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## WEATHER

**TUESDAY**  
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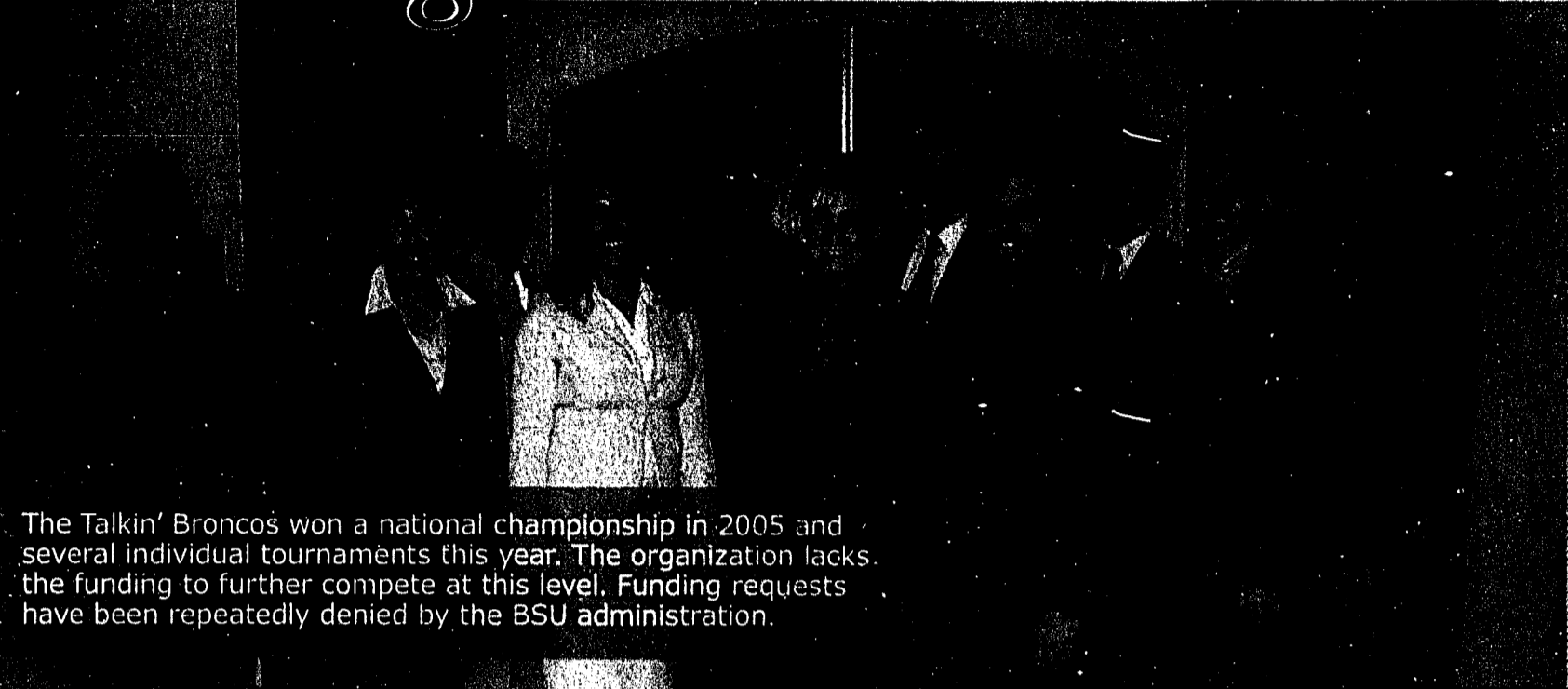
TUESDAY

**Safer Spring Break.**  
This is an outreach event designed to raise awareness and educate students on responsible drinking, safer sex and skin care. Come join our interactive booth displays in the SUB and Student Recreation Center for information and free giveaways. March 19-22, this event can be found at the Marketing Booth at the SUB, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

**COBE Career Connections Job Fair.** Set up begins at 2 p.m., doors open at 3 p.m. In the Hatch Ballroom, SUB. This event is free, please dress in business casual. Contact: www.cobe.boisestate.edu.

# Silencing the Talkin' Broncos



The Talkin' Broncos won a national championship in 2005 and several individual tournaments this year. The organization lacks the funding to further compete at this level. Funding requests have been repeatedly denied by the BSU administration.

PHOTO COURTESY MARTY MOST/ DIRECTOR OF FORENSICS

## One of the university's marks of distinction is threatened

BY CHAD MENDENHALL  
News Writer

Despite finishing second at the 2007 National Forensic Tournament, eight top-10 national finishes, six national All-American honors, more than 30 team championships at individual tournaments and a national title in 2005, Boise State's intercollegiate debate and speech team, the Talkin' Broncos, is not gaining any respect from university officials.

In March 2006, Director of Forensics, Marty Most, informed Communication Department Chair, Rick Moore, that he could no longer serve as the DOF. This decision was partly due to inadequate and diminishing funding for the

Talkin' Bronco's travel and scholarship budget.

"To my understanding, Marty resigned because resources are increasingly inadequate to fund the program at a level commensurate with the first-class program the university often uses as evidence of Boise State's academic excellence," Moore said. He has served as the DOF for 19 years.

Increases in fuel prices, hotel costs and restrictions on overnight travel have severely impacted the forensic budget. Their current budget has virtually remained the same since 1999, the only change being a cut of almost \$1,000.

"That decrease, and inflation, have eroded the value of the budget by over \$8,000 in constant dollars," Most said.

In February 2006, the Talkin' Broncos appealed to the Executive Budget Committee at the Student Fee Proposal Hearings for additional funding. That appeal was ultimately denied, forcing the forensic team, the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs and the Provost Office to temporarily supplement their budget through special appropriations and fundraising.

Sona Andrews, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, said the Executive Budget Committee did not approve the requested funds because they wanted to stay consistent with the financing of similar clubs that also travel to compete. She said although the request was denied, the university has made the commitments necessary to provide long-term supplemental financing for the forensic team but has not moved this money into their permanent budget.

Despite the current fundraising and temporary appropriations, Most said the deficiency of funding for the Talkin' Broncos jeopardizes its international reputation, quality and competition of the program. Financial constraints have required the team to cut back on individual competitions and have prevented many other students from participating in forensics.

Over the past four years, the Forensics Program has reduced its number of tournaments and its number of students.

"The only way to restrict spending is to reduce team size and scheduled competition," Most said. "That would effectively end the program's

ability to compete at a national and perhaps even a regional level."

These individual tournaments are important because they prepare students to compete at the national level. Most said cutting even more tournaments would just set students up for failure.

"Had the College of SSPA not provided supplemental funding in 2005-06, the number of tournaments attended would have fallen below the minimum for Division I institutions, requiring the Boise State program to drop from Division I to Division II status in the Northwest Forensic Conference," Most said.

Currently, the team meets the minimum requirements for participation at the Division I level. While it is unlikely that the NFC would force Boise State to return to Division II, Most said it would soon be impossible to compete successfully at the Division I level without a meaningful increase in permanent funding.

He also said that without a permanent budget increase it would be difficult to schedule future competitions and recruit potential students, because relying on tempo-

rary funds will not guarantee that the money will be there in the future.

"I think there are two possibilities; either the administration doesn't believe me, or they don't care, and neither of these is a ringing endorsement," Most said.

The Communication Department is currently searching for a new program director.

The forensic program has represented the academic excellence of BSU for over 70 years. In 1971 they joined the Pi Kappa Delta organization, the oldest national collegiate forensic organization in the U.S. Boise State has had eight top-10 finishes at the national tournament since becoming a Pi Kappa Delta member institution. In addition to this year's runner-up finish, the Talkin' Broncos placed tenth in 1975, sixth in 1993, third in 1995, fourth in 1999, fifth in 2001, third in 2003 and first in 2005.

The Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament is the oldest collegiate debate and speech tournament in existence.

Held every two years since 1917, it is the largest comprehensive forensics tournament held in the United States.

The graph below illustrates the diminishing number of tournaments attended by the Talkin' Broncos and the number of students participating in the forensic program.

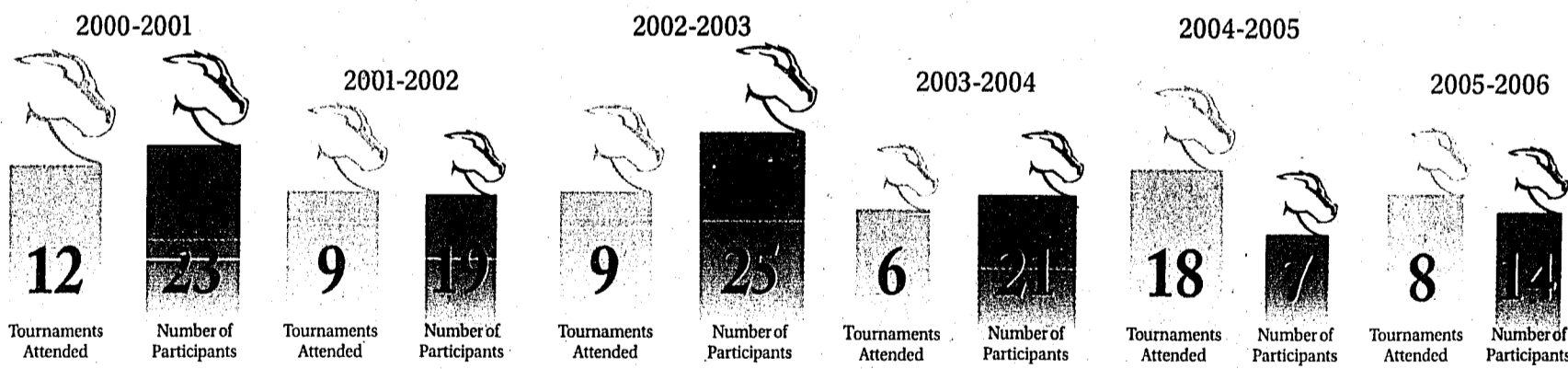


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## Student-led boards seek inspired applicants

BY JOSLYN SALOW  
News Writer

The Boise State University Student Programs Board and Volunteer Services Boards are hiring for all positions for the 2007-2008 academic year. SPB is funded by student fees and coordinates events on campus for students. VSB is a student-led organization dedicated to providing accessible volunteer opportunities.

Jill Krenecki, currently assistant director of membership for SPB, has worked with SPB for a year and was a volunteer for a year before that.

Her job is multi-dimensional, requires multi-tasking and is for someone who is motivated by the job.

Krenecki says that her job entails gathering volunteers to meet and discuss their ideas about what to spend money on, what events to bring to BSU, obtaining help for the events, and what ideas from the board they like and dislike. She also works with housing and other organizations on campus to get students involved with SPB.

"I would recommend that people volunteer,

see what it is all about and scope it out. But you don't have to be. Most of our board this year had never been involved in SPB at all and they have done awesome," Krenecki said.

She recommends that a student be open-minded in this position.

"Somebody that is willing to get out there and talk to people they don't know, recruit people and try to hear what other students are all about and not just be stuck in their own opinion about what needs to happen on campus. I have to take a lot of different peoples' opinions and bring it back to the executive board and tell them basically the gist of what people want," Krenecki said.

She said that it is a crazy but fun work environment.

"It's great, it is a lot of fun. It is very high energy. You have 10 people in here at one time all listening to different music, and all listening to different DVDs," Krenecki said.

Blair Davison, currently an outreach coordinator for VSB, recommends that an applicant for her job have a strong interest in volunteering and a motivation to obtain volunteers.

Her job entails marketing and promot-

ing the VSB events and spreading the word about them to the campus and community. She tries to find volunteers for the events by setting up marketing booths in the Student Union Building, handing out flyers, giving class presentations, and doing write-ups for Bronco Update.

"Somebody who is looking to be an outreach coordinator has to want to be involved themselves because if you are not interested in what we are doing then you are not going to have the motivation to get people interested themselves. I love volunteering and so I like to see other people who volunteer. I love to see motivated people. We have a few students who volunteer with us almost every event and they have just the same enthusiasm every time and I love seeing that," Davison said.

Maria Rollins, currently the director of VSB, is leaving her position. She says that there are many aspects of her job that are important.

"It is a very big responsibility to manage Volunteer Services, but it is a great experience at the same time. It can really enhance your resume ... It is a great time to network with the vice president of Boise State, the president, all of the student visitors - you have

that kind of exposure," Rollins said.

SPB paid positions include director, assistant director of marketing, assistant director of membership; graphic designer and coordinators for special events, family events, concerts, films, lectures and annual events. All interested full-time students are invited to apply. Students are required to maintain a 2.25 cumulative GPA and work at least 15 hours per week. Applications are available now at the Student Union Information Desk and Student Activities desk.

The application deadline for the director position has passed. All other applications must be submitted by March 30.

VSB paid positions include director, assistant director and coordinators for outreach, environmental issues, healthcare issues, poverty issues and youth issues.

Job descriptions and applications are available at the Student Union Information Desk. The application deadline for the director position has passed. All other applications must be submitted by April 2.

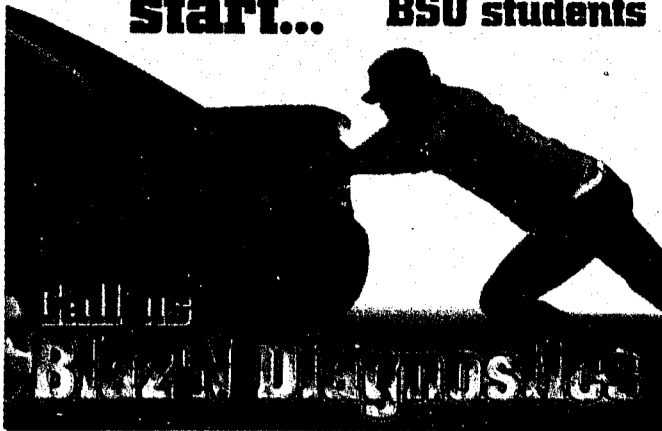
For more information on SPB, call Carrie Miller at 426-4239. For information on VSB, call Mahi Takazawa at 426-2877.



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## WORLD

### U.S. citizen's detainment in Ethiopian prison leaves officials with questions

A U.S. citizen who was caught fleeing the recent fighting in Somalia was questioned about links to al-Qaida by the FBI in Kenya, then secretly sent back to the war-ravaged country, where he was turned over to Ethiopian forces.

Amir Mohamed Meshal, 24, is now imprisoned in Ethiopia, where the State Department's 2006 human rights report says "conditions in prisons and pre-trial detention centers remain very poor" and that "there were numerous credible reports that security officials often beat or mistreated detainees."

The fact that Meshal has landed in an Ethiopian prison without any semblance of due process raises new questions about what role the rule of law plays in the Bush administration's war on terrorism. Other suspected terrorists or "enemy combatants" have been exposed to extreme interrogation methods, secretly sent to countries that practice torture, held for extended periods without charges or lawyers, or put under surveillance without court warrants.

An American official who met Meshal in Kenya but wasn't authorized to discuss his case publicly told McClatchy Newspapers that the U.S. Embassy asked Kenya to release Meshal so he could return to the United States. There are no outstanding charges against Meshal, and U.S. law enforcement officials weren't planning to take him into custody, the official said.

"The Kenyan authorities decided otherwise. It's not something we have control over," the official said. State Department spokesman Tom Casey said the U.S. has protested Meshal's deportation.

Human rights groups in Kenya and the United States, however, disputed the contention that the U.S. was powerless to win Meshal's release from Kenyan custody before

he was deported.

"Anyone who tells you that the United States doesn't have the clout to convince the Kenyans to return an American citizen is either misinformed or lying," said John Sifton, of Human Rights Watch in New York.

Kenya and Ethiopia are key allies in the Bush administration's battle against Islamic extremism in Africa, and President Bush has requested a total of more than \$1 billion in aid for the two countries in fiscal 2008, making them among the largest recipients of U.S. aid in Africa.

A spokesman for the Kenyan government didn't have any immediate comment.

Meshal's treatment contrasts sharply with that of four British citizens who were caught fleeing the fighting, and of Daniel Joseph Maldonado, another U.S. citizen who fled Somalia and was arrested for entering Kenya illegally.

The four Britons were turned over to British officials, sent home and freed after they were questioned. U.S. authorities obtained custody of Maldonado and his two children from Kenya, flew them back to the United States and charged him, in Texas with undergoing military and bomb-making training with al-Qaida in Somalia.

The difference, said two other U.S. officials who are familiar with the case but also weren't authorized to discuss it publicly, is that Maldonado quickly confessed to involvement with al-Qaida and Meshal didn't. So while Maldonado could be brought home and imprisoned until his trial, one of the officials said, there wasn't sufficient evidence to charge Meshal and keep him in jail in the United States.

Two U.S. officials in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Meshal was turned over to Ethiopian forces in Somalia and is being held in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

FBI agents began visiting him regularly last week, one of the officials said.

"We have only recently learned that Mr. Meshal is now in detention in Addis Ababa and will be seeking consular access to him," said State Department spokesman Casey.

The Ethiopian Embassy in Washington didn't respond to a request for comment.

Amanda Feldon, the London-based producer and director of the Animal Planet program, was so alarmed that she sent a blistering letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in January.

"I am particularly shocked to know that this is tolerated in the State of California," Feldon wrote, "and I am sure it will cause great consternation when the programme is eventually watched by a world-wide audience."

The program is expected to air in September as part of a series called "Crime Scene Wild."

Contacted last week, Feldon emphasized the letter expressed only her personal opinion. She had not yet received a response from the Governor's Office.

"All this happened in such a short period of time, and I cannot imagine the carnage that occurs during a longer period," Feldon said via e-mail. "If the wardens who patrol and protect the wildlife here are prevented from doing their job by low pay or manpower ... there will be no wildlife in California."

Sandy Cooney, spokesman for the State Resources Agency, which oversees Fish and Game, said the Governor's Office is working on a response to Feldon's letter.

"Clearly this is an issue that we are very concerned about, and we are doing everything we can in working with the Legislature to create better [pay] parity for game wardens," Cooney said.

Feldon's excursion had the full blessing and cooperation of Fish and Game administrators. The wardens involved said two of the illegal bear kills led to arrests and convictions. A third, involving the bear cub, remains under investigation - partly because wardens lack the right DNA matching technology.

"California leads the world on a lot of things, so it's amazing this is even happening to us," said Jerry Karnow, a game warden in Nevada County.

The shortage of game wardens began in 2000, when the dot-com bust led to a state budget crisis that included slashing about 100 game warden jobs.

Attrition has led to many more vacancies, largely because wardens are underpaid compared with other law-enforcement agencies, said Capt. Dennis Deanda, a 20-year veteran of the department and president of the California Fish and Game Warden Managers and Supervisors Association.

Starting wardens earn about \$3,570 per month, compared with \$6,000 for a California Highway Patrol officer, though they have similar training and police powers - and both face dangers in the field.

The department has about 75 vacancies because it can't attract enough qualified candidates.

The state's new budget gave wardens a 15 percent pay raise effective Jan. 1. But CHP officers got a 10 percent raise, so the disparity remains.

"We've had a little success, but nowhere near what we need in order to start to address this very serious problem," said state Sen. Dave Cogdill, R-Mo desto. "And it's one that's becoming more serious by the day."

Cogdill is a co-sponsor, along with Sen. Pat Wiggins, D-Santa Rosa, of a bill requiring pay parity for wardens. The measure, SB 695, aims to bring wardens' salaries within five percent of CHP pay.

"There really isn't any justification for us to be paid any less," Deanda said. "This bill is extremely important to wardens and the future of wardens in the state of California."

A trio of wealthy investors thinks protecting California's wildlife is

so critical that they have pledged \$300,000 to launch the California Game Wardens Foundation. Modeled after a similar CHP charity, it aims to raise \$2 million this year to provide financial assistance to wardens, from rent payments to equipment purchases to college tuition aid for their children.

The foundation can be contacted at [www.thegwf.org](http://www.thegwf.org).

"I think the warden work force is generally underappreciated," said co-founder Ned Spieker, a Bay Area real estate investor. "We have a lot of laws on the books that protect California's natural resources. But unless we have skilled and highly motivated people to enforce those laws, the laws will do no good."

## LOCAL/BSU

### Meals available during spring break for students

The Idaho Foodbank and Treasure Valley Boys and Girls clubs have teamed up to offer free lunches for local students during spring break.

The lunches are being provided to meet the needs of students on low and reduced-fee school lunch programs, but are available to all children ages six to 18 years, according to Jenny Ware, Foodbank spokeswoman.

Meals will be served from March 26 to 30 at:

Nampa Boys and Girls Club, 316 Stampede Drive, Nampa, 461-7203.

Meridian Boys and Girls Club, 201 E. Idaho Street, Meridian, 888-5392.

Ada County Mosely Center Boys and Girls Club, 610 E. 42nd Street, Garden City, 321-9157.

The charities still need volunteers to help cook and serve meals. If interested, call Ware at 336-9643, ext. 232, or e-mail her at [jware@idahofoodbank.org](mailto:jware@idahofoodbank.org).

Another event, "Picnic in the Park 2007," the Foodbank's summer feeding program, begins June 8.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

## WHAT THE?

### Something must be done, officer! Wait who was that?

Auburn, Wa., residents complained bitterly to police that motorists were speeding through their quiet neighborhood.

The neighbors feared that this created an unsafe condition for those who lived there.

Police set up an automated device to catch the offenders. Of the 24 violators who were nabbed, 21 were residents of the neighborhood.

### Maybe some dinner and dancing, then who knows?

After their relationship ended badly, a Virginia man made numerous copies of a DVD of his ex-girlfriend engaged in sexual relations with him, then put them on windshields of the cars parked in her neighborhood along with her name, address and phone number.

She found out about it after a number of men called or showed up at her door to ask her to go out with them.


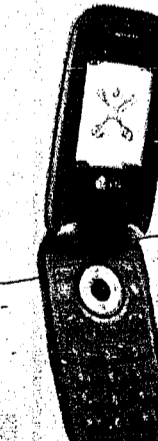

### Congrats, you're a licensed driver ... Oh, nevermind

A teenager in Beccles, England, passed the test for his drivers' license with flying colors.

The next day, he was arrested for drunk driving.

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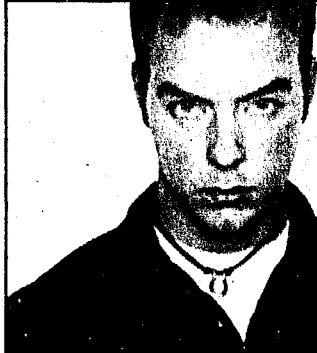




# CULTURE

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WHAT'S HOT  
WHAT'S NOT  
IN ENTERTAINMENT



BY DANIEL KEDISH  
Culture Editor

## Globally

### Hot

**Summer sequels are on the way**  
Summer is the best time of the year by far - no school and no extra responsibilities. Also, summer is the season when large amounts of sequels head to the box office.

"Spider-Man Three" starts things off, opening May 4, followed closely by the films, "Shrek the Third," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," "Ocean's Thirteen," "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," and "Rush Hour Three."

Talk about an exciting season for the big screen, which doesn't even fully express the excitement surround the opening of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," which plans to open on July 20.

It's beginning to look like an amazing summer.

### Not

#### Paris and Nicole head to camp

"The Simple Life" is making another appearance in the form of season five - coming this summer to the E! Channel.

This time Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie are back and on their way to becoming camp counselors. After a rough season four with the girls apart because of a long period of fighting, they overcame their differences just in time to corrupt campers and be bad influences.

The new season brings back the appeal of season one and the idea behind roughing it - something the show has been lacking the last few rounds.

While the two girls may continue to entertain audiences, I wonder how long this reality show is going to last. Is it up to ratings or Hilton's bank account that determines her airtime?

## Locally

### Hot

#### Bask in patio delight

Temperatures are finally warming up, making it the perfect time to hit up the patios.

There is nothing better than sitting outside in the light of a sunset after a long day's work with your shades on, throwing back a cool and refreshing margarita.

A few places to check out that offer some great outside dining include Bardenay and the Piper Pub.

One of the best places to enjoy the warm weather is Hyde Park.

Grab a scoop of some delicious ice cream from one of the shops or relax in Camel's Back Park.

Now is the time to get outside and enjoy the weather before it gets too hot.

### Not

#### When drunks turn violent

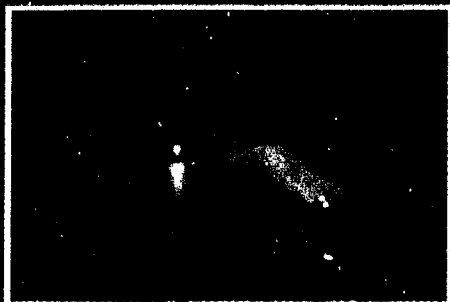
If there is one thing that can ruin a night, it's violence.

My Friday night consisted of watching two guys getting drunk at a house party and then deciding it would be cool to cut themselves with serrated knife - talk about not being the brightest idea ever.

Now that they have gashes in their bodies and are in desperate need of stitches, I can only continue to stress the importance of watching those liquor levels.

No one likes a crazy drunk with a knife that practices self-mutilation or violence in any form. Save the drama for your mama.

# 'In the Sawtooths' heads to D.C.



BY MAT LA RUE  
Culture Writer

The Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival has invited Boise State's Theatre Arts Department to perform their fall production of "In the Sawtooths" on April 21 and April 22 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Roger L. Stevens, the Kennedy Center's founding chairman, started this national festival in 1969. The KCACTF is dedicated to promoting, encouraging, recognizing and celebrating the finest and most diverse production in university and college theatre programs. To date, the KCACTF involves more than 18,000 students from more than 600 academic institutions throughout the country. This year the Boise State Theatre Arts Department has been chosen to perform their production of "In The Sawtooths," one of only four full-length productions chosen nationally for this prestigious event.

To be invited to KCACTF's national conference, theatre programs must first be invited to a regional festival. On Saturday December 9, 2006 the Region VII Selection Committee determined that the following plays were to be invited: "Getting Out" by Marsha Norman, University of Portland, "Life & Limb" by Keith Reddin, Albertson College of Idaho, "In the Sawtooths" by Student Playwright Dano Madden, Boise State University and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare, University of Oregon.

From here, KCACTF's National Selection Committee decides which performances are to be invited to the national festival. The other full-length productions alongside Boise State at the national festival are as follows: "Nocturne" by Adam Rapp, College of Wooster, "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett, Albright College and "The Diviners" by Jim Leonard, California State University - Fullerton.

Dano Madden, a 1997 Boise State graduate, current student at Rutgers University and playwright of "In the Sawtooths" is continuing some minor editing and revision

of the play with the theatre arts department to prepare for the performance at the festival. Madden has already been determined as the winner of the National Student Playwriting Award, one of the highest honors at the KCACTF and will be awarded at the festival. Madden, while attending Boise State in 1997, was also awarded co-winner of the National Short Play Award for his play "Drop."

Madden developed his work on "In the Sawtooths" at the Seven Devils Playwright Conference in McCall. Seven Devils is a group dedicated to supporting new American plays and playwrights. At this conference playwrights are invited to spend two weeks writing, rewriting and rehearsing their plays.

Richard Klautsch, Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts, discovered through a pamphlet that Madden's play "In the Sawtooths" was being work-shopped and rehearsed at this conference. Klautsch contacted Madden in curiosity about the play and was sent a script. As you can tell the results have been outstanding.

The production designers include both Boise State theatre arts faculty and students. Professor Ann Hoste designed the costumes and professor Genny Wynn designed the lighting. Theatre Arts major Erin Haight designed the scenery and music major Kristie Williams designed the sound.

The play itself is a two-act production with a cast of only three actors. Directed by Mike Baltzell, a theatre arts professor, the cast consists of Loren Jones, Kyle Barrow and Dylan Hughes. The play depicts three close friends in their mid to late twenties who go hiking together and a tragic event befalls them.

This play has set a new standard for not only the theatre arts department but for Boise State as a whole. This progression by our theatre arts department further shows the acceleration by which Boise State is becoming a prominent university.

"I'm very proud of everyone in the department, this is the highest achievement we have ever reached. It's a statement to the nation of the level and quality of our program," said Klautsch.

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## Latin American Film Festival brings history and intrigue to Boise State University

BY CHARITY VARNER  
Culture Writer

The Latin American Film Festival came to Boise State Wednesday, March 14 and showcased the movie "Garage Olimpo."

The Latin American Film Festival is an annual event intended to allow the students of Boise State University the opportunity to become enriched in the vibrancy of various aspects within the Latin cultures. Students of Latin descent can identify with as well as learn more about their own heritage through the festival.

"Garage Olimpo" is a dark, political drama dealing with the military dictatorship in Argentina during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

In 1976, the Argentine armed forces overthrew the government and took control of the country. General Jorge Rafael Videla came

to power and embarked on a ruthless campaign against anyone who seemed to oppose the views of the military in any way.

The forces of General Videla kidnapped "suspects" who were mysteriously never seen or heard from again. There were an estimated 11,000 disappearances within Argentina.

Prisons overflowed, torture was common and trials were nonexistent.

These horrible acts against basic human rights raged throughout the land from 1976 to 1982 in what came to be known as the "dirty war."

The world around Argentina began to take notice and the atrocities of the "dirty war" began to cease in response to the pressure induced specifically from the United States when President James E. Carter Jr. refused to keep sending military



aid to Argentina.

"Garage Olimpo" tells the story of the "dirty war" from the perspective of the people who were forced to disappear.

The movie was viewed in the

Lookout Room located upstairs in the Student Union Building with a small audience of mostly Spanish-speaking students.

Adrian Kane, a Spanish Professor at BSU, introduced the movie with the brief overview of the "dirty war."

The history behind the movie is intriguing, unbelievable and heartbreaking.

Students were brought into visual relations of what it may have been like to be caught in the middle of such an event.

But there seemed to be a major problem. The movie was in Spanish with no English subtitles. This made it hard for non-Spanish speaking viewers. This alienates viewers who don't know the language.

Viewers don't really need to understand the words in order to feel the harsh, gritty feelings

emitted from the film. Everything about the movie was dark from the actual coloring to the characters to the underlying tone.

The movie centers around a young girl who is kidnapped by the government and locked up. She is tortured and eventually killed, along with so many others.

There are various intricate twists and turns throughout her captivity leading up to her death that are quite simply riveting.

Professor Kane and a few other students lingered after the movie enlighten the non-Spanish-speaking viewers as to the major aspects of the movie and the language.

If the movie was that compelling to someone who couldn't understand the language, I could only imagine the impact upon the viewer who could understand.

# Fornication Forum

Q Dear Fornication Forum,  
I'm a clean freak. My house is spotless, my car, everything - including my body. I hate body hair, so I shave everything. However, my boyfriend doesn't groom his areas and it repulses me in bed. What can I do to persuade him to clean up his act? Are there benefits, especially healthy ones, to having a shaved pubic region?  
Ms. Clean Freak

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Dear Ms. Clean Freak,  
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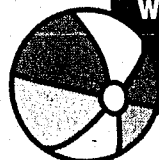
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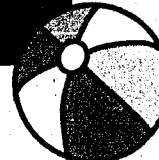
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## [SIDE LINES]

### BSU move game against Southern Mississippi

ESPN announced March 14 that Boise State University's home football game against Southern Mississippi has been moved to Sept. 27 (Thursday) and will be nationally broadcast on ESPN.

The game between the Broncos and Golden Eagles, which was originally scheduled for Sept. 22 (Saturday), will kick off at 5:30 p.m. (MT) in Bronco Stadium. The move to Thursday means at least five Bronco football games will be broadcast by the ESPN network this upcoming season.

Bronco home games against New Mexico State University Oct. 7 (Sunday) and the University of Nevada Oct. 14 (Sunday), and away games at Fresno State Oct. 26 (Friday) and Hawaii Nov. 23 (Friday), are also scheduled to be broadcast by the national cable system. Times and cable channels will be announced at a later date.

Boise State also announced that its game at Bowling Green State scheduled for Sept. 29 (Saturday) has been postponed to another season.

Boise State announced times for four of its home games. The Weber State University game, which opens the 2007 season, will start at 7 p.m. (MT) Aug. 30 (Thursday). Boise State's game against the University of Wyoming Sept. 15 (Saturday) will start at 6 p.m. (MT), while the San Jose State game Nov. 3 (Saturday) and the University of Idaho contest Nov. 17 (Saturday) are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. (MT).

### Gymnastics team drops final road dual

Despite posting its third-highest score of the season Friday, the Boise State University gymnastics team fell to Southern Utah University 195.175-192.750 at the Centrum.

The Broncos dropped to 6-11 this season and 1-6 in the Western Athletic Conference in what was Bronco Head Coach Sam Sandmire's last road dual of her career.

The Broncos did make two individual victories on the evening, highlighted by senior Tara Oberg's win on beam. Oberg posted a career-high 9.9 to record her first-ever title on the event.

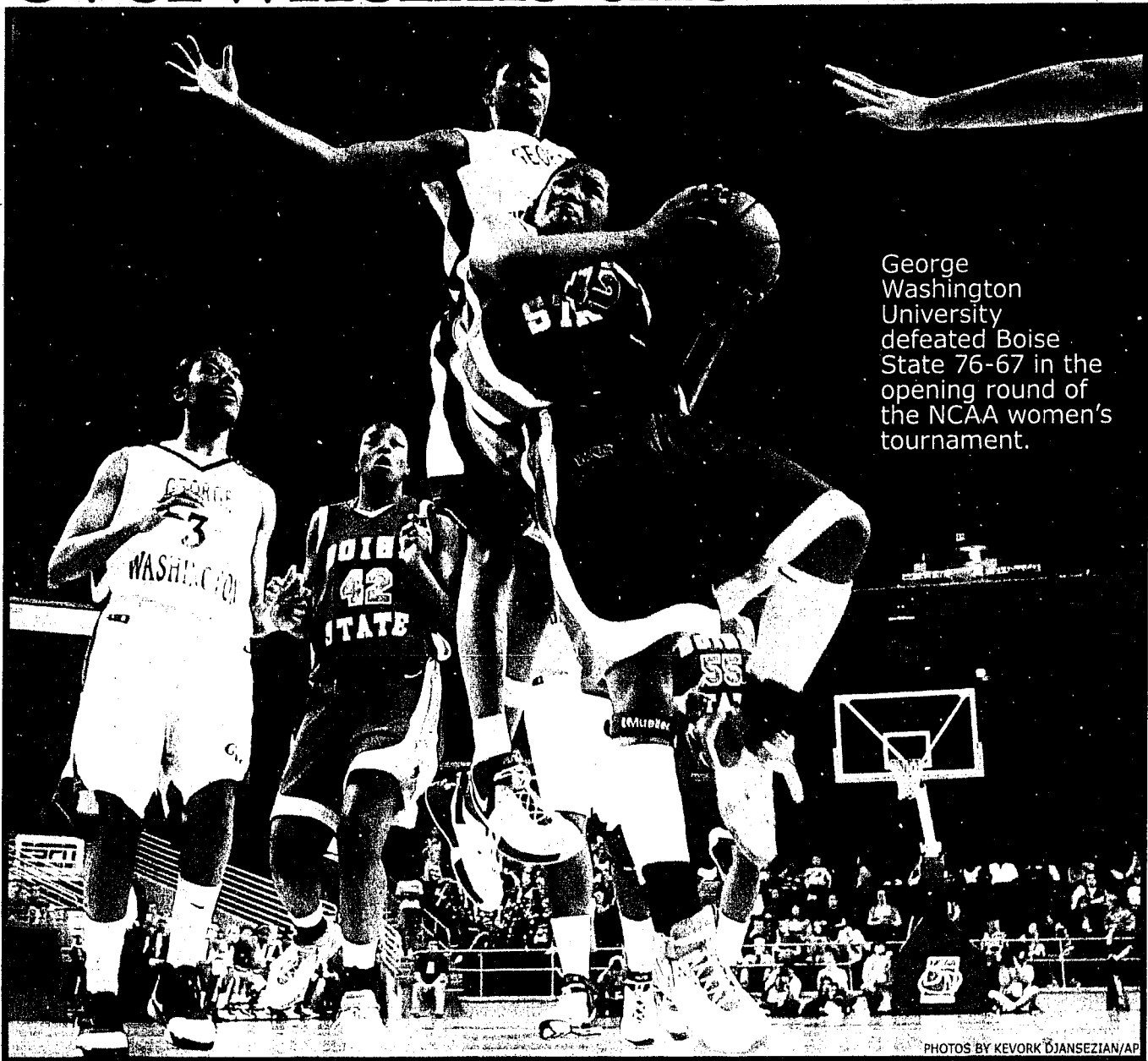
Freshman DeAvera Todd captured her fifth vault title of the season with a 9.825.

Senior Kristin Aldrich finished second on two events, posting a 9.8 on vault and a 9.875 on beam.

The Broncos conclude their regular season March 23 in a dual meet against WAC foe Utah State.

More importantly, the meet will mark the final home meet of Sandmire's 20-year Bronco career. The dual meet will also be senior night, so come out and thank Sandmire and the Broncos' two seniors for their contributions to Boise State University.

# George Washington overwhelms the Broncos



George Washington University defeated Boise State 76-67 in the opening round of the NCAA women's tournament.

PHOTOS BY KEVORK DJANSEZIAN/AP

BY KYE JOHNSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

In sports you will occasionally run into a team that outplays you on that given day. Regardless of how talented you are, from time to time you get a good, old-fashioned butt-whooping.

Much to the chagrin of the Boise State women's basketball team, that game for them happened to come at one of the most inopportune times.

Boise State's NCAA tournament opening round game against No. 5 seed George Washington did not go as planned for the Broncos. Not even close, in fact. The women found themselves down 5-0 early. That five-point deficit turned into 10 and then 15.

By the time Boise State finally scored a point the Broncos were trailing 19-1. Sophomore Rebecca Kepilino finally broke the ice for BSU with a pair of free throws eight minutes and 20 seconds into the game.

"I told them just to hang in there and keep trying to do what we ask you to do," Head Coach Gordy Presnell said after the game. "We were just a deer in the headlights."

In a game that didn't have many Bronco highlights, senior guard Nadia Begay was the lone star. Begay got things going midway through the first half. She nailed a three-pointer with just over 10 minutes to play in the first half.

Although BSU wouldn't make the game competitive until the last few minutes, Begay was just getting started.

Begay had four three-pointers in the first half and she helped BSU cut the lead down to 15 at one point. Right as the Broncos looked like they were getting a little momentum, George Washington junior Kimberly Beck nailed a deep buzzer-beating three point shot to end the half. BSU trailed at halftime 44-25.

"They were very big and they are a very good team," Presnell said. "They have gone to the NCAA tournament 13 of the last 16 years. Their players are experienced and we just struggled at the beginning stretch of the game."

George Washington's star player didn't have any troubles getting right into a groove in the first half. Six-foot, four-inch sophomore post Jessica Adair ended the first half already with a double-double.

The second half wasn't a whole lot different for the Broncos.

BSU cut the lead down to 18 points early in the second half but was unable to mount a run until late in the game.

Trailing by more than 20 with less than eight minutes to go Begay and sophomore point guard Tasha Harris tried to make things interesting. Begay nailed four more threes in the second half and Harris added a couple of her own. A Harris three-pointer cut the lead down to 10 with under a minute to play - but it was too little to late.

"I was proud at the way we finished up, and I was proud at the rest of the game," Presnell said. "We didn't win it, but we just got real far behind and we sort of lost some confidence and we got steamrolled."

Begay ended her Boise State career on a nice note. She nailed a total of eight three pointers on the night, finishing with a game-high 26 points.

"She was great," Presnell said. "Nadia had a great one to finish her career off. She had eight threes, she shot the ball extremely well and she tried to keep us in it while we were trying to make a run at them, and it was a great way to finish up a career."

BSU finished the season with a record of 24-9, capping off one of the greatest seasons in school history. Unfortunately for the Broncos, it ended all too soon.

"They just shot the ball real well," Presnell said about George Washington. "They've got a great big post player who is hard to guard. She had 21 rebounds against us. She's just really, really big. We just really struggled, it was disappointing."

Boise State (67)

Begay 8-14 2-2 26, Harris 3-15 2-2 11, Hessing 3-10 1-3 7, Galassi 2-5 0-0 4, Kepilino 1-3 2-2 4, Lee 1-4 1-2 3, Reyes 1-20-03, Stewart 1-21-23, Walker 1-20-02, Jackie Thompson 1-1 0-0 2, Jessica Thompson 1-7 0-0 2. Totals: 23-56 9-1467.

George Washington (76)

Cole 6-15 0-0 16, Jessica Adair 5-11 5-12 15, Beck 4-10 3-4 14, Lawrence 5-13 4-7 14, Steele 3-50-07, Bates 1-12-24, Allen 2-60-24, Murphy 1-10-02, Peters, John, Jazmine Adair, Totals: 27-64 14-2776.

Rebounds - Boise State 30 (Harris, 8) George Washington 53 (Jessica Adair, 21) Assists - Boise State 10 (Hessing, 3) George Washington 16 (Allen, 4) Turnovers - Boise State 16, George Washington 20. Team Fouls - Boise State 17, George Washington 14. Fouled Out - None Attendance - 678



## Begay shines bright



Boise State senior guard Nadia Begay did all she could to help the Broncos attempt a comeback against George Washington Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Begay led all scorers in the game with 26 points - hitting eight three-point field goals in the game. Begay was consistently hot all night long. She hit four three's in the first half and four more after the break.

She finished the game 8-of-14 from the field and 2-of-2 from the free throw line. Saturday's game was Begay's final one in a Boise State uniform. She finished her career a 33 percent three-point shooter, averaging 7.4 points per game.

Begay vs. George Washington			
Points	26	Assists	2
FG%	57.1	Rebounds	4
FT%	100	Steals	3
3-PT%	37.1	Minutes	30

The view from up here



The greatest reality show ever

BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

I may have just experienced the most boring weekend of my life. I didn't have much homework and since I'm not Irish I was forced to sit home Saturday night and receive drunken phone calls from all the people privileged enough to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The worst part, however, was the fact that there was nothing worth watching on television.

Ok, so I lied a little bit. I did go out for St. Patty's Day and I found an interesting reality show on television that must have been running a marathon because it was on all weekend long. It was called NCAA March Madness - the men's basketball tournament, I think. I didn't pick up the entire history of the show in just four days of watching, but I certainly picked up that the basic theme is drama.

Some kids named Xavier had the supposed best team in the country on the ropes Saturday morning, up nine over Ohio State with three minutes left in the game. The big, bad Buckeyes must have some immunity points saved up, however, because they pulled off a comeback that appeared nearly impossible and left me screaming like a pre-pubescent boy.

Earlier in the weekend I found myself wrapped up in some drama between the University of Nevada-Reno and Creighton. Some kid named Fajitas, Flapjackus or Flemritas - I hadn't ever heard of him - led the Wolf Pack to an overtime win over the Jays. The most dramatic part of the whole game, however, was myself trying not to punch a hole in the wall of my girlfriend's house while I helped hang mail baskets - all while watching the game out of the corner of my eye.

I find myself so absorbed by everything surrounding this March Madness thing I can't hardly live my regular life.

Even the drunks down at the bar were pulling their hair out as Duke lost to Virginia Commonwealth. And these are guys who probably flipped a coin for each game as they filled out their brackets. I am becoming a firm believer this tournament fad is the greatest college sports reality show going right now.

I don't remember giving a second thought about missing the Wake Forest and Louisville football game in January. That was a BCS game. From what I have heard those BCS games are supposed to be a really big deal too.

This may sound crazy, but I think these basketball guys have it figured out. I don't even care if the best team wins each year. It is so exciting - how can you be upset with any end result?

My proposal is to use this March Madness thing as a basic model for all things in life. I think I'll recommend to my friends they should set up a March Madness dating system when finding their next girlfriend. Invite sixteen girls to compete in a loser-out dating tournament - although the loser may really win in this scenario.

It could also be used in the work place, possibly as a system for determining promotions. Give everyone an equal opportunity to do certain tasks of work, with definitive ways to advance into later rounds by doing the best work. All the emotion might even cause a slap fight or two, if you're lucky.

I'm thrilled the tournament will be on for another few weeks and I'll undoubtedly be sad when it's finally over. I hope it becomes popular enough they decide to have a season two. Unlike "Survivor," "American Idol" and "Big Brother," this reality show has real substance.

# Finding a quarterback: part I

**Coughlin moves from scout team to the middle of the Boise State quarterback search**



BY JAKE GARCIN  
Sports Editor

The Boise State football team needs a quarterback. Freshman Michael Coughlin wants a shot at the job.

Coughlin may be fresh off the Bronco scout team, but the debate for who should be the next BSU signal caller can't take place without throwing Coughlin's name in the mix.

"The competition is going great," Coughlin said before the third day of spring workouts. "I'm confident I'm doing really well. It's a lot different than the fall. I'm getting a lot more reps. It's definitely different than the scout team."

Coughlin came to Boise from Mira Mesa High School in San Diego, Calif., last fall. Coughlin made an instantaneous splash on the blue turf as a red-shirt, scout team quarterback during the 2006 season.

Coughlin was named Offensive Scout Player of the Year for his impressive showings in practice all season long.

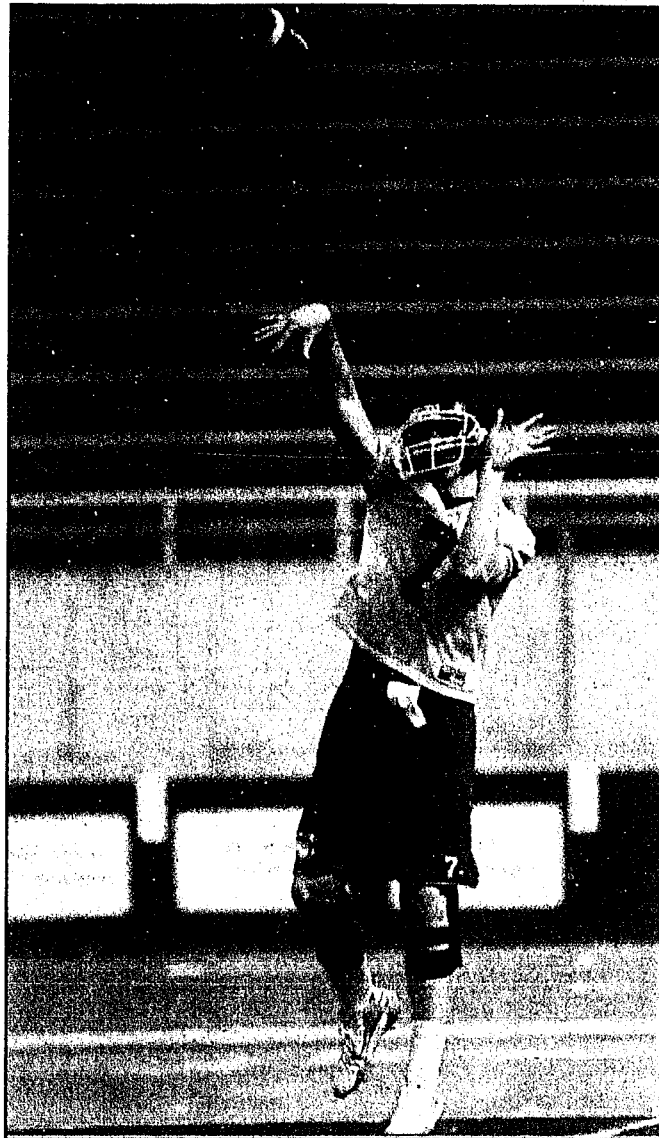


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Michael Coughlin (above) is the youngest player competing to be the next Bronco QB.

Following the departure of senior quarterback Jared Zabransky, the Broncos are looking to select one of the four quarterbacks in the BSU program as a replacement.

Although Coughlin is the youngest of the four QB's, at this point in time he appears to have as good of a chance as any to be the next Bronco QB.

"I don't think the coaches have put much emphasis on who is No. 1, who is No. 2, right now," Coughlin said. "We're pretty much even."

Coughlin is competing for playing time with Sophomore Nick Lomax, Junior Bush Hamdan and Senior Taylor Tharp. Although Tharp has seen the most playing time over the past two

years, none of the players has an overwhelming amount of real game experience.

The lack of playing time by all four players makes the QB race even closer this year.

All four players bring a different type of weapon to the position, which could put a quarterback with a new look in the BSU backfield in 2007.

"I think everyone has their own strengths," Coughlin said. "Everyone brings something different to the table. I think that my height helps. I feel that I have a strong arm and good decision making."

Coughlin doesn't exactly fit the QB mold BSU fans have grown accustomed to seeing.

The last few Bronco quarterbacks have been smaller, mobile players.

Both Zabransky and Ryan Dinwiddie were known for their strong arms, but also for their ability to be a threat on the ground.

BSU listed Zabransky at 6'2", 203 pounds. Dinwiddie was even smaller at 6'0", 190 pounds. Coughlin stands at a towering 6'5" and weighs in at 215 pounds.

Not to say Coughlin isn't athletic, but he certainly brings a more traditional pocket passing presence to the team.

In high school Coughlin was named Third-Team All-State by CallHiSports.com and was also named All-Eastern League Offensive Player of the Year by Union-Tribune.

In his senior season he completed 119 of 195 passes for 25 touchdowns and just three interceptions. After a year in the background Coughlin is moving back into the spot light. According to Coughlin the new-found attention isn't going to affect him or any of the other three players in the QB race.

"On the field we're always competing in everything we do - every drill," Coughlin said. "Off the field we're hanging out, going to eat, talking and joking around. We're all good friends no matter what."

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# Idaho stampedes forward

BY TATE CASTLETON  
Sports Writer

The Idaho Stampede is out to make a statement. During the last month Idaho has won seven of its last 10 games. The Stampede have climbed atop the NBA Development League's power rankings and captured the best record in the league. Not bad for a team who's bench only goes three or four deep on any given night.

"All our success comes about because there is no quit in us," Stampede Head Coach Bryan Gates said. "Just when you think you might have us down, we turn it around and bring it hard."

Bringing it hard is a bit of an understatement for the hottest team in the league. During the team's last 12 games the Stampede average 106 points per game and shot better than 52 percent from the field.

"It's hard to lose when you're putting up those kind of numbers," Gates said. "We have a group of guys who come out and play for each other and that makes a difference."

During the month of March the Stampede won six consecutive games until it dropped back-to-back losses last week. One loss came to the Austin Toros and the other to the Anaheim Arsenal. Idaho got back on the winning track Saturday night cruising past Anaheim 118-99 in a game that showcased nine lead changes and seven ties. The Stampede dumped in 75 points in the final two quarters alone, leaning on sharp shooting and defensive pressure in the second half to break its lead wide open. Idaho shot nearly 60 percent from the field and forced

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- Ricky Sanchez, Idaho Stampede guard

16 turnovers and lead by as many as 26 points. Luke Jackson led Idaho, scoring 29 points and dishing six assists. Ricky Sanchez went 6-of-9 from beyond the arc finishing with 26 points.

"We come out and we play hard every night," Ricky Sanchez said. "We have the best record in the league for a reason and we plan to keep it that way." Meanwhile, the team members have a lot of work ahead of them before they can rest on reputation alone. Idaho (28-13 overall) holds just a two-game lead over the Colorado 14ers (26-15 overall) in the Western Division.

"We've got to stay focused on playing solid defense and being unselfish," Gates said. "If we fail to do those things we've failed to reach our goals and we don't want that."

Remarkably, the Stampede are also chasing a piece of history. Idaho only needs to play .500 basketball over their last 12 games to capture a league record for wins in a regular season with 50 or fewer games scheduled. Thus far the Stampede are just 1-2 but are determined to improve.

"We play to win and that's it,"

Sanchez said. "We know we have a handful of guys who can carry us if we need it and that's why we can be so dangerous and win so many games." Although Idaho's bench doesn't go very deep the Stampede enjoy balance on the offensive side of the ball. On any given night anyone on Idaho's roster can take charge and lead the team in scoring.

"Offensive production is something we can get from anyone on this roster," Gates said. "When guys like Ronnell [Taylor] or Randy [Livingston] get exhausted we have other guys who step in and fill the void."

Guys like Lance Allred, who has scored a season high 30 points twice during the month of March, or Luke Jackson who dumped in a season high 29 points Saturday, all make a difference. The Stampede also recently acquired center Badou Gaye from the league's available player pool and waived guard Julius Hodge. Gaye played a breakout game Saturday night for Idaho scoring 16 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

"I'm really pleased Badou got such great minutes tonight and took advantage," Gates said. "We see him playing an important role on our team." Idaho also waived center Peter John Ramos late last month due to injury. Ramos was a regular starter for the Stampede for much of the early season.

"We feel like we've got the right guys in here to get this thing done," Gates said. "With so many changes all the time we try to make the best with what we have."

The Stampede will hit the road March 24-30 with games in Albuquerque and Los Angeles, but return to Quest Arena April 1 for a match-up with Bakersfield.

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- Bryan Gates, Idaho Stampede head coach

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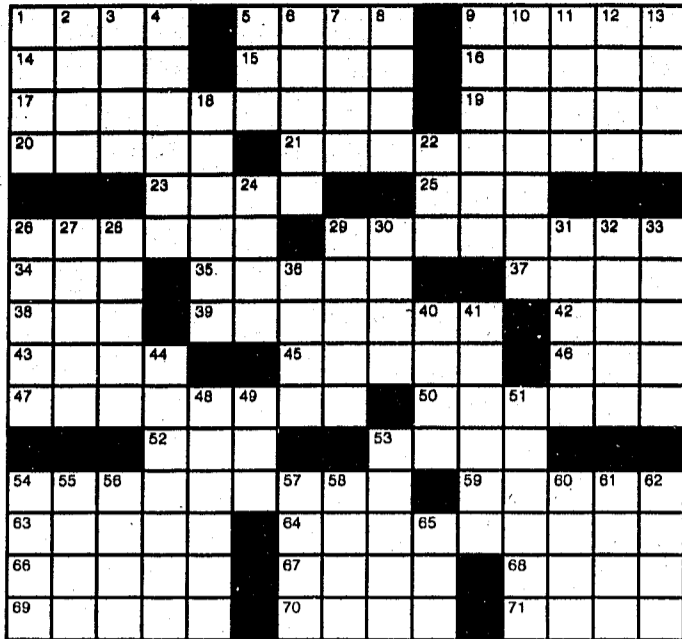
## Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Lots and lots  
5 Colorants  
9 Mousy mammal  
14 Bypass  
15 Justice Warren  
16 Selassie  
17 Trifle  
19 Up next  
20 Arboreal lemur  
21 "Cat Scratch Fever" rocker  
23 Ms. McEntire  
25 Grippe  
26 Virtuous  
29 Hairless crown  
34 Head for Vegas?  
35 Anaheim pro  
37 Strike one as  
38 Sound of distaste  
39 Russian ruler's realm  
42 Little devil  
43 Prompts  
45 Brief coming attraction  
46 Decide  
47 "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" writer  
50 At work  
52 Period  
53 Hobboblin  
54 Neighbor of Paraguay  
59 Shaq of the NBA  
63 Course  
64 That's life, in Paris  
66 Buenos  
67 Toledo's lake  
68 Pinochle combo  
69 Utter without forethought  
70 Completed  
71 Greek mount

**DOWN**

1 Asian desert  
2 Muscat sultanate  
3 Texas city's epithet  
4 Ringo and Belle  
5 One Tweedle  
6 Black Sea port  
7 Stanley Gardner  
8 Idiritaro ride  
9 Ought to  
10 Obstacles  
11 Ceremonial practice  
12 Great flair  
13 Cried  
18 Piece of man's jewelry  
22 Gridiron org.  
24 Mercedes-  
26 Foolish one  
27 The (World Court site)  
28 Deathly pale  
29 Actress Halle  
30 Ray of "Pat and Mike"  
31 Vowel quintet  
32 Provoke  
33 Vacant  
36 Gawk  
40 "Typee" sequel  
41 Genghis Khan, for one  
44 Pesky flying critter



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## Solutions



48 Actor Borgnine  
49 Convened  
51 Ball of fire  
53 Mooring area  
54 Qatar resident  
55 Seethe  
56 Wise mentor  
57 Frosted  
58 Actor Franco  
60 Nights before  
61 Is not well  
62 Mother of Clytemnestra  
65 Driver's peg

## Sudoku Michael Mepham

Level: 1 2 3 4

3	2	9						
			7				9	8
	4			7				
4				9	2	3		1
			1		3			
1	2	7	8					5
			2				3	
6	7					2		
						8	1	4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contain the digits 1-9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

## Solution to Thursday's puzzle

3	9	8	4	7	2	6	1	5
5	4	1	3	6	8	7	2	9
7	2	6	1	9	5	8	3	4
2	8	7	5	3	1	9	4	6
4	5	9	2	8	6	1	7	3
6	1	3	9	4	7	5	8	2
8	3	2	7	5	9	4	6	1
1	6	5	8	2	4	3	9	7
9	7	4	6	1	3	2	5	8

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## COMICS

**PANEL 1:** DID YOU KNOW THAT LONELINESS CAN'T BE CURED BY LISTENING TO OTHERS?

**PANEL 2:** YOU CAN ONLY FEEL ALIVE AND WHOLE WHEN OTHERS ARE LISTENING TO YOU.

**PANEL 3:** WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT? THINK OF WHAT?

**PANEL 4:** I HAVE FINISHED MY PROJECTS. WHAT'S NEXT? MAKE A SPREAD-SHEET AND TRACK SOMETHING.

**PANEL 5:** TRACK WHAT? I THINK YOU'LL FIND THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

**PANEL 6:** IN ORDER TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY, THE COMPANY HAS DECIDED THAT EMPLOYEES CAN NOT USE E-MAIL ON FRIDAYS.

**PANEL 7:** WHAT IF MY HIGHEST PRIORITIES REQUIRE E-MAIL? SHOULD I WASTE MY DAY DOING WORTHLESS STUFF?

**PANEL 8:** GEEZ, SOMEHOW YOU MADE A GREAT IDEA SEEM RIDICULOUS. YEAH, THAT'S ALL ME.

## HOROSCOPES

**Today's Birthday (03-19-07).** The tough part's almost over. You're almost ready to start receiving the rewards of your labors. Don't give up, and don't look 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 7 - You could get a lot done in the next couple of days, if that's what you wanted to do. Or you could party and play with your friends and not accomplish anything. Work out a compromise.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Today is a 7 - The deadline is approaching, which gets your adrenaline pumping. Don't get pesky, though - that tends to lead to errors.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** Today is a 6 - The assignment now is to get somebody else to do something for you. The challenge you can't ask out loud. The request must be non-verbal.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** Today is an 8 - Use what you've recently learned to gain more authority. You've been looking at a bigger picture. Share your insights and gain leadership.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Today is a 7 - Don't despair if you haven't quite made it to where you want to be. Travel conditions are fabulous today and tomorrow.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Today is a 7 - Lots of ideas are floating around, but which ones can you afford? It's OK to count other people's money as well as your own. You can talk them into a good deal.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Today is a 6 - You're having fun with the love part, but you're still not much into the working. This is to be expected. This is why you always need to have a job you like.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Today is a 6 - You appear to the public to be withdrawn into your private space. To you, it seems like you're venturing into a whole new realm of discovery.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Today is an 8 - You're a natural communicator. It's not easy for you to be quiet. You'll make a lot more money in the next few weeks if you can, though. Give it a try.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** Today is an 8 - After an awkward start, you're getting into the groove. What you're doing is profitable, and it's lucrative, too, as you'll soon discover. Don't think about it, just play.

**Aries (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Today is a 7 - You're getting regular chores as quickly as you can. You may want to leave a little early, for romantic personal reasons.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Today is an 8 - You're efficient

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