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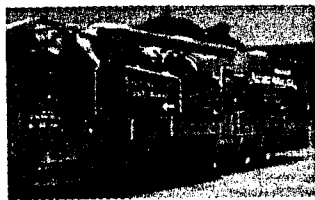
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MONDAY  
High: 41F / Low 28F



TUESDAY  
High: 41F / Low 27F



WEDNESDAY  
High: 41F / Low 24F

## ON CAMPUS

Sorority Recruitment Week  
Jan. 25-28  
Time: 5:30 p.m. each night -  
Saturday: 2:30 p.m.  
Location: Hatch A - Saturday:  
Lookout Room  
Questions? Contact Devin Laky  
at DevinLaky@cableone.net

FRIDAY  
Gala Dinner and Auction  
Time: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 26  
Location: The Rose Room, 714  
W. Idaho Street  
Cost: Tickets are \$25  
Contact: Call 426-2700  
The gala will feature a wildlife  
auction and dinner, and  
conceptual plans for an outdoor  
education and interpretive  
program at Barber Pool will be  
unveiled. Proceeds will support  
conservation efforts by the  
Idaho Bird Observatory at the  
Barber Pool site.

# Gore spreads an inconvenient truth

BY BARRY FRANKLIN AND MARTEE ORTIZ  
News Writers



Our world is constantly in flux. It goes through periodic change. But human activity has forced the issue of change.

Coordinators at Boise State made arrangements to move "Global Warming: Beyond the Inconvenient Truth," from the Jordan Ballroom to the Taco Bell Arena. Less than 40 minutes before 7 p.m. Monday night, 10,000 people sat crammed throughout the Taco Bell Arena waiting for the event of the month... next to the Fiesta rowdy in. Tickets for this event sold faster than Elton John tickets.

University President, Bob Kustra introduced, "someone who truly needs no introduction." Bethine Church, Kustra said Church is more than the heart and soul of the Frank Church Institute, which has served to help the environment for years.

After three introductions, Gore finally came to the podium. "You know all this talk about red and blue states? Well, I like blue turf," Gore said.

Gore began his presentation by making comment on his previous run for president.

"I am Al Gore and I used to be the next president of the United States," Gore said.

To explain the affects of global warming and how America can reduce high levels of Carbon Dioxide, Gore used symbolism: the symbol for "crisis" in Japanese and Chinese is compiled of two symbols, danger and opportunity.

"This is dangerous but it's also a fantastic opportunity," Gore said.

"If you think ahead you're going to save money and energy both."

This lecture consisted of a series of photographs seeking to prove the many possible catastrophic effects of global warming the world is facing today.

In explanation of the basic science of rising CO2 levels, the crowd saw the ice at Kilimanjaro melt into a giant icicle. A gasp went through spectators, as Gore showed what he said could be the, "former Glacier National Park."

Forty percent of the world's population obtains water from the Himalayan Glacier, which has started to deplete. Twenty-five million tons of CO2 is released into the atmosphere constantly within a 24-hour time frame.

"More CO2 means higher temperature," Gore said. "This is not a political issue, it's a moral issue, an ethical, a spiritual issue."

As more and more glaciers melt, sea levels rise, which can intensify massive storms, such as hurricanes and typhoons. It also means water will flood heavily populated cities in coastal regions across the world. For example, Hurricane Katrina displaced millions of Americans forcing them to act as refugees.

"I hate that word [refugee] when it applies to Americans in our own country," Gore said.

He compared the earth to a child with a fever, "when your child has a fever you go to the doctor," Gore said. He declared Americans must step up to the plate regarding global warming. He showed pictures of faulty pipelines tilting due to melting of frozen tundra and the same happens with graveyards and some species of trees. Gore mentioned that trucks moving oil have built bigger tires to combat being stuck in loose mud.

"Junkies find veins in their toes when the ones in their arms go bad," Gore said.

Increased temperature due to the rise of CO2 result in higher ocean temperatures, plankton and coral are in danger and plankton is at the bottom of the food chain. This horrific chain reaction results in a massive gathering of algae at the surface of the ocean.

"It's like a nature cruise through the Book of Revelation," Gore said.

Gore ended the lecture by listing three major misconceptions most people have about global warming. He first addressed the issue of a disagreement between scientists about whether global warming is real or not.

Gore said there was a multitude of peer reviewed journals stating, the problem is real and a rebuttal, while up to one half of America newspapers throw doubt on it.

The second misconception asked the question: How do we balance between the environment and economy? Gore showed a slide representing gold bars on one side of a scale and the earth on the other. He pointed out the price is set by people on earth when the entire planet is at risk. He also showed that many corporations are finding ways to push an eco-friendly product only blossoming in the marketplace.

The third misconception was that humanity is so far into the problem we cannot fix it, but the reality is, Gore is that the cycle can be altered. We have everything we need to fix up and right this with the cooperation of the current political agenda for profits as a renewable resource for the future.

## Panelists fire up global warming issues

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY  
Managing Editor

The topic centers around change. Change in global climate and in the actions of the world populace.

The consensus of The Frank Church Conference on Public Affairs panelists Monday in the Jordan Ballroom at the Boise State University Student Union Building was that the earth is undergoing a change, and that it is the duty of the American society to adapt to that change. The precursors to Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore met in the SUB to discuss issues that not only affect global warming, but subjects and methods by which we can adjust our society to affect change in the climate of politics, policy and daily life.

### What you can do

The panelists gave the usual solutions, which we have known for years. Recycle damn it! Every time you re-use a fabric or product, you are not using something for the first time, and hence save more for the future. You can recycle hundreds of products. Glass can be recycled an infinite number of times. Every piece of paper you use came from a tree, which had to be cut down, which then doesn't recycle CO2 into oxygen and hence doesn't help cure the problem of global warming and CO2 density in the atmosphere.

Conserve water and power by using it less. Use energy-efficient light bulbs and don't leave the sink running. Turn off the lights when you leave a room. These are simple solutions, but each only helps a tiny bit. What is really needed is social change in the cultural atmosphere of America, the country with by far the largest "global footprint." The footprint is calculated by showing how much of the world's resources the United States uses.

The largest fear among the panelists is not just that our country uses the most resources, but that developing countries want to live like we do, and hence, are also consuming resources at rapid paces.

### Affects of global warming

Despite the dispute over what is actually causing global warming, whether or not it is caused by human activity and the tons of CO2 we produce every year, it is in clear effect that the temperature of our planet is rising.

The average world temperature last year was 58.2 degrees F, the highest on record. The most evidenced of examples given at the Frank Church Conference is the changes taking place in Glacier National Park in Northern Montana.

The glaciers for which the park earned its name are shrinking, some to level that they are no longer considered glaciers at all. Of the nearly 60 glaciers noted at the park's inception in the early 1900s, only 29 remain. Al Gore hiked the Grinnell Glacier in the park in 1997. No one can today. It's 90 percent gone. The ice is melted; the layers of ice that took 8,000 years to form are now grasslands and forests. The ancient tundra is disappearing and in its place new forests are forming.

That doesn't sound like such a bad thing, but with less ice and water retention, the forests below and in the park are drier and hence more volatile, therefore at risk to widespread fire, a facet of forest management that was nonexistent 100 years ago. The glaciers are poignant examples of climate change because they are stagnant and immobile.

"They are simply a lump of ice that sits there and responds to climate change," Global Change Research Coordinator of the U.S. geologic Survey at Glacier National Park Daniel Fagre said. "We're watching them disappear."

Consider the glaciers as storage facilities for water. When the water melts, it leaves the mountains and travels downstream. The temperature in the mountain streams rises and the organisms, which need the low temperature to survive (and

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# THE HEADLINES

## WORLD

### Violence continues in Iraq

A license plate from a car registered to Iraq's minister of trade was found on an SUV used by the gunmen who killed five American soldiers in the city of Karbala, an Iraqi police official said.

Maj. Gen. Qais al Maamuri, a police commander in Hilla, said the plate had been stolen from a BMW that belongs to Abdul Falah al-Sudani, a member of the Shiite Muslim Dawa Party. He said Sudani wasn't a suspect in the attack.

The link, however, deepened the mystery surrounding the Saturday attack as the second double-car bombing in Baghdad in seven days provided additional evidence that it will be difficult to quell the violence, even with the additional U.S. troops President Bush is sending to Iraq.

The bombing killed at least 88 people in a crowded market in central Baghdad near the fortified Green Zone, where U.S. and Iraqi officials live and work. Police said a man left a parked car with its engine running in the Bab al-Sharqi neighborhood and told passers-by he was making a quick stop to do some shopping before he disappeared into the marketplace, where vendors sell DVDs, used clothing, fruits and vegetables.

A few minutes later the car (which police said was packed with some 200 pounds of explosives) detonated, sending debris and body parts flying. As the crowd rushed to escape, a second car exploded, wounding and killing dozens more.

Police put the number of injured at 160, and they were rushed to hospitals throughout Baghdad, where once again mothers and fathers searched for their sons and daughters among the corpses that overflowed the buildings.

At the Ibn al-Nafees hospital, women keened in the courtyard as the wounded, pierced with shrapnel and reeking of burned flesh, waited for help.

A mechanic who'd been shaken

by the explosion ran out to see what had happened. He found cars burning and body parts scattered across the bloodstained pavement.

"I can't stand it anymore," said Brahmin Mohammed. "I don't think there is a security plan. In fact, life is becoming worse because the head of the fish is rotten," he said, referencing to an Iraqi proverb that describes a corrupt government.

In a statement, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki vowed to bring the perpetrators to justice. He made the same promise last Tuesday after more than 70 people were killed outside Mustansiriyah University in a double bombing that resembled this last bombing.

Maliki blamed the attack on "terrorists and Saddamists," a reference to the largely Sunni insurgents who've been battling with Shiite militiamen, who're accused of kidnapping dozens of Sunnis daily, killing them and dumping their bodies.

U.S. officials confirmed Monday that five Americans were killed in Saturday's attack, but they revealed no information about how the gunmen obtained a top Iraqi official's license plate, U.S. and Iraqi army uniforms and identification cards and vehicles like the ones used to carry U.S. officials. Most Iraqi officials live in the American-protected Green Zone, where entry is strictly controlled. If the license plate was stolen from Sudani's car inside the Green Zone, that would suggest an inside job.

American soldiers frequently complain that sympathetic Iraqi police and soldiers tip off targets of raids in advance, but Iraqi officials marveled at the brazenness of Saturday's attack in Karbala, a city controlled by Shiites.

The attackers stormed the provincial headquarters just as a U.S. military civil affairs team was meeting with local leaders. Using familiar Chevrolet Suburbans and at least one Toyota Land Cruiser, they roared through checkpoints without stopping. Iraqi officials said they wore American and Iraqi military uniforms, brandished American and Iraqi IDs and carried

American weapons.

The attack was so well executed that Karbala provincial officials at first accused the Americans of raiding the headquarters.

Details remained confused after the bombing. Vehicles used in the attack were found abandoned on the side of the road near the farms of a pro-Saddam Sunni tribe, the Elbu Alwan. One was found parked in a driveway in the city of Hilla.

At least one man, the owner of the house where one of the vehicles was found, has been arrested.

Police said clues point to the Elbu Alwan tribe, but they couldn't say why the planners of such a sophisticated attack would abandon their vehicles near their own homes.

One man who was apprehended near Hilla after the attacks told police that "high officials" had aided in the attack, according to a police official who asked not to be named because he wasn't authorized to release details of the investigation.

Violence also claimed the lives of 12 people in Diyala province when a bomb blew up near a Shiite mosque. Gunmen in the Shiite port city of Basra assassinated a liquor ship owner.

Shiite legislators said they expected "terrorists" to set off more bombs in an effort to undermine the latest Baghdad security plan.

"I expect more explosions in crowded places," said Ali al-Adeeb, a Shiite legislator.

Average Iraqis simply expressed dismay.

"We are a sinking people grasping at straws," said one employee at a hospital where wounded were being treated who asked not to be identified for security reasons.

## NATIONAL

### Cheaper oil appears certain for the next year

After a year of oil prices so high that analysts warned they might hit \$100 a barrel soon, prices are falling, financial speculators are running for the exits and analysts are

pondering whether oil could fall below \$30 a barrel by spring.

Oil cost \$41 a barrel on average in July 2004, when its price began its long climb.

It's not farfetched to think that it might fall back to that soon. Back then, gasoline sold nationally for about \$1.90 a gallon. There's no guarantee that it'll happen again, but several factors point to at least a few months of lower oil and gasoline prices.

Oil production globally is no longer drum-tight. A warm winter eased demand and a mild hurricane season allowed damaged production to come back on line. That weakens sellers.

Oil producers are in some disarray now that it's a buyer's market.

A few vocal OPEC members want to cut production to shore up slumping prices, but OPEC's most important producer, Saudi Arabia, has nixed that for now.

Saudi Arabia now boasts three million barrels per day of spare production capacity, after two years when global oil supplies barely could match demand.

Some analysts suggest privately that Saudi opposition to OPEC cuts is based more on politics than business.

The Saudis, they say, want to starve rival Iran of needed oil revenues because Saudi rulers are Sunni Muslims and increasingly worried about Iran's backing of fellow Shiite Muslims who rule Iraq.

Lower prices will spell relief at the pump for American consumers, at least for the short term.

Oil dipped briefly below \$50 a barrel last week and, after volatile trading, closed at \$51.13. Gasoline prices lag falling oil prices by a few weeks, but the AAA Motor Club reported Monday that the nationwide average for a gallon of unleaded gasoline stood at \$2.16. That's down 18 cents from just a month ago.

Falling oil prices make it cheaper to drive, heat a home, run an airline or deliver packages overnight.

Lower oil prices, if sustained, should make airline tickets

cheaper and lower the costs of shipping packages.

Predicting future oil prices depends not only on production and consumption trends but also on money managers who have pumped billions of dollars into contracts for future oil delivery.

These institutional investors include hedge funds, investment pools for the very wealthy, as well as companies that manage pension funds and 401(k) retirement plans.

Two decades ago, oil was largely sold by producers to direct users such as airlines, trucking companies and manufacturers, who took delivery of the oil.

Today, more than 500 financial "energy funds" buy and sell contracts for future delivery of oil, or futures.

These investors have put anywhere from \$70 billion to \$150 billion into oil trading in recent years, according to estimates.

They don't want the oil; they just want to profit from trading in it.

"Once oil leaves the ground, whether it is in Saudi Arabia or in Texas, it is in the hands of speculators," said Fadel Gheit, an energy analyst in New York for Oppenheimer and Co., a financial services firm.

When global production was barely sufficient to meet demand, oil prices rose on the slightest hiccup in politically unstable oil-producing nations such as Nigeria or even tiny Ecuador.

Oil peaked at \$78.10 a barrel last July.

Today, the question is how far prices might fall, and institutional investors may hold the answer. With oil prices falling, their investments face growing risk.

"If pension funds decide they don't want to take the risk anymore and bail out, we could see prices go a hell of a lot lower," said Philip Verleger, an oil economist who's gained a reputation for early warnings on oil-price swings. "I think prices could dip below \$30 [a barrel]. It really depends on what these pension funds do."

"You have the possibility for a significant break in prices," agreed Bill O'Grady, assistant director of market analysis for A.G. Edwards and Sons, a financial services company.

Still, O'Grady cautioned, consumers shouldn't expect energy prices to stay low for long.

"What a consumer is really looking at is a world where oil prices are going to be a lot more volatile," he said.

"It is a world where there's just a lot more risk on both sides. When consumers hear risk they think of prices going up. When producers hear risk, they hear prices going down. And they're both right."

## WHAT THE?

### Sup, dude, I mean officer

Police in Chicago pulled over a man for running a stop sign and found 92 pounds of marijuana in his car.

They decided to search the vehicle because he was smoking a joint when they stopped him.

### What kind of man are you?

A major executive with a wife and three kids went trolling for some partnerships on the Internet.

He hooked up with a 22-year-old woman who, while extorting \$125,000 from him, wrote surprisingly self-righteous notes demanding the money.

She called him "disgusting" for "what you've done to your wife."

### Pay no attention to the man in the telephone booth

A man was thrown out of a strip club in Columbus, Ohio, and sponsored by phoning in a bomb threat.

Unfortunately for him, the club has Caller ID and the bouncer was able to trace the call to a nearby pay phone.

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**SAT 1-27 HARD ROCK**  
 THE MALADIES  
 GUERRILLA WRENCH  
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 EVOLOGIC THE SINDICATE

**SAT 2-10**  
**INDIE/ ALT ROCK/ COUNTRY**  
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EVERCLEAR	SAT 2-3
CARBON LEAF	MON 2-5
PETE YORN	TUE 2-6
AUTHORITY ZERO REHAB	WED 2-7
MARCUS EATON	THU 2-8
JOSHUA RADIN	FRI 2-9
QUEST FOR THE BEST	SAT 2-10
CAGE FIGHTING	THU 2-15
QUEST FOR THE BEST FINALS	FRI 2-16
THREE DAYS GRACE	SAT 2-17
ARMY OF ANYONE	SUN 2-18
BREAKING BENJAMIN	MON 2-19
GEORGE CLINTON	WED 2-28
BIG HEAD TODD	THU 3-1
REP. JUMP SUIT APPARATUS	MON 3-5
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PLAIN WHITE T'S	WED 3-14
PEPPER	WED 3-28
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# Phi Kappa Phi holds annual writing contest

BY JOSLYN SALOW  
News Writer

The Boise State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi is holding the Wallace G. Kay Annual Student Writing Contest. Any upper-division student who wrote an outstanding paper in the spring, summer, or fall semester of 2006 has the option to submit it to the contest. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, Jan. 30. Student winners will be notified by mid March and recognized during the Phi Kappa Phi initiation ceremony on April 15, 2007. Each winner will receive an award of \$200.

The format of submitted papers should be formatted in a style commonly found among scholarly journals in the disciplines represented by each college. Submissions (including notes, appendices and bibliography) may not exceed 15 pages.

Only the title page should contain the student's name. Papers will be judged on content, organi-

zation, grammar, spelling, readability, flow, originality and creativity.

One student from each college will win the contest. A faculty member must nominate the paper, but students may initiate the process.

The only thing required of the faculty member is to fill out a nomination form, which are located in each department's office.

Membership in Phi Kappa Phi is not a requirement for faculty nominating student papers.

According to Heidi Reeder, faculty member in the Department of Communication and Public Relations and officer of Phi Kappa Phi, any faculty member can nominate the papers. Reeder also commented on the opportunity that this competition poses for students.

"A lot of students write a paper and get their grade, then it doesn't really go anywhere. This is a way for it to go a little bit farther. They are getting an award for it, they are getting acknowledged at the

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public relations officer  
for Phi Kappa Phi

Phi Kappa Phi Induction Ceremony and they get \$200 ... I think it is a way for them to get acknowledgement that their work is truly superior," Reeder said.

Reeder also offered some constructive advice for students.

"Excellent student papers are really well organized so that their argument or their information really communicates something to the reader...having an interesting top-

ic, yet also having it organized in a way that the reader can really get at that topic - I think that combination is what the winner will have."

Charles Odahl, representative from the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, said that students are supposed to learn how to do research in their field when they are in college.

This contest offers an opportunity for student work to take a

"graphic form."

"This contest awards those who do an especially effective job of using primary sources and modern scholarship in research papers ... we want to reward our students who know how to do effective research and write papers of this quality," Odahl said.

Tiffany Tennant, a BSU student who is entering the writing contest, explained that she has been cutting down her paper to meet the page requirement, checking for grammatical errors and visiting the BSU Writing Center for help preparing her paper.

"In writing papers, many students neglect to leave themselves enough time for the editing process. Some people can write up a great first draft and think it doesn't need anymore work, but I think every writer greatly benefits from editing and reader feedback," Tennant said.

The contest is in its fifth year and is held by the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. The fraternity contains the nation's oldest, larg-

est and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines. The organization inducts approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni annually from nearly 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

Membership awarded by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and the top 7.5 percent of juniors.

The Phi Kappa Phi Writing Contest is conducted in recognition of Professor Wallace G. Kay's professional life, which was devoted to the pursuit of academic excellence. His many accomplishments included a role in establishing the Honors College at the University of Southern Mississippi, serving as assistant director of the Honors Program and English professor at BSU as well as being honored three times by Top Ten Scholars as the most influential professor.

## Textbook library stocks shelves with used books

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
News Editor

Each semester, students all over gear-up for classes by getting schedules organized and purchasing necessary materials. Among the essential materials are textbooks, which are not always affordable for all college students.

The Associated Students of Boise State University's Textbook Library opened Fall 2006. It has already acquired 220 usable textbooks through donations.

The textbook library began as an initiative by ASBSU's Secretary of Public Relations and the Coordinator of the library Taylor Newbold.

Currently housed in Albertson's Library, the selection of textbooks

offers solutions for students who cannot afford to buy new or used textbooks.

"The success of the program is threefold: the support of the Boise State Bookstore, the support of Albertson's Library and the support of students who made donations last semester," Newbold said.

Additional donations for the newly-founded textbook library are always encouraged and welcomed at any time during the semester.

Both faculty and staff can donate either new or old editions of textbooks.

Students have the ability to check out the textbooks, but since the books are placed on reserve at the library there is a time limit for how long each book can be checked

out by students. Additional growth and the success of the textbook library can be attributed to the help of students and staff of Boise State.

"The growth of the textbook library cannot continue without the help of all instructors who want to ensure the success of their students and without the pressure of students to ensure that their instructors provide them with available textbooks when possible," Newbold said.

Donations can be made to the reserve section of the library, or by bringing textbooks to the ASBSU offices located in the Student Union Building. Any additional questions can be addressed to Taylor Newbold at 426-1440 or at media@boisestate.edu.

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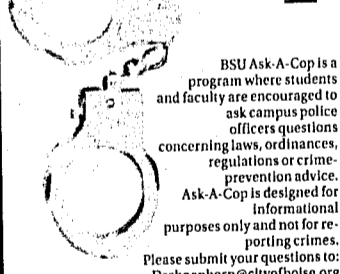
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## Ask a cop



BSU Ask-A-Cop is a program where students and faculty are encouraged to ask campus police officers questions concerning laws, ordinances, regulations or crime-prevention advice. Ask-A-Cop is designed for informational purposes only and not for reporting crimes. Please submit your questions to: Dschoenborn@cltyofboise.org

**Q** : Is it a violation of the Idaho State Driver Handbook to operate a motor vehicle while listening to headphones?

**A** : Officers issue citations to people frequently that are involved in crashes because they were inattentive. While there is no code that specifically prohibits headphones while driving, the use of these devices which contribute to a crash or other violation (such as not being able to hear an emergency vehicle siren behind you) may constitute a misdemeanor. In other words, using headphones while driving just isn't safe. Drivers should focus all of their energy on the rules of the road and avoiding other careless drivers.

## Campus Crime

- January 3, 2007

- 1/3/07 - Theft - Bumper attachment was stolen from a parked car at 1356 University. Report taken.
  - 1/4/07 - Grand Theft - A bank card was stolen from a patron at the Recreation Center. Report taken.
  - 1/9/07 - Theft - Vending machine in ladies' bathroom of the Math and Geoscience Building was pried open and money stolen. Report taken.
  - 1/9/07 - Theft - Juvenile reached into an arcade game in the Student Union Games Center and stole two prizes from inside. Report taken.
  - 1/12/07 - Underage Drinking - Two individuals were cited for underage drinking at the Park Apts.
  - 1/12/07 - Vandalism - Light bulbs in elevators at University Square A were either missing or broken. Report taken.
  - 1/14/07 - Theft - A lock was cut and a bike stolen from a rack outside of Taylor Hall. Report taken.
  - 1/15/07 - Theft - Unknown suspect took a 5'x12' vinyl sign from a chain link fence at University/Lincoln. Report taken.
  - 1/16/07 - Vandalism - Rear driver's side of a vehicle was cracked while parked outside the Micron Engineering Building. Report taken.

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  - 1/17/07 - Bike Theft - Lock was cut and bike taken outside Towers Hall. Report taken.
  - 1/17/07 - Theft - Unknown suspect stole a calculator from an unattended backpack at the Student Union. Report taken.
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# Kustra highlights success and additions to BSU

BY JESSICA CHRISTENSEN  
News Editor

Each month Boise State University President Bob Kustra produces a monthly letter to the friends of BSU. He delivered the last update to both faculty and staff just before the Spring 2007 semester began, centering on the exciting victory of the Broncos' big win against the University of Oklahoma in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl.

Kustra stated that the impact of that game still reverberates and Boise State football (as well as the entire university) will never be the same. He also added that both coaches and players have given BSU the "unprecedented opportunity to highlight our many other areas of excellence."

"The university has benefited immensely from what the Broncos achieved on the field, certainly in terms of media exposure from coast to coast and record-breaking merchandise sales that support student scholarships. There will be many more intangible benefits, from increased student visits and applications to boost in our fund-raising efforts. No doubt, the overwhelming community and statewide spirit generated for the Broncos is part of the momentum on which we must capitalize," Kustra said.

Kustra used the new 30-second spot that aired during the Fiesta Bowl to explain and capture what he considers great things on campus.

The new spot gives encouraging words to boost and proclaim BSU's greatness:

"Boise State University: Where you see Blue, we see Idaho's largest university, a metropolitan research university of distinction, located in one of the West's most dynamic cities. A place of science and business. A place of nature and art. When you look beyond the blue, you see the future: the new U, Boise State University."

Kustra highlighted the spike in admission inquiries and online interest. According to Kustra's monthly newsletter, "application inquiries

to our graduate college increased 10-fold and online inquiries to our admissions office jumped 135 percent."

Other interesting topics Kustra mentioned in his Spring Update included the success of the residence halls. In both traditional and non-traditional residence halls on campus are at 100 percent occupancy.

"Another residence hall is on the drawing board, needless to say," Kustra said.

As of this fall, the Carnegie Foundation selected BSU as one of 76 universities to receive the Community Engagement Classification for the efforts and contributions through outreach activities and partnerships. Boise State, through the foundation's recognition, is now with the ranks of University of California, Los Angeles, the University of Pennsylvania and the University of North Carolina.

Kustra also touched on upcoming additions to the university.

"Our campus master plan is quickly coming into reality with the expanded Student Union Building and the Bronco Stadium suites expansion recently approved by the State Board of Education. In addition, plans for a new research building continue and a new parking garage is currently under construction," Kustra said.

The four-story \$14 million Interactive Learning Center, located toward the west end of the campus, is scheduled to open in June, which, according to Kustra, "has the potential to revolutionize the way we teach at Boise State University."

Newly welcomed to the university was Mark Rudin, vice president for research who comes from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Rudin previously served as interim vice president of research at UNLV, and received his Ph.D. in health physics from Purdue University.

Finally, Kustra encouraged all faculty and staff to settle for nothing less than excellence and "to take Boise State and its students to a place where our academic quality is known across the nation."

## Church

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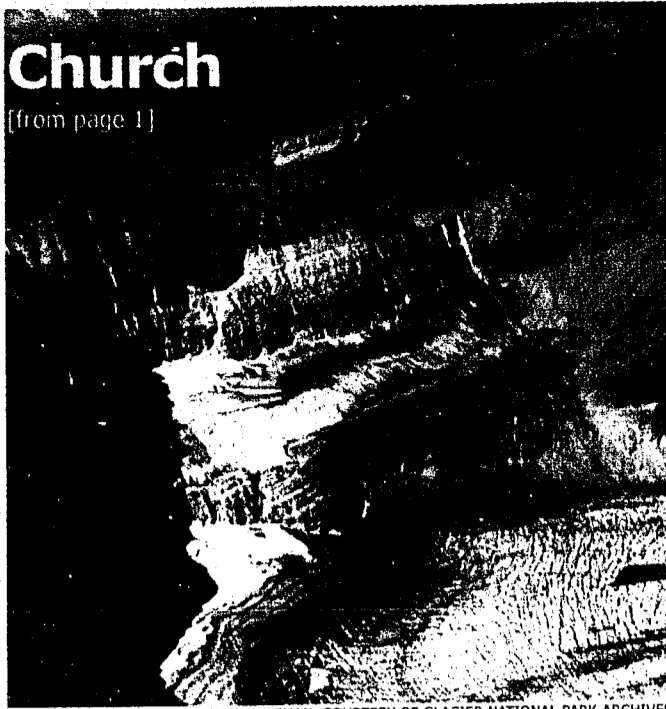


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Grinnell Glacier in Glacier National Park, Montana, has experienced, like many other glaciers, a significant amount of melting from 1938(left) to 2006(right). Scientists believe this to be a direct cause of global warming.

the fish which feed on them) will die off, Fagre said.

The effects of global warming on the park are devastating. Avalanches are more frequent, as are rockslides and violent storms. The avalanches destroy the roadways in the park. The species of wildlife living in the park lose their habitat. Fires will chase away mountain goats and grizzly bears that live in the park and they will have to relocate and find a climate that suits their lifestyle. Fagre said that 13 percent of the park burned in 2006. The newly formed forests dry up in August, rather than retaining the frozen water all year.

The park does what it can. It offers free bicycles to people in the park and free bus rides so that people won't drive as much. But it will take a change in world views to really excite change in the climate.

"This is not just our problem," Fagre said. "Now that we know we have a problem, what the heck do we do about it?"

### Solutions:

#### Construction

One Boise developer has started to change the way he builds, not only because it is more environ-

mentally friendly, but because it is more cost efficient for his business in the long run.

Gary Christensen developed the new Banner Bank Building in downtown Boise. The building uses new technology by which he was able to cut the energy use by nearly 50 percent. Facets like actual structural integrity planning enabled the building to use 50 percent less concrete than is normal for a building of its size (11 stories, 180,000 square feet). The building uses radiant heat, installed in the floor, rather than the ceiling. The HVAC ducts take up less space because they are modulated by computers. Each office has its own thermostat. Each room is lit by a lighting system without switches. The lights only come on when someone is in the room and go off when you leave. It also uses geothermal heat, which cut the heat energy cost by 30 percent.

"Now that we've done this, nobody is going to go back," Christensen said. "It's more simple, more efficient, more elegant."

The building used zero sheetrock. All of its walls are set in tracks, which can be relocated, reused in other rooms. Instead of remodeling by

taking down walls, Christensen can merely move the walls. 98 percent of the building can be recycled directly back into the building. It uses runoff from rain to flush its toilets. It has hand blow dryers in bathrooms rather than paper, lowering janitorial work by up to 80 percent.

The beams in the building's framework used less metal, by cutting circular holes in them, to save money. The metal cut out was recycled.

The building saves \$80,000 a year in energy costs, \$4,000 in elevator maintenance, \$4,000 in water usage and \$25,000 in janitorial costs. All of these tools do cost more than the way the job is usually done, but in the long run, the building will save money because it is so efficient.

"This is good business," Christensen said. "It saves you money; it saves me money."

The building was only one of five in the United States to earn a platinum seal of approval from the U.S. Green Building Council.

#### Wind

The use of wind energy could save the United States from its dependency on foreign oil, ac-

ording to Michael Heckler, director of marketing and development at Windland, Inc.

"In Idaho, we have enough wind to give everyone on Idaho a gallon of gas every day, forever," Heckler said. "It's real good economics."

U.S. vehicles use 1,400 billion gallons of gasoline every year. Heckler said that Idaho is good for wind energy, but the real cash region is the Great Plains of the United States. The region gets more wind from all directions. It gets wind from the Arctic, the Gulf Coast and the East and West Coast. Heckler's main change exemplified was in vehicle use. The switch to electric cars is on the horizon. He said that as the market increases and gasoline gets more costly, car manufacturers will need to compete with each other to fit the market.

Buying vehicles that at least partially use electric batteries can greatly limit CO2 levels in the atmosphere, Heckler said.

No matter which methods are used to fix this problem of global warming, it is assured that there are people out there who are working to eliminate the risk this rise in temperature presents.

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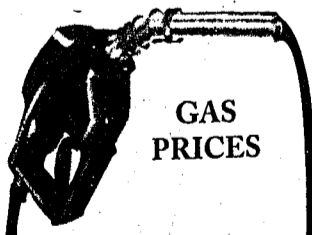
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# Older machines lack the punch for Vista



BY JAMES COATES  
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

**Q**I need to know if it is possible to upgrade my Dell Dimension computer to use the new Windows Vista operating system. It has a Pentium III microprocessor. The memory is 384 megabytes, SDRAM. It has a 32mb Nvidia TNT2 M64 graphics card and a 20.4-gigabyte Ultra ATA hard drive. The operating system is Windows 98. With these facts, could I upgrade this PC?

**A**No, I know that was pretty curt, Ms. F., but it's best to take the bad news upfront. As Microsoft Corp. pulls out the stops for its marketing schemes to sell upgrades to the coming Vista

operating system, millions of people with computers will share your curiosity about whether their machine has the horsepower to run the enticing new software. Your Windows 98 machine fails to meet even Microsoft's notoriously overoptimistic stated minimum requirements. At prices starting around \$150, the company hates to tell possible customers that they shouldn't buy in.

The biggest visible features that Vista adds to the well-known Windows display deal with viewing photos, playing videos, recording and downloading music and, of course, running the new memory-gobbling programs like Office Live that will be available along with Vista when it arrives on Jan. 30.

Microsoft says all these bells and

whistles can be had with a machine endowed with at least a microprocessor with 800MHz speed, while your dated Dell languishes at 600MHz. It's been maybe three years since desktop computers were being sold with chip speeds less than 1GHz, and I'd suggest that these be considered the bare minimum.

Speed and memory are the biggest issues with things like highly animated displays and memory-hungry transparent overlaying of individual windows and heavy use of software running in the background.

Again, your 384mb of RAM are below the minimum of 512 stated by the company. I do agree that 512mb of memory will be pretty much sufficient, but it should be noted that Vista tends to run a lot of stuff in the background, and this can deplete 512mb when

running more than a couple of programs. When the 512 is exhausted, it forces the computer to slow down to a nightmarish pace as the machine uses the hard drive instead of the ultrafast memory chips to crunch data.

I find it bizarre, but the 20.4gb hard drive in your clunker does meet the Microsoft minimum of 20gb for computers to run Windows Vista, which all by itself eats up, maybe, 8gb. It wouldn't take long for a Vista-enabled PC to clog the remaining 12gb with temporary Web files, photos and music.

Worst of all is your old-fashioned video card with 32 megabytes of memory on board. While the official Microsoft specifications say any SVGA card will do, testers have found that it is all but hopeless without a separate video card with its own memory and the ability to run the DirectX 9 graphics software built in

to Windows. As to video memory, consider 128 or even 256mb.

To summarize: Windows Vista needs a PC with a 1GHz chip or better and a 60-80gb hard drive is all but essential.

Be particularly sure that the video card has a stiff amount of memory of 128mb or more, and I'll wager that those who try to get by with 512 megabytes of RAM soon will find themselves at Best Buy's memory counter for an upgrade to 1 gigabyte or more.

**Q**How can I restore my floppy drive to usefulness now that Internet Explorer 7 has trashed it?

Any floppy I insert in the drive becomes unreadable and cannot even be formatted in my old computer. Most of my data resides on floppies because I am tired of losing full CDs' worth of data every time my computer burps.

**A**It's never wise to say the word "never" when poking around with Windows problems, but I've never heard a peep about floppy disk problems caused by the new IE 7 Web browser, and it's hard to see how the newly designed browser could have any impact on the floppy drive.

It's more likely that you've developed a problem with the floppy drive built in to your computer. Most new computers don't even come with floppy drives because CDs have taken over.

But there is a hearty marketplace where one can buy a floppy drive that connects to a USB port rather than the built-in connection used by those 3.5-inch floppy disk drives.

You can get one of these drives at most computer stores or from outfits such as Amazon.com, where prices ran between \$17 and \$31 when I checked.

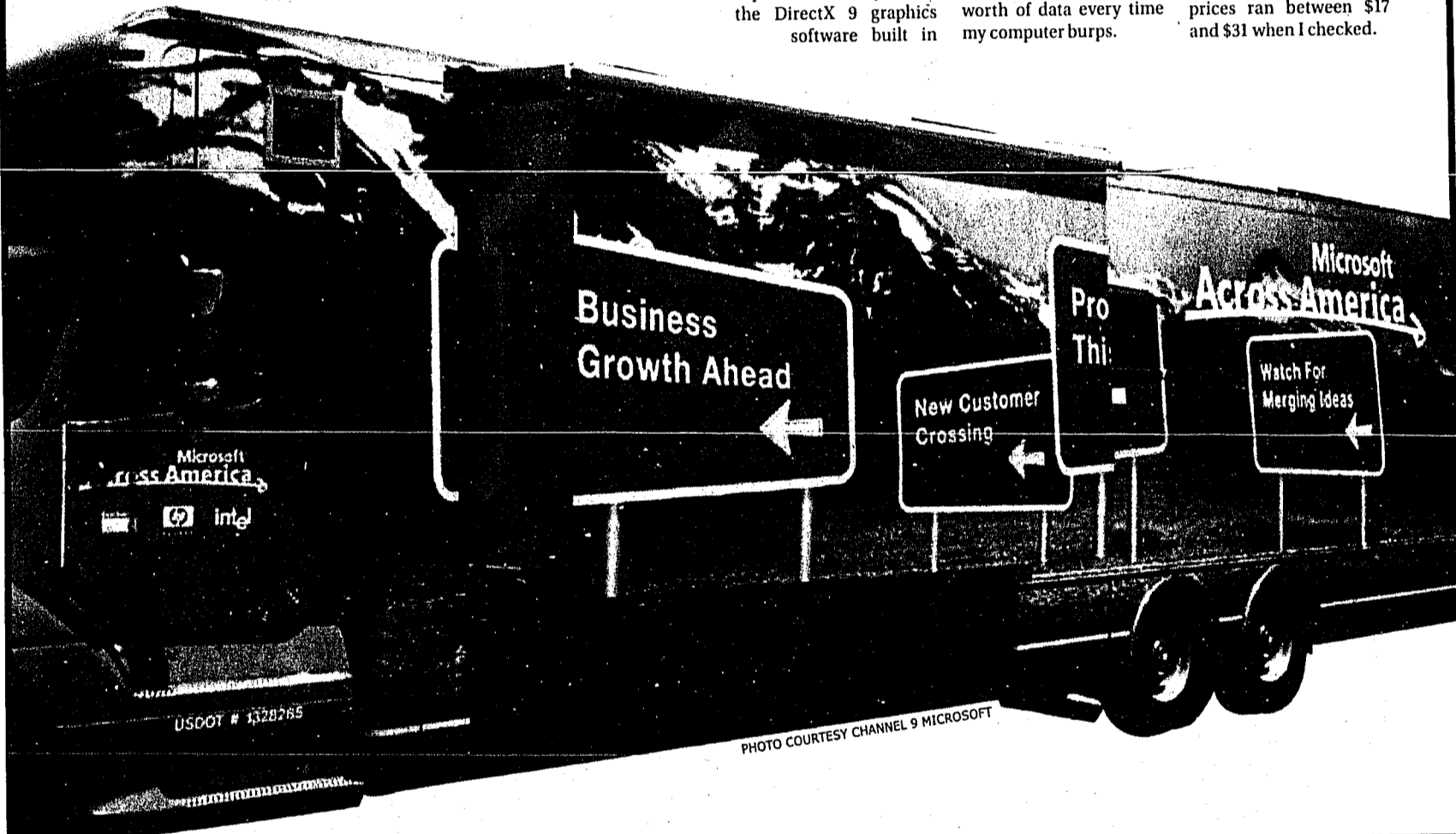


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# OPINION

The way we see it ...

## The BSU administration is fulfilling promises

So, we have the university. We have the Metropolis. We're getting the research. But the distinction has always been a hard thing to come by. The Boise State administration and its Big Boy Bob Kustra have actually been working toward achieving these goals they set forth three years ago. Most of us weren't attending Boise State when former President Charles Ruch led the circus. Sure, the drive was toward growth. But, what about the quality of growth? Kustra has said all along that he wants this school to get better under his guiding hand. Not bigger, but better, "Beyond the Blue." By getting better, by bringing in better faculty and fundraising for research grants and striving toward worthy doctoral programs, we believe the university has grown as an academic enterprise.

Last week, Micron donated \$12.5 million to assist in the construction of the new Business and Economics Building, which will be built near the corner of University Drive and Capital Boulevard. That is a huge chunk of change! It will greatly help the university finance the building and will help Micron (an industry leader) further enhance its image.

Kustra (with great assistance from Bethine Church) got Former Vice President Al Gore to speak here Monday night. It was a fantastic presentation. He is an amazing orator and this city and this university welcomed him with open arms and minds.

Last week we heard a speech/sermon/tribute from Rev. Jesse Jackson in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. How fitting was it for the administration to bring in a man who shook hands, marched and held meeting with Dr. King during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s?

Oh, and there was that little thing about a bowl game in Arizona which changed the face of this university, Kustra calls the football team a window to BSU. If that is true, that window just got thrown open and millions of people (including prospective students and faculty, contributors and research development reps) saw what this little school in this City of Trees is truly capable of.

No matter what your view of Athletics vs. Academics is, you cannot deny the publicity and pride that game bestowed upon this chunk of Greenbelt, err blue turf.

Could we have asked for anything more? YES. And we will continue to ask for more and we believe Kustra is the guy to give it to us, not because we are band-wagoneers, but because we can see the changes in our back yard as construction crews make this school grow. And it's growing in a positive direction. BSU has the highest enrollment in Idaho because of these things. If you improve the school, the students will come and they are coming in record numbers.

Get ready for the future. For that current vibe is launching this university into the upper echelon, the stratosphere circles of university thought and action.

All of this, combined, mashed and handed out in diplomas and drives will contribute to that lacking quality, which we term distinction.

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# 25 years gone, 25 lessons learned

BY DREW MAYES  
Editor-in-Chief

This last weekend I celebrated turning 26. For me, this number seemed like one of those milestone type of numbers. You're not really a young adult at 26 anymore, you're just an adult. I always thought when that number comes I better have some things accomplished in my life.

Before the clock ran out on my first quarter of a century, I started to think back to all the advice anyone has ever given me. Like the time my dad told

me to never treat the girl I was dating with any less respect than I'd give him, because he knew how much I respected him and how important that is to any relationship.

When my brother bought the company he was working for and the people that trained him and had decades more experience in the business than he did were suddenly his employees, the balance of power had shifted. He was suddenly in a very unique position and told me the trick to all of it was he acted like he belonged in that position. Before he knew it, he really

did. Going through a difficult breakup, my sister preached to me, "Don't lose today." It was hard for me to understand exactly what she was talking about at first. What she helped me figure out is even though you can't prevent or change a bad day, you can change how you remember it.

I took this to heart, and instead of looking at a day as being the day I found out another lie the ex had told, I turned it into the day I went to the gym and maxed out at 275 for the first time ever.

Or the day I watched somebody buy my book, ran three miles for the first time in years, etc. (she told a lot of lies, so I had to do a lot of stuff).

The point being, you never waste a day feeling sorry for yourself or being angry at somebody.

All this got me thinking. Twenty-five years, what have you really learned?

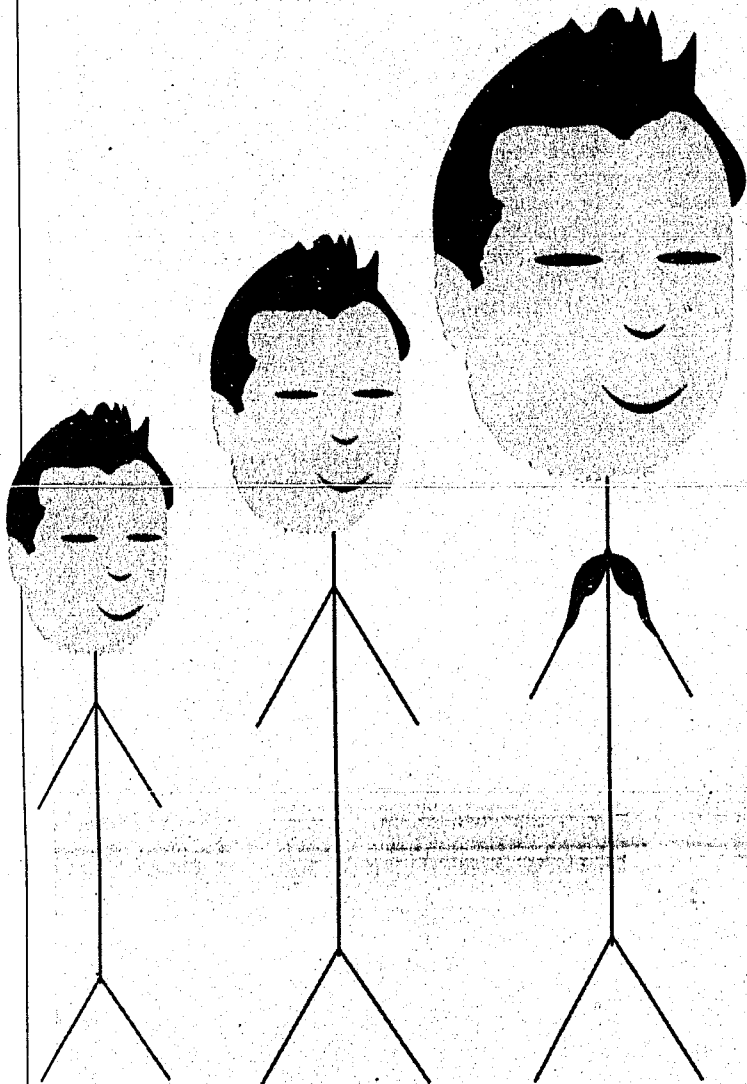
What 25 things have you picked up in your time here?

What are 25 things you wish everyone knew? Well those three above are my big ones, but here's a few more:

- People love to hate.
- Always carry a pen and notebook with you. You never know when a great idea will come.
- Blondes do have more fun, but brunettes always do it better.
- Alcohol is liquid truth.
- Nothing is more refreshing in the summer than iced tea.
- There is nothing scarier, sexier or more seductive than a beautiful, intelligent woman.
- Diet Pepsi should be called Diet Crack.
- At any one point in your lifetime you'll be able to look back and count on one hand the people that would truly do anything for you.
- Smoking is disgusting ... unless it's right after sex.
- People don't change; they just get better at hiding who they really are.
- Someone you're related to is gay ... deal with it already.
- If you want to be successful with women all you really have to do is make them laugh (and it helps if you wear nice shoes).
- If you have a penis, you're going to get unnecessarily jealous. Blame biology.
- Rarely will life take you where you think you're going, but somehow you always end up exactly where you should be.
- Chances are if the girl you're dating's mom is crazy, she is too. While you're at it, take a quick look at her dad's personality, because if you see some similarities between you and him you might as well go ring shopping right now.
- The people at the top will never admit luck had anything to do with their success. Likewise, the people at the bottom will never concede their life choices have something to do with the situation they're in.
- Every guy wants to gain 10 more pounds of muscle. Every girl wants to lose 10 more pounds.
- Fellas, she wouldn't be leaving if there wasn't already somebody waiting.
- Everybody should own a suit (this includes you ladies, pant suits are fantastic).
- You know you're in the right relationship when your partner is on your side even when they know you're wrong.
- At the end of the day, there is nothing better than pillow talk.

That last one I like to leave blank on purpose, because we're always going to learn more and we've all figure something out that the rest of us haven't. I guess you can plug your own in there.

Here's to the next 25.



## Educating children about the war is crucial

BY DARYLE FLEMING  
Guest Opinion

How do I talk to children about the war? I am studying to be a teacher and I must be able to discuss difficult issues. I have found the following Website <<http://www.tkb.org/Home.jsp>> to educate myself about the different ideologies and conflicts in the world today. It is a meticulous database.

Here are a few of the facts that I pulled from the Website. Sixteen non-Islamic groups are responsible for 144 terrorist attacks, 5,626 injuries and 624 fatalities from 1968 to present day.

One hundred seventy-one Islamic groups are responsible for 2,537 terrorist attacks, 31,356 injuries and 12,690 fatalities from 1968 to present day.

We live in a world with different ideologies. For example, the Mujahedeen Message was held responsible for the August 2003 burning down of the Abu Sofia girls' school in Logar Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan. Under the Taliban's interpretation of

Islamic Sharia law, girls were prohibited from receiving education. Schools for girls opened across Afghanistan in the wake of the Taliban's fall in late 2001, yet certain Afghans remain opposed to the practice. These ideals are different from what we as Americans hold as important.

I have traveled to 10 different countries around the world. I have been to chop-chop square in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and I have lived in a police state and seen Islamic clerics escorted by guards with machine guns (they are present in order to arrest people who don't obey their religious rules). I have lived in democratic Islamic countries where women have freedoms (they are present in order to arrest people who don't obey their religious rules). I have lived in democratic Islamic countries where women have freedoms. The Arbiter printed an article on April 27, 2006, "The price of freedom," as a tribute to Joshua Ford.

It tells how thankful an Iraqi engineer is for what freedoms they now enjoy. American military men and women understand the freedoms Americans have and Iraqis' desire. I believe that it is a wonderful thing that 26.7 million people are free in Iraq.

Women were allowed to vote in Iraq for the first time in 2005. It has had a springboard effect in the area.

In 2006 women voted in Kuwait for the first time and Saudi said it would allow women to vote in its next election. If you believe that women's suffrage is a good thing then thank a soldier and pray for our leaders. I have pictures of women voting in Iraq to show to others who are confused about why we are fighting.

During our struggle for independence the phrase "United we stand, divided we fall" was popular. I believe it is important to stand united for Iraqis and their struggle for freedom. As an educator I will not try to change opinions, but will provide children with the tools to substantiate their views. Giving facts is not enough to help kids learn, because not all children are analytical in their thinking. In a Nickelodeon movie "Barnyard Ben" tells his son Otis that, "A strong man stands for himself and a stronger man stands for others."

That is something that kids can understand. America is the stronger man standing for the rights and freedoms of others.

Daryle Fleming is a student at Boise State

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Life through a fashion guru

Closet cleaning  
BY SHEREE WHITELEY  
Culture Columnist

The old stand-bys. Through the course of our lives, we become more and more familiar with this term. Different challenges teach us who the people and things that we can always count on really are.

When we go to new restaurants and are too fearful to try something that sounds unlike anything we've ever tasted before, we default to what sounds the most "normal" (in my experiences as a waitress, I've learned that people stick to chicken alfredo when not quite brave enough to try a new pasta dish).

And yes, there are those countless wardrobe stand-bys. They're the fallbacks - when nothing else seems like it will work, we default to what we know will.

Last week I went through my closet with the intent of getting rid of everything that I hadn't worn in at least a year.

Due to the addition of various new life expenses within the last two years (like my \$344 trip to the Bookstore this semester) I've been forced to consign mass amounts of old clothes if I want to afford the new objects of my desire.

What I found was that letting go of some of my beloved material possessions wasn't even close to easy.

I'd look the garments up and down, put them on two or three times and try to remember the last time I wore it.

Once upon a time, these items had been wardrobe staples - the comfortable things that you wear at least once a week. I realized that I'd since moved on.

I was no longer the boxy-Abercrombie-sweater girl that I'd been my freshman year of high school. I'd evolved (as have the cuts of Abercrombie sweaters) and left some of my old stand-bys behind. Thank goodness - I'd spent four years looking just like every other girl at school.

This realization made me think about the old stand-bys in our lives. When are they beneficial, and when do they prevent us from venturing out and trying new things? And when we're so attached to the things that we've grown accustomed to, how are we supposed to know when it's really time to throw the old out and bring in the new?

Good friends are hard to find - it's true. But when we grow too close to someone, we tend to let things slide that we normally wouldn't.

A friend cancels lunch plans when you're at the pre-specified restaurant or doesn't call back for a few days - fine on occasion, but when it gets to the point that the friend puts the fact that you have a life as well out of mind, and you default to that same friend instead of venturing out and exploring new options, you should consider putting the detrimental friendship in your life-consignment pile.

The same holds true in the realm of employment. Your boss knows you're reliable - undoubtedly, this is a good thing. But when things go "Office Space" and he starts saying that "Um, yeah ... I'm going to need you to come in on Saturday ..." you might be a little too reliable.

Sure the job is comfortable - you know you have it, it pays the bills and so what if it's not really what you want? It's good enough and so you don't actively seek new (and possibly better) opportunities.

It could be time for a raise, an illusion to the idea that you could quite possibly be out of town on Saturday, or to put the job in your consignment pile.

And of course this holds true for the romantic relationship. If things just aren't working out, but you're so comfortable with knowing you have someone (even though it's quite possibly the wrong someone), it could be consignment time.

Closet maintenance is essential - whether it's the one that holds your clothes, or the closet of your life. Re-evaluate the old stand-bys. See what's still working for you and what you need to consign.

# Idaho Dance Theatre

heats up the stage with Pure Passion



PHOTO BY ALICE SCULLY/THE ARBITER

Idaho Dance Theatre brings their latest concert, "Pure Passion," to Boise State tonight featuring four unique pieces designed to embrace various aspects of the human experience. Carl Rowe (featured below) is one of four choreographers behind the show, which will include his own piece, entitled "Riptide."

BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Editor

Idaho Dance Theatre takes the stage tonight at The Special Events Center in the Student Union Building for an array of performances planned to intrigue audiences throughout the rest of the week with reoccurring shows.

As part of its 18th season, IDT's "Pure Passion" consists of a collection of original and distinct pieces put together by four choreographers and a performers of various ages and talents.

The show consists of four differently arranged dances providing each choreographer with a sense of individuality and a means to experiment and express their own creativity through various moves to the music accompanying the performances.

Former IDT dancers Jennifer Freeman and Lauren Edson journeyed back to Boise to choreograph two portions of the show, while current IDT members Carl Rowe and Marla Hansen directed the other half.

Rowe, an artistic director for IDT, reaches out to audience members with "Riptide," a performance, which expresses the idea that there is an underlying rhythm that runs beneath human relationships and connects to the world. Rowe said it was the music that inspired him, which comes from Boise's own Dave Allen Earnest.

"I discover what I'm doing as I'm doing it. 'Riptide' came from the music," Rowe said. "Earnest has written music for me and for our spring productions and the moment I heard this particular selection I knew I had to use it."

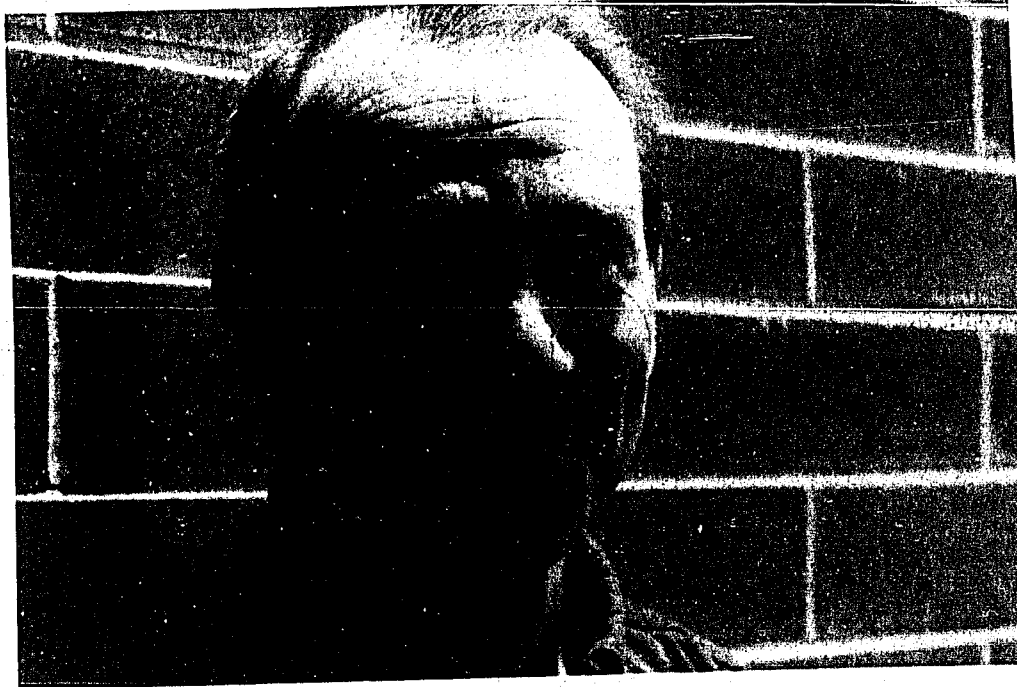
Hansen, another artistic director for the company and a dance teacher at Boise State, calls her piece "Sphere of Influence," which covers the range of human emotion and experience in various forms of dance, either solo or in groups, all while accompanied by the ambient music of Thomas Newman.

From moods filled with anger and sadness to energies of intensity and power, the performance moves even further to express a delicate air.

"The piece expresses the notion that we are in our own worlds, yet everything we do affects each other," Hansen said. She plans to illustrate this idea to the audience through a glass ball the dancers incorporate into their routine, which they each take turns looking through and manipulating.

Freeman titled her portion of the show "Burden of Guilt," which dives into the darker sides of emotions concentrating on the feeling of guilt and its effect on the human experience.

Finishing up the show, Edson brings her piece, "Thank You for Coming," into the concert, which challenges the dancers in a mock-audition format in front of the audience.



In preparation for the show, IDT held practices five times a week since November of last year, each lasting 2-to-5 hours at a time, which pushed dancers to learn and master each movement at a record speed. Hansen expressed that the hardest part of preparing for the show was scheduling and making sure each dancer took care of his or her bodies.

"Pure Passion" opens tonight at 8 p.m. with performances on Friday and Saturday at the same time and a matinee on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets for adults cost \$25, while students, seniors and military members receive \$12 discounted rates. IDT hopes audiences enjoy the event and look forward to seeing the energy Boise brings to the show.

"It really is entertaining," Hansen said. "Each piece is like its own little film. You can't imagine what happens next."

## Boise State celebrates Lunar New Year Festival

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
Assistant Culture Editor

Get ready to celebrate the Year of the Pig and ring in the new year. While many students at Boise State University may designate Jan. 1 as the start of the new year, for other cultures around the world the party is just getting started.

The Boise State University Vietnamese Student Association will present the 2007 Lunar New Year Festival Saturday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Jordan Ballroom.

The Vietnamese Student Association was established four years ago at Boise State. Duong Nguyen, the association's activities coordinator, said it is a great way for Vietnamese students and anyone interested in Vietnamese culture to interact and learn about

each other. The association also offers a support system for Vietnamese students studying abroad at Boise State.

Part of how the association keeps Vietnamese culture alive on campus is through the recognition of important Vietnamese events. The Lunar New Year Festival and the annual Moon Festival are two of the major events the Vietnamese Student Association hosts.

Vietnam considers the Lunar New Year (or "Tet Ngyuen Dan") to be one of its most important holidays. It celebrates the return of spring and recognizes the New Year according to the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

The Lunar Calendar depicts the passing of time with changes of moon phases. In Vietnam, the celebration covers three days and this year will occur in mid-February. The three-day event consists of rituals done both inside individual families and in larger communities.

An animal is also chosen to represent every new year. This year has been designated the Vietnamese "Year of the

Pig." There are 12 animals to choose from and they rotate in a 12-year cycle.

The Lunar New Year Festival at Boise State will mirror a selection of Vietnamese traditions.

The Festival will be packed with traditional Vietnamese dances, songs and food. Dishes such as egg rolls and a dessert made from sticky rice are just a couple of items expected to be on the menu. Raffle tickets will also be sold during the event for Vietnamese prizes.

Tickets for the Lunar New Year Festival are available at the Info desk in the SUB or at Select-a-Seat outlets. General Admission is \$10, however students can enjoy a discount of \$5 if they show their student identification cards. All children under six-years old can get in for free. For more information on the Festival, contact the info desk at 426-4636.

Checkout the Lunar New Year Festival if you're interested in learning about a new culture or just love delicious food and prizes.

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# Audience embarks upon

BY STEVE AHLBORN  
Culture Writer

The documentary film "Jesus Camp" brought a packed house to The Flicks Sunday evening, bringing out an array of opinions and discussion about issues relating to religious affiliations.

This picture, what some say hints at an agenda or propaganda, follows three kids: Levi, Rachel and Tory from their homes in Missouri to a campground in Devil's Lake, North Dakota. Children's Minister Becky Fischer teaches these three kids and many other children how to be a part of God's Army at her retreat titled "Kids on Fire Summer Camp."

This specific evangelical camp is held to allow kids to nurture spiritual gifts from God, such as prayer, speaking in tongues and prophecy. She tells the kids how they are to "take back America for Christ" as soldiers in God's Army.

Before any controversial issue is examined, certain terms relating to the topic should be discussed. In this case the terms, evangelicals, charismatic, the army of God and

revival come to mind. The term evangelical means to have been converted to Christianity by a personal experience with Jesus Christ, having faith that is grounded in Biblical principles and a belief that one weighs current issues by their Christian faith. The charismatic movement is spoken of as Pentecostal inviting Biblical doctrines such as speaking in tongues and prophecy.

The army of God, which Becky Fischer talks about in this documentary, was a very controversial statement among the viewers of this film. There was a sense that she was referring to raising an army of children to fight abortion and "the lost" in a literal sense.

However, in understanding the context and Biblical backing of this ideal, she is actually referring to the verse in the Bible that says, "We fight not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and rulers of darkness in high places." The term revival refers to an awakening of the spirit of God in a large amount of people.

One of the criticisms viewers

had with the tactics of Becky Fischer was the fact that she indoctrinates large groups of children that are potentially impressionable to their age, to believe exactly what she believes instead of allowing them to decide on their own. The other major criticism the audience had was these children were being fed a political agenda instead of spiritual knowledge and in many instances, intertwined these two ideals. Many felt that this bordered on the idea that church and state should remain separate.

What this documentary never seemed to differentiate was that the children's camp, church group and Becky Fischer were not and never have been sponsored by any of the large evangelical associations in the nation. The film leads a majority of people to believe that most or all evangelical churches act in this very same manner. It also did not give the realization that all Americans place a lifestyle, philosophy, religion or ideal onto their kids whether it is intentional or not.

In an interview with L.S., an evangelical Christian woman who has home schooled her

children, has helped organize a number of church camps, and currently attends Boise State University, feelings were openly discussed concerning the new "Jesus Camp" documentary. She explained, "I felt that the film left out scolding elements in understanding the intentions of the parents of each of the three children, as well as the children's minister." She continued by saying, "It [Jesus Camp documentary] was designed to humiliate the children's minister, to mock patriotic Christians and to evoke unneeded sympathy for Kids of Evangelical Christians."

Becky Fischer was happy with the portrayed content of this film for the most part and has been on many television programs since to explain her beliefs of Christianity and the leadership roles that should be taken on by America's children. The summer camp where the kids learned how to "take back America for Christ" asked Becky Fischer not to return or hold her camp in Devil's Lake, North Dakota, anymore because of the high risk of vandalism that might occur due to this documentary.

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## Deciphering the 'man-shake'

BY TONY HICKS  
Contra Costa Times

Even with an old friend, there's still no road map for this oldest of male rituals.

Your right hand goes forward easy enough. His right hand parries. But ... someone has to make a decision at this point. Someone has to take control.

There's a split second of confusion. Your eyes dart to your counterpart's hands.

Has he already made his move? Or should you be the one to take the initiative? Either way, there are more decisions to be made.

Will it be your grandfather's method: right extended straight, parallel to the ground, a few inches above waist high?

Or is it perhaps your dad's '70s shake: arm half-extended like you're about to go one-on-one in an over-the-top arm wrestling face-off?

Or maybe it's a blast from the past the high-five or the gimme 10. Perhaps even the fist-five version of the old gimme five. Maybe, for sentimental A's fans, you move in for a forearm bash.

There's no manual. It's daily improv and, because no man would ever EVER talk about it, it often ends up being one of the most awkward moments of a man's daily routine.

The Man Greeting. And it's awkward enough between two men of the same subcultures or background. Mix ethnicities and nine times out of 10, someone's going to walk away feeling foolish and very, very uncool.

Does a white guy go old-school, 1970s, three-pronged soul shake, knowing that there's a possibility it'll backfire as the black guy comes back with the outstretched fist? So you change up midstride, moving toward the fist-five, only to have him go NBA half-hug chest bump?

Can't someone make a law, or print a chart? Can't they teach this in school?

Why do we even do this at all? Because men touching seems to be a necessary reinforcement of our acknowledging each other in the brotherhood of men.

Women hug, peck, blow kisses, squeal and talk about each other's shoes whatever. None of that would be good for men. Either we try some sort of handshake, or we get out the hunting knives, slice open our hands and handclasp in each other's blood. Or something.

Just whatever you do, don't EVER try replicating the world's worst man-greeting ever: Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa's "We're playing nonsynchronized Twister while praying to the Virgin Mary and acting like rabid colles" embrace while celebrating McGwire's home run record.

We need someone to untangle this mess, and pronto. I enlisted Times NBA writer Marcus Thompson, a very cool guy with whom I'm friendly. And with whom



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An uncomfortable ritual, yet men continue to do it: from the common handshake to 'the pull half-hug.'

I shake hands. And with whom I've had a couple of these moments. And, as Marcus is black and hangs out with NBA players, and I am white and mostly hang out with my 5-year-old daughter, he could probably help.

Marcus and I decided to experiment with the handshake choices to see what works best, and why.

Our results: The Ward Cleaver Shake: This has to be straight-armed, no-frilled and firm. The firmer the better, to convey the manly impression that you don't watch Shirley MacLaine movies and likely have a small piece of steak lodged somewhere in your teeth.

This is the formal handshake used in professional situations, especially with people one doesn't know.

The execution is easy, as Marcus and I are both serious, extremely dedicated professionals. Who happen to be spending an hour of our working day outside in the parking lot shaking hands.

The Fist Bump: This is an informal greeting, which can possibly be used comfortably with people you don't know too well.

Or if you're in a hurry. Basically, you put your fist out in front of you horizontally, and bump knuckles with your counterpart.

Not too hard. Unless your just discovered your counterpart is sleeping with your wife. In that case, pull back at the last moment and redirect said fist into your counterpart's face, also known as "Fist Bump to Nose Bump to Bloody Pulp." Then repeat a couple of more times.

The '70s Soul Shake: This was big when I was a kid, and we handle it perfectly.

However, Marcus alerts me to something of which I wasn't aware. I'm actually not legally allowed to perform this handshake, as my ancestors are from Europe and were really, really white.

Marcus says this is restricted to black guys who are friends. Dang. And I do it so well ...

The Fist Pound: This gets a little dicey. The Pound is your basic "gimme five," only with vertical fists.

This greeting is used between

guys who know each other a bit better than Fist Bumpers. Once the fist comes out, there's confusion over whether it's the Pound or the Bump. And whose fist goes up top first?

Is that an indicator of which participant is more of an Alpha male? I give in, lying on my back and letting Marcus scratch my belly.

The Pull Half-Hug: This we performed adequately. You see this a lot among men who are pretty close. Or hip celebrities who like to pretend they're close. You come in with the initial 45-degree angle of the Soul Shake and have the option to finish the entire Soul Shake or just stop at the first move.

Either way, you then pull your counterpart in for a half-hug shoulder bump with the option of the two-pat on your friend's back, only to retreat quickly before things get out of hand.

Someone in the newsroom says the two firm pats are required to convey that you aren't attracted to your counterpart. Or any other man. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

The Full Man Hug: This, of course, is reserved for only the closest of friends and relatives.

It's important to make your intentions known early by spreading arms wide, so you're not left hanging.

There's nothing worse than going in for a Full Man Hug only to find that your counterpart is going the Ward Cleaver route. And for the love of all that's holy, make it obvious which side your head is going toward, or an outsider may think you're kissing.

You may even touch faces, which is an awful, tragic thing. This isn't Europe.

Marcus and I handled this fairly well after a bit of practice. But I remember that day a friend and I once opted for the same side at my grandpa's funeral, nearly touching faces and setting off loud nervous laughter, which my grieving grandmother certainly didn't appreciate.

And remember the two-pat, quick-release.

You need that two-pat, or someone might think you're more than good friends. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

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# Oscar nominations both embrace and snub 'Dreamgirls'

BY DANIEL FIENBERG  
Zap2It.com

Bill Condon's musical "Dreamgirls" received eight Oscar nominations Tuesday morning, but the film was a surprising Best Picture snub, losing its slot to Clint Eastwood's "Letters from Iwo Jima."

Closebehind "Dreamgirls," which padded its nomination total with three best song nominations (as well as high-profile supporting nods for Jennifer Hudson and Eddie Murphy), was the ensemble "Babel." The Golden Globe winner for best dramatic feature earned seven nominations, including best picture, though its biggest star, Brad Pitt, was also snubbed.

Joining "Babel" and "Letters from Iwo Jima" in the best picture race are "The Departed," "The Queen" and the quirky comedy "Little Miss Sunshine."

Though "Little Miss Sunshine" broke into the best picture race and scored nominations for Michael Arndt's screenplay and performances by Abigail Breslin and Alan Arkin, directors Jonathan Dayton and Valerie Faris were left on the outside.

Eastwood, Martin Scorsese, Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and Stephen Frears are, instead, joined by Paul Greengrass, recognized for his work on "United 93."

The nominations were announced by "Frida" star Salma Hayek, who expressed visible enthusiasm at one of the year's clearest trends, the rise of young Mexican directors. In addition to the seven

## 2007 OSCAR nominations

The 79th annual Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 25 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Nominees in major categories:

<b>Best actor</b> Leonardo DiCaprio "Blood Diamond"	<b>Best actress</b> Helen Mirren "The Queen"	<b>Best director</b> Martin Scorsese "The Departed"
Ryan Gosling "Half Nelson"	Meryl Streep "The Devil Wears Prada"	Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu "Babel"
Peter O'Toole "Venus"	Penelope Cruz "Volver"	Clint Eastwood "Letters From Iwo Jima"
Will Smith "The Pursuit of Happyness"	Judi Dench "Notes on a Scandal"	Stephen Frears "The Queen"
Forest Whitaker "The Last King of Scotland"	Kate Winslet "Little Children"	Paul Greengrass "United 93"
<b>Best supporting actor</b> Alan Arkin "Little Miss Sunshine"	<b>Best supporting actress</b> Adriana Barraza "Babel"	<b>Best foreign language film</b> "After the Wedding" Denmark
Jackie Earle Haley "Little Children"	Cate Blanchett "Notes on a Scandal"	"Days of Glory" Algeria
Djimon Hounsou "Blood Diamond"	Abigail Breslin "Little Miss Sunshine"	"The Lives of Others" Germany
Eddie Murphy "Dreamgirls"	Jennifer Hudson "Dreamgirls"	"Pan's Labyrinth" Mexico
Mark Wahlberg "The Departed"	Rinko Kikuchi "Babel"	"Water" Canada
<b>Best picture</b> "Babel"	"Little Miss Sunshine"	<b>Best animated film</b> "Cars"
"The Queen"	"Letters from Iwo Jima"	"Happy Feet"
"The Departed"		"Monster House"

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nominations for Inarritu's "Babel," Guillermo del Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth" had six nominations and Alfonso Cuarón's "Children of Men" earned three.

In addition to "Dreamgirls," Pitt and the "Sunshine" directors, Oscar nomination morning offered other snubs galore.

Veteran Oscar observers were left wondering how "Volver" was left out of the foreign language feature category, or how Golden Globe winner Sacha Baron Cohen missed out on a best actor nod for "Borat."

Instead, "Volver" director Pedro Almodovar could take solace in the nomination for leading actress Penelope Cruz, a first-time nominee. And Cohen ended up sharing a best adapted screenplay nomination with the rest of his "Borat" team.

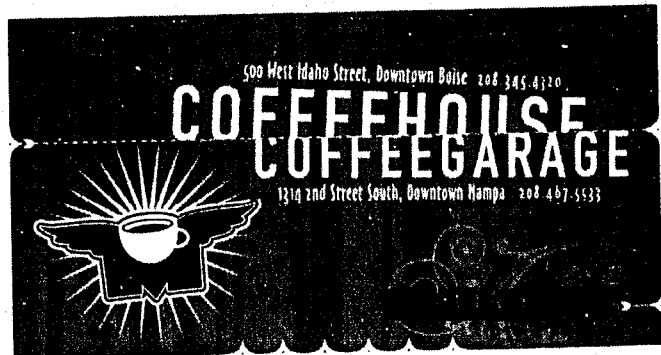
Additional debate can certainly be stirred over Leonardo DiCaprio getting his best actor nomination for "Blood Diamond," rather than "The Departed" or for first-time nominee Mark Wahlberg grabbing the Scorsese film's lone supporting nod over Oscar favorite Jack Nicholson.

Let anybody think that critical praise is a prerequisite to Oscar glory, Tuesday morning saw nominations go to "Click" (best makeup) and "Poseidon" (achievement in visual effects), while the blockbuster sequel "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" actually got four nominations.

The 79th Academy Awards will be presented Feb. 25 at the Kodak Theatre.

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# What's coming to the movies



BY FRANCY MARCOTTE  
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### Blood and Chocolate

Chocolate proves to be one of the sweetest temptations out there. However, "Blood and Chocolate" presents its central character with something even more tantalizing: a hot guy.

German Independent Filmmaker Katjvon Garnier directs this thriller about Vivian, (Agnes Bruckner) a teenage werewolf whose identity is jeopardized when she falls for a human artist (Hugh Dancy).

She realizes she must choose between this newfound romance or remain faithful to her family of fellow werewolves.

### Catch and Release

Actress Jennifer Garner departs from her past role as a spy on the television series "Alias" in her new film "Catch and Release."

Also starring Juliette Lewis,

Timothy Olyphant and Kevin Smith. The film follows Gray Wheeler (Garner) as she struggles with her fiancé's untimely death.

Wheeler tries to rebuild her life with the help of some friends (Lewis, Olyphant and Smith) while simultaneously discovering the secrets her deceased fiancé kept from her.

"Catch and Release" will be filled with drama, comedy and a teary moment or two.

### Epic Movie

From the creators of the "Scary Movie" franchise comes "Epic Movie." Like the "Scary Movies," "Epic Movie" satirizes mainstream films.

Except this time, big-budget flicks of the past like "The Da Vinci Code," "The Chronicles of Narnia," "X-Men" and "Pirates of the Caribbean" serve as victims.

Carmen Electra, Darrell Hammond and Jennifer Coolidge headline an eclectic cast of characters.

If this film resembles the "Scary Movies" at all, audiences can surely expect a lot of crude, but humorous scenarios.

### On the indie scene

#### Notes on a Scandal

Juicy scandals prove difficult to resist. In "Notes on a Scandal" Sheba Hart (Cate Blanchett), a novice art teacher at a private school, befriends an esteemed colleague, Barbara Covett (Judi Dench). However, the tables turn when Covett finds out about Hart's affair with a student. Covett reacts bitterly to the affair since she considered Hart one of her closest confidantes. This creates an awkward situation as Covett holds the power to reveal her new friend's secret and ruin her life. "Notes on a Scandal" will play at The Flicks.

#### Volver

Also arriving at The Flicks this Friday is "Volver." Penelope Cruz stars in this Spanish language film about life after death. When a woman (Cruz) returns to her recently deceased mother's house after a long absence, she senses her mother's presence. She has no idea how accurate her perceptions are. Her mother's spirit returns from the grave to resolve matters she did not get settle in life.

"Volver" explodes with comedy, mystery and drama.

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### Zabransky earns spot in All-Star Challenge

Twelve future NFL players who represent the best in college football will showcase their skills in the ninth annual State Farm College Football All-Star Challenge, taped at Orange Bowl Stadium on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. ET and airing on ESPN Super Bowl weekend, Saturday, Feb. 3 from 4-6 p.m. ET.

Kirk Herbstreit leads the ESPN broadcast team for the ninth annual State Farm College Football All-Star Challenge.

This year's talented field includes quarterbacks Chris Leak of Florida, Troy Smith of Ohio State, Drew Stanton of Michigan State and Jared Zabransky of undefeated Boise State. Rounding out the competition are Auburn running back Kenny Irons, Tennessee wide receiver Robert Meachem, Miami tight end Greg Olsen, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker and kickers Mason Crosby of Colorado, Justin Medlock of UCLA, John Vaughn of Auburn and Andrew Wellock of Eastern Michigan.

Produced by Chicago-based Intersport, the State Farm College Football All-Star Challenge is one of the most highly-anticipated college football events of the year. Last year's event featured four first-round NFL Draft picks (Vince Young, DeAngelo Williams, Vernon Davis and Sinorice Moss) and scored the highest cable rating of the day.

The State Farm College Football All-Star Challenge is a unique skills-and-drills competition that tests the finest college football stars in the country prior to their entry into the NFL.

Players participate in a variety of competitions showcasing their speed, agility, strength and stamina. In the eight-year history of the event, 29 competitors have gone on to become first round selections in the NFL Draft.

### BSU gymnast earns WAC Player of the Week

Boise State University's Katie Griffis has been named the Western Athletic Conference Gymnastics Specialist of the Week for the week of Jan. 23.

It is the first such honor of the season for the Broncos. Griffis, a junior from Snellville, GA., tied a career high with a 9.80 on bars, helping to lead the Broncos to their highest single-event score of the season against Brigham Young, Jan. 19.

Griffis followed up with a 9.725 on beam for the second-consecutive meet. Griffis and the Broncos continue their season this week with meets at San Jose State University (Jan. 26) and Sacramento State (Jan. 28).

### Promotion lets fans customize their Athlon Sports magazine cover

Last year, Athlon Sports Communications, publisher of America's Premier Preseason Sports Annuals, produced eight different college football magazines - Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Big Twelve, Eastern, National, Pac Ten, Southeastern and Western Athletic Conference - featuring 43 different covers.

For the 2007 college football preseason, Athlon Sports has announced its Limited Edition Covers promotion, which gives fans an opportunity to see their favorite college team featured on an Athlon Sports College Football cover.

From now until Mar. 15 fans can sign up by visiting [athlonsports.com](http://athlonsports.com). Signups are restricted to teams that have not previously appeared on a college football annual as the only featured school.

In order to qualify for a custom cover, 1,000 commitments for that school must be received by the Feb. 12.

If that quota is reached, emails to purchase the custom cover for \$6.99 will be sent out February 15th to those who signed up. If at least 1,000 orders are received by March 15th, the orders will be processed and the Special Edition Cover will go into production.

All orders will be shipped beginning June 6th.

# Women's basketball team is off to best start in 30 years

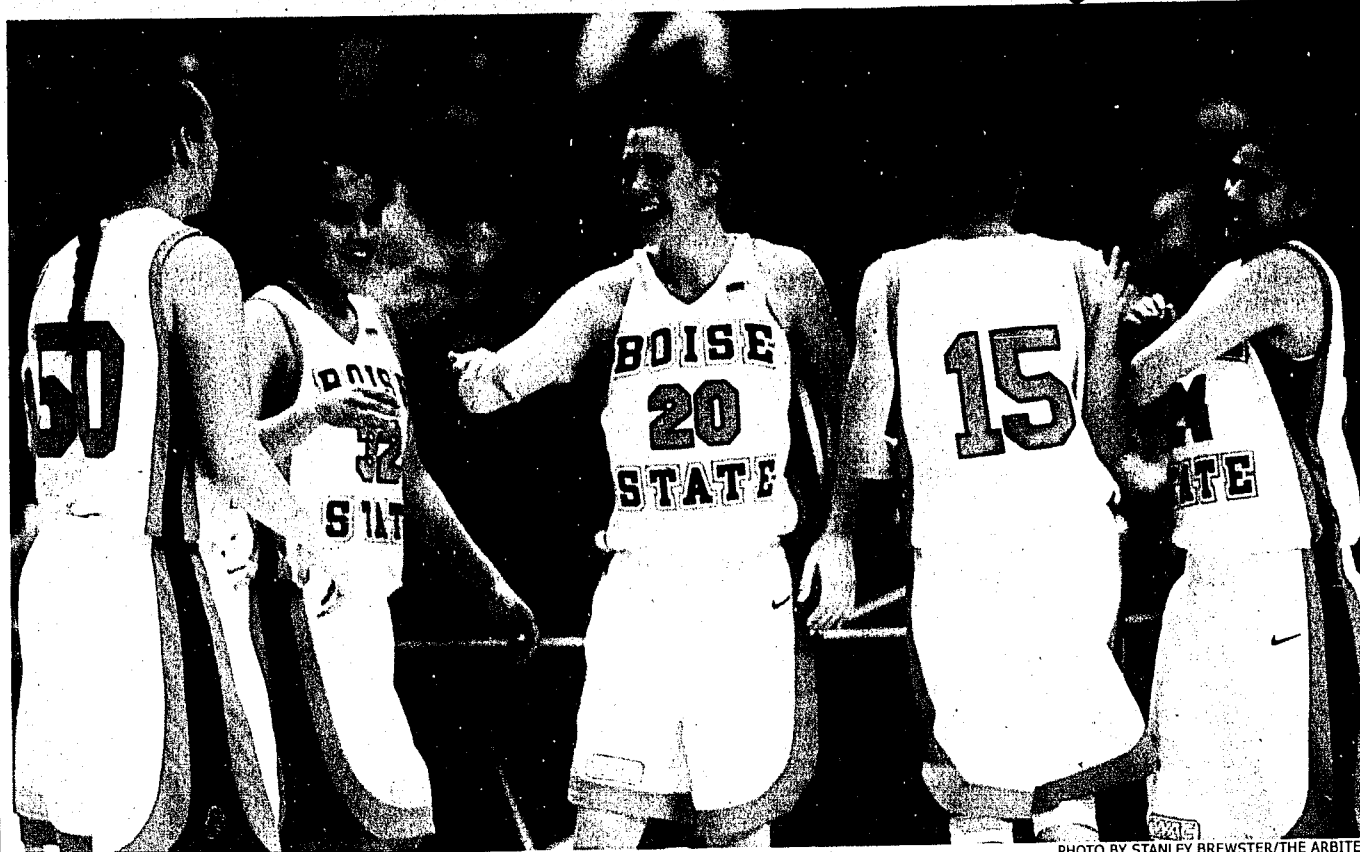


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The women's basketball team hosts Idaho Saturday with hopes of staying in first place in the WAC standings.

BY KYE JOHNSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

With a 62-53 road victory over Hawaii on Jan. 20 the Boise State women's basketball team got out to the best start in conference play in nearly three decades. The last time a Boise State women's basketball team started conference play 5-0 was in 1977-78. That BSU team ran out to a 10-0 start in the Northwest Women's Basketball League.

"It was a great win for our program and our team," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell said. "It was the first time we've ever won in Hawaii as a program. We jumped out to an early lead, faced some adversity. We had a lead of 13 three different times, then they came back with all the momentum and narrowed it to one. And then in the last five minutes, we kind of stepped up."

Heading into the game against Utah State Wednesday night BSU remained in first place of the Western Athletic Conference standings.

"We're five and zero in league and all that means is that we're off to a great start," Presnell said. "We haven't accomplished anything. But if we can with these two games this week, that Idaho game would be a winning season. 16 wins is a winning season and that's the first time that's happened in a while, so that would be a neat thing. But no one's going to hand it to us, we've got to go work and earn it."

One of the reasons the season has been so unique for BSU is the fact that they don't have a go-to scorer at the moment. Although sophomore Jessica Thompson leads the team in scoring, averaging 15 points per

game, the Broncos still have three other players hovering around ten points per game and another three averaging right around five.

"I'm a big believer in defining roles and making sure that (the players) are held accountable to their roles," Presnell said. "What (the players) think their role is, is irrelevant as to where it fits in with the team. And those girls have embraced their roles so far and have excelled at them. And that's put us to where we are right now."

Heading into Wednesday's game against the Utah State the Broncos were 14-4 overall on the season. They were also outscoring their opponents on average 68.5 to 61.6. It might not seem that overpowering, but their tough schedule has to be taken into consideration. In the pre-season Boise State went toe-to-toe with Pac-10 foe University of Oregon, Big-East power Pittsburgh and Big-10 contender Purdue. Also add the game against, then-unbeaten, San Diego a game at UNLV and above all a trip to Ruston, LA, against Louisiana Tech in early conference play. It's hard not to respect their record with all that considered.

"I think you have to have a hump win so to speak," Presnell said about finding a defining win. "Beating The University of Oregon at Oregon and then the game against Pittsburgh. You know, we didn't choke the game away (against Pittsburgh). They hit a big shot at the end to win it by one, I mean a desperation three-pointer. Those were hump games for us. All of a sudden we're thinking, hey you know what, we can play. We can play on the road,

we can play people."

Even more impressive may be that amongst those aforementioned games BSU went 4-2 against those opponents. It may be no wonder why the Broncos have gotten off to such a hot start in WAC play.

"I think when you get one of those games that you didn't think you were going to get, then all of a sudden you get so much confidence and I think that's really helped," Presnell said.

Of all the keys to success this season, versatility may be the most important one. With guards Tasha Harris, Nadia Begay and Thompson all shooting well from the perimeter BSU's posts have been the perfect compliment. Amanda Stewart, Jackie Thompson and Michelle Hessing are all shooting over 50 percent from the floor. Jackie Thompson has led the group and despite being currently injured has hit a blistering 63 percent of her shots from the field this season.

"Obviously we don't out-athlete anybody and we don't out-size anybody," Presnell said. "But to the other side of that, I think we're kind of difficult to guard because we have four or five people out on the floor almost all the time that are capable of scoring."

The Broncos ability to play inside and outside stretches even beyond the offensive end of the court. Heading into Wednesday night's game, the Broncos were averaging more blocks and more steals than their opponents this season and they were also turning the ball over less than their opponents. If you didn't think that's enough BSU is shooting just over 70 percent from

the free throw line, whereas their opponents are shooting just a shade over 65 percent. As Coach Presnell has emphasized so often this season, sometimes it's the little things that count.

"It feels pretty good when your offense is producing well and your defense is doing well," Presnell said. "Those are all important and it is the little things, we try to be as detailed as we can be."

Presnell and his squad will look to continue their winning ways against a struggling University of Idaho team in Boise Saturday night.

"They're extremely well coached," Presnell said about Idaho. "They're going to be very, very disciplined. They have the leading scorer in the league in Katie Madison. She's about a five-foot, 11-inch freshman and a big, strong kid. They'll be real fundamental and one of these days they're going to get one of those hump wins that I'm talking about, it just can't be here."

With the Broncos getting off to such a hot start, it's hard not to start looking ahead to a possible WAC Championship or a berth in the NCAA Tournament in March. Presnell, however, remains focused on the task at hand.

"I've always felt like if you talked too much down the road, you disrespect your next opponent and then you get humiliated," Presnell said. "You get humbled pretty fast in sports."

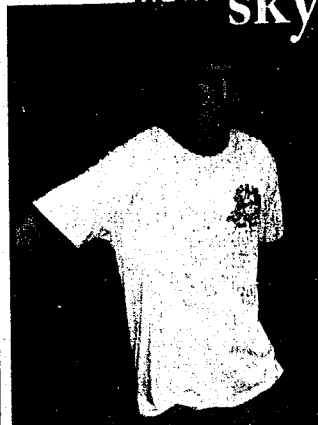
As for humbling opponents, the Broncos have done their fair share of that so far this season and at the same time have gotten off to the best start in 30 years.

### Women's Basketball Quick-facts 01/23/07

All-Time Record - 490-416  
All-Time WAC Record - 26-52  
WAC Titles - 0  
2004-05 Record - 10-19  
2004-05 WAC Record - 4-14  
2005-06 Record - 15-15  
2005-06 WAC Record - 6-10  
NCAA Appearances - 1 (1994)  
NCAA Record - 0-1  
WNIT Appearance - 1 (1998)  
WNIT Record - 0-1

- The BSU women's basketball program is in its 37 year of competition
- BSU recorded its first non-losing record in six seasons in 2005-06 in Coach Presnell's first season as head coach.
- With a win over Hawaii Jan. 20 the Broncos recorded the best conference start in program history since 1977-78
- The 1977-78 team started 10-0 Northwest Women's Basketball League
- In 2005-06 the women turned in their best rebounding season in school history, recording 1,252.

The big eye in the sky



Is Parcells done with the NFL? I think not

BY BRIAN LUPTAK  
Sports Columnist

What do you know? Bill Parcells has called it quits ... again. In the past, a resignation from Parcells has been a cry wolf situation resulting in a quick, easy recovery into the driver's seat of another team doomed-to-be-dumped-by-him as well. This time, however, sports enthusiasts and especially fans of the Dallas Cowboys believe that he's finally throwing in the towel for good.

When Parcells returned from retirement for the second time, following three separate resignations, it was to sign with the Dallas Cowboys under the most hands-on owner and general manager in the league, Jerry Jones. The partnership seemed to be positive and hopes were high as he tackled the task of reminding the Cowboys what the playoffs are. The team had experienced three straight 5-11 seasons prior to the arrival of Parcells. Yet the legendary coach reached the playoff stage two of the four years he spent in Dallas, including this season. Yeah, he brought them back to the playoffs. But who could forget the quick departure from the elite list of Superbowl hopefuls, the moment Tony Romo fumbled a fundamental field goal snap and came up two yards short of a touchdown while scrambling for recovery? Heartbreaking. The playoff loss was the second of two for Parcells while with the Cowboys, amid his pursuit to become the first coach to lead three teams to the Superbowl.

Parcells entered the league rather quickly when he won two Superbowls in eight years as coach of the Giants. I guess Bill thought it was a good time to quit while he was ahead. Following a tenure consisting of only two losing seasons, Parcells retired and worked for two years as a studio commentator.

Then came the short New England Patriots era which he began in 1993, went to the Superbowl and lost to the Packers in 1996, had had enough and quit again. However, eight days later he was begging Patriot owner Robert Kraft to release him to coach the New York Jets. Talk about some down time.

The Jets experience was even more short-lived. Parcells only stayed long enough for one trip to the playoffs in three seasons before vowing to never coach again. That promise was almost believable when he waited until 2003 to make his most recent coaching debut with Dallas.

Now for the big question: Is Bill Parcells really done this time? Think what you want but I'm give that a big N-O. Parcells is the kind of guy who sees reasoning in very awkward manner. He had certain motivation for leaving teams in the past and this is the same story. In New York Part I, he felt it was as good as it could get. At New England, he didn't have enough control and ultimately couldn't stand not making his own draft choices. With the Jets, he was frustrated from the injury of his quarterback, Vinny Testaverde, and a disastrous season in 1999. Finally comes the Dallas Cowboy saga. I diagnose it as a severe case of mood swings. He starts the season with a quarterback deemed by one commenting crew "as immobile as the actual Statue of Liberty." This results in a rough start to the season before switching to Tony Romo. Romo quickly becomes the new icon for achievement in Texas as the Cowboys begin to roll uphill. However, with the constant stress provided by having Terrell Owens on the roster and ultimately the playoff fiasco, Bill nearly lost it.

The cure: a year off and then another fresh start. Parcells may be 65 years old but I believe his blood is still pumping solely for the NFL. At the very least, I can see him returning as the General Manager of some lucky organization where we can only hope he will sustain his one of a kind personality toward his team, the public, and especially the poor members of the press.

# The first to four wins:



## Will BSU men's basketball separate itself from Fresno State Thursday night?

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

The records aren't bad for the Boise State and Fresno State men's basketball teams this season. However, after three weeks of Western Athletic Conference play, neither team is posting extraordinary numbers in the win-loss columns either.

Through the first six games of the regular season BSU has gone 2-1 at home and 1-2 on the road for a perfect .500 winning percentage. Fresno State, meanwhile, is recovering from a three game skid during the last two weeks of the season. Fresno opened the season with home wins over Idaho and Utah State. Since USU, the Bulldogs have dropped road games at University of Hawaii, San Jose State and University of Nevada, Reno.

Monday night Fresno got back to its winning ways with a 67-64 win over San Jose State. The win moved the Bulldogs into a tie with BSU for fifth and sixth place in the WAC standings. The tie gives Thursday's game in Boise huge ramifications on seeding at the

end of the season.

While BSU has faced an array of styles and tempos this year the game style they will see against Fresno should be unlike anything else in the WAC. BSU Head Coach Greg Graham said Monday that Fresno plays five players that could all be guards. He also said Bronco fans can expect the Bulldogs to shoot more three's than any other team BSU has faced this season.

"They're a very athletic team," Graham said. "They shoot a lot of threes, very up-tempo. We've had good games with them in the last couple years, some high scoring affairs. We expect the same. Every time we say that it turns the other way but they've got three or four guys that are all-league candidates."

So far this season the Bulldogs have six players that have all shot

over 40 three point attempts. Eddie Miller, the team's sixth man, is tied for a team-high 114 attempts. Five Bulldog players alone are combining for 21 three-point attempts per game. However, the double threat comes from Fresno in the fact that they don't put an extremely small

foster on the floor.

The Bulldogs start Quinton Hosley (6'6", 210), Hector Hernandez (6'9", 225), Dominic McGuire (6'8", 210) and Ja'Vance Coleman (6'3", 215). Point guard Kevin Bell is the only player in the starting line up under six-feet tall (5'10", 165). The 6'9" Hernandez is third on the team in three point attempts this season with 90. One of the main reasons the big man has shot so many three's is because he's shooting 52 percent from long range on the season.

One of the weapons Coach Graham will use to try and counteract the Bulldog attack is BSU's depth. The Bulldogs only have six players averaging over 20 minutes per game, while the Broncos have been dealt the luxury of playing a different combination of players nearly every night.

"That's one thing we honed would be one of our strengths: our depth this year," Graham said. "When we're all playing we've been very good, especially at home. Hopefully we'll keep getting production off the bench. That way if one guy's not on someone can step

in and take his place. We can play who's hot."

Coach Graham's best example of team depth came against Hawai'i in the play of one of the Bronco senior leaders. Some fans entered the game as one of the scoring focuses of the BSU offense. However, Karl shot the basketball four times. While some people would see the performance as impressive, Coach Graham said he felt it showed the true knowledge Karl has for the game.

Although no one made mention of Karl's unselfishness following the contest, Graham mentioned how impressed he was with Karl's patience on repeated occasions. According to Graham, Karl didn't force any shots because he was content with letting players like Matt Nelson and Anthony Thomas lead the team to victory.

Aside from a complete team effort, Coach Graham said the Broncos are also hoping for another crowd to cheer them on against the Bulldogs following the 10,190 fan crowd against Hawai'i. Coach Graham said he doesn't ex-

pect the support every fan will give. Fans liked enough to

see some bad crowd more. He said the people that came to the game and see it again and see they have a good team, like we did. I hope they like our style and take how we played. I don't think we'll get that many (10,190), but if we can get five or six thousand that would be great."

The Broncos game against Fresno will be the final one of the home schedule BSU has enjoyed over the past two weeks. The Broncos will play three of the next four games on the road. BSU will play two more home games before finishing the season at Fresno State and Hawaii.

BSU also has to travel to New Mexico State, Idaho, Louisiana Tech and San Jose State by the end of regular season play. Coach Graham said his team understands the importance of continuing the winning ways at home. A strong home record will be necessary if BSU is to remain in the hunt for a conference championship.

### Stats

	Boise State	Fresno State
Overall Record	9-8	14-5
Conference	3-3	2-3
Non-Conference	6-5	11-2
Home Attendance	4219	11,533
FG Att-Made	944-444	1026-441
FG Percentage	.470	.430
3-PT Att-Made	358-127	476-189
3-PT Percentage	.365	.386
FT Att-Made	390-263	386-268
FT Percentage	.674	.694
Points per game	75.2	73.7
Total Rebounds	634	712
Average Rebounds	37.3	39.6
Rebound Margin	+1	+2
Assists	263	282
Turnovers	282	243
Blocked Shots	57	123
Steals	103	107

### Western Athletic Conference Standings (01-23-07)

	Overall Record	Preseason Record	Rank
1. Nevada	5-1	17-2	
2. NM State	5-1	15-4	2
3. Utah State	4-2	15-5	4
4. La Tech	4-2	6-12	7
5. Boise State	3-3	9-4	5
6. Fresno State	3-3	14-5	6
7. San Jose State	1-5	2-16	8
8. Hawaii	1-5	10-9	9
9. Idaho	1-5	3-15	9

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# Kafourou brings Greek flavor to track team

BY MICHELLE MILLIKEN  
Sports Writer

The 2007 Boise State track team features many international faces, including several Greek jumpers. One of these jumpers, sophomore Elena Kafourou, has been leaving her mark on BSU track since last season when she won both the Indoor and Outdoor Western Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year awards.

Kafourou was born on an island in Greece where she lived until she was nine-years old. After moving to Pireas, Greece, Kafourou has been blowing away the competition in her homeland since her youth. She has won the long jump in the Greek championships for athletes under 23-years old for four consecutive

years. She holds the record distance for juniors and youth. She just added the triple jump to her list of events about a year ago, but still managed a second place finish in that event last year.

As much talent as she has exhibited in jumping, she said that it wasn't really something she consciously chose to do originally.

"I started jumping when I was little," Kafourou said. "Because I was tall, they just put me in it. So I didn't really have a choice. But I grew to like it because it's become my life. There's a lot of passion in it."

When jumping first brought her to the United States for college she had the intent of coming over with her coach and jumping for the University of Nebraska at

Omaha. She went to school there until October of her freshman year but she never competed for them because she got an offer to jump for Boise State instead. Her time here in Boise began in January of last year.

In the short time that Kafourou has been here she's noticed a lot of differences between her homeland and Boise.

"People here are different," Kafourou said. "They talk to you a lot easier and they're more friendly. They also point things out more when you look good or you do something well. The weather's a little colder," Kafourou added with a laugh. "People here are also more into sports than they are in Greece."

Boise State track fans had a lot

to be excited about when it came to Kafourou's performance last year for the Broncos. She won the triple jump title at the WAC Indoor and Outdoor Championships and competed in the NCAA Outdoor Championships for the triple jump.

She also had a good showing in the long jump. She placed third in the WAC Indoor Championship and second in the WAC Outdoor Championship. Despite all of the early success, however, she feels that she could have done better.

"Most people thought that I was successful," Kafourou said. "I thought it was okay for my freshman year, but I thought I could have done better with nationals. I could have advanced to the long jump and I could have advanced to the finals in the championship for the triple jump. I could say it was a successful year, but I could have done better."

Her hopes for this season reflect those "could haves."

"First of all, I want to make it to nationals for indoors," Kafourou said. "If it's possible, I want to make it for both events. I hope for the best there. For the outdoor season, my goal is to get to regionals and advance to nationals. I also want to do well in the European Under 23 Championships with the Greek national team this summer."

Kafourou will be back in competition Friday and Saturday at Boise State's second indoor track meet of the year, the Bronco Invitational in Nampa.



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BSU will compete in the Bronco Invitational Friday and Saturday in Nampa.

# Idaho Stampede roll into home games

BY TATE CASTLETON  
Sports Writer

The Idaho Stampede are the best defensive team in the NBA Development League right now and it shows.

During their impressive 11-game winning streak the Stampede have held eight of their opponents under 90 points and have led the league in defensive rebounding. According to head coach Bryan Gates the team's defense has been its focus all along.

"We're making teams play to our strengths and we're refusing to run up and down with them and that has been a big part of our success," Gates said.

Defense may be a pivotal part of why Idaho stands atop the Western Conference, but their offense hasn't been too bad either. The

Stampede average just less than 100 points per game this season. In the span of their past 11 games, however, the team has averaged more than 100 points per game.

Ask forward C.J. Miles, who has temporarily left the Utah Jazz to join the Stampede, what the team's key to success is and he'll tell you it's unity.

"Everybody being together and playing together has been important and helped us create a chemistry that's hard to beat," Miles said.

That team chemistry has helped the Stampede become one of the most dangerous teams in the league, but that has not always been the case.

Idaho began the season 0-5 and won only two of its first eight games. Since then, they have stormed back to win 14 of 15 to take a half game lead in the West.

Coach Gates was quick to point out one major improvement that has helped transform the season.

"To be honest with you, we played Ronell Taylor more minutes and put him in the starting line-up," Gates said. "We're excited about his future with us."

Taylor, a 6-4 guard from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, has provided a much-needed spark in the starting line-up, leading all scorers in the win against Bakersfield last Sunday with 23 points.

"He gives an edge that we were looking for," Gates said. "He has really stepped up and we're pleased with that."

Taylor, along with Jeff Graves, a forward out of Kansas, who leads the team in rebounds, and C.J. Miles have helped the Stampede (16-7, 12-3 conference) elevate themselves to the best record in

the league.

With that record comes expectations, however. Idaho can no longer fly under the radar unnoticed.

The Stampede's defense, which ranks second in the league, will be important but Idaho needs to continue to improve offensively.

Luckily for Coach Gates they should have the weapons to do it. Miles said he believes that the Stampede can compete with anyone.

"With the athletic guys we have we're able to get out on the break and guys can finish who can shoot well," Miles said. "We've been doing a good job of making teams pick their poison. We can feed it in the post, if not, we've got guys that can make shots from anywhere or guys that can penetrate and hurt you."

There is little doubt the

Stampede are multi-dimensional. Coach Gates is working with Peter Ramos out of Puerto Rico and Mouhamed Saer Sene out of Senegal, both towering more than seven feet tall.

The two big men have been able to establish a dominant presence in the paint all season long.

If it's not inside, the Stampede can get it done with guards Ronell Taylor and Randy Livingston. Both experienced players can hurt teams from the perimeter.

"We're a great half-court execution team on both sides of the ball," Gates said. "We'll get our lay-ups and our shots, but it's important that we control the pace on both ends."

The Stampede will now turn their focus and their winning streak toward Fort Worth (13-6 overall), who Idaho beat on the road back in December 106-100.

Fort Worth is only 5-5 in their last ten contests but is certainly not a team to overlook.

"They've got a lot of good perimeter players and a lot of good shooters that we have to defend well," Miles said. "We just need to keep playing hard and keep the streak alive."

Forth Worth is looking to gain ground in the Eastern Division as they trail Dakota by a game and a half. The Stampede know they're up for a challenge against a good shooting team.

"We've got to defend the three point line and keep them off the offensive glass to win," Gates said. "We've got to control dribble penetration and not play at their pace."

The Stampede will face off against Fort Worth on consecutive nights, Wednesday and Thursday, at 7 p.m. in Qwest Arena.

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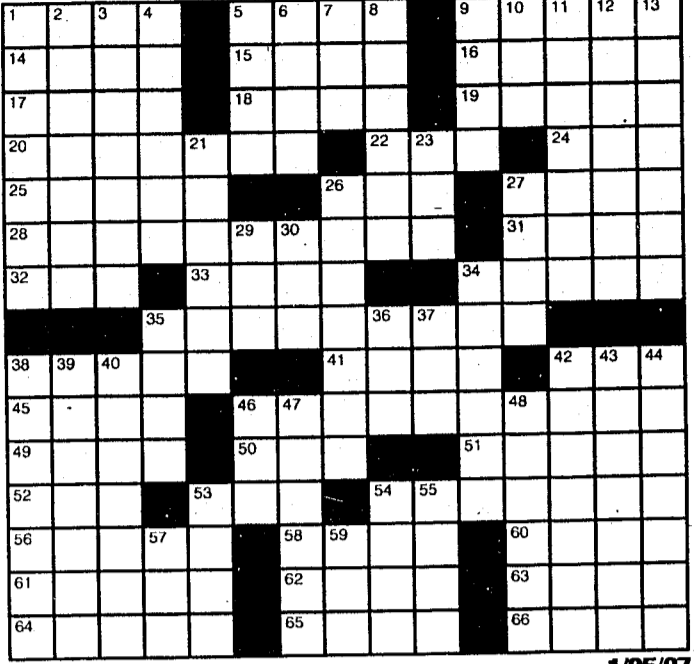
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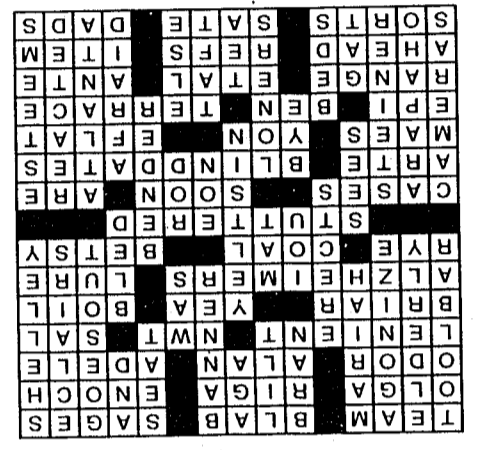
## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Dolphins or Marlins
  - Spill the beans
  - Wise men
  - Gymnast Korbut
  - Baltic capital
  - Son of Cain
  - Nose alert
  - Actor Alda
  - Fred's pre-Ginger partner
  - Not severe
  - Part of Can.
  - Actor Mineo
  - Pipe type
  - Indeed
  - Reach 212 degrees
  - Memory disorder
  - Enticement
  - Bread buy
  - Anthracite, e.g.
  - King or Ross
  - Spoke with spasmodic repetitions
  - Detective's load
  - In a jiff
  - Metric measure
  - Comic Johnson
  - Setups, of a sort
  - Murray and West
  - Hither's partner?
  - Musical key
  - Cure starter?
  - Actor Kingsley
  - Patio
  - Kitchen appliance
  - Relative of etc.
  - Feed the kitty
  - In the future
  - Sports zebras
  - List element
  - Alphabetizes
  - Fill past full
  - Family men
- DOWN**
- Computer task array
  - Aged
  - Spend time worrying
  - Singer Carey
  - Fiber source
  - Happy song
  - Turkish title
  - Large headline
  - Chair
  - Too
  - Becomes extinguished
  - Cream-filled pastries
  - Winters of Hollywood
  - Constructs
  - Once existed
  - Boris of Russia
  - Used leeches
  - Debt reminder letters
  - Welcoming rug
  - Drinking spree
  - Notices
  - Very long period
  - Gangster's gun
  - Tourists' totes
  - Plains tribe
  - "Gone with the Wind" composer
  - Emory University city
  - Hit back
  - Reveres
  - So long
  - Recluses
  - Scared
  - Flower areas
  - Plump president
  - Different heater
  - Gangster's social



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I FIRED HIM BEFORE HE STARTED YAMMERING ABOUT LINUX.

EASY COME, EASY GO.

CAN YOU COME TO A MEETING RIGHT NOW? NO, IT'S ALMOST LUNCH TIME.

IF I MISS LUNCH, MY DAY WILL BE 12 HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED MISERY. I WILL ENVY THE DEAD.

THAT'S STUPID. THE DEAD DON'T EAT LUNCH EITHER.

## HOROSCOPES

BY LINDA C. BLACK  
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**Today's Birthday (01-25-07)**  
Allow yourself a few adventures early in the year, but be careful. You'll be staying closer to home after April. Don't have it be with a broken leg. Better you should be working on your garden. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**  
Today is an 8- Do the best you can with what you have. You'll be well rewarded. You'll gain not only wealth, but also a lot of respect.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Today is an 8- You're taking on new responsibilities, and there will be conflicts. Be patient with a person who used to give you orders.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Today is a 7- Make the decision and cinch the deal early. If you can't it's better to wait. Regular chores take precedence later and tomorrow.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 7- You'll soon be in a better position to make lots of money. Be thinking about what you'll do when you get there, so you can do it quickly.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 6- You've made a tough job look almost easy. Don't push that impression too far. Don't take on another impossible task quite yet. Get back to them later on that.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is an 8- Soon, you'll be into the doing part of the plan you're devising. Know that new difficulties will arise. Proceed with confidence, and caution.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Today is an 8- Listen and learn from a person who's more willing to take a risk. You won't have to do that at all. Follow when the danger's over.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Today is an 8- Make sure new systems are running properly, and then hold back. Be watching for problems to develop, and bugs to be worked out.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Today is an 8- There are a couple of chores you shouldn't ignore any longer. You know what they are, though. You may not know how to do them. More study is required.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Today is an 8- You've been thinking of ways to protect what you've acquired, and that's good. Now, relax with people who love you, in a beautiful place. Don't buy or sell anything.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Today is a 7- Devote as much time as you can to your latest investigation. After you collect all the data, you get to build upon it. That's the fun part.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Today is a 7- You're going into another learning phase. Perhaps it's because of a new thing you've bought. You need to learn how to use it properly. Be careful not to break it.

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185/65VR-15	57.96	215/60VR-16	64.97
205/65VR-15	57.41	225/60VR-16	65.44
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P185/75R-14	39.05	165/70HR-13BW	30.97	P215/70SR-14	51.52
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195/65HR-14	45.98	215/60HR-16	59.17	215/45VR-17	93.27	245/40ZR-18	130.61
215/65HR-14	50.01	225/60HR-16	59.10	225/45VR-17	97.22	215/35ZR-18	119.43
185/65HR-15	44.32	195/65VR-15	60.17	235/45VR-17	100.73	225/35ZR-18	131.13
195/65HR-15	46.92	205/55VR-15	63.12	245/45VR-17	106.73	255/35ZR-18	173.31
205/65HR-15	51.76	225/55VR-16	70.29	245/45ZR-18	144.05	265/35ZR-18	193.04
215/65HR-15	56.44	195/50VR-16	71.24	205/40VR-16	67.16	225/35ZR-19	190.91
175/60HR-13	34.99	185/50VR-15	57.06	215/40ZR-16	79.19	235/35ZR-19XL	206.36
185/60HR-13	39.62	205/50VR-15	61.05	205/40VR-17	76.20	245/35ZR-19	209.23
195/60HR-13	41.13	195/50VR-16	63.87	215/40VR-17	90.49	245/35ZR-20	157.04
185/60HR-14	41.13	205/50VR-16	70.33	235/40VR-17	99.50	255/35ZR-20	158.62
195/60HR-14	45.65	225/50VR-16	73.62	245/40VR-17	97.35		
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