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The sports guys go on location to podcast "Arbiter Sports Talk" live in the Student Union Building Friday afternoon.

Check out "Turn it Up," as Nate Schierman and James Orr play live music in our studio.

WEATHER

FRIDAY
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SATURDAY
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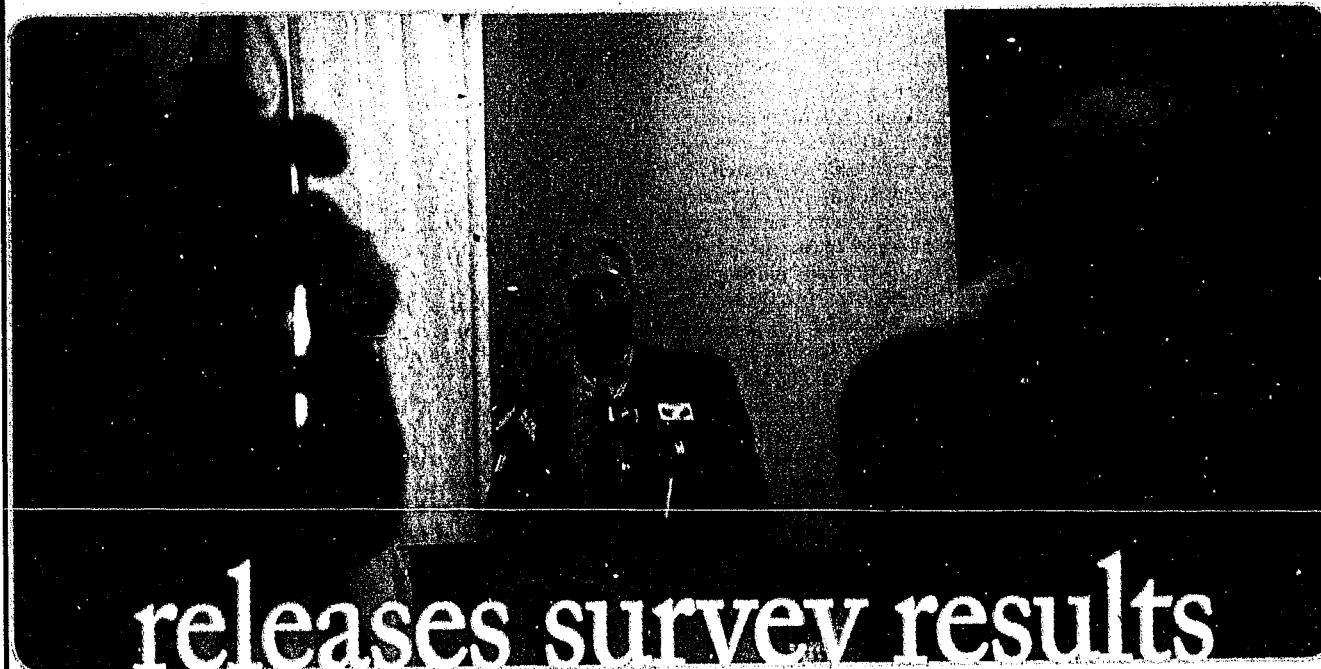
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ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY
ENGINEERING DAYS
Discover Engineering Days kicks off Friday at 5 p.m. in the Engineering and Technology Bldg., Room 110. Hands-on activities, including experiencing a wind tunnel, will continue until 8 p.m. in the Harry Morrison Laboratory.

SATURDAY
INTERVIEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP
9 a.m.-12 p.m. at The Forum, Student Union Building
The Forum, Student Union Bldg. Topics include: Before, during and after the interview tips, and do's and don't's. Seating is limited to 36 participants. Register via email to caHenehansen@boisestate.edu

Energy Policy Institute



Energy Policy Institute Assistant Director Michael Louis speaks at a press conference Tuesday. The EPI survey showed most Idahoans were in favor of alternative energy.

BY BARRY FRANKLIN
News Writer

As their 17th annual public policy survey, The Energy Policy Institute at Boise State University sought to gain an understanding of how Idahoans feel on issues and policies in energy-related matters that affect Idaho.

In a press conference Tuesday, representatives from the EPI announced their findings to citizens and the media in the Gold Room at the Idaho Statehouse.

The survey covered issues regarding the public's most important problems related to energy; human-caused global warming, power plant site decision-making, renewable resources, conservation, tax incentives for changed behavior in conservation and low-income heating assistance.

John Freemuth, interim associate director, Michael Louis, assistant director and Carole Nemnich, project manager represented the EPI at the conference.

Freemuth found the relationship between policy makers and the public as give-and-take.

Sometimes the public is ahead and sometimes policy makers are ahead, Freemuth said.

Louis, who attended most of the committee planning meetings for energy in Idaho, said lawmakers are wary.

"[Legislatures] wanted to be careful about what changes to make ... a more conservative approach," Louis said.

Freemuth said the survey results came from a random sample of the entire state of Idaho. The EPI made sure to include regions that might be affected by new power plant sites. According to the survey, Idaho recognizes the important role energy conservation plays in the environment. The majority of Idahoans - 70 percent - believe that human activities are contributing to global warming.

The survey said the single most important issue for Idaho's energy is the availability of renewable resources. Fifty percent of respondents said in order to meet electricity demands, Idaho should develop "green" or renewable sources of electricity.

Fifty-four percent of people surveyed said Idaho should reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Other states are doing something ... peo-

ple don't want to wait for the federal government to act," Freemuth said.

The survey found most people split (42 percent against, 50 percent for) on the issue of building nuclear electrical generation facilities for public consumption.

"Is the public beginning to change their mind about nuclear power?" Freemuth asked the 12 media representatives present at the conference.

The survey presented respondents with public transportation as an option to lower negative effects on the environment. Eighty-five percent of Idahoans either strongly agreed or somewhat agreed that Idaho should

setting targets for the amount of renewable energy utility companies should use.

Eighty percent of respondents said Idaho should provide technical and financial assistance to municipalities and enforce energy efficient building codes.

Fifty-nine percent of Idahoans said the state should provide incentives for investment in non-traditional natural gas produced from feedstock and landfill waste.

Most Idahoans also believe there should be help in this state for low-income households and heating costs.

Sixty-eight percent said it was either very important or somewhat important that Idaho



EPI Interim Associate Director John Freemuth presented findings of the most recent Idaho energy survey results.

expand public transportation through voter-approved local-option taxes.

Sixty-nine percent of respondents believe Idaho should encourage land use planning and policies that reduce the amount of driving required by Idahoans, but only two percent said they currently use public transportation.

Most of Idaho is rural and mass transit is not an option here, Freemuth said.

When asked what the state government and local companies should do about conservation, respondents said Idaho should be goal-oriented and use multiple incentives for change.

Seventy-six percent said Idaho should use a combination of rewards and penalties when

take action to help low-income residents pay for high heating bills. Sixty-two percent said it was very important for Idaho to reduce the waiting list for low-income residents to receive weatherization assistance for their home.

The survey found the majority of Idaho in favor of alternative fuels.

Fifty-five percent said there should be incentives for transportation and 63 percent were in favor of locally produced bio-diesel fuel using Idaho crops.

Eighty-two percent of respondents said they either strongly agree or somewhat agree that Idaho should provide incentives to encourage the purchase of efficient, flexible and alternative fuel vehicles.

Miami scales back plans for celebration after Castro's death

MICHAEL VASQUEZ
McClatchy Newspapers

Responding to an international media blitz and outrage from some members of the Cuban-American community, Miami city leaders Tuesday vowed to tone down a proposed large-scale, city-organized public event in the Orange Bowl stadium when Fidel Castro dies.

And despite very preliminary plans that included the possibility of musical acts and themed T-shirts, the city stressed that it had never - ever - intended to respond to the death of a human being by holding a party.

It was more like providing a place

for an informal, friendly get-together. "Our past experience has shown us that the local community has strong emotions tied to any significant issues relating to Fidel Castro," the city's Office of Communications wrote in an official statement on the subject. "The Orange Bowl has been designated by the county, as well as the city of Miami, as a possible site for people and community leaders to gather peacefully, if necessary."

"As such, no city tax dollars will be spent on this event other than to address public safety needs."

Miami Mayor Manny Diaz said the Orange Bowl has always been part of government plans to accommodate overflow crowds in the

event of Castro's death. But Diaz said he was not consulted before a Jan. 23 meeting of a citizen committee tapped to plan the event.

With the exception of musicians who might donate their services, the underlying assumption during those planning committee discussions was always that the city would foot the bill.

Because so many details surrounding the event were undetermined - that meeting was the committee's first - the city never calculated a price tag.

"This is obviously not a planned activity that we budgeted for," city public facilities Director Lori Billberry said at that meeting.

Plenty of Miami Herald readers weren't pleased. They let the paper know via letters and e-mail.

"I am a Cuban American who was uprooted because of this man," wrote Rachel Lauzurique of Coral Gables. "I despise everything that he stands for and he should be tried for crimes against humanity by a court of his peers. However, I find it very offensive and disgusting to plan a party to celebrate anyone's death, even his."

The city now says musicians and T-shirts won't happen. Miami will provide the Orange Bowl as a gathering space. Nothing more.

"It's a major, major story for Latin America," Regalado said.



Engineering student earns national recognition

BY SONIA TREVIZO
News Writer

Boise State University has welcomed the new year with a series of great accomplishments.

On Jan. 20, Boise State once again gained another proud moment.

Engineering student Arlen Planting was named the 2007 Federal Aviation Association Air Transportation Centers of Excellence Outstanding Student of the Year.

Planting was selected among a pool of students from more than 60 top universities across the nation.

"This is terrific news for Boise State University and speaks to the national caliber of the students and research found here," BSU College of Engineering Dean Cheryl Schrader said. "We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Arlen for receiving this prestigious national recognition."

Planting received this great honor during official ceremonies in Washington, D.C. and was accompanied by Ambassador Edward W. Stimpson, former U.S. representative to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta joined them as well.

Others accompanying Planting were Barry Scott, acting director at the FAA Office of Aviation Research, and Patricia Watts, National Program Director for the FAA Air Transportation Centers of Excellence.

Planting was greatly involved with the integration for hardware and software design for a wireless sensor network that could be used to detect and measure contaminants in airliner cabins.

Data collected by the sensors on the amount and types of contaminants present in the atmosphere would then be transferred to an on-board base station for processing.

Planting conducts his research under the direction of Sin Ming Loo, a Boise State electrical and computer-engineering professor.

The research is sponsored by the FAA Center of Excellence for Airliner Cabin Environment Research by the FAA Office of Aerospace Medicine.

"We have made some excellent progress, thanks to the hard work of Arlen and the rest of our research team here at Boise State," Loo said. "We're now preparing to conduct a series of tests to determine how well the prototype performs in the environment for which it was designed - inside an airliner cabin."

Planting graduated from Boise State's pre-engineering program in the 1970s. He also earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics. In 2004 his interest in engineering was rekindled.

"I returned to BSU to take a few basic classes," Planting said. "I was very surprised to find that BSU's engineering program had advanced so much that I could get everything here at BSU. Finally, Boise has a first-class engineering program."

Boise State boasts the nation's 12th-ranked engineering program among public comprehensive universities.

"Working with Dr. Loo as part of this FAA Center of Excellence has been a great experience," Planting said. "The courses that I have taken in the Electrical Engineering program have greatly enhanced my skills at working with embedded devices."

"The quality of the other student researchers and Dr. Sin Ming Loo's guidance has been instrumental in our ability to satisfy the goals of the FAA."

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Questions remain in wake of Iraq battle with militia

A mysterious group of religious zealots who fought a fierce battle with American and Iraqi troops on Sunday were armed with AK-47 assault rifles, rocket-propelled grenades and five anti-aircraft machine guns rigged on tractors, raising questions about how a group with no known ties to Iraq's current cast of political organizations came to be so well equipped and trained.

"They fought according to a military arrangement, and they moved as platoons and companies," Abdul Hussein Abtan, the deputy governor of Najaf, said Monday.

Ali Nomas, a spokesman for the security forces in Najaf, said the militants, who numbered from 1,000 to 1,500, had purchased farms and surrounded them with a dirt barricade and a bulldozed trench. More than 2,000 AK-47 assault rifles and 700 rocket-propelled grenades were recovered after the battle, Nomas said.

Among the 300 or so militants killed in Sunday's fighting was the group's leader, Iraqi authorities said. As many as 400 others were arrested, including some dressed as Afghan fighters, Iraqi spokesmen said. U.S. officials put the number of arrests at more than 100.

A U.S. helicopter was shot down during the fighting. Both crewmen died.

Maj. Hussain Muhammed of the Iraqi army said some fighters escaped.

"We have information that a large number of fighters have escaped through the palm groves. Some were wearing the uniforms of the security forces and others were wearing black," Muhammed said.

Even in Iraq's volatile and violent brew of sectarian, political, tribal and ethnic factionalism, the explosive emergence of the religious group Soldiers of Heaven stands apart as a reminder of how little understanding there is of the country's complex web of militias.

The group's leader, who was known by several names, including his birth name of Thiya Abdul Zahra Kathum al-Qarawi, believed he was the earthly representative of the "Hidden Imam" of Shiite theology, Mohammed al-Mahdi.

Police said Monday that Qarawi, who reportedly was born in 1969 in Hilla, planned to attack the Shiite commemoration of Ashura on Tuesday in the holy city of Karbala, an event expected to draw as many as 2 million pilgrims.

Police said his motive in planning the assault was to hasten the return of the Mahdi, an event that Shiite theology predicts will lead to peace, justice and the conversion of the world to Islam.

Sunni Muslims don't believe in the Hidden Imam, but the concept is a driving force in Shiite belief. Fiery anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr drew the name for his Mahdi Army militia from that theology.

In the absence of hard evidence about the group and its connections, Iraqis have been speculating wildly and contradictorily, asserting that they recognize elements of Shiite, Sunni and other influences among the militants.

Asad abu Kalal, the governor of Najaf, said as much himself in a press conference on Monday.

"In external form, the way they look is Shiite, but its reality is something else," Kalal said. "They meant to destroy the Shiite and kill the Grand Marjiyas and occupy the Holy Shrine of Imam Ali," he said. The Grand Marjiyas are the four leading ayatollahs in Najaf. They are led by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric.

Kalal called the battle successful because the militants were unable to execute their attack.

Meanwhile, in Baghdad, violence returned to the Mustansiriya University area Monday. A morning explosion on a mini-bus killed four people and injured six. At 4 p.m., a car bomb exploded behind the university, injuring three. On Jan. 17, two bombs killed more than 70 students at the university.

Elsewhere, mortars fell around the city. At 6:30 p.m., a mortar attack in the Al-Zavaraniyah area of southern Baghdad killed 12 civilians near a local market and injured 28.

NATIONAL

Telecommuting won't help your career, survey says

You may be surprised to learn that most executives say those who work from home for an employer are less likely to get promoted than their desk-tethered counterparts.

Julie Kampf isn't. Kampf, the president of Englewood, N.J.-based executive search firm JBK Associates Inc., knows first-hand how tough on a career telecommuting can be. She tried it and suffered, and she has seen qualified job candidates get overlooked because they dared to inquire about working from home, even for one day a week.

"For me, working at home was detrimental," says Kampf, who declined to name the employer. She says that when she worked from home in 1993, she put in about 15 hours each workday, and still couldn't please the boss. "Even though I was extremely productive, I was pretty much told 'I need to see your face here' by my boss at the time," she said. "It was miserable."

In a recent survey of 1,300 executives, search firm Korn/Ferry International found that 61 percent of them said telecommuters were less likely to get promoted than workers who show their faces at the office. Yet in the same survey, some 48 percent of executives polled believe telecommuters are at least as productive, if not more so, than those who trek to the office.

Kampf doesn't think things have improved all that much in the 14 years since she tried telecommuting.

"As far as we think companies may have come in making work-life balance more of an issue for people, the truth is, we're not see-

ing it," Kampf says. "This (survey) tells us there's a real distrust of telecommuters, when in reality, you're either a worker who produces or you're not; where you work from isn't the issue. It shows work-life balance issues are in many cases just a touchy-feely thing a lot of companies talk about, but don't take seriously enough."

It's difficult to determine how many Americans telecommute, in part because companies define it differently. But by some estimates, the number is rising. In 2003, for example, about 7.4 million Americans worked from home during business hours at least one day a month, according to the Telework Coalition, a Washington-based advocacy group. The U.S. Census Bureau tallied 4.2 million telecommuters in 2000.

Kampf, now a small-business owner, says one of her four employees telecommutes.

"The work gets done," Kampf says. "I don't have to police anybody. When you have mature adults on your team, you never think about it."

Failing to consider carefully how to measure performance is part of the reason telecommuters might suffer in terms of their career, says Jeffrey Faue, owner of Fauecast Management Consulting in New Brunswick, N.J.

"Companies are used to measuring time, not productivity," Faue says. "If you come in early and stay late you must be a good worker. Forget about if you get the job done."

Faue says it will take a strong, conscious effort to change the longstanding tradition of equating face-time with performance. But, he says, some companies, such as Minneapolis-based retailer Best Buy Co., are making the shift.

Best Buy, the nation's largest consumer electronics seller, embarked on an initiative called ROWE, an acronym for "results-only work environment," that seeks to end the belief that equates physical presence with productivity.

There are no schedules or mandatory meetings.

"The company is actually encouraging its workforce not to come to work, and production has gone up," Faue says. "The bottom line is it's not about being there eight hours a day. It's about getting the job done."

The Korn/Ferry survey results come at a time when companies are increasingly being encouraged to figure out how to stay in business without having access to the office in case of a natural disaster such as Hurricane Katrina, a terror attack or a national health crisis.

"Business continuity is important," says Nicole Belson Goluboff, an attorney and advisory board member of the Washington-based Telework Coalition. "Even if things such as terror attacks or a bird-flu pandemic don't happen, there's a threat of lesser emergencies like a transit strike, where working remotely would be important to still keep client's and customer's needs fulfilled," she said. "Telecommuting enables that."

Not valuing telecommuters is shortsighted, says Goluboff, who wrote "The Law of Telecommuting," a book that addresses the legal consequences of telecommuting for employers and workers.

Employers tend to save on real-estate costs associated with running a business and on productivity lost to commuting to and from an office, she says.

Concerns about global warming and the need to reduce oil consumption are mounting.

"These executives in the survey need to be educated about the benefits of telework," she says. "The idea that it could hurt someone's chances of advancement speaks to tremendous prejudice."

LOCAL/BSU

Three-vehicle crash sends seven people to hospital

A child was life-flighted to Boise and six people were transported to a McCall hospital after a 3-vehicle crash on State Highway 55 Saturday. The accident happened at about 12:47 p.m. near milepost 141 in Valley County, where northbound

traffic was at a standstill because of the large number of people heading to the McCall Winter Carnival, according to Idaho State Police and the Valley County Sheriff's Office.

A Saturn, driven by Sherry Warren of Boise, reached to the rear of the line of traffic and swerved to the right to avoid a Ford pickup being driven by Scott Whitmore, police said. A Chevrolet pickup, driven by Erik Blair, was following Warren. Troopers said Blair also swerved to the right, causing him to rear-end Warren's vehicle. Warren's vehicle then collided with a Ford pickup. Six patients were transported to McCall Memorial Hospital, and a child was flown by medical helicopter to Boise from the McCall hospital, police said.

Both the State Police and the Valley County Sheriff's Office are continuing to investigate the accident.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

I promise I'll never try to kill you again, I promise

A Russian banker, on vacation in the Crimea with his wife and two bodyguards, went looking for her one night and found her in a bar with another man.


They dragged her back to the hotel, and, after drinking a lot of vodka, put her in a barrel and threw her into the ocean to punish her for her infidelity.

She was rescued by passing fishermen. The husband apologized profusely, and persuaded her to drop the charges.

Burglary? Next door? I didn't hear anything!


A man broke into the apartment of an elderly woman in Wisden, England, and stole all her furniture, rugs and television sets, and moved the stuff into the vacant apartment next door where he had been squatting for months.

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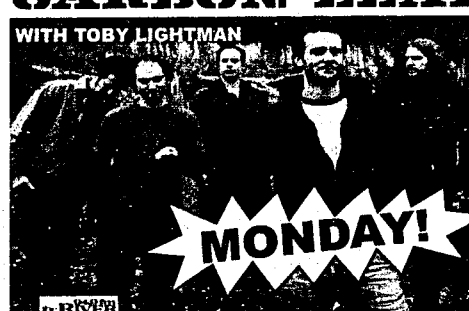


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WITH SPECIAL GUESTS
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SAT. 2-3 BIG EASY



CARBON LEAF
WITH TOBY LIGHTMAN




MONDAY!
MON. 2-5 BIG EASY

PETE YORN
MORNING, DAY & NIGHT
2007 NORTH AMERICAN TOUR
LIVE IN CONCERT
WITH AQUALUNG



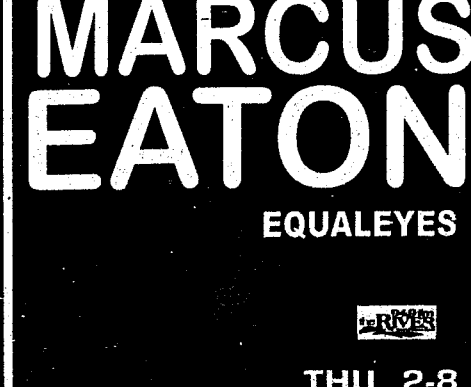
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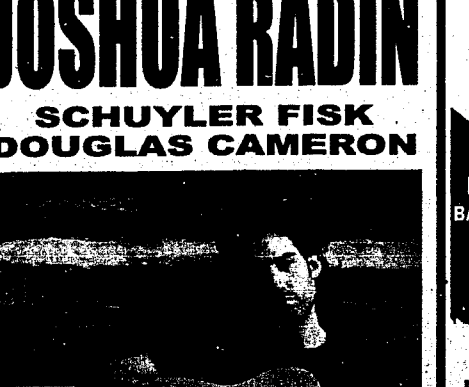
WED. 2-7 BIG EASY

MARCUS EATON
EQUALEYES



THU. 2-8 BIG EASY

JOSHUA RADIN
SCHUYLER FISK
DOUGLAS CAMERON



FRI. 2-9 BOURBON ST.

3RD ANNUAL NORTHWEST QUEST FOR THE BEST BAND COMPETITION

SAT 2-10
INDIE/ALT ROCK/COUNTRY
BAREFOOT BACKSTAGE WEST OF EERIE
THE SKYHAWKS HANNAH AMELIA
WHEELS BILLY G. CAMP BAND
GUEST HOUSE FRED CRABTREE

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SHOWS COMING SOON TO THE BIG EASY

JOSEPH ISRAEL	THU. 2-1
NO QUARTER	THU. 2-2
EVERCLEAR	SAT. 3-8
CARBON LEAF	MON. 2-5
PETE YORN/AQUALUNG	TUE. 2-6
AUTHORITY ZERO/REHAB	WED. 2-7
CLUB SKIN	WED. 2-7
MARCUS EATON	THU. 2-8
JOSHUA RADIN	THU. 2-9
QUEST FOR THE BEST	SAT. 2-10
FAMILY DANCE PARTY	WED. 2-14
CAGE FIGHTING	THU. 2-15
QUEST FOR THE BEST FINALS	FRI. 2-16
THREE DAYS GRACE	SAT. 2-17
ARMY OF ANYONE	MON. 2-19
BREAKING BENJAMIN	WED. 2-28
GEORGE CLINTON	THU. 3-1
BIG HEAD TOOD	THU. 3-1
RED JUMPSUIT APPARATUS	MON. 3-5
BRETT DENNEN	TUE. 3-6
YOUNG DUBLINERS	THU. 3-8
PLAIN WHITE T'S	WED. 3-14
DAVE MATTHEWS TRIBUTE	WED. 3-21
SEVENDUST	FRI. 3-23
JERRY JOSEPH	SAT. 3-24
PEPPER	WED. 3-28
ALT PRESS TOUR	FRI. 3-30
1915	SUN. 4-1
OZZ MOSIS	FRI. 4-6

The way we see it ...

It's perfectly fine to be 'artsy-fartsy'

The City of Eagle recently sponsored a public art project called "Create a Benchmark." The project allows creative persons to submit designs for public benches that will be more "artistic" than the typical cement blocks that you sit on while waiting for the bus.

Eagle residents can vote on the bench designs, which are on display at the Eagle City Hall, until Feb. 2 and a panel of judges will select upward of six benches to adorn the streets of Eagle.

Hooray for this small city attempting to further the influence of the arts on Idaho citizens, and let's see more of this kind of thing. The mural on Ninth Street makes an otherwise boring, ugly alley a thing of beauty. The outside of the Grove Hotel was enhanced with artwork. And so it seems that our state is finally realizing something - it's OK to be artsy-fartsy.

Public displays of art have multiple benefits. They 'pretty-up' cities and towns, making otherwise non-appealing city essentials easier on the eyes. They also educate people about art and help to generate an appreciation for the artistic community.

Not that many people journey to art galleries, operas or ballets on the weekends (especially not many young people). Bars and house parties are most often the preferred hangouts. Public displays of art help the non-appreciators appreciate art without forcing them into an opera house or gallery. Essentially, they help increase the IQs and expand the horizons of the majority of the population.

The Idaho Dance Theatre just performed "Pure Passion." "Chicago" was at the Morrison Center a few months ago. The photography exhibit "Here: Considerations of Place in Contemporary Photography" is currently showing at Boise State. The arts are everywhere - deal with it.

Or better yet, try it out. Explore your artsy-fartsy side. Check out the photography exhibit, look to see what shows are coming to Boise and put forth the money to go and see one - and no, "shows" aren't the same things as movies.

The Idaho Film Festival is another great way to experience the artistic side of Idaho. This year, venture out and see an independent film. Drink a glass of wine. Go to a poetry slam. Next time, head to Art in the Park. Life isn't as fun if you stick to the same old stuff - experiences are what make things exciting.

We applaud all of you artistic Idahoans and Eagle city officials - thanks for letting everyone create and view a little bit of artwork.

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.

Evolution is just as religious as Intelligent Design

BY AARON VANDENBOS
Guest Opinion

Whenever there arises a discussion on the origins issue (as in intelligent design versus evolution), Darwinian materialists invariably go to great lengths to frame the discussion as science versus religion, despite the scientific validity of opposing arguments and scientific credentials of those who propose them.

Any doubts raised about Darwinian evolution are automatically attributed to religious motivations that cannot possibly be rooted in fact. What is worse is that these doubts are dismissed without consideration and the scientist/teacher who raised them is blacklisted. You won't see this on the nightly news, and the ACLU surely will turn a blind eye, but high school science teachers have been fired for assigning students material from mainline scientific journals that questioned aspects - mere aspects, not even the overarching theory - of evolution.

Why this academic intolerance? Why this - I can't help myself, it's the hot buzzword - hate of an opposing theory? If evolutionary theory was so patently established in true science and intelligent design theory was so patently established in pure religion, then why is it that treatment of this issue in the popular press betrays the deeply religious commitment that most evolutionists have to Darwin's theory?

In my experience, IDists, knowing that they are the underdog, are careful to be objective and factual. On the other hand, I have noticed that evolutionists tend to spend most of their time questioning their opponents' credibility, belittling their opponents' intelligence, demolishing straw men and then doing victory laps.

For instance, after writing an opinion piece about intelligent design pointing out common misconceptions I was rebuked in a subsequent response that I "had a poor understanding of what science is." Now, I certainly do not claim to be an expert by any means, but as far as science is concerned, my GPA can't get any higher. Does that count for anything? Apparently not, considering my origin's views. Unfortunately this is the typical treatment for all dissenters from

Darwinism. I am viewed as a poor scientist because I do not adhere to evolution and I do not adhere to evolution because I am a poor scientist. Interesting, isn't it?

Evolutionists have won a great battle in the culture wars by defining science as it suits their purpose. Many people know that a literal interpretation of science is knowledge, yet the vast majority of evolutionists hold to a definition of science that presupposes purely naturalistic mechanisms, deliberately excluding non-naturalistic explanations.

In other words, the war is won by default before it has even begun.

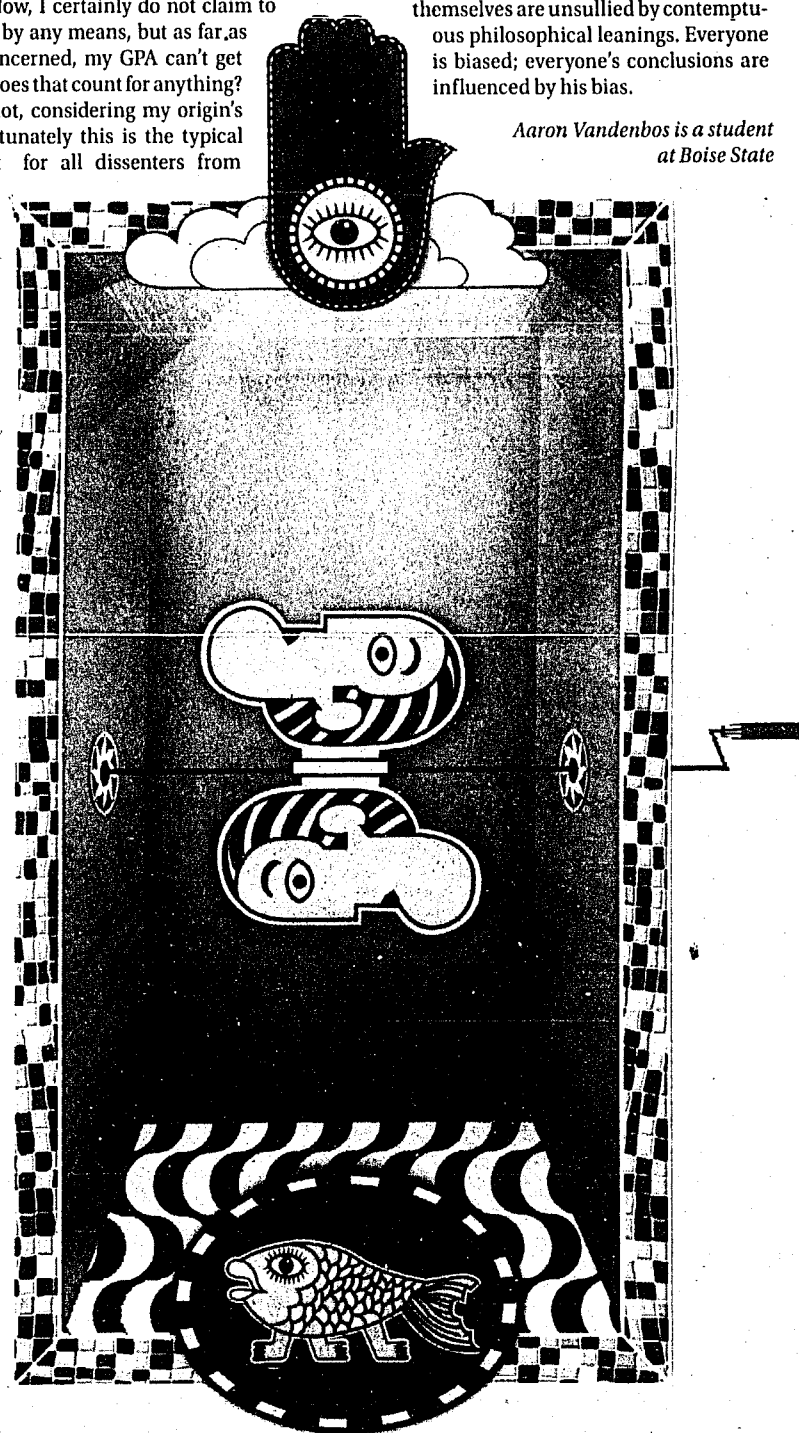
Yet what if some supreme intelligence is the cause behind everything we see? What if God is the creator? If this were the case, the truth is a supernatural event, not a natural mechanism.

Thus, not only would the supposed conclusions of "science" be false, but they would be false by default because the assumptions that they are based on would be false also. I certainly don't advocate the position of "I'm right no matter what science says!" but "science says" is not as black and white as it is made out to be.

We all live on the same earth; we all have the same raw data. The conclusions drawn from this data can be varied depending on the assumptions with which the data is viewed. We have all seen the detailed paintings of early man in National Geographic based on only the most rigorous science ... a few bone fragments, actually. Hopefully no one seriously believes that arriving at fully-formed "missing links" from some small fossils is actually predicated on sound science. To be sure, the end result is influenced by ideology despite being published in a prestigious periodical.

In conclusion, all I'd like to see is a level playing field. It is slanderously misleading for materialistic evolutionists to claim that intelligent design is motivated purely by religion, but they themselves are unsullied by contemptuous philosophical leanings. Everyone is biased; everyone's conclusions are influenced by his bias.

Aaron Vandenbos is a student at Boise State



OPINION

The way you see it ...

Where is my Sudoku?

Why is there no more Sudoku? I loved doing these puzzles, but they are no longer there. What's up?

Sarah Kleymoene
Boise, Idaho

Moral versus Political Issue

For those who missed it (by the attendance, not many did), Al Gore gave a wonderful presentation on the affects of global warming.

For those who think that the former Vice President is doing this for political gain, think again.

Keep in mind he has been an advocate for the environment for over three decades.

In the presentation he called the issue of global warming a moral issue and not a political issue. Whether you are Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, Communist or other, we can all see the problems overpopulation and industrialization are having on the environment in the Treasure Valley.

If you did not attend the lecture, if you did not watch the film, if you have not read the book ... take some time and do so.

Review the information.

If you question the stats or the sources, find out for yourself.

Don't just brush it off because of your personal preference with the former Vice President.

We have the opportunity to save our world.

David Erin Anthony
Boise, Idaho

It's time for answers Mr. Luna

The Idaho Association of Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance would like to voice our concerns about the recent changes in the State Department of Education.

As educators, we are troubled by the lack of accurate information that has been released to the public. When new administration takes office some changes are often made; however, we are apprehensive about how this process was enacted.

This type of termination process has never happened at the State Department of Education before.

Employees with valuable experience, outstanding resumes and proven performance records were released without a given reason.

Of the 24 positions that were terminated, two directly impact Health and Physical Education.

The Health Education and Safe and Drug Free Schools coordinator positions are jobs that cannot be replaced easily.

The pool of experience and knowledge generated by these employees has been invaluable to our educators and students throughout the state.

They were innovative collaborators providing Idaho educators with programs that have been recognized nationally.

This loss also includes the network of contacts and base of collaboration built by these professionals over the last 20-plus years.

Recently elected Idaho State Superintendent Tom Luna has wiped out a vast knowledge that is imperative to our education system.

The expertise of these former employees is going to be impossible to replace without years of training and actual educational experience.

The questions we would like answered by Mr. Luna are: What is the reasoning behind the action and how can this positively impact our students and education system?

In addition, what is his plan to replace these valuable positions so the loss of more resources, advocacy, time and grant money does not continue?

Mr. Luna talks a lot about transition, however, we are now a month into 2007 and we still have no competent replacements at the State Department of Education.

How long do we wait?

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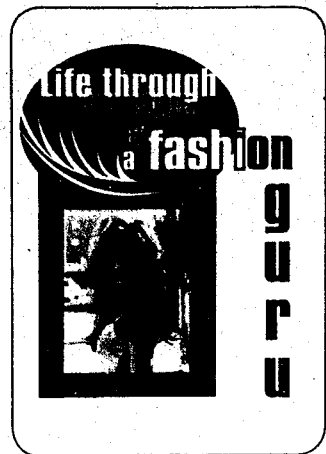
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Drawing the line

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Heels. Need I say more? For centuries (well, actually, maybe just decades ... I'm not a historian) they've elongated the legs of women everywhere and elevated us to new heights (literally).

Kitten, stiletto, stacked - all are major players in the realm of footwear.

For many, the love and appreciation of high-heels begins in childhood.

Wearing heels is a sign of adulthood, and what child doesn't want to grow up?

The love deepens with age. Heels allow for seemingly longer legs and near-runway-model stature.

We have the power to add four inches to our height whenever we please - I bet Superman didn't even have that ability.

And beyond the convenience that a few extra inches allows (like being able to see over the tall people that stand in front of you on the floor at concerts or reach your laundry soap on the top shelf) exists an even bigger reason to tolerate the pain that comes with super-high-heels: those shoes are secret weapons.

But, then again, good looks in general serve as not-that-secret weapons that can give you a little edge, and the right attire allows you to be as good-looking as you'd like.

A few months ago, one of my best friends and I went to rent a movie and discovered (gasp!) that we had well over \$40 in overdue fines that needed to be paid before we could take another new release home.

Right as we were thinking that we'd settle for whatever we could channel through our aluminum-foil trimmed rabbit ears onto our television and pints of Ben and Jerry's, the young video store guy told us "not to worry about it."

Poof! Our rental fees had disappeared with the bat of an eyelash and step of a stiletto-clad foot.

The point: good looks can get you a little ahead in life.

Now before you go and assume that I'm claiming to be an outrageously good-looking person with the world at my fingertips and access to everything I could ever want (that's not at all what I'm saying!), apply this theory of a better life through a better appearance to your own experiences. And not just the ladies: I've heard many a story of freebies my guy friends have gained via winks, good style and wide grins.

Ever taken an extra minute getting dressed, wandered out feeling like you looked extra-spectacular and thought that maybe you'd turned a few heads or gotten a couple more smiles from strangers?

It seems to me that there is some ingrained human desire to be nice to nice-looking people.

I've even had conversations with employers about this very thing, and I've come to one big conclusion: it's ok to use this power, just don't abuse it.

To clarify, allow me to quote Sarah Jessica Parker's character (Carrie) on "Sex In The City." She writes about a friend of hers that lives a lavish lifestyle by spending the money of those that adore her for her looks/charm.

When Carrie is presented with the same opportunity, she asks, "Where do you draw the line between professional girlfriend and just plain professional?"

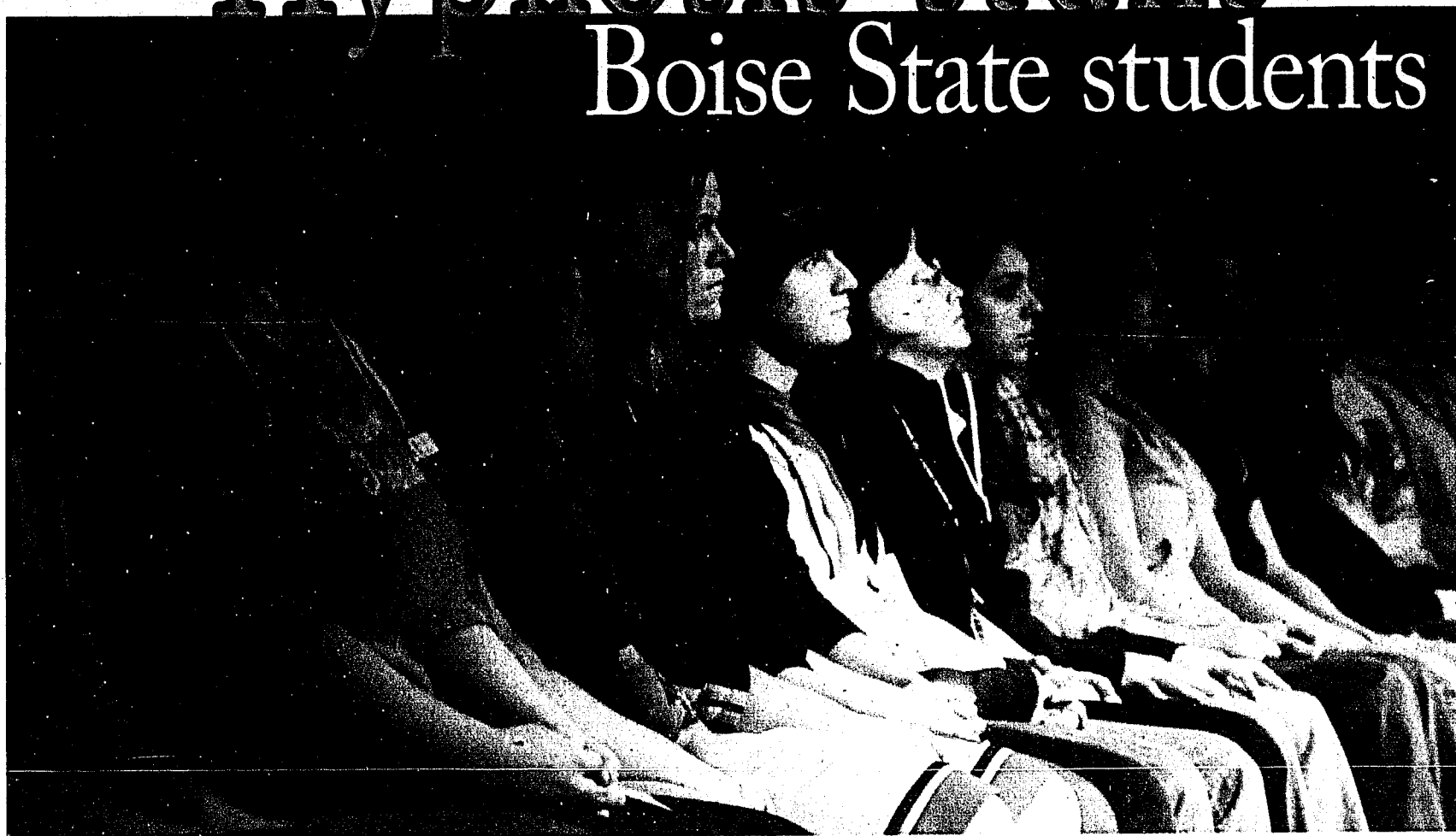
Interesting point. Things should still be worked for - even models work (maybe not quite as hard) for their money.

No one should be paid simply for being nice to look at, and those that aspire to create a career of primping in the mirror will face a harsh reality when wrinkles set in.

Video rental fees and other small life bonuses are fine - maybe they give us a little more incentive to get gussied up.

Beauty fades, but a gorgeous mind (and a good work ethic) is still gorgeous underneath silver hair.

Hypnosis stuns Boise State students



PHOTOS BY ALICE SCULLY/THE ARBITER

Making another appearance at Boise State University, hypnotist C.J. Johnson graced audience members with his comedic presentation Monday night at the Student Union Building.

BY MATTHEW BOYLE
Culture Writer

Boise State University's Student Programs Board brought world-renowned hypnotist C.J. Johnson to the Student Union Building Monday night. Johnson, an entertainer since 1986, has been hypnotizing crowds for more than 10 years. Before he took up hypnosis, he performed magic shows along with other forms of entertainment.

He has performed at Boise State numerous times and returned to Bronco territory again to hypnotize willing volunteers from the audience.

"Hypnosis doesn't give anybody new talents; it just loosens their inhibitions toward doing things," Johnson said.

Before the show began, the experienced entertainer laid down a few ground rules for those who would like to be hypnotized. He said that people who were drunk, really stu-

pid or really smart could not be hypnotized. Also, the volunteers that met those requirements would have to give their undivided attention to him, listen to everything he said, and possess the desire to be hypnotized.

He started off his performance by having the crowd do a minor hypnotic exercise. Mesmerizing music came on and he used his voice to put the audience into a trance and asked them to stick their hands together. Then, through his soothing,

powerful voice and the atmosphere the relaxing music created, the majority of the audience could not get their hands apart.

Of course, there were a few members of the audience, who found that the exercise did not work.

The hypnotist then asked for a group of volunteers to take the stage and be hypnotized. A large group of Boise State students rushed onto the stage to seize the opportunity.

As the routine began, there were some volunteers that did not meet the requirements for being hypnotized and failed to fall into the trance. Those volunteers were sent back to their seats.

The volunteers that were successfully hypnotized took part in many silly activities. Their inhibitions were successfully lowered but, as Johnson said, they were not given any new talents.

Ryan McIndoo, one of the successfully hypnotized volunteers, was given the role of Michael Jackson in concert and was told to go and dance.

"I knew what was going on; I just didn't care," McIndoo said after being lifted from the trance.

Some of the others that were hypnotized didn't remember as much, however.

To keep the volunteers hypnotized, every so often they would have to return to the chairs on stage and go back into 'sleep' as Johnson called. He said that technically, being hypnotized isn't sleeping but each hour of hypnosis is equivalent to four hours of sleep.

Johnson also said that hypnosis can be used to accomplish

goals such as weight loss, quitting smoking and making a consistent study plan.

He created self-hypnosis DVD's that were available for purchase after the show or from his website, www.sleepwithcj.com.



Scandal, romance mark 'Painted Veil'

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

he tagline for "The Painted Veil" reads "Sometimes the greatest journey is the distance between two people." However, the film's poster illustrates a different story: the two stars, Naomi

Watts and Edward Norton, cozied up together in a canoe, with a misty and serene Chinese watercolor landscape as the backdrop.

While waiting in line at the Flicks for tickets, an observer might think, "Ahh, cute! They're so in love!" Well, it takes the lead characters the majority of the movie to get there.

Based off the novel by W. Somerset Maugham and directed by John Curran, "The Painted Veil" tells a love story rooted in revenge rather than affection. The film opens in 1920s China as Walter Fane (Norton), a soft-spoken bacteriologist and his wife Kitty (Watts) sit together on an abandoned road, waiting to be taken to the isolated village of Mei-tan-fu.

At this point, the chemistry between these characters could not be more awkward. They face away from each other and each barely acknowledges that the other exists. A close-up on Kitty reveals her thinking bitterly of the events that led her to this point.

The film then steps into Kitty's mind and flashes back to London, a few months earlier. Kitty is revealed as a flighty socialite, who under pressure from her socially conscious mother, accepts Fane's marriage proposal. Fane whisks her away to Shanghai, where he eventually ignores her in favor of his scientific work.

Annoyed by the neglect and intrigued by the culture of Shanghai, Kitty ventures out and becomes acquainted with aristocrat Charles Townsend (Liev Schreiber). The two begin an adulterous affair.

When Fane finds out about the affair, he takes a job in the cholera-infested village of Mei-tan-fu and drags Kitty along as punishment.

Upon arriving in Mei-tan-fu, the couple continues to avoid each other, perpetuating the idea that they never should have married in the first place. However, their cold feelings gradually melt as the cholera epidemic and life in the remote village bring them together.

The result is that very cute couple one might see on

"The Painted Veil's" poster.

As this story unfolds, Norton's and Watts' acting draws viewers close to the characters. Neither speaks an abundance of lines, but their performances are still powerful in the way they look at each other and use body language to convey feelings of contempt, or toward the end of the film, affection.

This is certainly true for Norton, whose character probably speaks the fewest lines in the movie. Yet a wide range of emotions can still be felt for Fane from pity to contempt as he desperately tries to save a village from a cholera epidemic, but barely acknowledges his wife. Norton becomes his character in every way from adjusting his posture to that of a stiff, serious individual, to speaking with facial expressions rather than words. His performance proves that there is more to acting than reciting lines.

Visually, "The Painted Veil" scores as high as its actors. The quiet, desolate landscape of China gives the film a soft touch. It also parallels the isolation the Fanes create between them.

The film also excels in costume design, particularly the costumes worn by Watts' character. With a dark bob and gold-sequined gown, Kitty is depicted in her native London as the quintessential 1920s socialite-turned-flapper. As the movie progresses, Kitty's dresses become more drab and her bob, not so neat, as she discards her ego and adjusts to life in Mei-tan-fu.

An engaging story, powerful performances and stunning visuals make "The Painted Veil" an exceptional film worth seeing.



Students face the reality of suicide in 'The Girl in the Mirror'

BY STEVE AHLBORN
Culture Writer

The heart-moving play "The Girl in the Mirror" was put on in collaboration with the Columbia and Skyview High Schools.

Students, turned actors and actresses for three nights, came together to perform an insightful play about a girl named Susan Connors.

Sue, as others like to call her, is a girl close to death because of an overdose of pills leading to possible suicide.

She has been given the opportunity to look at her life as an "out of body" experience by "The Speaker" whom she follows through a chain of events that led her to attempted suicide.

She is placed in the middle of situations such as the divorce between parents, alcohol abuse by her mom and relationships with her boyfriend and her best friend.

Several people in the play were interviewed to better gain an idea of how students were able to grasp the problem of teen suicide in America, particularly in Idaho.

The lead actress, Jessica

Peterman, who played the part of Susan Connors, was asked, "What was the biggest challenge in playing Susan?" Her response was, "To put myself in someone else's shoes who has nothing else to live for."

Peterman also spoke on the most important aspect of the play in her own eyes.

"Alcoholism was a major aspect for me because I see how it affects a person on a daily basis, but then it takes an event like suicide for a person to realize the dangers," Peterman said.

In an interview with Glynis Calhoun, the director of "The Girl in the Mirror," she discussed what motivated her to take on such a project as this production.

"It gave a chance for advanced students for performing arts to try something challenging," Calhoun said. "Once I realized the statistics of Idaho's teen suicide rate this play became more meaningful to me."

It may come as a shock to some, but Idaho has one of the worst suicide rates in the nation.

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention and Suicide Prevention Action Network of Idaho have gathered statistics about

suicide across the country.

For young people in Idaho, ages 15 to 34, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

Across the country suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people ages 15 to 24.

Of the total number of suicides among ages 15 to 24 in 2001, 86 percent were male and 14 percent were female.

Males are four times more likely to die from suicide attempts than females. But, females reportedly attempt suicide about three times more than males.

It is interesting to note that suicide rates are generally higher than the national average in the western states and lower in the eastern and mid-western states.

The Center of Disease Control and Prevention has documented some of the risk factors and prevention factors of suicide.

Among the 16 factors for an at-risk person, six really stood out. Those are: Previous suicide attempts, history of mental disorders (especially depression), history of alcohol and substance abuse, family history of suicide, family history of child maltreatment and feelings of hopelessness.

There are six prevention factors which include: effective clinical care for mental, physical, and substance abuse disorders, easy access to a variety of clinical interventions and support for help-seeking, family and community support, support from ongoing medical and mental health care relationships, skills in problem solving, conflict resolution, nonviolent handling of disputes and cultural and religious beliefs that discourage suicide and support self-preservation instincts.

For more information on suicide risk and prevention please visit www.cdc.gov.

"Alcoholism was a major aspect for me because I see how it affects a person on a daily basis, but then it takes an event like suicide for a person to realize the dangers."

- Jessica Peterman,
Actress



BY FRANCY MARCOTTE
Assistant Culture Editor

Because I Said So

Diane Keaton once again plays the meddling mother role she charmed audiences with in "The Family Stone" and "Something's Gotta Give."

In "Because I Said So," Keaton's character, coming up on her 60th birthday, tries to play matchmaker with her youngest daughter (Mandy Moore).

She places a personal ad online to find "the perfect man," oblivious to the comical dating disasters it will cause for her single daughter.

Besides Moore, "Because I Said So" features Lauren Graham ("Gilmore Girls") and Piper Perabo ("The Prestige") as Keaton's two older daughters.

If anything, "Because I Said So" will give us all another reason to keep our parents as far away from our personal lives as possible.

The Messengers

Brace yourself: it's another scary movie featuring a creepy kid.

In recent years, the "creepy kid" has been a success in films like "The Sixth Sense," "The Ring" and "Silent Hill." Filmmakers have decided that there's nothing more bone-chilling than a young child with supernatural connections.

In "The Messengers," a family moves into an isolated farmhouse. Soon after, the teenage daughter (Kristen Stewart) and her younger brother sense an ominous presence in the house.

After conducting frightening re-

What's coming to the movies

search, Stewart's character confirms that her new home must be haunted.

The parents, of course, are completely clueless and don't believe they're living with a family of ghosts.

Technology may be a key factor in this Spanish-spoken film's success.

The preview for "Pan's Labyrinth" delivers plenty of elaborate special effects and features a handful of mystical creatures and monsters, blurring the line between fantasy and reality. It opens this weekend at The Flicks.

On the Indie Scene

Pan's Labyrinth

Once upon a time, a complex escape from reality was created in "Pan's Labyrinth." Fantasy and reality merge in Guillermo Del Toro's (the director behind the cockroach-infested "Mimic" and "Hellboy") new movie "Pan's Labyrinth."

In this dark fairy tale, a young girl named Ofelia attempts to escape the fascist politics of post-World War II Spain by retreating into her made-up fantasies.

In time, the imaginary world becomes her primary way of coping with real life hardships.

DVD of the Week

Flyboys

The 2006 war drama "Flyboys" arrives on DVD this week.

James Franco stars in this flick based on the true story of Lafayette Escadrille, a group of American volunteers fighting in the French Military during World War I.

The group eventually trains to become France's first fighter pilots. Jean Reno ("The Da Vinci Code") co-stars alongside Franco. "Flyboys" features large-scale special effects and realistic combat sequences.

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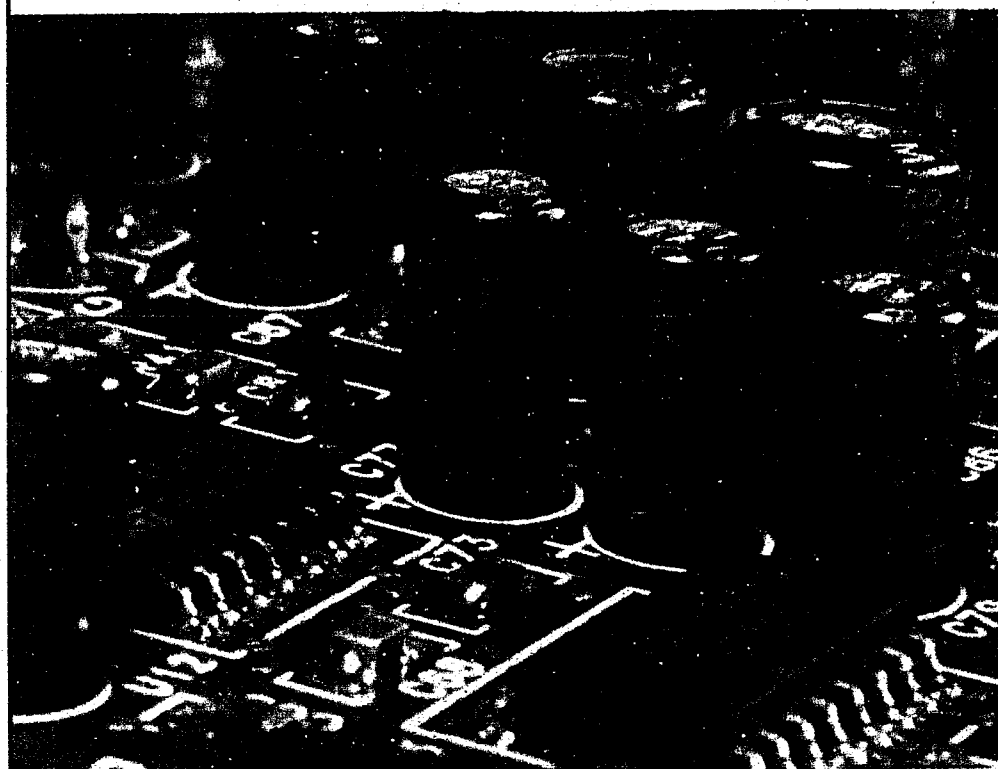
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ESPN announces Bracket Busters schedule

The Boise State men's basketball team will make its first appearance in the O'Reilly ESPNU Bracket Busters event when the Broncos host Albany Friday, Feb. 16, at Taco Bell Arena. The Boise State-Albany game is one of two that will be played Friday with one of the ESPN networks carrying the game.

Boise State (11-8, 5-3) sits in third place in the Western Athletic Conference race, while Albany, a member of the America East Conference, is in second place in its conference (14-7, 7-2 America East). The Great Danes have won six of their last seven games.

The exact time and the network (ESPN@, ESPNU or ESPN360) carrying the game will be announced next Monday or Tuesday.

BSU holds special for women's hoops game against La Tech

Following this Thursday night's home game with New Mexico State, Boise State will host the WAC's five-time defending champion, Louisiana Tech Saturday, Feb. 3, at Taco Bell Arena, tip-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Broncos as they face one of their biggest challenges of the season in their quest for the WAC's regular season conference title. Admission will be one dollar per person all ages (Boise State students are free with activity card) as Boise State attempts to pack the arena in support of the women's basketball team against the Lady Techsters. Louisiana Tech is one of the NCAA's most successful programs in history advancing to all 25 NCAA tournaments.

The Broncos pulled off one of their biggest wins in program history Jan. 13 of this year when they defeated the Lady Techsters 68-47 in the first meeting between the two schools in Ruston. That win snapped Louisiana Tech's national leading conference home win-streak that stood at 114 consecutive victories and stretched 15 years between home league defeats. Bring your friends, be loud, and wear ORANGE to the Louisiana Tech game this Saturday.

All tickets will be sold at the gate the day of the game.

Jessica Thompson earns WAC Women's Basketball Player of the Week Award

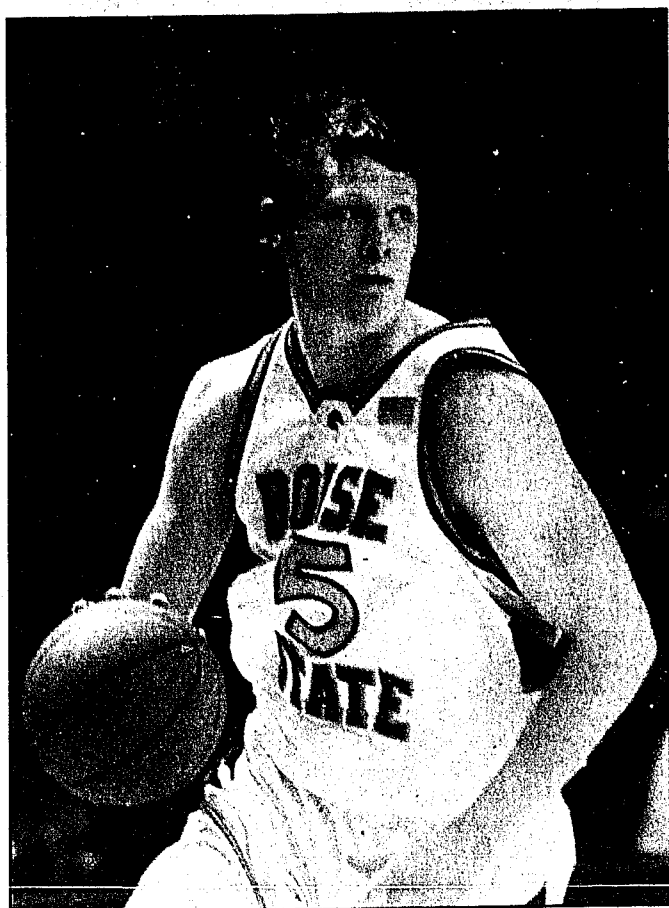
Boise State's Jessica Thompson has been named the Western Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week for the week of Jan. 29. This is the second WAC Player of the Week honor for the sophomore this season and the fourth for the Broncos this year. Thompson's first honor was just two weeks ago, Jan. 15, following the Broncos' sweep of New Mexico State and Louisiana Tech on the road.

Thompson, a guard from Temecula, Calif., led Boise State to a sweep of last week's games, an 80-38 win over Utah State Thursday and an 85-55 victory over Idaho Saturday, as the Broncos remain on top of the WAC standings with an undefeated 7-0 mark. During the week, the sophomore guard shot an impressive 70.8 percent (17 of 24) from the hardwood, hit 33.3 percent (1 of 3) from beyond the arc and 100 percent (2 of 2) from the free throw line. The guard also averaged 7.5 rebounds (5.0 offensive boards per game) in 22.5 minutes of action per game.

Against Utah State she recorded her seventh 20-plus point game of the season with 21 against the Aggies. She shot a sizzling 81.8 percent (9 of 11) from the floor versus Utah State, in addition to hitting 50 percent (1 of 2) from the three-point line and pulling down five rebounds.

Saturday against Idaho, Thompson recorded her second career double-double on team highs for points with 16 and rebounds with 10. She shot 61.5 percent (8 of 13) from the floor against the Vandals and grabbed six offensive boards while dishing out two assists in 23 minutes.

Karl leads by example



BY JAKE GARCIN
Sports Editor

Boise State senior basketball player Coby Karl leads the Broncos in scoring (16.2 ppg), assists (4.1 apg) and free throw shooting percentage (85.6 percent) this season. He is also third on the team in rebounds (4.4 rpg) to go along with his 43 percent mark from three-point range.

Karl is a pre-season All-American nominee and was most recently named the Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week for his dominating performances against Fresno State (28 points)

and Idaho (24 points). Surprisingly enough, the WAC Player of the Week Award was Karl's first such honor in his career. The fifth-year senior has become the face of Boise State basketball, yet according to BSU Head Coach Greg Graham it is Karl's unmentioned actions that mean the most to the team.

"When we gave everyone roles at the beginning of the year his role is kind of like our rudder," Graham said. "He steers our ship. Whether we're playing fast, whether we're playing slow, we're trying to get the ball inside or outside, he's the guy that kind of directs the ship. He's the captain of the ship."

Karl entered the 2006-07 season with high expectations following a breakout junior campaign. His progress through the BSU program has been similar to his production this season - slow and deceivingly successful. Karl arrived at Boise State in 2002 and was most notably known as the son of long time NBA head coach George Karl.

After five years in Boise, however, Karl is making his name known by his play on the basketball court, not by his family legacy. In 2005-06 Karl was named second team all-WAC, averaging 17.2 ppg. His offensive production improved steadily through his first three years, improving from 9.4 ppg as a red shirt freshman to 12.7 ppg as a sophomore.

"He's a special player," Graham said. "A lot of guys can't do all the things he can do. His versatility is good. His understanding of the game is good. He plays one, two or three for us. You can put him at different places. That's what's gonna help him have a shot at the next level."

Karl flirted with the idea of the NBA after last season, attending workouts with various pro franchises during the off-season. Karl eventually decided Boise State was the place for him this season opting to return for his senior year.

The NBA wasn't Karl's only big focus this past spring, however. He also underwent surgery last March to remove his thyroid and rid his body of cancer. The medical misfortunes sidelined his basketball progress, but it also provided a heavy realization to where basketball fit into the big scheme for Karl.

"I'm just enjoying basketball," Karl said. "It's my last year of college and after the cancer situation I'm just excited to be on the floor enjoying my team and enjoying school in general."

Karl's love for basketball will certainly pay dividends in the future,

but it's his love of college life that is showing results presently. Along with being an All-WAC performer on the court Karl is an All-WAC performer in the classroom. He was named to the WAC All-Academic team twice so far and posted a 4.0 GPA in the 2006 fall semester.

For the basketball team, Karl continues to provide the results coach Graham said he expects from a fifth-year senior. While the Broncos have used a great deal of different player combinations all season, Karl is one of the only players that has solidified his spot in the lineup night in and night out.

Karl leads the team in minutes played with a 33.4 minutes per game average on the season. Coach Graham said he contributes a large part of the consistent playing time to Karl's consistent production.

"I think first and foremost I've been here five years," Karl said. "Coach Graham has a lot of confidence in what I've done through my career. He kind of knows what he's going to get from me. I think I know the game well enough that I know what coach wants at certain times. I'm able to give that to him."

The Broncos will continue to rely heavily on Karl's leadership as the team hits the road to conclude its three-game road stretch. The Broncos played at New Mexico State Wednesday night and will travel to Louisiana Tech Saturday.

With the season already half way over, the end is drawing near for Karl and the other BSU seniors. When asked where the team would be without Karl, coach Graham said he wasn't sure he could truly answer that question.

"It probably won't hit me as hard until next year when I don't have him," Graham said. "Then I'm going to say 'whoa, he did all that and he did all this.' I turn things over to him and he knows what to do and what to run. It would sure be different without him."



Coby Karl (Center) leads the BSU men's basketball team in scoring, assists, free throw shooting percentage and minutes played this season. The senior was named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week for his performances against Fresno State and Idaho.

Boise State men's tennis achieves the unthinkable

BY TATE CASTLETON
Sports Writer

Boise State Men's Tennis Coach Greg Patton is living a dream. Last Saturday his team obliterated Pac-10 power, No. 9 Stanford University on its home court 5-1. Just how big was the win for the Broncos? Ask Coach Patton and he'll tell you it was better than winning the lottery.

"To win the lotto is just luck," Patton said. "Beating Stanford means something monumental because I know how much those guys wanted it and how hard they worked for it."

Consider this: the Cardinals had not lost on their home court in 99 matches. Stanford had not lost a match as badly as they did Saturday in more than 15 years. But for Patton and his talented squad it was all business after a bit of a slow start.

"We kind of lulled them into complacency and then we jumped all over them," Patton said. "It's like you lull this wolf into this den and then all the sudden you have a hundred bears in there."

Coach Patton said his team has always felt like they can compete with anyone, but the win Saturday only added fuel to this team's dream

of winning big again and again.

"Winning like this is like getting your dream girl to go to prom with you," Patton said. "But we feel like this is where we belong because we strongly and seriously believe we're no fluke."

Much like the football team, who pulled off the improbable perfect

Championship.

He then left the Broncos to become a full-time coach with the U.S. National team. He was a winner there too. Patton led the National Boys 14s to the World Cup Championship in the winter of 2003. He guided the team to wins over Spain and Argentina to cap-

There is no doubt that Patton brings his own blend of love and passion to the tennis program. He returned to Boise State in 2003 with an overwhelming sense of what he called, "pure unadulterated love" for the Broncos and the city of Boise.

He had an immediate impact on the program when he took back the reins mid-way through the season.

The Broncos were 5-5, but with Patton's touch launched a 13-3 run and went on to win the WAC Championship and upset Arizona in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Upon his return to BSU Patton had one thing in mind: to build a power school and to win the state's first ever NCAA national championship.

As the Broncos continue that quest they begin this season 4-0 and anything less than another WAC championship and a shot at a national championship would be a disappointment.

"I'm pretty open about what I want to do here," Patton said. "I want to win a national championship."

ture the crown.

Throughout his career Patton has worked with tennis greats Pete Sampras, Jim Courier and Michael Chang and has stepped foot on almost every continent as a coach. After all the travel, however, Patton said Boise State is the only place he ever wants to be.

"I've been romanced with Boise," Patton admits. "I'm in love with Boise, I'm in love with the people, and I'm in love with the school."

"We kind of lulled them into complacency and then we jumped all over them."

- Greg Patton
Boise State Tennis Coach



BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

So the big game is coming up this weekend - you know, the Super Bowl? To add to the wrapping up of the wonderful 2006-2007 National Football League season I decided to dish out a few of my own hand-picked awards. Let's get started.

Best Moment of the Year: Even though I loved every waning moment of what might have been Brett Favre's last game, it's hard not to give props to the Saints home-opening game in week one against Atlanta. It was truly electrifying, and if you're either a true football fan or an American nationalist and that didn't get you going, then you likely don't have a pulse.

Comeback Player of the Year: When Donovan McNabb was hand's down the NFL front-runner for MVP through week six, no one was even thinking about Jeff Garcia, McNabb's back-up. Then McNabb cooled off, got hurt and the city of Philadelphia crapped themselves because the Eagles were playing poor and now that ex-Canadian league guy was in at quarterback. But Garcia came in, led the team to five straight wins and to the playoffs. He went 5-1 as a starter, threw ten touchdowns, only two interceptions and ended the season with a quarterback rating of 95.8. Now that is a comeback story.

Worst decision of the year: anything the Oakland Raiders team and/or organization as a whole thought of.

Biggest Overachieving Individual: I know everyone wants to say New Orleans Saints rookie wide receiver Marques Colston, but I went out on a little bit of a limb with this pick. How about Jacksonville Jaguars backup running back/do-it-all man Maurice Jones-Drew? Drew nearly ran for 1,000 yards as a back-up and his 5.7 yards per carry is best in the NFL amongst running-backs who had at least 100 carries. That's right, better than Larry Johnson and Ladanian Tomlinson. But here's why this guy is my winner: as a rookie he ran for over 100 yards three times, scored 13 touchdowns on the ground, had over 400 yards receiving and he returned 31 kickoffs for a 27.7 yard average, including a 93-yard touchdown return against Indianapolis in week 14. This five foot, seven-inch bowling ball has a bright future in this league.

Biggest Underachieving Individual: It's hard not to say Rex Grossman but New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning wins this award because he played awful. His team wasn't very good and he was visibly one of the most unproductive leaders at his position in the league.

By the way Eli, NFL quarterbacks are supposed to be synonymous with leadership, take a lesson from big bro sometime. When you're the No. 1 pick in an NFL draft and now three years into your NFL career you're still right in the middle of the pack among quarterbacks in the league at best, you qualify for the underachiever award.

Last but not least, Worst Coaching Decision of the year: Bill Parcells, you've been in the NFL a long time now but I blame the playoff loss to Seattle on you. When Tony Romo became your starter mid-way through the season you should have taken him out of the role of placeholder. Are you kidding me? The guy has enough to worry about. Then he muffs the snap and you go home and retire. Good call Bill, my hat is off to you.

That's all for this year, but make sure to check in next year as we're sure to have new reports of Cincinnati Bengals getting thrown in jail, Brett Favre's "seriously" final year and America's wager on how big Jake Plummer's beard will be come next season's fall camp. Until then keep complaining about the NFL network and enjoy Super Bowl XLII.

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Women's hoops rolls on

BY KYE JOHNSON
Assistant Sports Editor

Boise State women's basketball Head Coach Gordy Presnell deserves a lot of credit for the quick work he's done with the women's program. Two years ago, he inherited a team and a program that were struggling to find success. Perhaps that's why he was a great fit for Boise State, because after all he is full of success. In his stint prior to BSU, Presnell was the head women's coach at Seattle Pacific University where he posted an astounding 396-127 record over 18 seasons at SPU. Fortunately for Bronco fans, his winning ways are carrying over to BSU now.

"It feels great, but it's kind of hard because now that we're in first people are gunning for us," BSU guard Tasha Harris said. "We're the ones with the target now instead of being the underdogs. We're the team that everyone wants to beat, so we have to make sure that we bring our 'A' game every time."

In Presnell's first season he helped BSU achieve a 15-15 overall

record, which was the first non-winning season Boise State had posted in nearly a decade. Now, in his second season, he has the women off to one of the best starts in school history with a 16-4 record. Not to mention his team is sitting atop of the Western Athletic Conference nearly halfway through the season, and he also has the Broncos on the brink of an NCAA tournament appearance.

"I thought this was a pretty cool place and that's why we came here," Presnell said about Boise State. "After I met the players I knew they had a lot of potential as people and as players and I really enjoyed them and I thought that we could have a pretty good team. But I don't know if anybody thinks you're going to go 16-4 in your second season."

All season long Presnell has kept his focus on the task at hand. Meaning neither he, nor any of his players, are looking past opponents or ahead to any big games. This week may be the toughest week all season in which to keep that mindset.

Boise State will host a pair of WAC games this week. One is tonight

against New Mexico State and the other is Saturday against Louisiana Tech in what may be the biggest game of the year for either team.

"We've got a couple tough games this week," Presnell said. "LA Tech is extremely athletic. Their backs are to the wall so they're going to come out giving great effort and it's going to be difficult. But I have a lot of confidence in our kids and I'll never sell them short."

But he has put the La Tech game aside for the moment and is focused on getting the win against New Mexico State first.

"New Mexico State will be real athletic and then they've got two guards who will kind of control tempo," Presnell said. "So it's kind of an unusual thing, what they have going. But they're well coached and they're about .500, I believe, so that's going to be a challenge too."

"We try to keep a narrow focus and take care of business each time," Harris said about potentially overlooking New Mexico State. "We have confidence in ourselves and we just know that we can beat these teams if we play our best."

The RECreation Center offers instructional classes to shake up routine

BY DREW MAYES
Editor-in-Chief

Fitness experts regularly report one of the main reasons people stop working out is boredom. Well, can you blame them?

Who really wants to pick up the same weight 10 times, set it down and repeat that process two more times.

Now do that for every lift you do, every time you hit the gym. Sure your heart rate will go up, but the only real excitement in that type of workout is what song your iPod will randomly select next.

When the time is right to inject some new life into your old workout routine Boise State's instructional programs at Campus Recreation have you covered.

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vice classes, for a small fee, that go above and beyond the regular exercise programs Campus Recreation offers.

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"These classes are a great way to get a foundation in something, or take your skills to a higher level," Coughlan said. "They're also great for those individuals who wouldn't

normally just stop in and workout with a group of strangers."

By limiting the class Coughlan says instructors are able to target the needs of the group and after each class the group is able to progress to a higher level.

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Tennis

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Patton admits that the football team is the primary source of his motivation to win.

"I'm in a race," Patton said. "I kid Coach Pete all the time. I mean Peterson set the bar pretty high, but I'm telling you I've got a ladder and I'm ready to climb to the top!"

For Boise State and Patton's tennis program the future is bright.

The Broncos do not have a single senior on their roster and they boast some of the best players in the country including the dominating brothers Luke and Clancy Shields.

Luke is ranked No. 15 nationally and has, in four matches this season, compiled a 14-3 record including a crucial and impressive win over Stanford All-American Matt Bruch last Saturday.

"This guy (Matt Bruch) is like the national champion of the juniors in the U.S. and is top-ten in the nation

and Luke goes out there and beats him on his home court in a dual match when it really means something," Patton said.

There is no doubt the men's tennis team now face expectations, but Coach Patton is confident they are ready for the challenge and that their love for the game is their real difference maker this season.

"These kids have an incredible sense of love for the game and love for each other," Patton said. "It's a brotherhood and they love playing for each other and for the university because they realize they only live once and they'll only do this once."

At the end of the day Patton and his team just love to compete. Patton's 223-73 record at BSU may be the best evidence of that.

"Competing is like going to a dance club to shake your booty," Patton said. "The music is the sound

of the ball going back and forth, it's that good."

Looking back Coach Patton knows coaching is the best thing that's ever happened to him.

He is also thankful he was given a shot as an interim coach at age 22 at his alma mater, UC Santa Barbara.

"I've been given the best job in the world," Patton said. "It's wins like this one against Stanford that make it sweet and special. This win Saturday is definitely one of the best I've been a part of and I'm just so lucky to be able to do what I love."

Patton is certainly living a dream that's only just begun.

The unbeaten Broncos (4-0) will hit the road this week with matches at the University of San Diego Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and San Diego State Sunday at noon.

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Vista will be different from XP, in a good way



BY CHRIS COBBS
Orlando Sentinel (MCT)

If you use a computer or know someone who does, brace yourself for the word "Vista." You're going to be hearing "Vista," probably even more often than the John Mellencamp truck anthem, "Our Country."

A sweeping face-lift and overhaul of Microsoft's Windows operating system found on the vast majority of PCs in homes and offices _ Vista will be introduced Jan. 30.

It's been five years since Microsoft rolled out Windows XP, the last significant revision of the Windows line.

And, believe me, Vista is going to surpass XP by having a bigger effect on everyday computing because it's so, well, different.

Better in many ways, but definitely different, meaning everyone who sits down at a machine running it will have to learn new ways of doing things.

This column discusses the basics _ the assortment of Vista versions, considerations for upgrading, costs, shopping for a new PC and more.

So, let's get started.

Vista will come in four major flavors: Home Basic, Home Premium, Ultimate and Vista for Business.

They differ in many ways, including price, look and feel, and the variety of features.

The Microsoft Web site devotes dozens of screens to explaining what's what.

If you already have a PC, you'll have to decide if you want to upgrade, and to which version.

The cost for upgrading to the new software (exclusive of the cost of adding new hardware to your existing PC, if necessary) will range from \$99.95 to \$259.

Microsoft provides an online "upgrade adviser" to help determine if existing hardware can handle Vista.

At the most basic level, a PC needs an 800 MHz processor, 512 MB of memory and 15 GB of free hard disk space.

To take advantage of all the lovely new "eye candy" features, a much more powerful system is needed. I wouldn't move to Vista on a PC that can't go beyond the same old drab Windows XP look.

The upgrade chores are much simplified if you dump your old PC. In fact, you can get Vista free and pre-installed if you buy a new computer for your home following the Jan. 30 launch.

Businesses may and probably will proceed slowly and with caution as they evaluate Vista, so the new software may not appear in your cubicle for quite a while.

There's no simple or pat answer to whether you should make the move to Vista right away. If you are reasonably comfortable with XP, or an even older Windows, there's no need to change immediately.

However, if you want a new laptop or desktop system, Vista will be there to greet you as soon as you hit the power button. And it will take some getting used to, so set aside a few hours to adapt before attempting to do any important work.

Let me put it this way: It's not going to be as hard as learning to drive a car on the "wrong" side of the road, as in Britain.

But it will be frustrating, like getting behind the wheel of a rental car and you accidentally turn on the windshield wipers when you were trying to turn on the headlights.

The Allofmp3.com anomaly

BY DOUGLASS TAYLOR
BizTech Writer

“When an American buys music from Allofmp3.com, he is also obtaining a personal “space” which the music is downloaded from, making him an importer during a download.”

First there was Napster. Then Kazaa and Limewire. These tools helped many music fans procure sounds from their favorite artists without paying money.

They paid instead with receiving annoying advertisements, moral qualms and lawsuits. Legitimate companies were enlightened by the magic of online music dealing, investing in it, charging for it.

There are many websites where an American can download music legally, but for some this isn't good enough. iTunes charges \$.99 per track and about ten dollars for an album. This is too much for some, so they go to Allofmp3.com.

At this website based in Moscow, Russia, an American can buy albums for less than three dollars and songs for less than twenty cents.

Allofmp3.com set up “FAQs Regarding The Legality of the Allofmp3 pay service” that addresses the consumer's concerns:

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owner of the copyright (FAQ 2).

Allofmp3.com clearly states that it doesn't know positively, whether or not it is legal to use its services in the United States. It suggests consulting local laws and counsel before using the services on the website (FAQ 16). A very smooth downloading service. They provide convincing evidence to some about the legitimacy of their business.

To many, however, it needs to be more than legal. It shouldn't be immoral. So, the website offers reasons for being morally acceptable.

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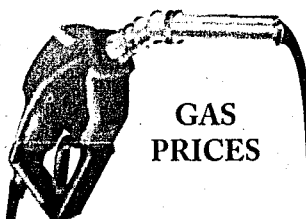
John Kennedy, CEO of IFPI, recounted the progress made against Allofmp3.com in a speech Jan. 22.

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There are few quick wins when you are dealing with Russian copyright enforcement - but I'm confident that all the actions we are bringing against that website in different countries will come to fruition.”

While currently, the website appears to be operating without violating Russian laws, it would be a fantasy to think this makes it legal to buy music that isn't authorized by the rights holders while in the United States.

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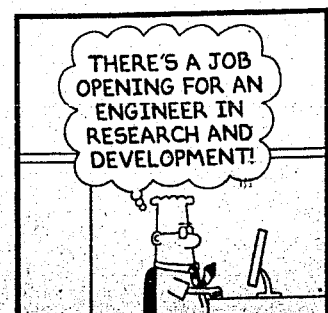
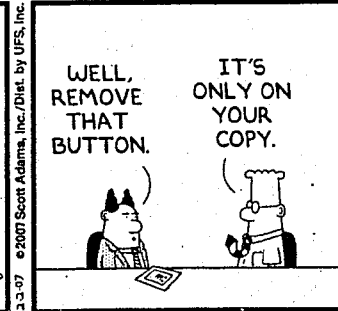
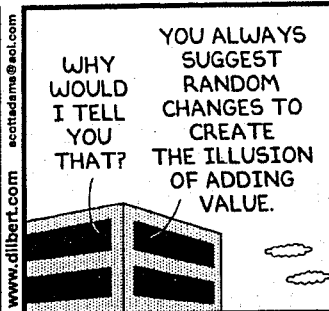
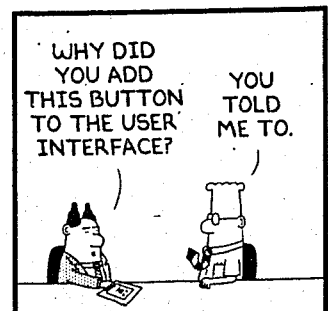
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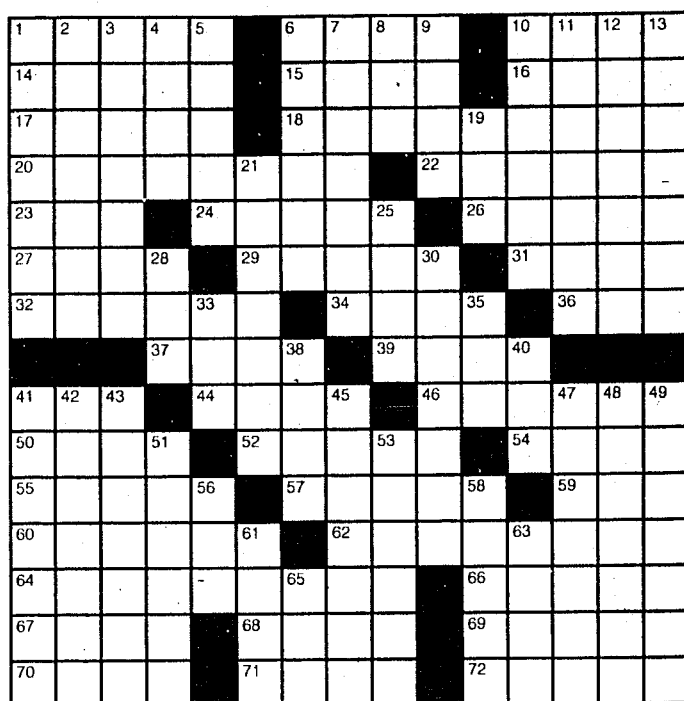
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ACROSS

- 1 The 4 Seasons singer Frankie
- 6 Exploited
- 10 Former SNL rival
- 14 Biblical patriarch
- 15 Stout's Wolfe
- 16 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
- 17 Designer Clark
- 18 Know-nothing
- 20 Set the stage for
- 22 Least cooked
- 23 Faberge item
- 24 Vex
- 26 Wiesbaden's state
- 27 Granny
- 29 Bay window
- 31 Instigates litigation
- 32 Keeps busy
- 34 Touched down
- 36 L.A. summer hrs.
- 37 Confederate
- 39 Incite
- 41 One NCO
- 44 Salty drop
- 46 Mare's milieu
- 50 Scarlett's estate
- 52 Great Mountains
- 54 Display muscle
- 55 Arkin and King
- 57 Rouen's river
- 59 Picnic spoiler
- 60 Root for salads
- 62 Edible rockfish
- 64 Roget's book
- 66 Available buyer
- 67 Asian country
- 68 Good fortune
- 69 Occurrence of note
- 70 Best or Ferber
- 71 Spacious boats
- 72 Landlord's revenue

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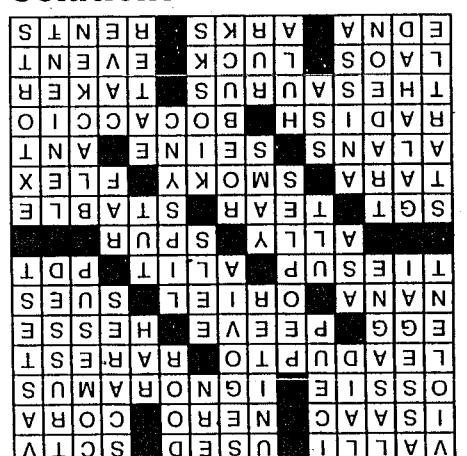
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- 2 African javelin
- 3 Pasta dish
- 4 Deposited
- 5 Frost over
- 6 Go-between
- 7 Guitarist Andres



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Solutions



- 8 European eagle
- 9 Access indication
- 10 Alarms
- 11 Arises
- 12 Hog-tied
- 13 Most extensive
- 19 Cheerleader's cheer
- 21 "The __ Court"
- 25 Morays or congers
- 28 Candler of Coca-Cola
- 30 Mouth the words
- 33 Most remote, briefly
- 35 Egyptian boy king
- 38 Thanksgiving veggies
- 40 Brit. flyboys
- 41 Frighten
- 42 Knight of the Round Table
- 43 Exploit
- 45 Sears, __ & Company
- 47 Defame
- 48 Not severe
- 49 Coerces
- 51 Jones of "Family Affair"
- 53 Small gazebos
- 56 9-digit ID org.
- 58 Food consumer
- 61 __ Hoop
- 63 Stalactite site
- 65 Play about mech. men

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Today's Birthday (02-01-07)

You're thinking more about money this year, which ought to increase your income. Having a good building partner helps, too, if you can keep his costs down.

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 5. Start in carrying out your promises for the New Year. Projects now get farther than expected.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 5. You've got a tough decision to make. There's no need to hurry. Information you get tomorrow makes a big difference, anyway.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7. If you have a job you love, you're having a fabulous time. If you don't, you're miserable, gazing out the windows. Put in the correction.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6. You can make a tidy profit if you take on a challenge. Call up those folks who owe you, and remind them it's time to pay up.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6. Your assignment for today is to try and get along. You also need to make sure the other side plays by the rules. This is a challenge, but you can do it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 6. Consult with you co-workers as you're figuring out the job. Consider that something may have changed, over which you have no control.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7. In theory, your plan works perfectly. The trouble seems to come when you try to put it into practice. More research is required.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is an 8. You're not doing any more work, but there's more money coming in. Did you just get a promotion or raise? If not, ask for one.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 6. You have plenty of choices, that's not the problem. Well, on second thought, maybe it is. If you flip a coin, make sure you get the coin back.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7. Resist the urge to buy off the shelf, even if you'll have it sooner. On a high-ticket item, you'll save a lot if you can get it wholesale. Keep shopping.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7. Your partner has lots of wonderful ideas, well thought out and thorough. Money is not the primary consideration for this person, so watch out, if he's spending yours.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6. You're doing lots of work, but not making a lot of money. It'll be a while but don't dismay. You're gaining experience.

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P165/70SR-13	21.32	P215/70R-15	47.96	185/70HR-14BW	34.99
P175/70SR-13	22.78	P215/70R-15	50.79	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P185/70SR-13	23.55	P215/70R-15	51.97	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P195/70SR-13	24.32	P215/70R-15	52.87	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P205/70SR-13	25.09	P215/70R-15	53.69	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P215/70SR-13	25.86	P215/70R-15	54.51	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P215/70SR-13	26.63	P215/70R-15	55.33	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P215/70SR-13	27.40	P215/70R-15	56.15	185/70HR-14BW	41.99
P215/70SR-13	28.17	P215/70R-15	56.97	185/70HR-14BW	41.99

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P225/70R-15	70.10	L225/70R-15	87.47
L225/70R-15	71.09	30X8.00R-15	87.38
L225/70R-15	74.50	31X8.00R-15	85.82
L225/70R-15	80.84	PLUS PFI	
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P155/70SR-13BW	49.89	P225/70R-15	79.21
P175/70SR-13BW	52.82	P225/70R-15	81.00
P185/70SR-13BW	55.74	P225/70R-15	82.10
P195/70SR-13BW	58.66	P225/70R-15	83.20
P205/70SR-13BW	61.58	P225/70R-15	84.30
P215/70SR-13BW	64.50	P225/70R-15	85.40
P225/70SR-13BW	67.42	P225/70R-15	86.50
P235/70SR-13BW	70.34	P225/70R-15	87.60
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P215/70R-15BW	81.55	P245/70R-15BW	99.73
P225/70R-15BW	84.55	P255/70R-15BW	109.11
P235/70R-15BW	85.50	L225/70R-15BW	106.71
P245/70R-15BW	86.50	L225/70R-15BW	113.50
P255/70R-15BW	87.50	30X8.00R-15BW	109.36
L225/70R-15BW	89.18	31X7.50R-15BW	108.84
L225/70R-15BW	106.53	8.75R-16.5BW	111.70
L245/70R-15BW	116.57	9.50R-16.5BW	125.41
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P225/70R-15BW	98.00		

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P165/70SR-13BW	55.25	P215/70SR-14BW	74.20	P215/70SR-14BW	111.44
P175/70SR-13BW	58.35	P225/70SR-14BW	77.26	P225/70SR-14BW	121.67
P185/70SR-13BW	61.45	P235/70SR-14BW	80.32	P235/70SR-14BW	131.90
P195/70SR-13BW	64.55	P245/70SR-14BW	83.38	P245/70SR-14BW	142.13
P205/70SR-13BW	67.65	P255/70SR-14BW	86.44	P255/70SR-14BW	152.36
P215/70SR-13BW	70.75	P265/70SR-14BW	89.50	P265/70SR-14BW	162.59
P225/70SR-13BW	73.85	P275/70SR-14BW	92.56	P275/70SR-14BW	172.82
P235/70SR-13BW	76.95	P285/70SR-14BW	95.62	P285/70SR-14BW	183.05
P245/70SR-13BW	80.05	P295/70SR-14BW	98.68	P295/70SR-14BW	193.28
P255/70SR-13BW	83.15	P305/70SR-14BW	101.74	P305/70SR-14BW	203.51
P265/70SR-13BW	86.25	P315/70SR-14BW	104.80	P315/70SR-14BW	213.74
P275/70SR-13BW	89.35	P325/70SR-14BW	107.86	P325/70SR-14BW	223.97
P285/70SR-13BW	92.45	P335/70SR-14BW	110.92	P335/70SR-14BW	234.20
P295/70SR-13BW	95.55	P345/70SR-14BW	113.98	P345/70SR-14BW	244.43
P305/70SR-13BW	98.65	P355/70SR-14BW	117.04	P355/70SR-14BW	254.66
P315/70SR-13BW	101.75	P365/70SR-14BW	120.10	P365/70SR-14BW	264.89
P325/70SR-13BW	104.85	P375/70SR-14BW	123.16	P375/70SR-14BW	275.12
P335/70SR-13BW	107.95	P385/70SR-14BW	126.22	P385/70SR-14BW	285.35
P345/70SR-13BW	111.05	P395/70SR-14BW	129.28	P395/70SR-14BW	295.58
P355/70SR-13BW	114.15	P405/70SR-14BW	132.34	P405/70SR-14BW	305.81
P365/70SR-13BW	117.25	P415/70SR-14BW	135.40	P415/70SR-14BW	316.04
P375/70SR-13BW	120.35	P425/70SR-14BW	138.46	P425/70SR-14BW	326.27
P385/70SR-13BW	123.45	P435/70SR-14BW	141.52	P435/70SR-14BW	336.50
P395/70SR-13BW	126.55	P445/70SR-14BW	144.58	P445/70SR-14BW	346.73
P405/70SR-13BW	129.65	P455/70SR-14BW	147.64	P455/70SR-14BW	356.96
P415/70SR-13BW	132.75	P465/70SR-14BW	150.70	P465/70SR-14BW	367.19
P425/70SR-13BW	135.85	P475/70SR-14BW	153.76	P475/70SR-14BW	377.42
P435/70SR-13BW	138.95	P485/70SR-14BW	156.82	P485/70SR-14BW	387.65
P445/70SR-13BW	142.05	P495/70SR-14BW	159.88	P495/70SR-14BW	397.88
P455/70SR-13BW	145.15	P505/70SR-14BW	162.94	P505/70SR-14BW	408.11
P465/70SR-13BW	148.25	P515/70SR-14BW	166.00	P515/70SR-14BW	418.34
P475/70SR-13BW	151.35	P525/70SR-14BW	169.06	P525/70SR-14BW	428.57
P485/70SR-13BW	154.45	P535/70SR-14BW	172.12	P535/70SR-14BW	438.80
P495/70SR-13BW	157.55	P545/70SR-14BW	175.18	P545/70SR-14BW	449.03
P505/70SR-13BW	160.65	P555/70SR-14BW	178.24	P555/70SR-14BW	459.26
P515/70SR-13BW	163.75	P565/70SR-14BW	181.30	P565/70SR-14BW	469.49
P525/70SR-13BW	166.85	P575/70SR-14BW	184.36	P575/70SR-14BW	479.72
P535/70SR-13BW	169.95	P585/70SR-14BW	187.42	P585/70SR-14BW	489.95
P545/70SR-13BW	173.05	P595/70SR-14BW	190.48	P595/70SR-14BW	500.18
P555/70SR-13BW	176.15	P605/70SR-14BW	193.54	P605/70SR-14BW	510.41
P565/70SR-13BW	179.25	P615/70SR-14BW	196.60	P615/70SR-14BW	520.64
P575/70SR-13BW	182.35	P625/70SR-14BW	199.66	P625/70SR-14BW	530.87
P585/70SR-13BW	185.45	P635/70SR-14BW	202.72	P635/70SR-14BW	541.10
P595/70SR-13BW	188.55	P645/70SR-14BW	205.78	P645/70SR-14BW	551.33
P605/70SR-13BW	191.65	P655/70SR-14BW	208.84	P655/70SR-14BW	561.56
P615/70SR-13BW	194.75	P665/70SR-14BW	211.90	P665/70SR-14BW	571.79
P625/70SR-13BW	197.85	P675/70SR-14BW	214.96	P675/70SR-14BW	582.02
P635/70SR-13BW	200.95	P685/70SR-14BW	218.02	P685/70SR-14BW	592.25
P645/70SR-13BW	204.05	P695/70SR-14BW	221.08	P695/70SR-14BW	602.48
P655/70SR-13BW	207.15	P705/70SR-14BW	224.14	P705/70SR-14BW	612.71
P665/70SR-13BW	210.25	P715/70SR-14BW	227.20	P715/70SR-14BW	622.94
P675/70SR-13BW	213.35	P725/70SR-14BW	230.26	P725/70SR-14BW	633.17
P685/70SR-13BW	216.45	P735/70SR-14BW	233.32	P735/70SR-14BW	643.40
P695/70SR-13BW	219.55	P745/70SR-14BW	236.38	P745/70SR-14BW	653.63
P705/70SR-13BW	222.65	P755/70SR-14BW	239.44	P755/70SR-14BW	663.86
P715/70SR-13BW	225.75	P765/70SR-14BW	242.50	P765/70SR-14BW	674.09
P725/70SR-13BW	228.85	P775/70SR-14BW	245.56	P775/70SR-14BW	684.32
P735/70SR-13BW	231.95	P785/70SR-14BW	248.62	P785/70SR-14BW	694.55
P745/70SR-13BW	235.05	P795/70SR-14BW	251.68	P795/70SR-14BW	704.78
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P785/70SR-13BW	247.45	P835/70SR-14BW	263.92	P835/70SR-14BW	745.70
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P855/70SR-13BW	269.15	P905/70SR-14BW	285.34	P905/70SR-14BW	817.31
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