, Halloween and Mother’s Day.

Other themed rides include wine tasting and murder mystery dinners with performances from The Starlight Mountain Theatre.

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First update -
1:17 still hostile. The National Anthem. A 38-yard American Football Hall of Fame at the Cornhusker game. The crowd echoed. "The future is now."

Second update -
BSU wins the coin toss, deferred to the second half kick-off. The kick is a 33 yards.

Third update -
While BSU 0, OU 0. Seven plays, 70 yards, starting the drive at halfback James Johnson. A 16-yard completion to running back Chris Thompson on a reverse.

Fourth update -
Mike T. Williams sacks starter, forcing a fumble. Running back Drisan James scores for BSU on a 3-yard run. The score is BSU 7, OU 0.

Fifth update -
The score is now BSU 7, OU 0. OU 0, BSU 7. **Score on a 14-yard run, split end to split end, covered by a Paul Thompson streak from right to left. BSU 0, OU 7. BSU 7, OU 0. BSU 7.**

Sixth update -
The Sooners forced the Broncos to punt, then started a drive down the field. On the play, BSU's quarterback, Jason Garrett, was hit by OU's defensive end, Brian Urlacher, in the backfield on a pass. Garrett was injured and left the field on a stretcher. The score is now BSU 7, OU 10.

Seventh update -
Following the score, the Sooners stopped BSU on a fourth down, and BSU was forced to punt again. The ball was returned to BSU's 25 yard line, setting up a 5-yard touchdown run by BSU's running back, Chris Thompson. The score is now BSU 14, OU 10.

Eighth update -

Ninth update -

Tenth update -
Marty Tadman just jumped on that 1-34 yard punt and returned it for a 25-yard touchdown. The score is now BSU 28, OU 10.

Eleventh update -

Twelfth update -

Thirteenth update -

Fourteenth update -

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Seventeenth update -

Eighteenth update -

Nineteenth update -

Twentieth update -
Like his career at BSU, Z's final game is a rollercoaster ride

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

GLENDALE, Ariz. - To defend the Broncos in the Fiesta Bowl, the Boise State Broncos used a unique tactic - they played as six men. There is no word better than "unselfish" to describe the effort that made it possible.

They committed 14 first-half turnovers in the game. All were the result of bad decision-making. The Sooners committed four and it was the difference in the score. They didn't make the play.

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On Saturday, Tadman said, "I don't know, I really don't know. I was just so nervous." He was a sub-par 19-for-32 the night (other than the overall down conversion percentage. Right now, they are just happy to get to the game of Oklahoma."

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Because of his success on the sidelines, Petersen earned two coach of the year awards. He was named Region 4 Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association. Last week, Petersen was honored as the Paul "Bear" Bryant College Coach of the Year, awarded annually by national sports writers. The award was the first individual national award given to a member of Boise State Athletics.

Petersen previously served for five years as the offensive coordinator for the Broncos. Before that, he spent six seasons as the wide receivers coach at the University of Oregon. He also spent seasons as the quarterbacks coach at Portland State and the University of Pittsburgh.
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BY BRIAN LUPTAK

Fresno, Calif. — Boise State's ball hasn't flown nearly as much in the air in the past couple of years as it did during the school's heyday in the 1990s.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Boise State's football program was one of the most successful in the nation, winning multiple conference championships and even making an appearance in the Fiesta Bowl.

But in recent years, the Broncos have struggled to find consistent success on the field.

The Broncos' most recent success came in 2016 when they won the Mountain West Conference championship and earned a bowl bid.

However, since then, Boise State has struggled to win games and has not made another bowl appearance.

The Broncos' current head coach, Andy Avalos, has been in charge since 2018 and has continued to build the program.

The Broncos have won multiple conference championships under Avalos, but have yet to make another appearance in a bowl game.

Despite the recent struggles, Boise State fans remain loyal and continue to support the team.

Fans fuel Fiesta Bowl fever

BY SHEREE WHITELEY

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Hall stands tall, the bedrock Bronco

Boise State middle linebacker Korey Hall, a native of Glenness Ferry, Idaho, snags a pass in the Broncos' win earlier this season against Oregon State. Hall finished the season with 111 tackles and six interceptions.

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY
Managing Editor

Korey Hall, a small-town kid, is the key man for the Boise State defense. The senior middle linebacker lead the Broncos in 2006 in tackles with 111. He was named first-team all-conference and Defensive Player of the Year for the 2006 season. Hall was recently named the Mountain West Conference Defensive Player of the Year for the 2006 season.

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BY DREW MAYES

PHOENIX, Ariz. - For Jeff and Pete Cavender, the experience of the Fiesta Bowl has been a little bittersweet.

The twin brothers had been playing football together every year since they were in fourth grade, but that all changed this past summer when Pete ruptured his Achilles tendon during summer conditioning drills.

"I knew exactly what happened as soon as it happened," Pete said.

"The injury is just another hurdle I have to climb over. I think Jeff's taken the injury harder than I have." In honor of his twin brother, Jeff, dedicated this season to his brother by wearing his number, 64, throughout the year.

"It says Cavender on the back of my jersey, but that's not just my last name - it's his too," Jeff said.

"It's important to him and it's important to myself that I represent both of us out there." The significance of his brother's gesture did not go unnoticed or unappreciated by Pete.

"It's pretty cool recognition from him and shows you what kind of guy he is," Pete said. "It put a pretty big lump in my throat the first time I saw it." While Pete continues to progress in rehabilitation ahead of schedule, his brother Jeff is about to start his 37th consecutive game as a Bronco this Monday against Oklahoma in the biggest game either of the brothers have played in.

"Coming to Boise State I didn't even dream of playing in a BCS game," Jeff said.

"Jeff probably didn't dream of playing three different positions in three years for the Broncos either. But that hasn't stopped the standout lineman from completing the offensive lineman trifecta.

His freshman year Jeff started all 12 games as the team's right tackle. Last year he started every game as center and this year as right guard.

While Jeff continues to set the standard for Bronco offensive linemen, his brother continues to contribute to the team anyway he can despite his Achilles injury.

"I try to keep as busy as I can helping out and coach Kugler has done a great job of letting me help him," Pete said.

"It's kept me motivated, gave me a purpose this season and made me feel like part of this team."
"The lateral to the corner of the end zone! Can you believe that!"

- Tom Brennan, Fox Sports

Jared Zabransky connected with Dmitri Jennings, whobootstrap to Jerard Rabb-Jeff Brown for the 33-yard pass to give the Broncos the winning touchdown, setting up a 33-yard field goal to give the game to the Broncos, which led to victory.