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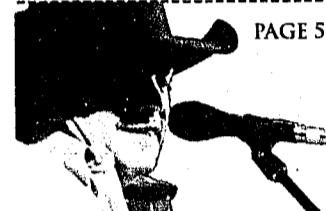
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In her latest podcast "On the Flip Side," host Shannon Morgan talks with special guest Jesse Dollemore who recently won the MySpace State of the Union Video contest.

The sports guys Dustin Lapray and Jake Gracin are at it again, covering everything from BSU sports to drunken racecar driving in the latest edition of "Arbiter Sports Talk."

WEATHER

MONDAY
High: 41F / Low 23F

TUESDAY
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ON CAMPUS

TUESDAY
Deadline for submission: Phi Kappa Phi Annual Writing Competition. Students may initiate the process, but a Faculty Nomination Form must accompany submitted papers. Visit <http://phikappaphi.boisestate.edu>.

WEDNESDAY
Poet Clayton Eshleman will read from his works. 7:30 p.m. at the Student Union Bishop Barnwell Room. Eshleman's reading is part of the MFA Reading Series and is free and open to the public.

Fitness buff inspires Boise community



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BY RYAN RASMUSSEN
News Writer

Last Thursday the Boise community had the opportunity to listen to Dr. Ian Smith, author of "The Fat Smash Diet," and medical/diet expert on VH1's "Celebrity Fit Club." Smith addressed the public about being fit and how to reach personal goals.

The event was held at the Morrison Center and sponsored by Gold's Gym and Bodybuilding.com to help with the promotion of Gold's Gym's Fifth Annual Fitness Challenge currently in progress.

Smith spoke about his experiences on the show and working with celebrities.

"People love this show because they get to see the real side of celebrities, see them strug-

gle with the same problems as themselves," Smith said.

Smith spoke of his views on how the country has put fitness into a "zealous bucket" and that has caused people to believe that fitness is just for the muscle-bound body-builders, when in reality fitness is for everyone.

Entertaining the audience with stories and jokes about the celebrities he worked with in the past, Smith spoke of key factors of getting motivated and starting the fitness journey. The first thing he teaches people is to be realistic.

"Weight loss is a journey ... it's about what you believe. Believe in yourself you will do anything," Smith said. "It's about making good decisions - it's not about making drastic decisions, it's about making small decisions."

Smith gave the example of a small change that can have big results when he said that if people switch from regular soda to diet soda over a year period they could lose 10-15 lbs.

In part of being realistic, Smith suggests people take a picture of themselves in the early stage of working out to use it as motivation. He explained why it is very bad that the public hold their body image in comparison to others.

"We all have different perceptions of reality and who we are," Smith said. "Set realistic goals, and not just big goals. Set small goals because that's how you get momentum."

Smith suggests rewarding yourself every time a goal is met. This way, the motivation and desire to achieve an overall goal continue.

Smith also warned against mak-

ing excuses, such as saying that you are too busy.

Smith spoke of other ways to get motivated and how to stay on task, ending the event with a question and answer session.

"It was very insightful to see during the Q and A how many people don't understand diet and fitness. Most people don't realize how hard it is to achieve those goals when just watching it on TV," Jory Sutton, an operations manager for Gold's Gym, said. "A lot of people think that celebrities have it easier when they don't. They face the same challenges as the rest of us."

Representatives from both Gold's Gym and BodyBuilding.com were present at the event and available to answer questions and assist individuals getting started with their fitness goals and enroll them in Gold's

Gym Body Success Challenge. The winner of the challenge receives a seven-day Alaskan cruise for two, not to mention a better physique.

"It is a lifestyle change. It's not easy - that's why it's called working out. It involves a little work and effort," Sutton said.

Smith is also currently a medical contributor to "The View" and a medical columnist for "Men's Health." He spent several years as a journalist for NBC. He holds a master's in science education from Columbia University and graduated from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

For more information on Smith's diet, visit fatsmashdiet.com. For more information on the Body Success Challenge, contact Gold's Gym at 853-4653.

Public schools' budget increases by seven percent

BY CEAN SIEGEL
Assistant News Editor

Tom Luna, the superintendent of Idaho's public schools, presented his proposal for next year's budget last Thursday, announcing a \$1.38 billion general fund budget.

The budget represents a 7-percent increase compared to the current year's funds.

The additional resources will be used in a variety of ways, including a "Classroom Enhancement Package," which will account for nearly \$24 million.

The money would be used toward the cost of a number of things, including classroom supplies, replacing worn-out textbooks and remedial classes.

Under this new plan, 14,800 teachers would have \$350 available to their classroom to use for supplies. In the past, many teachers have been forced to spend personal funds in order to obtain the necessary materials for their classrooms.

"This is our first step in creating a customer-driven education system - one that puts parents and students first and recognizes the contribu-

tions that our teachers make every day," Luna said.

In a type of incentive program, Luna suggests that the state provide \$3 for every \$1 used by schools to buy new and updated textbooks. Many books currently being used are outdated and in poor condition.

"My budget specifically directs money to the classroom, where it is needed most," Luna said.

Currently, remediation and technology funds are tied together - a fact that Luna plans to change. He wants funds specifically set aside to assist in the vicinity of 20,000 students who have scored below proficiency levels on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test two years in a row.

Additionally, Luna recommends tracking the results for three years to measure success. This plan still leaves \$9.8 million, set aside specifically for technology.

Luna wishes to focus on advancing the education of the students who excel as well.

He plans to provide money to pay for more than 6,000 students to take six credit hours of college-level

courses. According to an interview between the "Idaho Press Tribune" and Sherri Wood, president of the Idaho Education Association, her organization supports at least a portion of the future plan.

"For the last year, we've been talking about the need for textbooks," Wood said.

Previously, Luna worked for Governor Phil Batt as spokesman and commissioner for the Idaho Achievement Standards Commission, and later went on to become chairman of the Idaho Assessment and Accountability Commission.

In March of 2003, Luna served as a senior advisor to Secretary of Education Rod Paige. During his time as a senior advisor, Luna worked across the country on school choice and rural education.

According to Luna's Website, www.tomluna4idaho.com, his job is his passion.

"An advocate for Idaho's youth, Tom's true passion is to make sure that every child receives a quality education."

OTHER REQUESTED INCREASES

- \$3.8 million supplemental request for fiscal year 2007 for agriculture replacement funds.
- \$700,000 in additional funding to accommodate growth in enrollment in online Advanced Placement courses.
- \$500,000 in additional funding for professional development of teachers for gifted and talented programs for K-12 students.
- \$350,000 to create a math initiative to provide students with early exposure to mathematics.
- \$150,000 to fund a study and report to the Legislature on school security deficiencies in Idaho.
- \$100,000 for the Rural School Initiative, which will provide funding to develop plans to solve problems related to declining enrollment and teacher recruitment in rural areas.

Boise Young Professionals hosts featured speaker Kai Ryssdal

BY DARCIE NUTT
News Writer

Kai Ryssdal, host of the radio shows "American Public Media's Marketplace" and "Marketplace Money," was the featured speaker for the Boise Young Professionals on Thursday, Jan. 25. Ryssdal spoke at the historic Crystal Ballroom, located on the second floor of the Hoff Building in downtown Boise. The event was sponsored by Norco Inc. Ryssdal also broadcasted live from Boise State Radio on Jan. 25 and 26.

American Public Media is the sec-

ond-biggest producer of the public radio programs, reaching 4.7 million listeners nationwide each week. American Public Marketplace offers segments revolving around money and business, people, local economics and the world.

Ryssdal's speech involved topics ranging from the market in China to unemployment.

"This was just a speech on why the economy matters," Ryssdal said. "The economy affects everybody."

According to Ryssdal, he understands that business and poli-

tics can be boring sometimes for listeners, so he tries to make sure his audience easily understands the information.

"I pretend I'm speaking to my mom," Ryssdal said. "And that's the trick."

In his speech, Ryssdal spoke on entrepreneurship in the Treasure Valley. According to Ryssdal, entrepreneurship is important to all the American economy because it makes up about 70 percent of jobs and can fix other things that are wrong in the country.

According to Boise State Radio

Volunteer Kay Johnson, Ryssdal was the right person to speak to the audience of young professionals.

"I thought he did a great job," Johnson said.

Ben Quintana of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce said Ryssdal was an excellent speaker who gave enlightenment on news, business and politics.

"And [he] provided great insight and information to the young professional population in Boise."

Boise Young Professionals, according to Quintana, is a group of professionals 21 to 40 years of age and is open to

all - entrepreneurs, bankers and students alike. According to Quintana, the groups' objective is to attract and retain young professional talent to the Boise area.

"We provide opportunity for leadership and professional development, community and civic involvement, arts and culture and social opportunities in Boise," Quintana said.

Membership for Boise Young Professionals is \$50 per year, which includes significant discounts and free admission to events. Other benefits include opportunities to get involved in the community.

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Al-Maliki defends plan to stop sectarian violence

The new plan to stop the sectarian violence that's ravaging Iraq's capital hasn't been published and no one will announce when it will be put into motion, but that didn't stop a lively debate on the proposal last Thursday in the nation's parliament.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki pledged that the government would be evenhanded when it implements the plan, targeting "criminals" rather than religious or ethnic communities.

But Sunni Muslim legislators denounced the plan, and one called it a "shame" for Iraq because it calls for an additional 21,500 American troops, whom President Bush dispatched as part of his new strategy for Iraq.

Outside, fighting raged on. Along Haifa Street, where Iraqi forces with American support have been battling suspected Sunni insurgents since Jan. 9, residents said helicopters were circling the area and that bodies had been left in the street.

A car bomb in the central Baghdad neighborhood of Karada killed 25 and injured 50.

Two roadside bombs in the Baiyaa neighborhood killed three civilians. A bomb attached to a motorcycle killed two civilians and wounded 12 others near the Shorga market in downtown Baghdad.

The U.S. military reported one soldier killed and three wounded from a roadside bomb northwest of the capital.

Police said 42 bodies bearing signs of torture were found scattered throughout the capital.

At least two mortar rounds landed in the fortified Green Zone, where U.S. and Iraqi officials are headquartered.

No one was injured and there was little damage, said Lou Fintor, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy.

Abdul Nasir al-Janabi of the Iraqi Accord Front, a Sunni Islamist party, demanded that U.S. and Iraqi forces allow residents of the Haifa Street area to leave.

"We demand an end to the siege of Haifa Street," he said. "Kill whoever you call a terrorist, but don't blockade the civilians." Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh declined to say when the campaign would end.

Al-Maliki, in presenting his security plan to Iraq's 275-member parliament, the Iraqi Council of Representatives, dismissed suggestions that it was dictated by the United States.

"First, I want to confirm that it's a 100-percent Iraqi plan under Iraqi command," he said. "For the first time the Iraq forces and command hold the responsibility of such a big operation."

Al-Maliki attacked critics who said that the Shiite-led government won't crack down on the Shiite militias that have been terrorizing Sunnis.

"Some say that the plan targets Shiites, and others say it targets Sunnis. I want to say it targets all, but all those who break the law," al-Maliki said.

NATIONAL

Seminary's treatment of female professor questioned

An Arlington, Texas, pastor says Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary committed "a moral injustice" by denying a female professor the chance for a tenure review because of her gender, and he has filed complaints with two accrediting agencies, asking them to investigate.

The Rev. Benjamin Cole of Parkview Baptist Church filed complaints with two agencies - the Association of Theological Schools and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools - saying that the Fort Worth Seminary's treatment of professor Sheri Klouda violated its own policy and jeopardizes its accreditation.

At issue is the interpretation of a Southern Baptist doctrine statement that says the office of senior pastor is limited to men, and Southwestern President Paige Patterson's interpretation that it also means that only men should instruct future pastors, Cole said.

Patterson could not be reached for comment, but he has previously said that interpretation is appropriate in order to follow "the biblical pattern that we need men in that capacity."

Cole said the seminary's policy manual reflects equity of tenure review for male and female professors in all its schools, including theology.

Van McClain, Southwestern's chairman of the board of trustees, declined comment. In an e-mail to The Associated Press, McClain said the seminary has not changed its policy but that there was "a momentary lax of the parameters, and [Southwestern] has now returned to its traditional, confessional and biblical position."

Klouda, who was hired in August 2002, taught biblical languages at Southwestern and now teaches languages and Old Testament studies at Taylor University in Upland, Ind.

Cole said Southwestern's treatment was "outrageous."

"It's a moral injustice to award her a job based on her demonstration of professional excellence ... and then to deny her the process of review for tenure," he said.

He said seminary trustees showed "lax oversight" and violated seminary procedures and policies.

"Quite frankly, Southwestern trustees appear to regard the interests of the school's president over the interests of the school's reputation," he said.

The Association of Theological Schools in Pittsburgh has not yet received Cole's complaint, but when it does its accreditation commission will ask Southwestern to respond before consideration, said Nancy Merrill, the association's communications director.

The move could save taxpayers money. The reopening of the old facility is being explored now because the state's public insurance agency has recently put pressure on the county regarding liability about crowding at the main jail, Sheriff Chris Smith said.

"We're certainly looking at what it's going to take to bring it up to code," Smith said. "With a whole lot of effort we can make it functional, but it's going to be a temporary fix."

The old jail could hold more than 50 inmates and ease crowding at the main jail. County officials have struggled with a lack of beds for inmates in the main jail for years. A \$72.5 million bond proposal to build a new jail last year did not receive enough votes to pass by the required two-thirds supermajority.

Opening the old jail would save the county from having to send more inmates to Ada County's jail to relieve crowding. That costs the county \$54 a day for each offender. The county has had an average of about 18 inmates in Ada County at a time during recent months.

But Canyon County's former sheriff says the old jail shouldn't have been shut down in the first place.

Longtime lawman George Nourse has criticized the county for shutting down the old jail. He said it always passed inspections during his tenure as sheriff, which ended in January 2005.

"That building is made out of solid concrete and steel," Nourse said, "it's stronger than the new [jail] building made out of cinder block."

Nourse asserts that the county should never have had to spend money housing inmates in Ada County. But Smith said the county did not want to risk the liability incurred with housing inmates in the old jail.

County officials shut down the old jail section in the fall of 2005 after the Idaho Sheriffs' Association recommended doing so. Smith said the facility has structural problems, poor ventilation and mold, and was considered detrimental to the health of inmates and staff.

"Those things we think we can fix," Smith said.

The county is also looking into the prospect of sending some inmates to Owyhee County, Smith said, which would be cheaper than Ada County.

WHAT THE?

They just needed some air

A couple was arrested on the highway in Asheville, N.C., while riding in a stolen car.

They caught the attention of the police because the woman was standing up through the sunroof naked from the waist up.

Who's this chimp's daddy?

At Chimp Haven in Caddo Parish, La., a home for older chimpanzees, all the males receive vasectomies. Despite this, a female chimp named Teresa got pregnant and turned up carrying a newborn, much to the amazement of staff members. The males are currently undergoing paternity tests.

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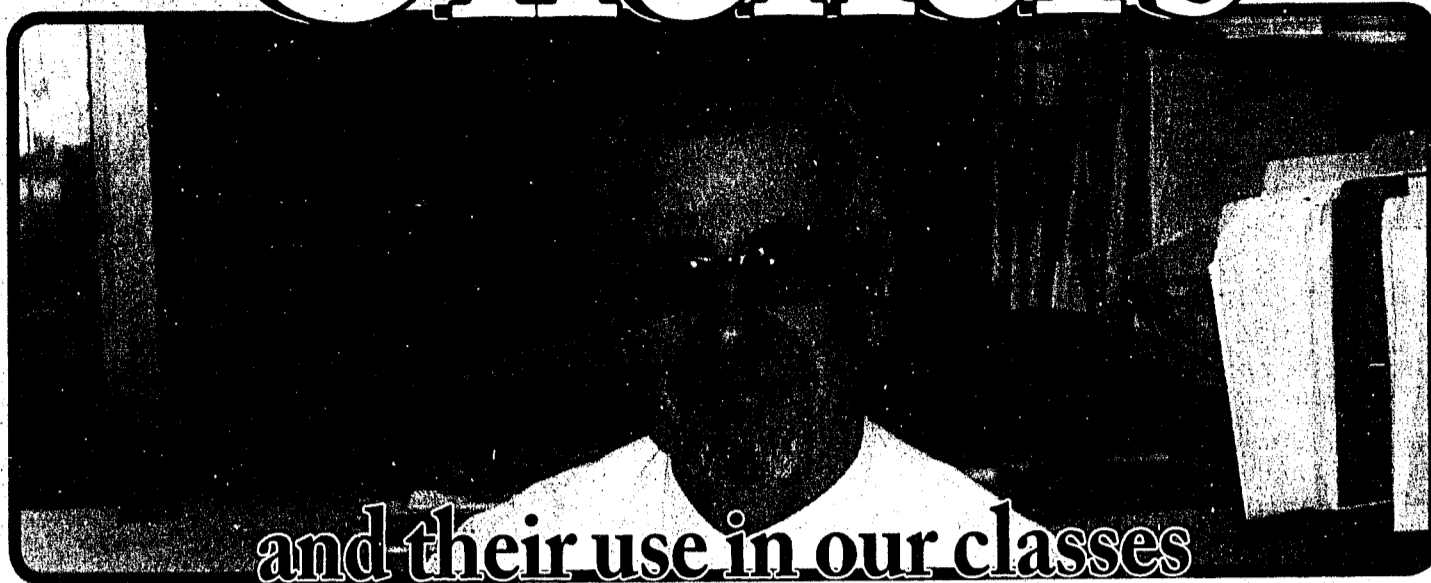
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Clickers



and their use in our classes

Marketing Professor Doug Lincoln prepares to give a lecture for his MKTG 301 in his office.

BY HARSH MANTRI
Arbiter Staff

There are varieties of clickers which have been used commercially for a long time. The use of clickers started almost 30 years ago when they were first used by IBM for corporate training of its employees. Clickers have also been used in the famous television quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" in which the contestants used audience answers to questions posed by the game show host. Since then clickers have evolved, from hard-wired clickers to infrared (IR) to the modern day radio-frequency (RF) controlled clickers.

Clickers have trickled into academia and higher education classrooms in the last decade or so, and have been used in physics departments of many universities.

Each student who has a clicker has a unique code which allows the instructor to identify the source of the response. If student anonymity is desired, this feature can also be turned off.

These clickers are being used in a couple classes here at Boise State University. The Physics Department has used them since Fall 2006. Economics Professor Jeff Black has also started using these clickers this semester along with Marketing Professor Doug Lincoln.

Lincoln, Editor of "The Journal of Marketing Education," is teaching the junior-level class MKTG 301, Principles of Marketing, this semester and decided to use clickers in his class because of an increase in the number of students.

"I really wanted to give the students a good education, even if there were 90 of them instead of 40," Lincoln said.

He is teaching this class along with two other instructors, since the class has three sections.

He encouraged his colleagues to adopt the use of clickers in their sections as well, but they joked about conducting an experiment with their classes.

"We thought it would be funny for one section to use it and not the other two sections," Lincoln said.

Although there are four major brands of clickers available, Lincoln decided to go with the CPS (Classroom Performance System) brand.

This is because the book that they use for the class is partnered with CPS and he didn't want to change books.

CPS is made, marketed and supported by eInstructions and is the market leader in the industry.

"They had good support, good training, and were well known. Also I had done research and found that Ohio State

University adopted the CPS brand for use throughout its entire campus. So I figured they couldn't be too wrong about it," Lincoln said.

Using the clickers, students can respond to questions posed by Lincoln. The signals from each clicker are received by a portable receiver attached to the computer in the classroom where the class is taught. Because of the use of clickers, the results are instantaneously available, compared to the traditional use of paper and pencil, which takes a great deal of time to read.

One of things that Lincoln likes to do is give weekly quizzes instead long exams covering seven to eight chapters at a time. The student will be using their clickers for these quizzes. The advantage in doing this is that the quizzes can be completed faster, the students' responses recorded instantly and immediate feedback is available.

"One thing I plan to do is pose a question on their level of understanding of a particular topic. People don't like to show

that they're dumb and embarrass themselves. One of the things I could do is put in anonymous mode and students can respond and I cannot track their response to a particular name. One of the beauties is that you can get responses, get opinions and feelings from people who might not otherwise give them to you," Lincoln said.

As far as learning how to use the clicker and the software that came along with it, Lincoln said that there is a very steep learning curve. He started to do the online training in October 2006 and has since read the 200-page manual that came along with the clicker.

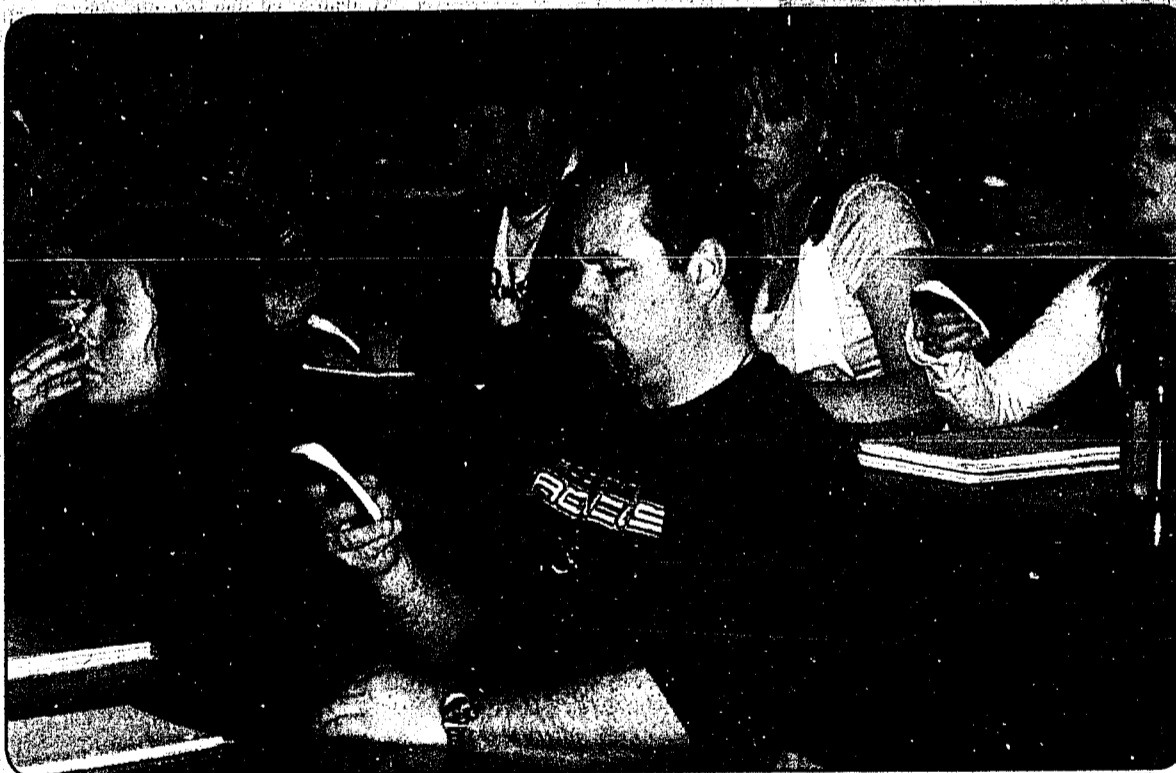
"I spent six hours preparing for today's class, which normally would have been one hour," Lincoln said. "It adds 10-12 hours per week for class preparation and it's a cost I look forward to making because I think it will benefit the students in the future."

The greatest value of using the clicker in the classroom is what is called "peer instruction." Lincoln poses an opinion question and all the responses are recorded. Then he asks the students to break into groups and discuss why they chose a particular answer. In this way the students can learn from one another.

One of the things with clickers that has been widely acknowledged is that the instructor cannot cover as much content.

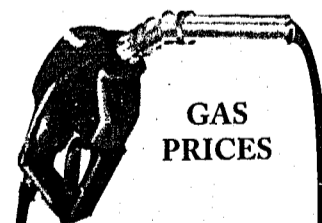
According to Lincoln, this is not such a bad thing.

It forces the instructor to think more clearly about what they want to have happen in class, as well as what they want the students to take away from the semester.



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Troy Sawyer, a student in MKTG 301 using his clicker to answer a question.



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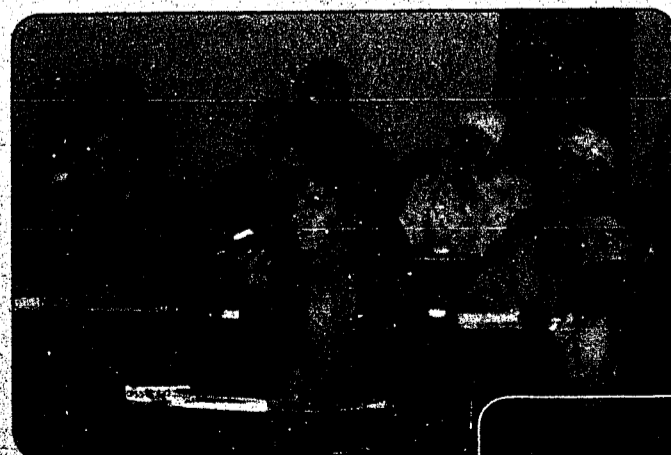
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(Right) Fahad Pervez is looking at the results of the questions he answered using his clicker. (Left) Students listen to lecture and answer questions with their clickers.



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OPINION

The way we see it ...

There is another top team at BSU to support

Don't look now, but there is a team at Boise State on a roll.

A team on an eight game winning streak.

A team whose average margin of victory over the last two games has been 36 points (that's a couple of blowouts, regardless of the sport).

This team sits alone at the top the Western Athletic Conference standings as the talk of playing in a big game in front of a nationally televised audience at the end of the season grows louder.

The team were talking about here probably isn't who you think they are. This team doesn't play on the blue and you can pretty much be guaranteed they look better in a dress than Ian Johnson or any other BSU football player.

Who's the team making all this noise you ask? Well, take a deep breathe because it's the basketball team ... the women's basketball team.

Hey, we were as shocked as you are when we heard about it.

After all, the women's basketball team has not had a winning season since the 1997-1998 season. In fact, how many of us could say with certainty we knew we even had a women's basketball team? But with a 16-4 mark already posted, and undefeated at 7-0 in WAC play - the Broncos are already guaranteed a winning season and look like the midseason favorite to represent the WAC in the Women's NCAA tournament this year.

Under head coach Gordon Presnell the women's program has seen a rebirth. However, for this program to continue to grow, they'll need better fan support.

This starts with us, the students. The foundation of any successful college program is its student base. With just over a thousand fans regularly coming to home games there is much room for improvement.

This Thursday the ladies host New Mexico State and two days later in Taco Bell Arena they meet up with the five-time defending WAC champion Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters. Tickets to any home game are free for students and don't act like you have anything better to do. It's just the third week of school and the weather outside is still too ridiculously cold to go outside and do anything fun.

We've all seen what a successful football program can do for the university and how it can rally a community together. Let's give that same kind of support to the women's basketball team.

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

Love can BUY a lot of things

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

I'll never forget how I met her. She sauntered into my office for an interview and it was mutual dislike at first sight. The room simply wasn't big enough for both of our egos, much less her fake boobs.

Don't ask me what happened next because I honestly couldn't tell you. The clash of the super egos somehow started to connect, and one work project suddenly turned into an all-night date.

"Just kiss me," she said outside the office. Like a fool, err ... better yet - a guy, I did. One kiss, that's all it took.

From that kiss sprung a work place romance that struck fear into the hearts of every co-worker in the office. We didn't care though, we laughed about it actually. This was no office romance - this was love - we were in love ... well, at least I was.

I was so in love that one day, trying to kill some time, I actually let her drag me into a jewelry store. We both spotted it at the same time if I remember right. It was her ring - just over two karats in total weight, 13 total diamonds and honest to god ... breathtaking. I made a silent

promise to myself that if this thing kept going on the path it was on I would buy her that very ring and ask her to be my wife, no matter what it took or how much I couldn't afford it.

One night over dinner with her entire family and family's friends there she leaned over and whispered in my ear, "I'd say yes you know."

“ We've all heard about 'hush money,' but what about 'love money?' What do you do with that once the love turns sour? ”

I knew exactly what she was talking about. I don't think she ever knew how much that one moment meant to me, or how much it ultimately changed everything between us.

Instead of continuing to tease her about how much I had and how fast she fell in love with me, I started to pick up more hours at work. For me, the game was over.

With one sentence, one moment, one whisper in the ear that only I could hear - everything was differ-

ent. I didn't even tell her what I was doing, or why I had to be at work until two in the morning at least once a week. She never even asked why or really noticed I was suddenly working ten or more extra hours every week, which I guess, looking back, is something that should have drawn a red flag. I was possessed though ... if it's possible to have tunnel vision on a ring, I had

Sad - I know, but don't feel too bad for me. After all, I did have about \$5,000 worth of engagement ring money to fall back on.

Which brings me to the here and now. We've all heard about "hush money," but what about "love money?" What do you do with that once the love turns sour?

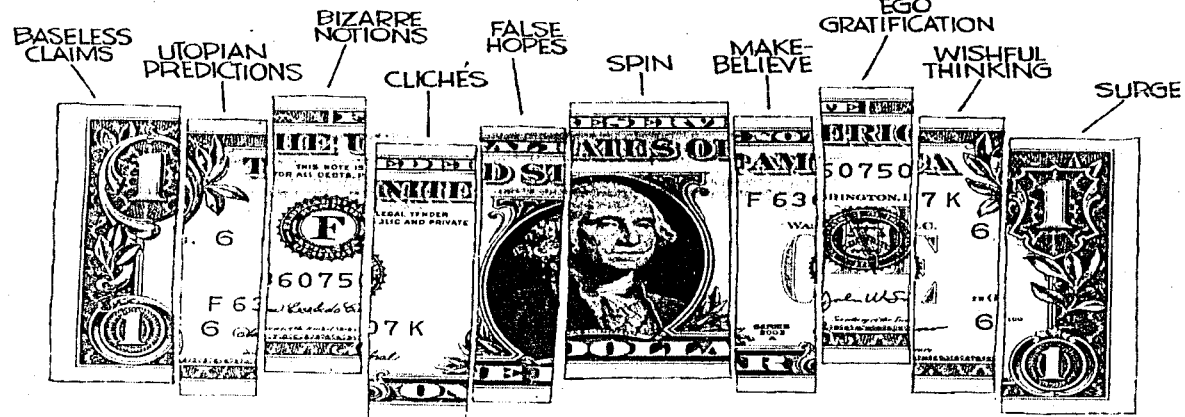
Well, I don't know exactly what you're supposed to do, but I bought a brand new laptop and wrote an article about the whole thing on it (you're reading it right now). Then I went out and got a brand new five-piece furniture set (thank you, fantastic metro-sexual taste) to go in my new apartment that I paid two months of rent in advance on.

Next I bought the flat screen television I always wanted (wall-mount included) and let my favorite massage therapist rub any tension I had over the situation away (no happy ending, just in case you were wondering).

Finally, I did the one thing every newly-dumped person should do - you buy the biggest mirror you can find so you can see how just how fabulous you make looking single be.

Hey, I told you at the beginning of this ... there just wasn't enough room for both of our egos.

IRAQ: YOUR TAX DOLLAR AT WORK



Flying above and looking down: President Bush's domestic policy for the poor

MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY
Opinion Writer

President Bush's latest State of the Union Address showed us two things: he's tired of criticism regarding his Iraq mess and he's certainly no economist. His plan to subsidize health insurance for over 45 million uninsured Americans, while seemingly trimmed with good intentions, is likely to be as big a bungle as his Medicare drug prescription plan.

Honestly, his ideas about money and taxes are shortsighted. When he gave us that \$300 check at the beginning of

his presidency, we were grateful. But where was he when Hurricane Katrina broke the levees in New Orleans?

Flying above and looking down - that should be his new slogan as it regards domestic policy toward the poor. If he really wanted to help America's poor, he'd stop trying to send more of them to Iraq and he'd subsidize gasoline for them, not for Exxon-Mobil and BP.

In a time of record profits for the oil companies, Americans are paying nearly double for transportation costs and the poor feel that pinch more than anyone.

As for people living paycheck to paycheck, a tax incentive for them to buy health insurance is not enough for Bush's plan to work. In a United States where over one-third of the population lives without health insurance because of socio-economic status and subsequent inability to pay high premiums, it's not hard to see that our health care system is wrecked.

Currently, Medicaid is the United States' biggest health provider, taking care of another third of our population. So at this point, only one-third of Americans are able (or willing) to pay for health

insurance. In my mind, our next step should be to raze the whole health care system and follow progressive countries toward universal health care coverage.

Just imagine Joe, your mechanic. Instead of ignoring his bronchitis that turns into pneumonia, he walks into the clinic and gets the antibiotics he needs to remain productive and alive. Now our only problem is trying to find a way to pay for a universal health care system.

Here's one: repeal the tax breaks for oil companies and nail them for back taxes of ex-

cessive capital gains (which were unprecedented) so that we can stand the budget back on its feet and form a special Congressional panel to socialize the United States' health industry. Oh yes, we will also need the help of some economists, because I don't want to propose an idea that only looks good on paper.

That is all Bush's new plan is - something nice for the PR people, not even a package with good intentions. His latest State of the Union wasn't about health care for the poor - it was a way to dodge more criticism regarding Iraq.

you should know

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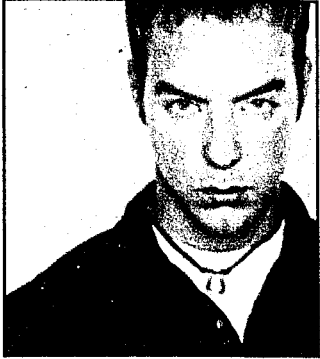
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WHAT'S HOT
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BY DANIEL KEDISH
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Globally

Hot

Winning a young woman's game

It has been years since a woman over the age of 35 has won the Oscar for Best Actress. This year may just be the first in over a decade with three of the nominees over the age of 50.

Meryl Streep at age 57, Judi Dench at 72 and Helen Mirren at 61 all hold nominations for the most talked about category of the awards ceremony and with over 20 Academy Award nominations between all three of them and three actual Oscars, these three women are sure to give the other two young actresses in the category a run for their money.

We'll just have to wait to see if Penelope Cruz or Kate Winslet can keep the young tradition alive, or is it finally time for silver fox to pull through.

Not

A new underwear alternative

The life of a celebrity is glamorous, full of parties, events and tons of appearances. However, one item making an appearance more and more lately can stay out of the limelight.

It seems everywhere you look now, more and more women are going commando. That's right, wearing nothing but what God gave them underneath and sometimes even less than that. To date, we have already caught glimpses at Paris Hilton's Australian oasis and Britney Spears's naughty bits.

In response to this new craze and unhealthy habit, a few companies are coming out with "Commandos," which are panty-free crotch patches for those who hate to wear underwear. Now maybe we'll never have to hear about a starlet's lack of undergarments.

Locally

Hot

Get acquainted with Lush

Located on Main Street next to Pita Pit is the latest hot spot, to join Boise's downtown night scene. Lush, which opened a few weeks ago, brings a new quality of taste and trend to the downtown scene with a lounge feel that anyone can sit back and enjoy with one of their mouth-watering martinis.

There drink lists range from Reds and Whites, to imported beers and cocktails, while finishing up with a wide selection of original martinis.

If you are looking for a relaxing hot spot this weekend checkout Lush. It really is a treat to kick back on their red leather sofas with a Snicker Martini.

Not

Crashing the party at St. Luke's

It happens when you least expect it, you end up getting extremely wasted without even realizing it, or some mess of an individual slips you some GSP. Next thing you know, you're dry heaving on your way to St. Luke's to get your stomach pumped.

It's a rough consequence to pay when going out, but what's worse is dealing with the hospital workers in the lobby while waiting. Expect no compassion and a long walk to the vending machines on the sixth floor.

After a crazy Friday night involving three cop cars, a fire truck and an ambulance I have one thing to say. If you think you might end up in the hospital after a crazy night, plan ahead. I suggest always having a few bags of chips, some soda and some reading material on you cause you never know when you might be in the waiting room until 7 a.m.



put on an amazing show

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

As the crowds were still pouring into the Taco Bell Arena, Taylor Swift, a 17-year-old country artist, took the stage. Her performance got the audience energized and on their way to see George Strait.

Her recent album, released in October, contains tracks written entirely by her, as she said between songs on stage. She also pointed out that the majority of her songs concerned her teenage boyfriends and how they treated her. Her famous hit song, "Tim McGraw," does not differ. Later, between songs, she said "Don't mess with me or I'll write a song about you," in a joking way.

After Swift played, Ronnie Milsap came on stage. The audience was, for the most part, already seated and ready for his electrifying performance. Milsap, although considered a country music artist, has a bit of a rock 'n' roll in his music. He has almost as many hit songs as Strait, with more than 40, and he's just as well known.

The zesty country performer began his portion of the show with the infamous song "Stranger in My House," and continued with many more of his great hits including "Smoky Mountain Rain," and "Lost in the 50's Tonight." It seemed as if the crowds were there to see Milsap play just as much as they were to see George Strait. His blindness certainly didn't impair his ability to electrify the crowd, hit the notes, and play the keyboard and piano.

The thousands in attendance erupted when the long-awaited George Strait took the stage. A standing ovation accompanied the country legend's arrival to the stage. Because he has over 50 number one hits, Strait couldn't play them all, but he certainly played the best ones. Early in his performance, he played the famed "Check Yes Or No," and "Honk if You Honky Tonk." "She'll Leave You With A Smile," another booming hit followed closely and, shortly thereafter, latest hits "Give It Away," and "It Just Comes Natural."

Many of those in attendance did not realize the legend left out many of his famed songs such as "She Let Herself Go," and "All My Ex's Live in Texas."

When the legend left the stage, the encore-begging applause was deafening. Strait came back on and played three more songs. "High Tone Woman," led into a cover of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" and finale of a shortened version of "The Cowboy Rides Away."

What made this concert interesting is the fact that the stage was centered in the Taco Bell Arena and each performer had a different way of reaching out to each section of the audience. Swift opened with a headset microphone and danced around the stage, facing everyone at different times of each song. When Milsap took the stage, however, he sat at a different piano or keyboard on each side. Strait stood with his guitar at a different microphone for each song.

The sold out concert pleased 12,900 fans, evident from the deafening roars that could be heard throughout the arena during the show. The only disappointment with the show is that the legend country singer left out many of his famed songs.

In his usual attire of wranglers, Mr. Stetson (a.k.a. George Strait) put on a sold-out show alongside rising country singer Taylor Swift and the famous Ronnie Milsap.

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Idaho Dance Theatre brings 'Pure Passion' to life

BY CHARITY VARNER
Culture Writer

Idaho Dance Theatre's production of "Pure Passion" graced Boise State University's Special Events Center last week, exhilarating audiences with a blend of entrancing melodies and skilled choreography.

The production consisted of four segments, each exhibiting a unique array of rhythm, movement and emotion.

The first segment, "Riptide," was a piece choreographed by Carl Rowe accompanied with music composed by David Alan Earnest. The curtain opened to reveal a dance of color.

The screen behind the dancers was illuminated in vivid greens, yellows, reds and blues - each setting the tone for a specific moment. The light started off fluorescent green as the dancers engaged in a relaxed dance of swaying movements that blurred as one when contrasted against the backlight. The color switched to yellow and a mellow tug-of-war ensued. Then the screen turned red and a fiery, fast-paced dance erupted.

The color-stimulated choreography was established to represent the constant undercurrent of diverse emotions within every action, gesture and sound.

The second segment, "Burden of Guilt," was a dark, almost disturbing piece choreographed by Jennifer Freeman. An entourage of dancers clad in black taunted a dancer adorned in blue. The movements were stiff and mimicked those of a robot.

The melody was a haunting composition, sounding as if a thunderstorm raged upon the stage. There was the distinct sound of a heartbeat pounding in the background.

The third segment, "Thank You for Coming," was a serious piece with comical undertones. Lauren Edson choreographed this segment with the intention of dis-

playing the struggles dancers endure to reach the main stage on opening night. The segment started off with auditions.

Each dancer showed a distinct personality trait, which brought the mini skit to life. There was the over-confident dancer, with his side smile and half nod, the nervous dancer scurrying off the stage and the too eager dancer who got swept off stage before he could even finish his routine. The segment ended with laughter and an uplifted mood.

The final segment "Sphere of Influence" was choreographed by Marla Hansen with music composed by Thomas Newman. The

main intent was the exploration of intimate relationships and the way in which every person affects the people around them.

The vividly colored costumes were beautifully distracting. The dances within this segment ranged from mellow to forceful. Group collaborations and solo performances showcased the many human interactions and struggles inherent in life.

All of the segments mixed together to create an emotionally charged look into the human experience. Each segment of "Pure Passion" told a story about what we all experience during the courses of our lives.

Boise State opens photography exhibit 'Here'



BY DALE EISINGER
Culture Writer

From Jan. 26 to Feb. 20, Boise State University will be hosting a conceptual photography exhibit.

The show is entitled "Here: Considerations of Place in Contemporary Photography," featuring 44 works by six artists. Considering the fact that the highlighted artists hail from New York to Los Angeles, it is a unique opportunity to have their work here at Boise State.

"All of the artists have a unique take on the theme," said Kirsten Furlong, the gallery's curator. "Some are dealing with the idea of home or identity. Others deal with

city or the urban environment."

One take on the theme is provided by Shawn Records, whose foggy landscapes seem at once verdant, bleak and yet full of hope. Records, who completed his undergraduate studies at BSU, helped jump-start the exhibition.

"I was in Portland for a show of Shawn's photographs," said Furlong, "and after seeing what was there, I came up with the idea."

She would later enlist the talents of Alex Emmons from Boise, Thomas Lewis of Los Angeles, Danielle Mercile from Ithaca, N.Y., as well as TJ Norris and Craig Payne, both of Portland, Ore.

Each gallery hosts 22 of the pieces that are as varied as the cities the

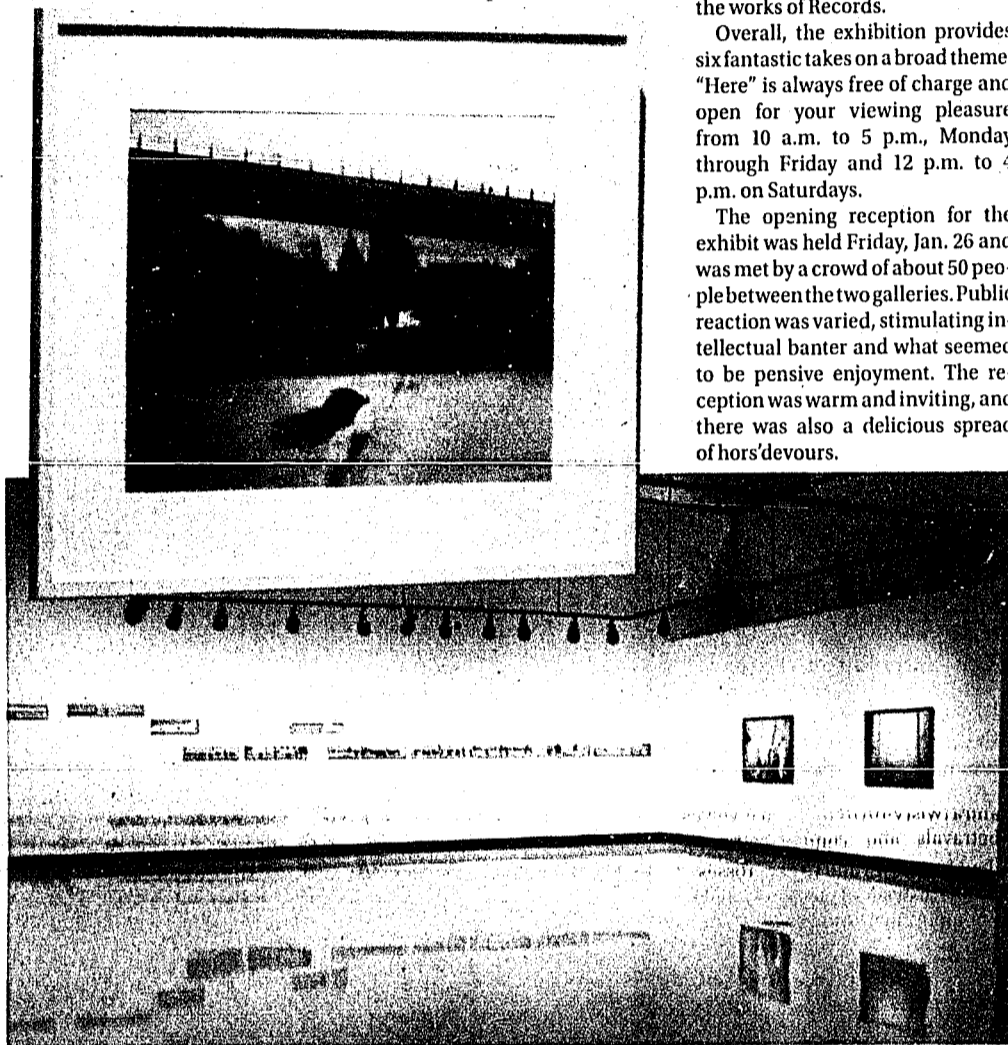
artists hail from. Gallery One is located in the Liberal Arts Building and features the works of Thomas Lewis and Alex Emmons. Lewis' prints are shadowy, detailed panoramic photos of storefronts and warehouses, spread out over a map the size of a wall. This provides contrast to the acutely focused, large, square prints of Emmons.

Gallery Two has a more muted feel. Payne's night photos have an industrial tinge and are set opposite the black and white mysteries of TJ Norris.

A standout piece in this gallery is the infinite-length dual-video of sunsets and crashing waves presented by Mercile: the remainder of her showing focused on lush forest settings. This gallery also presents the works of Records.

Overall, the exhibition provides six fantastic takes on a broad theme. "Here" is always free of charge and open for your viewing pleasure from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The opening reception for the exhibit was held Friday, Jan. 26 and was met by a crowd of about 50 people between the two galleries. Public reaction was varied, stimulating intellectual banter and what seemed to be pensive enjoyment. The reception was warm and inviting, and there was also a delicious spread of hors'd'oeuvres.



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Located in the Visual Arts Gallery in the Liberal Arts Building, six artists display 44 pieces of work in the latest collection titled "Here: Considerations of Place in Contemporary Photography."

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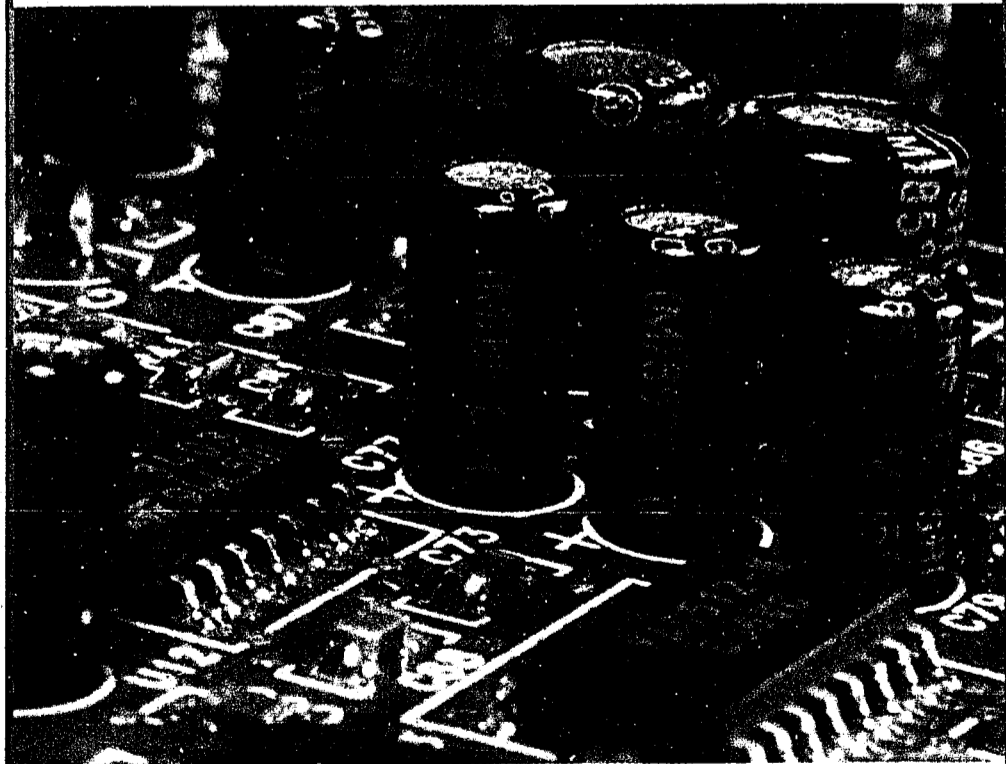
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'Smokin' Aces' hits theaters Vegas style



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have this whole sister-lover thing going on and speak in torrents of radical-feminist sound bites. Most improbable are the Tremor Brothers, a trio of meth-fueled neo-Nazi punks who throw everyone they meet into a meat grinder though they inspire one of the film's best lines when another hit man quips "they read 'Mein Kampf' like Mother Goose." There's also the super-bad guy who chewed his own fingertips off to prevent ever leaving prints and the master-of-disguise killer and this mysterious figure known only as Keyser Soze, I mean, "the Swede."

Then you have all the various federal agents with their special skills and deeply felt antagonisms or attachments. And, believe it or not, amid all this keystone-cops-in-a-blender mayhem, that's what "Smokin' Aces" wants you to think this is all about deep, resonant, human emotions. Hey, the heart everybody wants to dig out of the chest of Buddy is a symbol, man. When the movie isn't acting like a shoot-'em-up video game, it's aping anime, showering the viewer with hyperkinetic images and outrageous action while anchoring (or in this case, trying to) all the fantastical spectacle in some real universal feelings. Tarantino did the same in "Kill Bill" with all that splatter rooted in a mother's love for her lost little girl. And Carnahan tries to do it here with, um, Reynold's FBI agent's love and admiration for his boss agent, Liotta.

At least I think so, but I can't be sure since the final tragic scene of this high-tech opera, in which Andy Garcia explains everything to Ryan Reynolds, makes no sense. The tricky thing about being tricky is that all of the intersecting complexities have to climax in a really simple explanation. Think of that oh-my-god scene in "The Usual Suspects" in which you figure it out while watching Chazz Palminteri's

character figure it out just as, out on the sidewalk, Kevin Spacey's supposedly bad foot snaps into place. It all clicks into place with barely a word spoken. But here, it seems like people never stop explaining. "Make it make sense," pleads Reynolds to Garcia in the final scene. But he can't. And by then, you won't care.

BY TOM MAURSTAD
The Dallas Morning News

Cool is tricky, for a lot of reasons, most of which have to do with how contradictory cool can be. Cool can be calculated, for instance. In fact, it almost always is. But it can never seem calculated, because the second it does poof, an "un" drops in front of the "cool."

One of the contradictory rules of cool in movies is that the harder a movie tries to be cool, the less it is. Which brings us to "Smokin' Aces," a movie that tries very hard to be cool. Very, very hard, to a point that's so over-the-top, it smacks of that most dreaded word in the lexicon of cool desperation. And one thing that cool absolutely never, ever is is desperate. That's the kryptonite of cool.

So, in a way, it's a measure of writer and director Joe Carnahan's achievement that there are scenes, exchanges, moments and images in the movie that still manage to be really cool. This is the latest entry in that post-Tarantino genre of filmmaking, the gangster film that intersperses cartoonishly gory violence and rat-a-tat dialogue. There's the "Hollywood-Squares"-styled roster of big names Ben Affleck, Ray Liotta, Andy Garcia, Ryan Reynolds and a twisty-turny plot that involves betrayals and counter-betrayals, double-crosses and triple-crosses.

But instead of smoothly clicking along like a pop-culture fun-house roller-coaster ride, you end up feeling like you need a scorecard to keep track of who's who and a blackboard to diagram the action. That is, if you try to pay attention and follow along and make sense. Those all prove to be quaint modes of movie-watching that have no place and nothing to do with this kind of new-jack experience. This movie is meant to be watched the way a video game is played: just go from scene to scene and start blasting the minute you walk through the door.

Hot from his role as super-

agent Ari Gold on "Entourage," Jeremy Piven is the center of this movie as Buddy "Aces" Israel, a Vegas magician turned mobster that for reasons the movie spends its first 15 minutes explaining has a contract put out on him by a dying mob boss. The boss offers a million dollars to anyone who kills Buddy and brings him his heart. (This 21st century take on Sam Peckinpah's cult classic, "Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia" could have rightly been titled "Bring Me the Heart of Buddy Israel.")

The offer has "every hit man in the free world" heading to Lake Tahoe, where Buddy is holed up in a hotel's penthouse waiting for a deal with the government to be worked out so he can turn snitch and go into hiding.

Subplots are stacked upon subplots as we are introduced to rival assassins, each with his or her own colorful backstory. Most entertaining are Georgia and Sharice (Alicia Keys and Taraji P. Henson), two beautiful, tough-talking killers who



Jeremy Piven stars in "Smokin' Aces," an action film that tries desperately hard to be "cool."

Syphilis: then and now

BY KAT BERGERON
McClatchy Newspapers

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease with a history that dates to at least 490 A.D., although some historians believe it was described earlier by Hippocrates, the Greek philosopher.

Through history it has numerous names, from French Disease, The Big Pox and unmentionable street names. Today, it is a disease closely monitored by the health community. This STD caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum* is "the great imitator" because so many signs and symptoms are indistinguishable from other diseases.

Syphilis is passed from direct contact with a syphilis sore, so those who sell sex or others who have multiple partners spread it rapidly. That is why states like Mississippi require that doctors, labs and blood banks report positive cases for intervention to stop the spread. Unlike in the time of Hippocrates when it was a horrible death sentence, syphilis can be eliminated with antibiotics.

"Syphilis is perfectly treatable," said Hancock County, Miss., internal medicine Dr. Sanjay Chaube. "A single shot and you're pretty much cured. There have been no reports of drug resistance.

"The alternative to not being treated is too horrible to contemplate. Also, babies born to mothers with syphilis have real problems in joints and teeth and eyes."

Primary and secondary symptoms canker sores, rashes in the genital area or on the body for at

least the first two weeks to two months disappear and untreated syphilis goes into a latent stage, often unknowingly. Latent syphilis may irreversibly damage the heart and other organs and cause insanity and blindness.

So what famous people might have had syphilis, and likely didn't know it? Conjecture in history lists among suspects King Charles VIII, explorer Hernando Cortez of Spain and conqueror Ivan the Terrible. Irish writer James Joyce, gangster Al Capone, painter Paul Gauguin and composer Franz Schubert, join the possibilities but, again, proof is rarely there.

Now, a simple blood test lets someone know. Dr. Charles Mbonu, board certified in infectious disease and internal medicine in Biloxi, advises those who practice unsafe sex to be familiar with symptoms.

"People need to know what to look out for and seek treatment," Mbonu said. "They may be reluctant because they worry about stigma, but it is a very treatable disease in the early stages, and that is what we aim for."

Mbonu practices at Coastal Family Health Center, a non-profit collection of clinics across southern Mississippi. He polled fellow physicians within the center, and some reported seeing increases in syphilis and others did not. One trend he heard was that some cases are showing up in young teenagers. A more transient population with people moving in and out for rebuilding might also contribute to a doubling in the number of reported syphilis cases across the

Gulf Coast area, but Mbonu cautions against making assumptions.

"We should not arrive at such conclusions without looking at the data. It's something health officials need to look at closer to see if there is a trend."

The facts

What is syphilis?

A sexually transmitted disease caused by the bacterium *Treponema pallidum*. In the U.S., health officials reported more than 32,000 cases in 2002, including 6,862 cases of primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis. The incidence of infectious syphilis was highest in women 20 to 24 years of age and in men 35 to 39 years of age.

How to avoid it?

The surest way to avoid STDs, including syphilis, is to abstain from sexual intercourse or to be in a long-term mutually monogamous relationship with a partner who has been tested and is known to be uninfected. Also, practice safe sex.

What is the treatment?

A single shot of penicillin will cure a person who has had syphilis for less than a year. Additional doses are needed to treat someone who has had syphilis for longer than a year. There are no home remedies or over-the-counter drugs.

How is it diagnosed?

Some health care providers can diagnose syphilis by examining an infectious sore using a dark-field microscope. A blood test is another way because the body produces antibodies against it that can be detected by an inexpensive blood test.

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Men's Basketball
Wednesday
New Mexico State
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Saturday
Louisiana Tech
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Ruston, LA

Women's Basketball
Thursday
New Mexico State
7 p.m.
Boise

Saturday
Louisiana Tech
7 p.m.
Boise

Gymnastics
Thursday
Utah State
6:30 p.m.
Logan, Utah

Saturday
Brigham Young University
12 p.m.
Provo, Utah

Men's Tennis
Saturday-Sunday
University of San Diego
TBA
San Diego, Calif.

Women's Tennis
Sunday
Utah State
TBA
Logan, Utah

Track and Field
Friday
United Heritage Invitational
TBA
Nampa

[SIDE LINE]

Dorling improves diving scores

Boise State University diver Jennifer Dorling improved her diving scores Friday, leading a contingent of Broncos in improving times against arch-rival University of Idaho.

With a dive of 241.20 against the Vandals, the senior from Olympia, Wash., competing in competitive diving for the first time in her life, continues to improve her scores and impress coaches.

Two of the season-best times came from sophomore Holly Chatelain, who posted school records in both the 1,000-yard freestyle (12:21.60) and the 400 IM (5:21.88).

BSU sets records in the classroom

The overall grade-point-average for all Boise State student-athletes this past fall semester was 2.81, the highest fall semester GPA in school history. The best single semester GPA was 2.86 in the spring of 2006. The 2.81 fall semester GPA also increased Boise State's cumulative Athletic Department GPA to a record 2.94. The previous record for the cumulative GPA was 2.90 following the 2005 spring semester.

In accumulating the Department's current GPA records, 169 Bronco student-athletes earned a 3.0 or higher GPA for the 2006 Fall Semester - 52 percent of all student-athletes.

Teams setting single semester records were women's tennis with a 3.31 GPA and wrestling with a 2.74 GPA. Four teams also increased their cumulative GPA to all-time highs this past semester. Women's tennis improved its GPA to 3.21, women's track to 3.18, men's basketball to 2.93 and football to 2.78.

Seven student-athletes recording perfect 4.0 GPAs in the classroom this past semester were: Coby Karl (men's basketball), Kate Keller (soccer), Brennan Lau (soccer), David Lowery (football), Megan Olivetti (women's track), Robbie Richards (men's golf) and Katie Street (women's golf). Through seven semesters at Boise State, Street has a perfect cumulative GPA of 4.0.

BSU finishes week with strong win

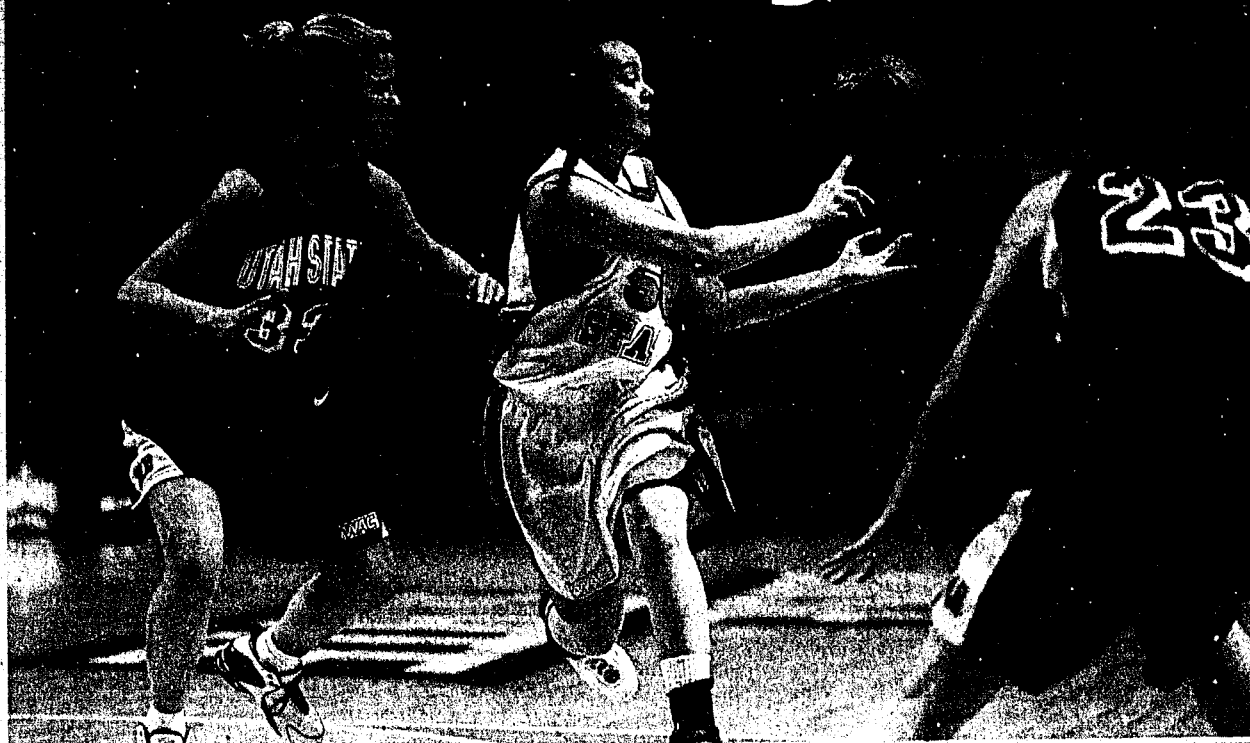


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Boise State defeated Utah State and University of Idaho last week to improve its conference record to 7-0. BSU has also won six straight games in Taco Bell Arena.

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

The University of Idaho came into Taco Bell Arena against first place Boise State on Saturday night as a heavy underdog. The Vandals kept the game close for the first five minutes before realizing Boise State was an overpowering opponent.

To make matters worse the struggling Vandals couldn't get their best player and Western Athletic Conference scoring lead Katie Madison involved.

Madison started the game ice cold and only had six points at the break on 3-10 shooting.

"We knew we had to shut her down," junior forward Jackie Lee said. "But it was going to be one player to do it, we all had to chip in and help."

Although the Broncos were the more polished team in the first half the key stat to their first half success may have been from turnovers. Boise State only had three turnovers in the game, whereas they forced 11 Idaho turnovers. Boise State came away with seven points off turnovers, while Idaho had none.

The Broncos on the other hand didn't have any troubles offensively in the first half. Three players were hovering around the ten-point mark at the break, including Jessica Thompson, who led the way with ten points heading into the break with Boise State leading 44-24.

"I think we've had seven players lead our team in scoring this year," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell said. "We're not really athletic and we're not really big. And I think one of the reasons

we've been hard to guard so far is that we've got four kids on the floor who usually can score."

That became really evident in the second half when the Broncos began to pour it on offensively. The Broncos shot 48 percent from the floor in the second half as a team and outscored Idaho 41-31 in the second half, despite just shooting 16 percent from three-point range and just barely over 60 percent from the free-throw line.

"I think its focus more than anything," Presnell said about his team's struggle from the foul line against Idaho. "Doing it the same way every time. You'd like to be around 72 percent as a team and I think we're in the 60s"

Everyone got into the mix in the second half for BSU, including freshman post-Ja'Lara Walker. Walker has been seeing significantly more minutes recently than earlier this season and Presnell said he is very pleased with her progress.

"We've been waiting for this light bulb to go on with her a little bit," he said. "And the last two weeks she's really improving. She's like the best athlete on the team, she's extremely fast, she's 6'4", she plays by the rim and we're not going to get those in Boise very often. We've got to develop her and keep her going and I think she looked really good tonight."

Walker finished with seven points and four rebounds in just ten minutes of action. But again, it was Boise State's versatility offensively that ultimately buried Idaho. Five Bronco players finished in double figures,

including Lee, Thompson, Michelle Hessing, Tasha Harris and Rebecca Kepilino. Not to mention that Walker had seven points and Jenna Galassi added eight more to the total. Boise State's impressive 85-55 thumping over their rival to the north held a little more meaning than just bragging rights. BSU secured a winning season with its win No. 16 on the year, a goal this team has had since day one.

"It's something we've been trying to do since I've been here for the last three years," Lee said about having a winning season. "So just to be able to come out and do it and have a crowd here with us to help us out. It helps a lot when we have a crowd."

Presnell was all smiles after the game knowing he could cross one of his teams major goals off the list. But he also stuck with the same mentality he's had all year, which is not looking too far ahead. When asked about a

possible NCAA tournament appearance, he said with a slight chuckle, "I'm not going to guarantee that just yet."

But he did finish by saying, "It's been a good run, we've just got to keep it going."

"I'm not going to guarantee [the NCAA tournament] just yet. It's been a good run, we've just got to keep it going."

- BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell

Box Scores

Idaho (55)
Madison 6-17 3-5 15, Otero 4-8 2-2 10, Witte 4-10 0-0 9, Dennehy 1-7 6-7 8, Koppen 1-6 4-4 7, Schlotthauer 1-12-2 4, Wells 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 18-52 17-20 55.

Boise State (85)
Jess Thompson 8-13 0-0 16, Hessing 5-14 3-4 13, Harris 5-10 2-5 12, Lee 2-7 7-7 12, Kepilino 4-9 2-5 10, Galassi 3-12 2-4 8, Walker 3-4 1-2 7, Stewart 2-4 0-0 4, Begay 0-6 3-4 3. Totals 32-79 20-31 85.

Halftime - Boise State 44, Idaho 24. Fouled Out - None. Rebounds - Boise State 60 (Jess Thompson 10, Idaho 26 (Dennehy 8). Assists - Boise State 11 (Lee 4), Idaho 4 (4 players each had 1). Total Fouls - Boise State 17, Idaho 18. A-1,851

BSU continues domination of WAC

BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

The Boise State women's basketball team edged a game closer to the best start in program history with an 85-55 win over University of Idaho Saturday night. The women improved to 7-0 in Western Athletic Conference play and 16-4 on the season.

With the victory over Idaho the Broncos secured a winning season, improving upon their 15-15 record last year. The women's program hasn't had a winning season since the 1997-98 season.

The win also improved the women's home record to 8-1 this season with six consecutive wins in Taco Bell Arena. Entering the game against Idaho BSU was 15-4, which equaled the best start after 19-games since 1993-94.

"Yeah our kids are pretty fired up about that, it's cool," BSU Head Coach Gordy Presnell said about securing the winning season. "Last year we wanted it so bad and we ended up with 15 (wins). So we didn't have a losing season, but it was the first goal coming into this year, was to have a winning season. And it's exciting that we got it in 20 games. But we've got more to achieve and accomplish hopefully."

With a win over the Vandals the Broncos also moved within three games of tying the best conference start in program history. In 1977-78 the BSU women's basketball team started conference play with a 10-0 record. If the winning continues for the 2006-07 Broncos their record

tying victory could come on the road against Idaho Feb. 8.

It's going to be a challenge for us coaching wise in terms of La Tech's right there, Fresno's there and Nevada has already won at Fresno and La Tech," Presnell said. "We're in a new position and we're just got to be confident and be aggressive and believe in what we're trying to do."

After playing two consecutive home games the Broncos still have another two games this week in Taco Bell Arena. During the upcoming week BSU plays host to New Mexico State Thursday and Louisiana Tech Saturday. The Broncos are currently enjoying their longest stretch of home games of the entire season.

"It's been great," Presnell said about playing consecutive games at home. "You know we had an eleven day run there where we were in our own beds for four nights. Our kids just plugged away and plugged away so now we get a chance to play New Mexico State at home next and we'll see what they have to offer."

The Broncos defeated New Mexico State in Las Cruces Jan 11. Two days later the Broncos traveled to Ruston, LA for a showdown with the five-time defending WAC champion La Tech Lady Techsters. BSU handed La Tech its first conference loss in nearly 15 seasons, which makes Saturday's matchup even more intriguing.

"When your playing La Tech and you're 10-15, it's not the same pressure as when your playing La Tech when your 16-4 and you're trying to battle for first," Presnell said. "So I'm anxious to see what we're made of, a lot of character hopefully."



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Boise State remained in first place of the Western Athletic Conference standings with a win over Idaho on Saturday.

The View from up here



Is it ok to go there?
BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

In my line of work there is, all too often, a moral debate about two perplexing questions - "What the hell was he thinking" and "is it okay to go there?" In some cases it seems cruel to throw salt on an open wound or kick a man while he is down. Then there is a case like Chris Henry.

Henry, a wide receiver for the Cincinnati Bengals, has become extremely popular with the media over the past 14 months for his lack of quality off field decisions. Henry has been arrested four times on charges stemming from drunk driving, marijuana and weapon possession and my all time favorite - contributing to minors.

I can see where Henry would feel the need to tote guns and hold dime bags, just so he doesn't take for granted where he comes from. Let's be real for a second, if it's where you come from, that's just what feels right.

Now for the drunk driving charge, I must say it seems a little bizarre to me he would find himself in a situation like this at all. After all, even poor college kids will hail a cab from downtown so they aren't at risk of spending the night in county. Apparently Chris Henry is holding onto every dime he can. Give me a fifty spot and I'll stay sober on Saturday night and chauffeur the dude around town. Is it seriously that tough of a decision to make?

Now the final bit of trouble Mr. Henry has found his way into completely bowls over any previous problems he's gotten into. The drugs and weapons were stupid, while the drunk driving needs no further lecturing. The straw that broke the camel's back, however, has got to be the contributing to minors charge.

My initial reaction was of complete disbelief that a professional football player would be partying in a hotel room with under aged girls. Then I did some research on the crime. Witnesses, or the little girls I should say, reported that Henry wasn't drinking and did not buy the alcohol. However, it was his hotel room and he was present, which certainly didn't bode well when the two minors were 16 and 15 years old.

I'm not even going to get into whether he was doing anything more than hanging out while they drank, because there was an 18-year-old girl present at the time also. However, Henry would probably have been better off with out the 18-year-old in his company because she was charged with murder in Cincinnati last September.

So Henry found his way to the forefront of the Cincinnati crime family that has become better known as the Bengals. A team that appeared to be on the rise after a playoff appearance in 2005-06 has sunk back down to the depths of the NFL.

With nine different players running into problems with the law this season it seems the Bengals might as well sign up Paul Crew to replace Carson Palmer. Crew, the star quarterback in the movie "The Longest Yard," would probably have a better connection with players like Henry than Palmer, who is far too boy scout to lead the All-Ghetto Team.

I don't know where the problems are stemming from in Cincy but the front office says it is cracking down. Maybe start with changing the team colors and the Bengal striped pattern. The orange and black stripes resemble prison clothes far to closely and could be contributing in an underlying fashion. Either way, the Bengals are certainly wishing they could go back to the days when Chad Johnson's name change to Ocho Cinco was really a big deal.

BSU track and field sets records at home meet

MICHELLE MILLIKEN
Sports Writer

Boise State's indoor track season continued Friday and Saturday in Nampa at the Bronco Indoor Invitational. The second indoor meet of the spring served as a stage for several records to be broken or nearly broken by Boise State athletes.

Sophomore Elena Kafourou again won the triple jump for the Broncos. Her jump of 42 feet and two inches (12.85 meters) was one-quarter inch shy of the Boise State record set by Abigail Ferguson in 1996. Sophomore Simon Wardhaugh also had the second furthest weight throw in Boise State history with a distance of 63 feet and 11 and one-half inches (19.49 meters) en route to winning that event at the meet. Finally, the Western Athletic Conference and Boise State heptathlon records were both beaten by Heigo Nurmsalu who amassed a score of 5290.

These were just some of the weekend highlights for head coach Mike Maynard. "The meet went very well,"

Maynard said. "We had some really good performances. Elena was about a centimeter off of the school record. Zacharias Arnos improved his triple jump from last week and in the multi-events Aspen Clontz won the combined events on Friday in her first ever combined events. We think she could qualify for nationals for that and there's still a lot of room for improvement."

In addition to these superior performances the Bronco distance runners had a great showing. Becky Guyette and Breanna Sande finished one-two in the women's mile with times of 4:58.16 and 5:01.94. Cody Eaton won the men's mile with a time of 4:19.6. Guyette also went on to place third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:19.

Distance coach David Welsh was particularly impressed with Eaton and Guyette.

"They looked pretty good," Welsh said. "It's only the second week of the season and we always pick something we need to work on or fix. They're both making progress. Becky is probably in the top three in the conference. She has hopes of qualifying in longer events for

nationals, so she's practicing the shorter stuff now."

Guyette was pleased with her performance in those events, too. "I felt good," Guyette said following the meet. "I felt really strong. Coach Welsh had laid out a plan for me, so I knew what to do. I felt pretty confident. It was just a lot of trying to stay focused."

The BSU sprinters joined the distance runners with many top finishers. Kayleen McDowell won the women's 400 with a time of 57.67 seconds. Natacha Lowry placed second in the 60 with a time of 7.78 seconds and Megan Olivetti won the 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.91 seconds and placed second in the 200 with a time of 25.39. Both the men and women won the 4x400 meter relays as well.

After the weekend was over Coach Maynard admitted it was a good meet for his team and his staff.

"We definitely stepped it up in a lot of places," Maynard said. "We had a lot of people competing last week in some events that weren't their primary events, so we're looking a little better. Overall, I'm pleased."

Women

60 Meter Dash - 1. Mariama Sallitu, Utah Valley State, 7:56. 2. Natacha Lowry, Boise State, 7:59. 3. Maria Nelson, San Francisco, 7:82. 4. Nesha Simeon, Boise State, 7:85. 5. Hayna Willie, Fresno State, 7:91.

200 - Mariama Sallitu, Utah Valley, 24.79. 2. Megan Olivetti, Boise State, 25.39. 3. Maria Nelson, San Francisco, 25.62. 4. Natacha Lowry, Boise State, 25.64. 5. Christina Lopez, Fresno State, 26.09.

400 - 1. Kayleen McDowell, Boise State, 57.67. 2. Polly Smith, Nevada, 58.48. 3. Renee Winston, Fresno State, 59.28. 4. Nesha Simeon, Boise State, 59.55. 5. Amy Poll, Utah Valley, 1:00.11.

800 - 1. Ashley Puga, Northwest Nazarene, 2:13.67. 2. LaNaya Wattree, Nevada, 2:16.95. 3. Becky Guyette, Boise State, 2:19.00. 4. Allie Lindsey, Utah Valley, 2:22.01. 5. Janet Ern, Utah, 2:23.61.

3000 - 1. Karlene Bentley, Utah Valley, 10:30.75. 2. Bekah Poppinga, Utah Valley, 10:35.9. 3. Marissa McPhail, Fresno State, 10:56.96. 4. Ashley Evans, Utah Valley, 10:58.25. 5. Pamela Ward, Treasure Valley, 10:58.86.

60 Hurdles - 1. Megan Olivetti, Boise State, 8.91. 2. Kari Snow-Topou, Utah Valley, 9.03. 3. Analisa Serrano, Nevada, 9.13. 4. Ashley Land, Nevada, 9.16. 5. Corrine Kuklovsky, Nevada, 9.32.

4x400 relay - Boise State A, 3:52.62. 2. Fresno State A, 3:55.84. 3. Nevada A, 3:58.07. 4. Utah Valley A, 4:01.24. 5. Northwest Nazarene A, 4:05.90.

High Jump - 1. Theodora Xylaki, Boise State, 1.73m. 2. Emily Peterson, Northwest Nazarene, 1.63m. 3. Amanda Boice, Nevada, 1.63m. 4. Linzy Allen, Unattached, 1.63m. 5. Brenda Gilles-Nielson, Utah Valley, 1.58m.

Pole Vault - 1. Katie Williams, Idaho State, 3.8m. 2. Bree Ann Piva, Nevada, 3.65m. 2. Tamara Neely, Cal State Stanisla, 3.65m. 2. Mandie Rowell, Utah, 3.65. 2. Susan Atwater, Utah, 3.65m.

Meet Results

Long Jump - 1. Clara McMillan, Nevada, 5.46m. 2. Jami Daniels, Utah Valley, 5.33m. 3. Kristin Singletary, Nevada, 4.33m. 4. Tiera Zaugg, Utah Valley, 5.3m. 5. Tawny Judkins-Gause, Utah Valley, 5.21m.

Triple Jump - 1. Elena Kafourou, Boise State, 12.85m. 2. Ashley Mathis, Nevada, 12.3m. 3. Loretta McKinney, Cal State Stanisla, 11.75m. 4. Sherena Smith, Nevada, 11.73m. 5. Mandie Rowell, Utah, 11.27m.

Shot Put - 1. Inger Appanaitis, Nevada, 13.81m. 2. Aspen Marshall, Fresno State, 13.65m. 3. Katie Richardson, Fresno State, 12.26m. 4. Amber Tavares, Boise State, 12.5m. 5. Emily Jacobsen, Nevada, 12.47m.

Weight Throw - 1. Aspen Marshall, Fresno State, 17.33m. 2. Eleni Ypsilanti, Boise State, 17.21m. 3. Katie Richardson, Fresno State, 15.02m. 4. Emily Jacobsen, Nevada, 14.88m. 5. Inger Appanaitis, Nevada, 14.83m.

Pentathlon - 1. Aspen Clontz, Boise State, 3923. 2. Ashley Wornell, Northwest Nazarene, 3139. 3. Amanda Merrell, Northwest Nazarene, 3095. 4. Ellen Rouse, Unattached, 2805. 5. Katie Gillespie, Eastern Oregon, 2748.

Men

60 - 1. Antoine Echols, Team X-Bronco, 6.82. 2. Chris Fogt, Utah Valley, 6.95. 3. Nick Cunningham, Boise State, 7.09. 4. Andre Summers, Unattached, 7.13. 5. Savvas Diakonikolas, Unattached, 7.18.

200 - 1. Antoine Echols, Team X-Bronco, 21.72. 2. Chris Fogt, Utah Valley, 21.76. 3. Nick Cunningham, Boise State, 22.19. 4. Brandon Brisco, Cal State Stanisla, 22.33. 5. Joel Stallworth, Cal State Stanisla, 22.45.

400 - 1. Joel Stallworth, Cal State Stanisla, 47.88. 2. Brandon Brisco, Cal State Stanisla, 47.89. 3. Caleb Cazier, Boise State, 49.92. 4. Daryl Schie, Central Washington, 50.71. Mitch Ward, Northwest Nazarene, 51.12.

800 - 1. Matt Schmasow, Boise State, 1:58.38. 2. Robert Glasson, Boise State, 2:01.9. 3. Sterling

Small, 1- Boise State, 2:03.88. 4. Darren Strong, Boise State, 2:04.37. 5. Andy Patacs, Northwest Nazarene, 2:04.54.

3000 - 1. Chase Englestead, Utah Valley, 8:55.61. 2. Trevor Baker, Utah Valley, 9:17.72. 3. Kevin Lambert, Northwest Nazarene, 9:23.00. 4. Mike Felix, Utah Valley, 9:27.78. 5. Seth Clark, Northwest Nazarene, 9:29.98.

60 Hurdles - 1. Mike Heninger, Utah Valley, 8.75. 2. Zach Cook, Utah Valley, 8.82. 3. Grant Silver, Northwest Nazarene, 9.22. 4. Mick Bennion, Utah Valley, 9.25. 5. Mark Hanson, Northwest Nazarene, 9.3.

4x400 Relay - 1. Boise State A, 3:22.04. 2. Utah Valley A, 3:24.34. 3. Boise State B, 3:31.21. 4. Utah Valley B, 3:31.39. 5. Northwest Nazarene A, 3:31.98.

High Jump - 1. David Walden, Boise State, 2.01m. 2. Roger White, Unattached, 1.96m. 3. Tom Blain, Northwest Nazarene, 1.76m. 4. Chris Covey, Northwest Nazarene, 1.71m.

Pole Vault - 1. Laurens Loojle, Unattached, 5.4m. 2. Paul Litchfield, Unattached, 5.2m. 3. Logan Meyer, Boise State, 4.6m. 4. Matt Williams, Utah Valley, 4.2m. 5. Jerad Larson, Northwest Nazarene, 4m.

Long Jump - Savvas Diakonikolas, Unattached, 7.32m. 2. Zach Cook, Utah Valley, 6.98m. 3. Tyson Berg, Boise State, 6.44m. 4. Wendell Lawrence, Boise State, 6.36m. 5. Kyle Calloway, Utah Valley, 5.94m.

Triple Jump - 1. Zacharias Arnos, Boise State, 15.12m. 2. Wendell Lawrence, Boise State, 14.8m. 3. Savvas Diakonikolas, Unattached, 14.75m. 4. Greg Hamm, Northwest Nazarene, 14.17m. 5. Tyson Berg, Boise State, 13.26m.

Shot Put - 1. Jarred Home, Nike, 18.3m. 2. Erik Whittsett, Boise State, 17.29m. 3. Ranbir Johal, Cal State Stanisla, 15.55m. 4. Zach Barclay, Northwest Nazarene, 14.02m. 5. Grant Miller, Northwest Nazarene, 13.55m.

Weight Throw - 1. Simon Wardhaugh, Boise State, 19.49m. 2. Stefan Jonsson, Unattached, 17.76m. 3. Gavin Shaw, Utah Valley, 17.58m. 4. Jarrod Stevens, Boise State, 16.64m. 5. Zach Barclay, Northwest Nazarene, 15.33m.

Heptathlon - 1. Heigo Nurmsalu, Boise State, 5290. 2. Lucas Ohmes, Eastern Oregon, 4427. 3. Eric Demers, Boise State, 4132. 4. Josh Grewe, Northwest Nazarene, 4030.

The BSU wrestling team adapts to life on the road

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Four matches in four cities in less than 48 hours, over 20 hours of riding on a bus and a weekend trip that totaled over 1,000 miles. That's what the Boise State wrestling team did this past weekend.

They began their journey at home against Cal State Fullerton on Friday night in a contest they won by a score of 17-15. Although the Broncos only won five of their ten matches they were ultimately able to come away with a victory because of Tyler Sherfey's major decision win in the 157-pound match.

Sherfey defeated Fullerton's Paul Tice by a score of 14-1. Other Bronco winners in Friday night's event included Nate Lee at the 174 pound mark, Luke Smith at 184, Andy Patrick in the Heavyweight division and Cory Fish in the 125 pound match.

"It's not exactly the way we want to win," BSU Head Coach Greg Randall said. "We want to dominate a little more. I think we lost a couple matches that we should have had. Even when you know you're better than the guy and you end up losing, it just doesn't set well at all."

BSU did come away with the team win and Randall hoped that would set the tone for the remainder of the weekend.

"Anytime you get a win and you're going back to back, it's just a good motivator, a good confidence builder," Randall said after Friday nights contest. "Plus the ride over there is going to be so much more pleasant. I think it was important, it was a big win for us tonight."

Although Randall wasn't overly happy with the way his team wrestled he was still glad to come away with the win.

"But it's our first win, got to travel over to Oregon and weigh in tomorrow, so I hope the guys are ready to go, because we've got a tough road ahead of us."

Randall said before departing for the road trip.

Randall was especially happy with the performance of freshman Nate Lee. Lee scored a 23-10 win over Fullerton's Ryan Bud in what was hands down the most lopsided match of the night.

"He's a red-shirt freshman," Coach said of Lee. "He's really coming on and he really has a style we like to see."

The momentum from Friday night apparently carried over to Saturday as Boise State throttled Portland State by a team score of 53-0.

Boise State won by pin in four matches and scored the maximum of six points in half of their matches on the afternoon. Cory Fish won his

match by forfeit in the 125-pound event, the rest of the matches were all lopsided BSU victories. Levi Jones won by pin in the 133-pound match and Cam Jones won by pin in the 149-pound event in one minute and 16 seconds. Tyler Sherfey scored a tech fall in his 157-pound match and Johnny Nunez at 165 and Andy Patrick in the Heavyweight division also won by pin.

Their celebration at PSU needed to be short lived. As soon as they finished with Portland State the Broncos drove down to Eugene, Ore. to take on the University of Oregon in the nightcap.

Making it the theme of the weekend the BSU wrestling team came away with another team victory against a Pac-10 foe, this time with a 27-10 victory over the Ducks. Johnny Nunez scored his second pin of the day in the 165-pound class in his match against Jake McCoy. Boise State won seven of the ten matches on the evening and improved to 8-2 in overall dual matches on the season. But their weekend wasn't quite over yet, as they still had one more contest to go. Boise State wrestled against Oregon State on Sunday afternoon although results were not made final by Sunday evening.

Stampede rallies after loss to Flyers

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Effort is contagious. Just ask Idaho Stampede forward Ricky Sanchez. Trailing the Fort Worth Flyers Thursday night, 101-92, mid-way through the fourth quarter and facing back-to-back losses after winning 11 straight games, Sanchez came off the bench and shot 3-5 from beyond the arc and helped lead the Stampede to a 116-108 win against the Flyers in Quest Arena.

"Effort was the key for us tonight," Sanchez said after the game. "My role was to come out and showcase effort and when we all give effort we're a dangerous team, and there is no question it was contagious tonight. I just wanted to come out and play hard and it feels good tonight to bounce back and get a win."

Sanchez finished the night with 16 points. After leading by as many as 13 points in the game the Stampede shut down Flyers guard Jose Barea, which was a big key to the Stampede victory. Barea finished with a career-high 43 points in the loss but was held to just four points in the fourth quarter.

"We know, every time we play him (Barea) that we have to keep him in check in order to win," said Stampede forward C.J. Miles following the game.

Barea shot 16-19 from the floor through the first three quarters but shot just 2-6 in the closing quarter. Miles was playing in his eighth game with the Stampede after being called down from the Utah Jazz

a few weeks earlier. During his time with the Stampede Miles averaged 17.3 points per game and 5.4 rebounds. The second-year guard was called back up to the Jazz Friday.

Against Fort Worth Ronell Taylor led the team with a season-high 32 points and helped the Stampede score 19 points off turnovers. Miles scored 18 points off the bench and 7'3" center Peter John Ramos contributed 19 points.

Luke Jackson was back in the starting line-up for Idaho after completing his 10-day contract with the Los Angeles Clippers. His return to the team was less than glamorous, however. Jackson shot 0-7 from the field and finished with only two points against the Flyers.

The Stampede was not so fortunate Wednesday night against Fort Worth. Idaho's 11-game winning streak was snapped with a 119-97 loss.

Idaho could not overcome a 22-point deficit and two quarters without Head Coach Bryan Gates on the sidelines after he was ejected early in the third quarter. The Stampede gave up 17 turnovers and shot just 43 percent in the loss, including just 4 of 13 from beyond the arc.

"Each one of us came away with a bitter taste in our mouths with that loss," Sanchez said following Wednesday's loss. "We'll remember what it tastes like and that will motivate us to win every night."

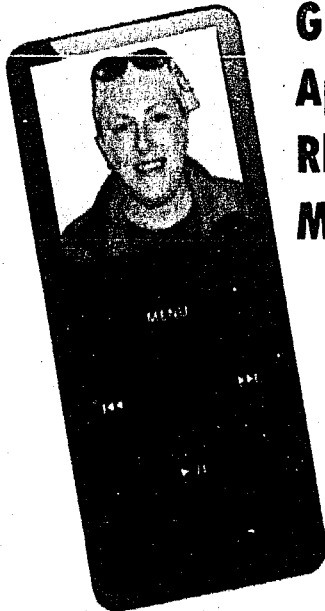
Having won 17 of their last 19 games the Stampede hope to continue their winning ways when they host the Austin Toros next Wednesday night in Quest Arena at 7 p.m.

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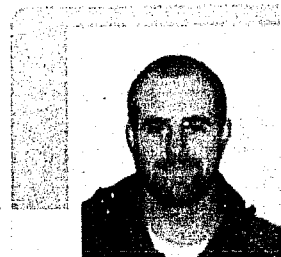
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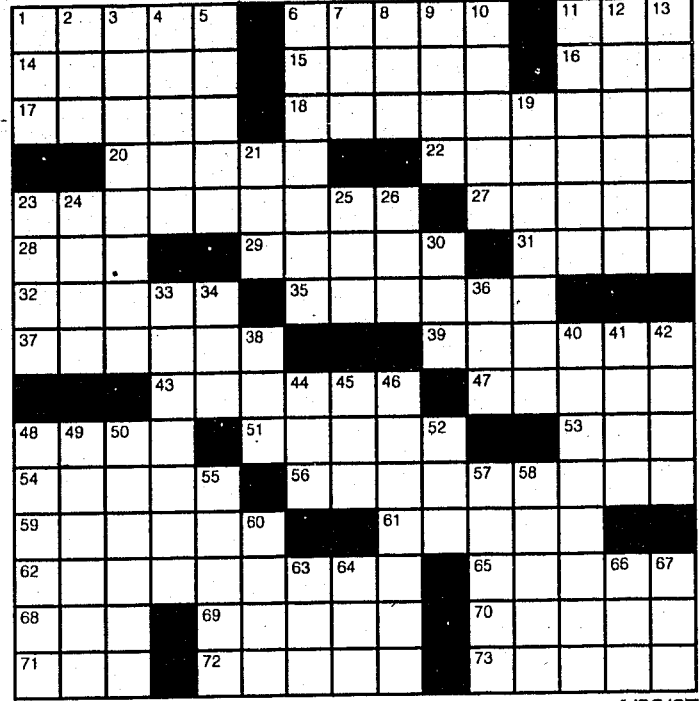
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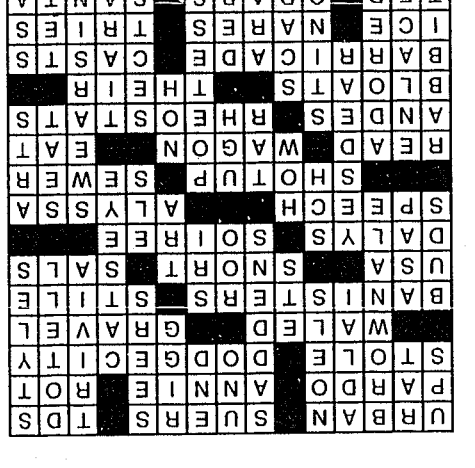
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20 Like corduroys
22 Mixture of pebbles
23 Handrails
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31 Bando and Mineo
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Today's Birthday (01-29-07)
A major task this year will be setting priorities. Your public life is important, of course, but that's not all there is. Have love along with fame and fortune.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 6 - New information does not remove all speculation, yet. More likely, it raises new questions. Continue your research.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - Don't tap into your own reserves - let somebody else help out. There'll be enough for everybody, if everybody contributes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is an 8 - Great wealth and countless other goodies can be yours, but not for a while. Don't pitch a fit; it's good for you to practice discipline.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 7 - It's a good idea not to rely completely on other people. Odds are good somebody will not be there for you, when expected.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is an 8 - Be patient, as the argument goes on. This is a good thing. You'll get to know everyone better, and see which side they're really on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 - More work's coming in, which cuts into your private time. Don't be afraid. In a day or two, you can have a team organized. Get help - you'll need it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is an 8 - Don't rely on others to be there when they said they would. Travel conditions are complicated now. Telecommute.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - By tomorrow, you'll be able to cinch the deal, if you can be patient. You also want to wiggle around and get into position.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 - Direct your conversation to practical matters. Staying with pure theory doesn't produce results. It won't pay the rent, either.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is an 8 - As you're racing from one responsibility to another, start training an assistant. You need a good support person so you don't run yourself ragged.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 7 - Home isn't the only place you run into controversy. You're in a good position to help them reach a compromise. Teach them to be more objective.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 - As you listen to all the arguments, you're forming an opinion. You will be asked about it, so give the matter some thought, and find a way to explain it. Don't worry; it can be fun.

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