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The guys from "Arbiter Sports Talk" rap about the NCAA men's championship game and MLB's opening weekend. They're on location this Friday in the SUB.

WEATHER



FRIDAY High: 79F / Low 49F



BY DREW MAYES AND DUSTIN LAPRAY Arbiter Staff

Authorities reported Wednesday that a body found in a decorative pond near Warm Springs Avenue is that of Boise State University student Bradley Winter Morse. Morse, 25, was a senior majoring in computer science.

Ada County authorities recovered Morse's body from the pond after an Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation employee found Morse's body and called police. The employee followed what police are describing as a "blood trail" on a sidewalk near the agency's office where he saw two feet sticking out of the pond and called police. The pond sits in between the Parks and Recreation Building and the Greenbelt, about 100 yards from the Boise River.

"On behalf of the entire Boise State University community, I want to express my personal sadness and sincere condolences to the family and friends of Boise State student Bradley Morse," BSU President Robert Kustra said in an e-mail sent to BSU students, faculty and staff.

"Especially for those who knew Bradley, we recognize that this is a very difficult time as we begin the healing process."

Morse was also an employee of Parks and Recreation. He got off work at 9:30 p.m. and was killed shortly after. According to officials Morse was shot twice in the head.

Morse's death comes just days after the murder of University of Idaho student David Robert Boss. Boss, 21, was murdered last

Saturday at his apartment home in Moscow. Police officers from Sparks, Nev.

reported that they have booked former University of Idaho student John Joseph Delling on fugitive warrants and possession of a stolen vehicle. He is being held on a \$2 million bond.

Delling, 21, was arrested in Sparks, Nev. around 4 p.m. when found driving a stolen Nissan sedan, which police said belonged to Morse.

Both Morse and Boss died of gunshot wounds to the head.

Delling is a suspect in both murders.

He was arrested in 2005 on two different occasions for stalking and

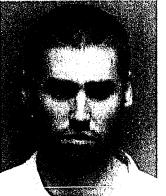


PHOTO COURTESY ADA COUNTY SHERRIFF

John Joseph Delling is being held on a \$2 million bond in Nevada aggravated assault.

Moscow police discovered that Delling had made a call to Boss' cellular telephone at 12:12 a.m. Saturday. Moscow Police believed Boss died between midnight and 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

According to KXLY, a radio station in Sparks, Nev., Moscow police, working with Sprint were able to. track Delling by his cellular phone and a global positioning device (GPS). Police in Sparks were able to

match the vehicle and found a person matching Delling's description and made the arrest.

Idaho State Police officers are currently traveling to Washoe County, Nev. where Delling is being held for questioning about the homicides. He has a warrant issued by the Ada County Sherrif's Office on the charge of grand theft.

"Its' just weird," Ada County Lt. Scott Johnson said. "They're both good kids, both going to school, both trying to do things with their lives and it's weird because we don't have a motive, we don't know why."

According to Kustra, BSU will offer counseling services to any of those who may need such aid. The number to call for counseling services is (208) 426-1601.

"It's a very dark day for us at Boise State," Kustra said.

Local and state authorities are asking for the public's assistance in its investigation of Morse's death and the possible connection to Delling. Anyone with information can contact the Ada County Sheriff's Office at (208) 577-3072.

Morse, Boss and Delling all attended Treasure Valley high schools between 2000 and 2004.

President Kustra celebrates Boise State's accomplishments

Compiled by Arbiter staff

The March issue of Boise State President Bob Kustra's monthly letter discussed the university's news and updates, and celebrated the accomplishments of various organizations on campus.

Kustra said Dean of the College of Business and Economics Howard L. Smith was named vice president for university advancement. According to Kustra, Smith began his new duties immediately and will continue to serve as dean of the College of Business and Economics until May 1, when Associate Dean Diane Schooley-Pettis will take over.

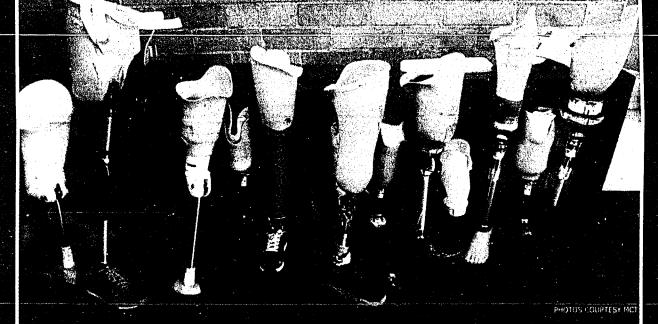
"As the university was about to begin a national search to fill this position, it became clear that Howard was perfect for the job," Kustra said. "I am confident that his familiarity with the campus, commitment to our strategic goals and thorough understanding of the corporate and donor community will assure his success, as well as that of our upcoming comprehensive campaign."

According to Kustra, private financial support is increasing for BSU with major pledges to a new College of Business and Economics Building. Alumnus Doyle Heaton, a California businessman in the home-building industry, pledged \$250,000. Alumnus Allen Dykman, the owner of a Boise-based wholesale electrical company and his wife, Dixie, pledged \$100,000 to the project.

"In both cases, Heaton and the Dykmans said they were motivated by Micron's donation and the recent publicity generated by the Bronco football team. Impressive support such as this will enable us to build a state-of-the art Business Building and help make Boise State's College of Business and Economics one of the best in the Northwest," Kustra said. "My sincere thanks to [them]."

In his letter, Kustra congratulated the Talkin' Broncos. Boise State's intercollegiate speech and debate team, and the women's basketball team for its "stellar seasons" and the "impressive heights" the teams reached in their competitions earlier in March. The Talkin' Broncos finished second at the 2007 Pi Kappa Delta Nat Forensics Tournament, led by All-America selections Katy Jibben and Wavne Rysavy. 'Talkin' Broncos' runner-up finish marks the fifth consecutive time they have finished in the top five at the biennial national tournament," Kustra said. "Boise State went into the tournament as the defending national champion ... At this year's nationals, Boise State won 22 individual awards and advanced three debate teams to the tournament semifinals." The women's basketball team finished as the Western Athletic Conference's regular season cochampions and tournament champs and qualified for the NCAA playoffs. Coach Gordy Presnell, who guided Boise State to a 24-9 record, was named the 2007 Region Seven Coach of the Year and the WAC Coach of the Year. According to Kustra, Megan Frary, assistant professor in the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, received the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award for early career faculty less than two years after receiving her Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Kustra said Frary will receive \$488,457 over five years as part of the NSF career program, which will support Frary's materials research. "The program recognizes outstanding faculty from across the nation who have shown exceptional ability at integrating research and teaching, and who are mostly likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st century," Kustra said. "Megan Frary is but one of many examples of the exceptional scholars who are joining our faculty and helping us to attain our objective to become a metropolitan research university of distinction.*





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ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY

"Disturbia" SPB Movie Night. Come see a sneak preview of "Disturbia" at 7 p.m. in the Special Events Center. Tickets are free and can be picked up at the Student Union Info Desk.

FRIDAY

SPB and Pinnacle Security will host "Hands on the Van." Registration begins at 10 a.m., and is only open to Boise State students. During "Hands on the Van" students who keep their hands on the van the longest will win thousands of dollars in prizes. Located on the Student Union patio.

SATURDAY

Used Outdoor Equipment Rental Sale.

Come and check out the great deals on the Outdoor Programs rental equipment. Rafts, kayaks, snowshoes, skis and camping gear. Student ID required for equipment purchases. For details on this Campus Recreation event, call Geoff Harríson at 426-2628. Prosthetic legs wait for their owners while they are in therapy in Bogota, Columbia. TenXsys is working on developing new sensors that will help amputees everywhere use their prosthetics effectively.

RYAN RASMUSSEN News Writer

Veterans who have lost limbs due to acts of war now will soon have better technology to help with rehabilitation and use of prosthetics.

TenXsys, a privately held corporation in Eagle, Idaho, has received a contract from the U.S. Department of Defense for a project with Boise State University to develop and test new sensors. These small sensors will be used to help rehabilitate amputees and assist them in using prosthetics effectively.

TenXsys received \$100,000 last year for start-up funding and to develop the sensors. It has received an additional \$749,000 for the second phase.

"We now have the opportunity to build prototypes of the sensors that could be of great benefit to those who are learning to use an artificial arm or leg," Layne Simmons, chief operating officer of TenXsys, said. "Our partnership with Boise State has been the key reason we were successful in receiving this major contract."

BSU researchers affiliated with the Center of Orthopedic and Biomechanics Research (COBR) will test the new sensors via the use of animation technology that will prove whether the sensors function effectively.

TenXsys develops and uses technology based on radio telemetry. The new sensors developed, called Sensor Monitoring and Relay Transmission (SMART), can be worn on the body and will measure energy and movement patterns. The sensors then send a signal via radio telemetry to a nearby computer that interprets and gives instant feedback about subtle balance and fatigue conditions.

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According to Michelle Sabick, assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering and co-director of COBR, said that after required approvals received later this year BSU researchers will begin testing the prototypes for study on volunteers who have suffered amputation.

"Our students are gaining hands on experience, including the opportunity to run tests, interpret data and witness the product development process. Partnerships such as this one will help prepare them for future jobs in the industry," Sabick said.

The number of military personnel losing limbs is constantly rising with the war in Iraq. This new technology is in very high demand. Simmons recently visited the new Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, which has a large Amputee Care Center.

"There is a sense of urgency associated with this project that makes us want to work as quickly as possible. The TenXsys system has the potential to have

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a significant positive impact on those who are learning how to use prosthetics," Simmons said.

This technology will work in conjunction with Department of Defense efforts to rehabilitate solders. If rehabilitated soldiers are capable and willing, they can return to active duty.

"A lot of times you don't get to see projects go from the initial phase to actually being developed," Seth Kuhlman, a BSU graduate student in mechanical engineering who also worked on the first phase of the project, said. "It's nice to come in on the ground floor and then see it through to an actual product."

COBR is collaboration between the Department of Mechanical and Biomechanical Engineering and the Kinesiology Department and with local clinicians who have an interest in and support the study of biomechanics.

For more information on TenXsys and their radio-telemetry-based products and services visit www.tenxsys.com April 5, 2007

THE HEADLINES

WORLD

Terror detainee will serve nine-months in Australia

Australian David Hicks pleaded guilty here Friday to supporting terrorism in exchange for a ninemonth prison sentence under a plea deal that forbids him from claiming he was abused in U.S. custody.

In return, Hicks, 31, will be allowed to leave Guantanamo within 60 days to serve out the sentence in his native Australia. And he will be free by New Year's Eve. It was a startling conclusion to the first U.S. warcrimes tribunal since World War II.

"They told us this was one of the world's worst terrorists, and he got the sentence of a drunken driver," said Ben Wizner, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Bush administration had originally sought life in prison for Hicks. Eight senior U.S. military officers were told they could sentence him to seven years for providing material support to terrorism, which they did. But moments after they were ushered out of the tribunal chambers at 8:15 p.m., the presiding officer, Marine Col. Ralph Kohlmann, disclosed that a Pentagon official had cut the deal.

Under the deal, Hicks agreed not to talk to reporters for a year, to forever waive any profit from telling his story, to renounce any claims of mistreatment or unlawful detention and to submit voluntarily to U.S. interrogation and testify at future U.S. trials or international tribunals.

The agreement drew criticism from civil liberties and human rights attorneys monitoring the trial. They were especially critical of the order forbidding Hicks from protesting any mistreatment, saying such a requirement would be unconstitutional in a civilian U.S. court.

"If the United States were not ashamed of its conduct, it wouldn't hide behind a gag order," Wizner said. "The agreement says he wasn't mistreated. Why aren't we allowed to judge for ourselves?'

Hicks' Marine defense attorney had sought a 20-month sentence, arguing that Hicks should get credit for his five years and four months in detention at Guantanamo as a socalled enemy combatant.

"His heart wasn't with al-Qaida," said Marine Maj. Dan Mori, Hicks' attorney. He cast Hicks as a "wannabe" soldier who as a high-school dropout was rebuffed by a bid to enlist in the Australian army.

Countered Marine Lt. Col. Kevin Chenail, the case prosecutor, in urging the maximum seven years: "Other confused, lost souls might follow in his footsteps."

During the morning hearing where he entered his plea, Hicks admitted to a 35-point narrative that he'd taken four training courses with al-Qaida before the Sept. 11 attacks and that he'd asked bin Laden why he offered no training manuals. He also admitted to standing guard with an AK-47 during the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan, first at Kandahar Airport and later beside a Talibantank. He said he was engaged in two hours of combat with U.S. proxy Northern Alliance troops, but didn't admit to ever firing a shot. Not in his final agreement were some of the most explosive charges that had initially been drawn against him: that he had discussed going on a suicide mission with a senior al-Qaida leader, that he'd met the so-called shoe-bomber Richard Reid and that he fought in the same unit as John Walker Lindh, an American captured by U.S. forces in Afghanistan and now serving time in a federal prison for his actions.

NATIONAL

Lawsuit alleges Microsoft misled on Windows Vista

A Washington woman who bought a computer in November 2006 marked as "Vista Capable" and later discovered it's capable of running only the most basic version of Microsoft's new operating system, has sued the company for unfair that Microsoft has spent quite a lot of and deceptive marketing.

Dianne Kelley, represented by Seattle law firm Gordon Murray Tilden, filed a lawsuit Thursday, alleging "Microsoft engaged in bait and switch _ assuring consumers they were purchasing 'Vista Capable' machines when, in fact, they could obtain only a strippeddown operating system lacking the functionality and features that Microsoft advertised as 'Vista."

The suit seeks class-action status. A Microsoft attorney defended the marketing practices in an interview Tuesday, noting that the "Vista Capable" logo was one part of an "unprecedented effort" by the company to distribute information about the operating system's features and hardware requirements.

"Our goal is to give (customers) as much information as possible down to the precise technical specifications that they need" to operate the various versions of Vista, said Linda Norman, associate general counsel in Microsoft's litigation group.

In March 2006, Microsoft began a program that allowed computer makers whose machines met certain specifications to label them as "Vista Capable." The required specs included at least 512 megabytes of memory and a DirectX 9 graphics processor. But PCs bearing the "Capable" logo "cannot run, or run poorly, with Vista Home Premium, the least expensive version of Vista that includes Vista's heavily marketed and most popular features," Kelley's complaint said.

Microsoft later introduced a "Premium Ready" designation for PCs with enough memory and graphics processing power to handle the additional features, including the translucent Aero user interface and many of the digital media applications for photos and DVDs.

Jeffrey Thomas, an attorney at Gordon Murray Tilden, said the average consumer shopping for a new PC and seeing a "Vista Capable" sticker has "a reasonable expectation" of getting "the core experience

money advertising as the Vista experience."

Microsoft said consumers running the Basic version are in fact getting the "core Vista experience" of increased performance, better security and easier file searching.

Microsoft attorney Norman said advertising is a visual medium so it's not surprising the snazzy translucent user interface called Aero and other visual aspects of Vista are highlighted.

"(But) what customers are going to appreciate on a day-to-day basis is the underlying architectural changes that have increased the security and reliability of that experience _ not something that's easy to put up on an advertising board and catch a consumer's attention," she said.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court in Seattle.

LOCAL/BSU

Idaho gas prices jump

Aside from a country drive or a visit to a city park, the Easter holiday is not a big one for holiday travelers.

And that's good news for motorists in the Gem State, where pump prices have climbed 40 cents higher in just the past month, and appear poised to move even higher, AAA Idaho reported Tuesday.

Dave Carlson, AAA Idaho public and government affairs director, said the markets suggest motorists could see rising prices for the near future.

Based on AAA's Daily Fuel Gauge Report, Idaho's average price for a gallon of self-serve regular gasoline is \$2.66, up 41 cents from \$2.25 on March 1. A year ago, Idaho's average price was \$2.36.

Carlson said gas prices were already high, especially for this time of year, reflecting tight inventories, strong demand and problems with key refineries. Now, crude oil prices are also higher — as much as \$10 a

barrel - as a result of the standoff between Britain and Iran over captive British personnel.

"Jittery traders define a nervous petroleum marketplace, where \$10 moves in crude prices and 30-cent moves in gasoline prices are common," Carlson said. "A few short years ago, that was not the case."

Idaho's average price was higher than the national average price for a six-month period from August until February. At one point last August, Idahoans were paying as much as 40 cents more a gallon than the national average, but by early March they were paying 20 cents less.

The gap has closed in recent weeks.

The national average price for regular grade gasoline is \$2.70, compared to Idaho's \$2.66 average. But Idaho's average price is well below West Coast neighbors California, \$3.27; Oregon, \$2.95, and Washington, \$2.97. Tight supplies in those states mean motorists could face high pump prices for the remainder of the year.

Coupled with the seasonal drawdown of gasoline inventories that happens each spring, tensions in the Mideast will likely mean high prices will be around for a while, Carlson said. Some analysts are hopeful that, this early seasonal run-up in prices could end if inventories go up and the tensions in the Mideast ease.

County eyes new 911 system

Canyon County dispatchers will get updated telephone systems later this year to help provide faster responses to emergency calls.

The Sheriff's Office has requested the new phone systems out of necessity, Dispatch Manager Mary McMillan said, because the current system is outmoded and repair parts are unavailable.

Once a new service provider has been chosen, new telephone systems will be installed at all county dispatch centers, except Nampa,

which has it own operation for emergency calls. The new systems could be installed by the end of June, McMillan said.

"The contract will upgrade our telephone systems and capabilities for better information from the public and faster responses," she explained.

New systems under consideration are computer-aided with backup handsets, and are more modern and more user-friendly for dispatchers.

The county is considering four vendor bids to provide the eight to 10 new phone systems that will be funded through existing customer 911 surcharges.

No county funds are involved in the purchase of the new system, and customers will not notice any changes other than potentially quicker response times, McMillan said.

Courtesy Idaho Press-Tribune

WHAT THE?

Stupid Earthlings, your laws don't apply to me

Police in Trenton, N.J., arrested a man for possession of a controlled dangerous substance and resisting arrest. So the man claimed diplomatic immunity as a member of the Abannaki "indigeneous nation" that includes people from Mars, Venus and "the so-called planet Earth."

Money first, wedding later

A woman in Singapore hooked up with a rather stupid man in an online chatroom, pretended to be a beautiful actress and promised to marry him. And, oh yes, she got him to send her \$45,000 before the wedding could take place. The woman's real husband defended his wife after she was arrested, saying "no sensible man would send so much money to a woman without seeing her in person first."



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The way we see it ... Spring has just begun

It's a no-brainer right? Seasonally speaking spring has sprung. So what?

So, we've broken spring in and now we must settle down, focus our studies and get those grades up and in and graduate and bounce into summer.

But there are some things we must remember as we complete this 2006-07 school year, things we must clear up.

The onset of spring brings a rebirth of thought and insight which may have frozen over the winter.

In recent weeks this campus has been a contemptuous mess. We bickered over what exactly we mean this university to stand for. There is no right answer. There is no way we will ever come to a consensus on our beliefs or our opinions. We have strong voices on not two sides of these issues concerning race and society, but 19,000 sides.

There have been accusations of racial tendencies slung from the right and left and every point on the line in between. We ask that you cease attacking each other. Our online forums have been wrought with anger and assumptions which cannot be quantified. Do not presume that someone exists within a closed mind, just because they have strong opinions. And DO NOT BE CLOSED-MINDED! Do not assume that just because you have always had an opinion, that that is the right opinion. Let yourselves be open to dialogue and listen to one another, or even better, start to actually hear what your opposition has to say.

This opinion is purposefully vague. This April Thursday we do not wish to tackle a specific issue, but rather how we approach all issues, all topics of debate on this growing campus. Growth can be measured in layers of steel and concrete, but true growth exists within the minds of the populace walking the paved trails and communal lawns within and beyond our bounds.

We appeal to your young minds and foundational beliefs, and ask you to let them be challenged, to learn and accept all viewpoints. You need not adhere to others' opinions, but you must accept that they exist. Realize that there are people behind those opinions and beliefs, people with hearts and minds which can be insulted, outraged and sincerely affected by your actions and statements.

Ace up his sleeve: Alberto Gonzales' nine new attorneys

BY MICHAEL J. MCLASKEY Opinion Writer

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales has had a rough time lately on Capitol Hill.

Not only did he have to muscle out nine attorneys who weren't "serving at the pleasure of the president," but he also had to explain to a congressional committee why there are two conflicting accounts of the nine dismissals. Initial reports said competence was at issue with the firings, but other reports told a different tale, one of party allegiance. The most important thing to notice here isn't the firings, but what they mean - everyone who didn't toe our president's arbitrary line got the finger, out the door.

Now we usher in a new era of corruption for the attorney general's office. There is a provision in the new Patriot Act that allows Gonzales to appoint anyone he wants to fill the newly vacated positions, without congressional approval. If he knows what's good for him, he will appoint only those willing to serve the president's ultimate pleasure (whatever that means).

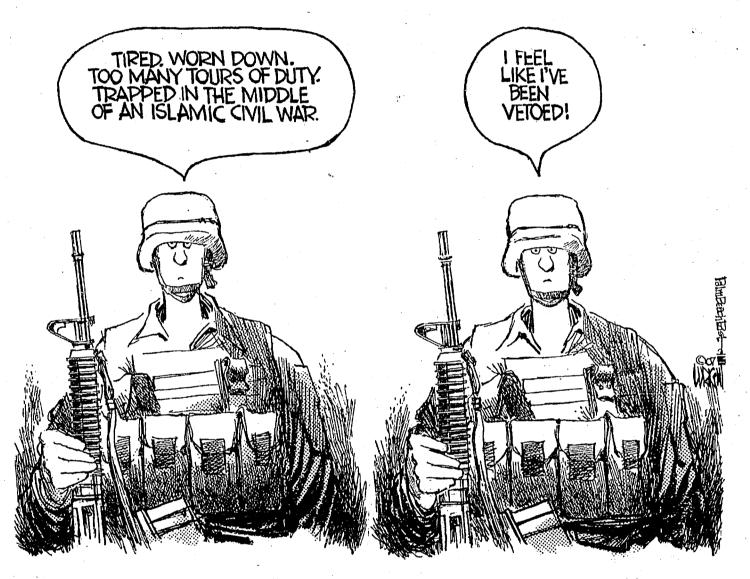
All I'm saying here is that for the attorney general to say that he serves "at the pleasure of the president" is to insinuate a king-like power to the presidency, as if Gonzales is a court jester, parading for the "pleasure" of the president. If Gonzales is supposed to be an entertainer, I think his specialty is sleight-of-hand. Who else could pull off post-Nixon wiretapping without causing the impeachment of his commander in chief?

The last thing I want to see out of Bush's presidency is a legacy of monarchial power, although his getting his way into Iraq will likely make the history books read that way. On the other hand, if the history books focus on how we bungled our way out, Bush's presidency will read to history like a Timor or a Lame-Napoleon hybrid, such that he could conquer whatever he truly put his mind to. In W's case, this seems to be a crapshoot every time. In the last six years, we've seen more and more power funneled into the gaping maw of the Oval Office, which is now so opaque that only insiders know what's going on there, and in lieu of these firings it seems that insiders are set to rule the roost.

I believe that this is a reactionary maneuver on the part of the GOP; they lost the mid-term election by a narrow margin, and need to tighten the ranks they have left. By getting rid of party disloyalty, the Republicans took partisanship to a new level, where simply being a Republican isn't good enough. What comprises the new criteria is anyone's guess, but what won't be surprising is the lack of oil-profit investigations, Halliburton inquiries, and other legal matters such as voter fraud, all of which could look embarrassing to an alreadymortified administration.

In short, the new attorneys will only serve the president at his pleasure and it seems Gonzales wrote the how-to manual. After all, he fired those other attorneys because they didn't know how to pleasure the president properly. For anyone wondering how, oral praise is the way.

Even if you think he's the worst president in U.S. history, tell him otherwise (if you know what's good for you). The new "back nine," or replacement attorneys, will be sure to keep the proper parties out of and in trouble, respective to party affiliation, and they'll be sure to tell the cameras, "I serve at the pleasure - what's that teleprompter say? The pleasure of our president."



There are great troubles in this world and the only way to get solutions is to commit to reasoned discourse.

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; Barry Franklin, opinion editor; Harsh Mantri, online editor and Sheree Whiteley, lead copy editor.

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The problem is history, not science

BY FREDERICK AREHART Opinion Writer

"Science" is a discipline of objective thought that requires "the evidence to speak for itself." The scientific method of research requires that an event or series of actions (such as an experiment) be based upon actual observation and be repeatable under controlled conditions. Outcomes are assessed based upon hypothesis and the result. The key phrase in the scientific method is "testable results."

The question of where we came from tickles our frontal lobes. In the search for our origins, we would all like to have answers free of bias and opinion. We just want the facts. Science, with its scientific method, would seem to be a straightforward means of determining facts but unfortunately it is not.

You see, the question of where we came from cannot be analyzed and answered through repeatable observation. There is simply no way to go back and review the event(s) or to repeat them in the here and now. No matter how much we wish it were so, no amount of sophistry or wishfulthinking can change these facts. Thus, any conception or theory on origins cannot be tested and by definition are not verifiable through the scientific method. An example of this confusion is the bumper sticker, "Evolution is just a theory, 'iust like gravity." The words are implying that both are equally verifiable scientific facts of life. But are they? Gravity can be repeatedly demonstrated at will and tested under controlled conditions. Can the same be said of evolution or any theory of our origin? Unfortunately, it cannot.

Much of the discord over origins today is a result of researchers confusing their artifact interpretations and demonstrable technology with the scientific method. It doesn't matter if you favor neo-Darwinism, punctuated equilibrium, special creation or intelligent design; you are all not working within the scientific method or the realm of science at all.

You are instead working within historical interpretation. The artifacts are all the same, but what they mean is in the eye of the beholder; a fossil bone is no different than a shoe from a Civil War soldier. Answering the questions of our origins is subjective and, alas, not provable. Fossils and other artifacts are items of historical (not scientific) significance. So where does this leave us? Well, first of all it leaves us with a level playing field. Only when we accept that theories of origins are based upon historical interpretation of the same data can we debate on merit. If evolutionists expect creationists to be open to questions about their literal interpretation of the Bible, they should be equally open to questions about the many inconsistencies in radiometric dating results, the fossil record, the geologic column and genetic assumptions. There should be no yelling, name calling, blackballing, interrupting or disinformation allowed; please leave these at the monkey bars on the playground (pardon the pun).

There should be only respectful debate on the merits of the arguments that are presented. No theory should be accepted on blind faith and no theory should dominate through political correctness. I, for one would like to see such debate on campus.

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ULTURE



Overexposure

BY SHEREE WHITELEY Culture Columnist

Ahhhhh. Fresh, non-frigid air. There are few things better than the beginning of spring.

That time of the year when it seems like the Earth is trading in its snow boots for open-toed sandals.

Knowing that flip-flops and shorts are just around the bend makes the post-Spring Break return to lectures, labs and exams bearable.

Few things feel better than stepping outside in a pair of shorts for the first time of the year, but one thing has always bothered me about warm-weather wear.

I firmly believe that skimpler clothing should come with a big warning label: beware of overexposure.

Short-shorts shouldn't be paired with barely-there tanks. Guys, no one wants to see your armpit hair peaking out of cut-off T-shirts.

A similar label should be posted before venturing into the social world.

Past experiences have taught me that it's important to retain a significant amount of emotional clothing as well (yes, I know that sounds like something a cheesy therapist would say, but hear me out).

No one tells us to keep certain things covered up, and this often results in catastrophic incidences of overexposure.

How are we supposed to know what to hide and what to "put out there?" Via trial and error?

One thing to keep covered up: references to exes. No new significant other wants to know where you and your ex hung out, what sweet (or, similarly, unspeakably rude) things he/she did to you or the reasons you two broke up. And you might as well keep pastboudoir talk wrapped up like you would be on a trip to Antarctica.

Then there's SSB. For non "Sex and the City" addicts, SSB stands



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BY CHARITY VARNER Culture Writer

Life in college is an adventure full of exploration, hard work and crazy good times, but can be quite expensive, making the college population a group of poor people. Expenses bombard us from every angle with the high cost of tuition, books, rent, food, car payments and innumerable amounts of bills.

For those of us not lucky enough to still reside with mom and dad in the world of home-cooked meals and no rent, the necessities in life are barely attainable, let alone the extravagant want-driven commodities.

Does it have to be this way? The answer is a big "no." With a little creativity, simplicity and compromise we can all be living the good life. Sound too good to be true? Here are some tips on working with your budget to go from living meagerly to living large.

Dating is a major aspect of the college experience, but it doesn't have to cause bankruptcy. All it takes is a little extra effort and a pinch of creativity. To plan an enjoyable and inexpensive date, you have to think beyond the standard dinner and a movie.

For example, a picnic in the park is virtually costless and if you round up a meal straight from your cupboards, it's free. You'll get to enjoy the fresh air and scenery of the local parks in the warm spring weather while also enjoying good company and a nice meal.

Guys, if you surprise a girl with a picnic you'll earn major brownie points for creativity and thoughtfulness in addition to saving a bundle of money. Everybody wins.

If you happen to be athletic, there are infinite options - such as a game of tennis, frisbee golf or a scenic bike ride. This way you and your date can save money, work up a nice sweat, get toned and have a blast - all for free. Does it get any better than that?

Let's not forget the relaxing night in with a movie, popcorn and cuddling. Watching a movie already purchased makes for an even cheaper date.

Or if you prefer to go out, the \$1 theatre is always available.

We all enjoy going out and having a good time to relieve ourselves from the never-ending world of studying and work.

<u>COILEZE DUIQUE</u>

We need time with friends to go out on the town and fully recoup. But it doesn't have to cost a fortune.

For example, from June until September an event called Alive After Five occurs downtown every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. in the Grove Plaza.

It's free and appeals to people of all ages with its array of live music, beverages and vendor booths.

Late nights downtown are a popular activity with friends. To save money, it's smart to have a few drinks at a friend's house just before you go downtown, allowing you to buy fewer of the super expensive drinks offered at bars. You also avoid the crowds suffocating the bar area.

Exercise is a big money saver. Stop using your car so much. You can do this in many easy ways. First of all, if you need to run to the store that sits a couple blocks from your house just walk or ride your bike. If you don't have a bike, invest in one immediately. Consolidate errands completed via car into one trip to save money on gas, as well as time. If you leave the car at home as often as you can, you'll enjoy the benefits of being outdoors in the fresh air while getting a dose of daily exercise and helping out the environment.

The main piece of sure-fire advice to maintain a fun lifestyle within a strict budget is to keep things simple. Many times the simple things are so small and seemingly insignificant that we tend to overlook them. Isn't it always said that the simple things in life are the sweetest? Well it's true.

Look at things in terms of what it costs you over a long period of time. For example, if you purchase a soda from the vending machine before your class everyday, over the course of a year you would be spending around \$365. Money which could have been used to buy something more worthwhile at the end of the year.

You can also keep things simple by being resourceful. Borrow books from the library instead of buying them. Wait a day before purchasing something you aren't sure about - eliminate impulse buys.

The truth is living large doesn't have to come from a large paycheck. All you need to do is keep things simple, immerse yourself in the free or cheap events Boise has to offer, get outdoors and exercise and tap into your creativity to entertain yourself and your friends.

Dorm dwelling: a dare or a drag?

for "secret single behavior."

The things you do when you're alone and wouldn't want anyone (especially romantic interests) to know about. It's your quirky, silly, too-weird-to-share side.

The things that you do, but aren't really sure why. It just feels good.

Maybe it involves prancing around your house in super-high heels screaming your lungs out alongside Alanis Morrissette while stuffing your face with peanut-butter sandwiches – whatever your extreme alone time entails, keep it clothed.

We can't ever be sure how people will react to what we reveal. Donning skirts and bare legs for the first time of the season could either result in inquiries as to whether or not you're allergic to the sun or compliments on time spent in the gym and tanning bed. Similarly, we never know whether sharing a dark secret or letting someone see our bad side will bring people closer or scare them away.

This isn't to say that we all need to wander the streets clothed neck-to-ankle or be pretentious toward others.

But in life it's important to choose carefully who sees all of you (someone should have told this to Britney Spears before the no-underwear incident).

Wandering the streets while exposing too much skin makes people want to gawk or throw money at you.

Revealing too much emotion at work can make your coworkers think you're a nut case.

Be careful about what you put out there for the world to see. Keep cottage-cheese thighs and watering eyes where they belong.

BY MATTHEW BOYLE Culture Writer

College life can be characterized by the desire to learn or the pursuit of higher education and a better life.

It also can be and usually is considered the first time in many students' lives to be living on their own, without their parents.

The greater part of college students in most universities across the country live in on-campus housing, particularly dormitories.

Boise State University has an approximate 18,900 students enrolled, which makes it a decent-sized university.

The unusual part about BSU is that an overwhelming estimated 90 percent of its students live off campus, commuting to school by automobile.

The lifestyle of on-campus living can be a mystery to that bulk of the

His Holiness

Sri Sri Ravi

Shankar spoke

to a crowd of

about 8,000

Sunday at the

Boise Centre on

the Grove.

student body that lives off campus. According to the Boise State University Housing Website, "University housing enriches the learning experience by creating an environment that fosters personal growth, academic success, civility and commitment to citizenship at Boise State University."

In laymen's terms, this means that the on-campus experience will make students into better people and also more active in their education.

To an extent, on campus housing may do these things.

On the other hand, many people live in on campus housing to meet new people or to just be closer to the campus.

Kraig Thomason, a 19-year-old sophomore who resides in Chaffee Hall (BSU's largest residence hall) said the best part of living in the dorms is, "being able to constantly interact with people." Thomason said that university housing could improve by "improving the facilities and also being more strict on noise after quiet hours." Thomason also made a point of the lack of privacy in the dorms.

Tyler Jones, also a 19-year-old sophomore residing in Chaffee Hall, said his favorite part of dorm life is, "nothing – I really hate it. It's noisy, I have an inability to concentrate."

Jones also proposed the idea of making the rooms "bigger and nicer."

Lisa Barrett, a 19-year-old freshmen also residing in Chaffee Hall, said "I like the dorms because I can walk everywhere and because of the meal plan."

The meal plan comes with dorm living and usually includes meals at the Table Rock Café along with BroncoBucks (prepaid cash on a student's ID card that can be used virtually anywhere on campus and for ordering delivery from Domino's Pizza on Broadway Avenue).

Janet Cabrera, 19, also resides in Chaffee Hall and said, "I find it very convenient that I am on campus and able to just roll out of bed to go to class then head back to the dorms later for a shower."

Cabrera's opinion of dorm life has its problems too, though. "Dorm life is a lot of fun. I have

PHOTO BY LEONA ELLSWORTH/THE ARBITER

a lot of complaints, but none that I

feel could have been prevented,"

BSU offers better and perhaps

more private options for students

over the age of 20 or at sophomore

Although the vast majority of BSU

students live off campus and com-

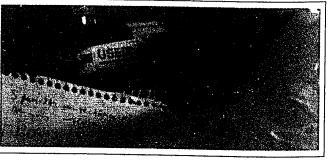
mute to school, on-campus housing

is definitely something to look into

although it comes with problems.

Cabrera said.

status.



Internationally renowned activist delivers on the Grove

BY DUSTIN LAPRAY

Managing Editor

He made us breathe.

In and out. In and out and in again.

It wasn't something we weren't used to. We had breathed before. But never like this. Never in my life had I sat in a room with that many people and breathed with them, collectively inhaling and exhaling, sounding the hiss and moan that is respiration.

His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is an activist. He founded The Art of Living Foundation, a not-for-profit organization which encourages world peace, healthy living and stable, individual mental health. He is a diminutive man, with a great black beard and scraggly hair. A quiet man, with a voice like a child. He wore long white robes and spoke from a sofa on the stage, also covered in robes and rose when he felt the need to answer questions standing.

The Art of Living Foundation (which has a Boise office), under his guidance, has touched millions of people in 140 countries. He has mentered people from all walks of life, from victims of Hurricane Katrina, the Asian Tsunami, victims from September 11, 2001, citizens of the war-torn Kosovo, Afghanistan and many others. He has worked

in prison systems, helping criminals deal with stress, lowering the number of prison fights wherever he traveled and taught.

"Inside every culprit is a victim crying for help," Shankar said.

In Kashmir (the long-foughtover region between India and Pakistan), Shankar brought 1,500 terrorists (many Taliban tribesmen) back into the main stream of public affairs, many becoming teachers of his art of living.

So what is it, this art of living? It is not a religion. Is carries no dogma.

"I have kept it secular, that many people can make use of it," Shankar said. "This is the property of the whole planet, no matter what religion or belief system. It does not conflict with any faith."

It is an all-inclusive idea based on peace. Peace. What an original idea, that we human beings, so wrapped in our own beliefs, might someday come to rest, not under a flag or a doctrine, but under the common bond inside us all - the want for peace.

Shankar said that the art of living comes from the heart.

"Pure heart is not harboring hatred," Shankar said. "Every heart "is pure; it only needs a little washing."

See Shankar [page 5]

Become a music guru

ΒY EISINGER It's a harried culture out there,

there doubt about it. As technologies advance, so do the means to create and distribute information

In the art world, this is reflected in the huge amount of music released onto the Web every day.

People in garages, basements and bedrooms are creating whole albums with nothing more than microphones and personal computers and uploading this music onto the Internet with dreams of online stardom.

Most of this music flops, but there are always a few diamonds hidden in the Internet rough. Even major labels are taking steps to downscale CD production in favor of online sales, seeing the Web as the next step in aural consumerism.

Hundreds of new artists upload their tunes daily to sites such as MySpace and Purevolume. This is paralleled by online music stores like iTunes and Napster, both adding hundreds of syndicated songs to their libraries daily.

With strained schedules, it's virtually impossible for any normal university student to sift through all of the garbage that appears on the Web day to day. No matter how dedicated one is to hearing new music, it can become a chore to preview and judge song after song. So how is it possible to hear of anything new and exciting, without wasting precious study or beer-drinking time? Fortunately for us, continued tech-

Shankar

The techniques are honestly a lit-

tle vague for me (I will not pretend

to understand it all after a 2-hour

presentation). He led the congrega-

tion, many of whom belong to local

tation exercise for 20 minutes, which

to me and my closed eyes felt like 20

years or 20 seconds. According to Shankar, breathing is the third type

of energy. The first is food, second

is sleep and fourth is meditation.

Breathing is the only one we do all

the time. He said when we breathe

in, it gives our body energy, when

we breathe out it brings relaxation.

His teachings include 112 breath-

Before the exercise, the bulk of

the presentation came in the form

of a question-and-answer session.

Hundreds of audience members

submitted questions and he an-

swered them quaintly and with

ing techniques.

churches, in a breathing and medi-

[from page 4]

nological development has also led to a boom in musical criticism and sharing, realized in the form of Web logs and forums. It is the job of these Websites to rake through all the muck, and - regardless of your views on popular opinion - they can be a huge push in your first steps toward musical guru-ism.

http://

Pitchfork www.pitchforkmedia.com

Less of a blog and more of an online magazine, Pitchfork Media has become a highly regarded and influential site. Pitchfork acts on music today as "Rolling Stone" did in the '70s - in an edgy, fervent and unforgiving manner. Pitchfork is considered by many to be the cutting edge in sonic critique. Daily updates will keep you informed on various aspects of the music world. Pitchfork packs its pages with an expansive variety of record reviews, tour schedules and gossipy tidbits regarding everyone from Erlend Ove to Justin Timberlake (who, apparently, is still sexy). Be wary, as Pitchfork is funded by advertising and sponsors and one has to think that the sort of reporting done on the site is influenced at least a little by the people paying for it.

Stereogum - http://www.stereogum.com

Stereogum provides a nice counterpoint to obviously-softened cynicism of the corporately-sponsored pages. Often taking a contrary opinion to Pitchfork's, Stereogum has nothing to promote, at least in the way of commercial appeasement. The site frequently makes friends

being selfish while still having per-

sonal aspirations, he replied, "Yes,

be selfish, want the best for your-

self, and by 'yourself', include ev-

When asked by a 10-year-old

child, "Why is there war?" Shankar

bowed his head and stated that war stands for "Worst Act of Reason."

"War becomes inevitable when reason fails," Shankar said.

As for his heroes, "I see a hero in every child. I am just a child who re-

He said that children don't car-

ry stress like adults. When a baby

cries, he said, it cries 100 percent.

Its whole being is wrapped up in the

present. Adults have the uncanny

knack to lapse into memories and

lament the past, plan for the future.

"Everything that has happened up to now is gone? Isn't it?" he

ervone else.

fused to grow up."

asked.

with the little guys, allowing lesserknown indie artists to distribute mp3s through its posts. Stereogum works reflexively with its readers, responding to comments and criticism to alter its content and form, making a point of displaying more or less according to what people want. The comment and forum pages of Stereogum are frequently littered with links to rare bootlegs and leaked albums, so keep your eves open as you work your way through the blog's pages.

WFMU's Beware of the Blog - http://blog.wfmu.org/freeform/

Some time ago, a rare, un-produced acetate cut of The Velvet Underground's first album surfaced at a flea market in New York. The lucky buyer placed the record on eBay, where bids skyrocketed to over \$130,000.

Meanwhile, those of us without money were left wondering what The Velvet Underground sounded like as Warhol intended. It was a fantasy at best. And then Beware of the Blog came along with a complete mp3 collection of the record in full digital glory, somehow procuring the rights to post it.

Beware of the Blog doesn't provide much in the way of record reviews or musical gossip, but often has succulent morsels of musical obscurity like the Velvet Underground piece.

Updated regularly with strange rips from old records, the Website keeps one grounded in a musical historicism that is at a considerable

second and minute and to breathe

Shankar spoke about human val-

ues. He sang and let the audience

sing along. He was given a paver (a

brick) from the Anne Frank Human

Rights Council to be placed among

the Memorial where Eighth Street

hold its course, which teaches the

methods referred to above, April

13-18. The cost is \$200 per student.

For more information, call the

foundation at (208) 353-3297 or e-

York City and the world, teaching

and visiting cities like Boise and

people like Boiseans, people of his

world dynamic, which has no borders and has no hatred. He said he

came to Boise because he had never

been here before and that he felt

mail boise@us.artofliving.org. As for Shankar, he is off to New

The Art of Living Foundation will

and the Greenbelt meet.

those breaths and let them go.

distance from the new waves most blogs deal with.

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Lambgoat - http://lambgoat. com

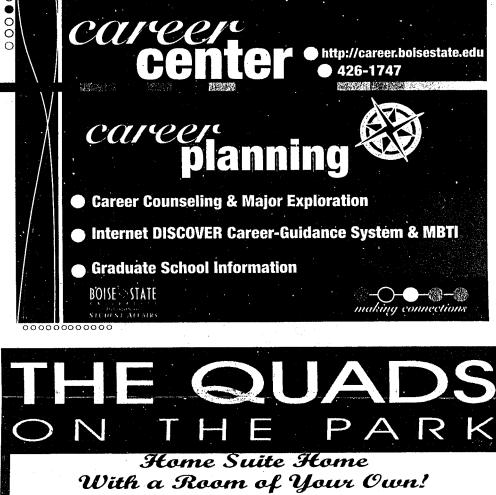
To really round out your online music experience, Lambgoat gets down and dirty with the latest news and reviews from the worlds of hardcore punk and heavy metal. Unique about Lambgoat is the fact that many of the bands discussed on the site post with their own feedback to the readers and writers. This provides an interesting, often humorous forum for disingenuous thoughts, a lot of immature namecalling and artistic revelations unavailable in other formats. The site is like a badly-booked concert, where metal-heads and punkers collide in a head-to-head clash of aesthetics.

But Lambgoat does a great job of keeping up with the underground heavy music scene and is worth a look.



CULTURE

PODEAS



modest touches of humor, which rippled throughout the crowd.

BY FRANCY MARCOTTE

Assistant Culture Editor

In this sequel to "Are We There

Yet?" newlyweds Nick and Suzanne,

played by Ice Cube and Nia Long,

decide to move their family out of

renovate their new house which

causes the move to go less than

But the contractor pushes Nick

"Grindhouse" serves as an attempt to pay homage to 1970s hor-

Directors Quentin Tarantino and

over the edge when he starts to

bond with Suzanne and the kids.

They hire a kooky contractor to

the city and into the suburbs.

smoothly.

Grindhouse

ror flicks.

Are We Done Yet?

Part of his teaching is to live in When asked how we can avoid weigh us down and live for the here.

comfortable here, because this is the now, to drop the things which his planet and he is never a stranger

Robert Rodriguez combine two movies in one.

The first film, "Death Proof" follows a washed-up stuntman (Kurt Russell) who stalks a group of women.

Tarantino directs this part. Rodriguez handles the second film, "Planet Terror," about a zombie couple who embark on a brutal killing spree.

Fake commercials connect "Death Proof" and "Planet Terror."

The Hoax

Richard Gere, Alfred Molina and Marcia Gay Harden star in "The Hoax: the true story of a lie."

Set in the 1970s, the film follows Clifford Irving (Gere) and his business partner Richard Suskind (Molina) as they sell their fake biography of billionaire Howard Hughes.

The media eventually exposes their hoax and follows it with an uproar

The Reaping

Former missionary Katherine Morrissey (Hilary Swank) disregards her faith following the deaths of her family members and becomes an investigator for religious "miracles."

She arrives in a small town cursed by mysterious plagues and sets out to prove that science, not the supernatural, is behind them. However, the further she goes in the case, the more Morrissey realizes that something else is at work in the town.

On the indie scene

The Italian

"The Italian" tells the story of a Russian orphan (Kolya Spiridonov) soon to be adopted by an Italian couple. However, he wants to find his birth parents and escapes the orphanage to search Russia for them.

"The Italian" opens at The Flicks April 6.

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PORTS Idaho deflates Skyforce for 30th win of the season [SIDE LINE]

Three BSU gymnasts selected to Regional Championships

Although Boise State University will not be competing as a team at the NCAA West Regional Championships for the first time in 20 years, senior Kristin Aldrich and freshmen Yvette Leizorek and DeAvera Todd were selected to compete as individuals on Monday.

The West Regional, hosted by the University of California, will be held April 14 at the Haas Pavilion in Berkeley, Calif. Ticket information for the event can be found at http:// calbears.cstv.com.

Leizorek, who earned second team all-conference honors on both bars and floor at last weekend's Western Athletic Conference Championships, will be competing on bars at the regional meet. Leizorek was also selected as an alternate competitor on floor.

Aldrich, who earned first team all-conference honors on beam and second team all-conference honors on vault this past weekend at the WAC Championships, was selected to compete on beam.

Rounding out the Bronco trio selected to compete at the regional tournament, Todd was selected as an all-arounder. In her debut season, Todd was the Broncos' only allaround competitor this year.

In each region, only the topranked gymnast for each event who is not on an advancing team is selected to compete as an individual. In the all-around, the top five individuals not on an advancing team are selected to compete at the regional meet.

Each of Boise State's individual competitors will be looking to advance the NCAA Championships. The26thAnnualNationalCollegiate Gymnastics Championships, hosted by the University of Utah, will be held April 26-28 at the Jon M. Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Karl undergoes surgery

Monday, April 2, former Boise State basketball player Coby Karl underwent surgery to remove can-

cerous lymph nodes. The surgery was the second such removal after Karl also had his thy roid removed last year after he was diagnosed with papillary carcinoma. There has been no official word on Karl's condition, but the "Idaho Statesman" reported Karl's status was fair immediately following surgery Monday night. Coby's father George Karl was in Boise for the operation, missing time as head coach of the Denver Nuggets. "My family and I would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers," George Karl said. "We appreciate it a great deal. It was a long day, but the doctors are optimistic that they've gotten everything out and are hopeful that Coby will be fully recovered in a couple of weeks."



wasn't kidding when he said defensive rebounds made all the difference against a very good Skyforce

squad (28-18). Sioux Falls big man Amir Johnson scored 19 points Tuesday night but managed only six rebounds. For many players those numbers may seem like average statistics, but for Johnson, it's not good enough. The 6'9" forward from the Detroit Pistons snatched 35 offensive rebounds over a five-game span this season, including one game in which he pulled down 11. On this night Johnson was held to just one offensive rebound.

"That was huge for us," Gates said. "Give most of the credit to Lance [Allred] because he did a fantastic job keeping him contained and limiting what he could do out there tonight against us."

As a team, Sioux Falls collected just 13 rebounds and shot 43 percent from the field.

The Stampede allowed a leaguebest 96.3 points per game by their opponents this season and that, according to Gates, is no coincidence.

"This is what we focus on." Gates said. "We know our offense will come, but it's defense that wins games."

The Stampede led by as many as 13 points but the team shot just 41 percent from the field, which left the door wide open for the Skyforce. Tuesday night's game featured six ties and five lead changes in the second half. Sioux Falls was able to reclaim the lead with just under nine minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, but two late technical fouls and an ejection for Sioux Falls Head Coach Mo McHone doused any chances of stopping the Stampede late in the quarter.

"We didn't let the officiating bother us or affect our emotions," Taylor said. "Our opponents tonight were getting caught up in it and it affected their focus, no question."

The Stampede did surrender nearly 50 points in the paint when they normally give up just under 25 points. Idaho did make good on 14 second-chance points and dumped in 46 points in the paint of its own.

"We made some plays tonight and got big play from our bench and we really needed that," Gates said. "We were able to put up 91 shots as a team and even though we only shot 42 percent from the field, when you're getting that many opportunities it's hard to lose."

With the win Idaho captured its 30th win of the season and extended its lead to just one game more than the Dakota Wizards, who lead astern Division. The Stampede



BY KYE JOHNSON Assistant Sports Editor

Major league baseball hit opening-day in full stride Monday afternoon and we saw a lot of the same-old same-old. The Yankees wore down a weaker, less-talented opponent. The Twins won with Johan Santana on the mound and Houston's bullpen choked again. But at the same time we saw a handfull of not-so-familiar feats.

Mariners' young ace Felix Hernandez pitched eight scoreless innings and struck-out 12 batters in a dominating 4-0 win against Oakland. Curt Schilling got lit up by a young, inexperienced, low-paid Kansas City Royals team. Sammy Sosa went 0-for-3 with a strikeout in his debut as a Ranger.

Ok, maybe the Sosa thing wasn't so unexpected after all. The point is, every time April rolls around and Major League Baseball kicks off its ridiculously-long season there is always something new in store. Not only for fans, but for players too, and for some players, 2007 might be the perfect chance to get their career back on track.

Here are a few guys who at one point in their careers were all-stars or big-name guys but have struggled over the past few years due to injuries (or whatever else).

Mike Sweeney - K.C. Royals

Sweeney is a lifetime .302 hitter and a five-time all star between 2000 and 2005 (including the 2002 season where he hit .333, drove in over 140 runs and swatted 29 home-runs). But Sweeney hasn't played more than 122 games in a season since 2002. Last season he dealt with a lingering back problem, which limited him to only 60 games and 217 at-bats. But at age 33 he is still the face of the franchise and he is ready to make a comeback. Sweeney also went 2-for-4 in the Royals' season opener against Boston. With a little more help around him now, look for Sweeney to produce the numbers he has in the past - especially if he

Men's golf finishes fifth at Belmont

The Boise State University men's golf team shot a 279 (-5) in the final round of the Belmont Intercollegiate at the Old Natchez Country Club to finish in fifth place with an 844 (eight under par).

The Broncos rebounded strongly with its five-under performance Tuesday to cap off the 9-team event. The team slipped into a tie for fifth place after firing a 289 (+5) in round two after the team had been in secfind place with a 276 (-8) through round one. This is the best finish in relation to par for Boise State since finishing 16-under (836) at the District VII Shootout.

Troy Merritt led the Broncos with an 8-under 205 to finish in fifth place as he collected his second straight top five finish and third in his last five events. Merritt began the tournament by tying the course and tournament single round record of 63 (-8).

Boise State will next participate in the BYU Cougar Invitational April 20-21 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Eddie Robinson helped the Idaho Stampede get back to its winning ways with a 105-97 win against the Sioux Falls Skyforce Tuesday.

BY TATE CASTLETON Sports Writer

If the Idaho Stampede hopes to finish the regular season with the D-League's best record it will have to keep doing what it did on Tuesday night. The Stampede (30-16), who wore Utah Jazz uniforms as part of Utah Jazz affiliate night, snapped a two-game losing streak at Ouest Arena beating the Sioux Falls Skyforce 105-97.

The Stampede was led by guard Ronell Taylor, who scored 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

"I felt pretty good out there tonight and it just seemed like all my shots were falling at the right time," Taylor said. "We got out there as a team tonight and played well on both ends of the floor."

Four others scored in double figures for Idaho, including Lance Allred who scored 18 points and pulled down 15 rebounds. Eddie Robinson scored 17 points and DeSean Hadley added 13 points.

"These guys all played really well tonight and should be happy about it," Head Coach Bryan Gates said. "What I was really happy with though is how we controlled Sioux Falls on the defensive glass. That was the difference maker tonight."

Idaho produced points on offense with ease Tuesday night, averaging more than 100 points per game this season. But Coach Gates

has clinched a home playoff game during the 2007 D-League playoffs.

"We just need to keep putting the ball in the basket and play good defense," Gates said. "When we do that we don't lose. It's simple, but we know what we have to do heading into the playoffs."

On April 3 the Stampede acquired former University of Maryland point guard John Gilchrist.

The 6'3" 201 pound guard went un-drafted in the 2005 NBA Draft but did average 13.9 points, 5.1 rebounds and 5.5 assists in 28 games for the Terrapins.

His first action in a Stampede uniform will be Friday, April 6, when Idaho takes on Colorado in Broomfield, Colo.

The Stampede then returns home on Saturday, April 7, to face off again with the 14ers at 7 p.m. in Quest Arena.

keens his back healthy

Tim Hudson - Atlanta Braves Remember when Oakland had a domination trio of young pitchers in Barry Zito, Mark Mulder and Tim Hudson? Remember when Hudson won 15 or more games in four straight seasons from 2000 to 2003? I bet he does and I bet he'd like to get back to that level. Hudson enters his third year as a Brave and would gladly like to forget his first two. Since his move to the National League Hudson's earned run average has sky rocketed. The man who was once sniffing marks around the 3.0 ERA area finished up his 2006 campaign with an ERA of 4.86. He was an all-star in 2000 and 2004 and has been close to winning the Cy Young award at least twice in his young career. Bank on Hudson winning 15 games minimum for the Braves this season and jump starting his career back in the right direction. Because at the age of 31 Hudson still has 119 career wins and even with his past two seasons his career ERA is 3.53.

Ken Griffey Jr. - Cincinnati Reds

The face of major league baseball during the 1990s has been injury-plagued more than any other superstar player in the league over the past five seasons or so. But his production when he's been playing is still up. Griffey hit .252 in 109 games last season, which was cut short by another injury. And since Griffey has been injured significantly in five of his seven seasons in Cincinnati, the Reds finally took the right approach this season: they took the focus off of him, moved him to right field and out of the spot light.

If he stays healthy for a full season look for him to become a Barry Bonds-like player, meaning when he gets a little older and hits for more power. Griffey was the clean-up hitter in the Reds' opening day line-up and went 2-for-4 from the dish with a pair of singles and scored a run.

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Legendary coach Eddie Robinson dies at age 88

BY KYE JOHNSON Assistant Sports Editor

Former Grambling State University football coach and legendary developer of the college game Eddie Robinson passed away late Monday night.

Robinson was a long time coach at Grambling, which currently has a division-1AA football program.

In Robinson's 56-year career he won 408 football games, sent over 200 of his players to the National Football League and recorded only eight losing seasons.

Robinson's health had been rapidly declining over the past decade and he was forced to retire from his job after the 1997 season, when his team only won three games. The governor of Louisiana even lobbied for Robinson to get another shot after '97 so he could go out a winner. But the three-win season and de-

teriorating health could no longer allow him to coach. His hardfought battle with Alzheimer's finally came to an end at age 88, 10 years later.

Robinson will always be remembered for staying at Grambling for his whole career. Even as his teams were propelling themselves to national prominence Robinson always stayed true and never left for a better offer.

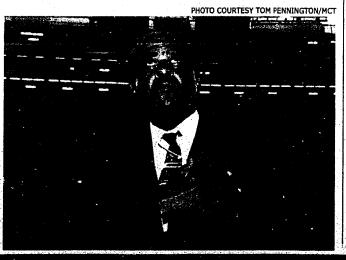
When Robinson first took the job at Grambling State the school was still known as the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, which goes to show how long Robinson stayed and how far he took the program.

Of Robinson's best collegiate players, Super Bowl MVP Quarterback Doug Williams of the Washington Redskins tops the list. Of the 200plus players that went to the NFL after playing for Robinson, seven

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of those players were first-round

Robinson's career record tallied 408 wins, 165 losses and 15 ties at the end of his career. He will be remembered as one of the greatest to have ever coached, at any level.

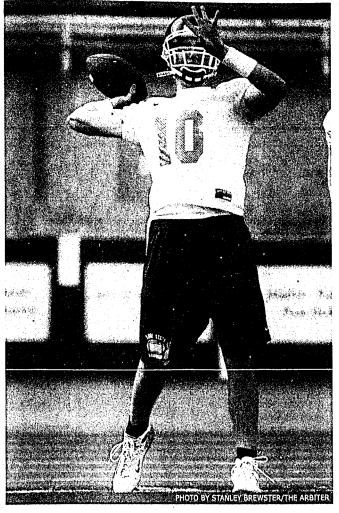


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picks. Robinson's teams won 17 Southwestern Athletic Conference Championships and nine black college championships.

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Finding a quarterback: Part II



Senior Taylor Tharp is competing to become the next Boise State starting QB after being the backup to Jared Zabransky since 2005. Tharp has played in 14 games as a backup.

Tharp emerges out of Zabransky's shadow

BY JAKE GARCIN Sports Editor

Over the past two years Taylor Tharp was (privileged or cursed) the man closest to the journey of former Boise State starting quarterback Jared Zabransky.

Tharp was Zabransky's backup and, on occasion, his replacement. As a sophomore and a junior Tharp played the role of Zabransky's apprentice.

Now, however, he is fighting to be the new leading man for the Broncos.

With three other players running in the race for the starting QB job, Tharp is using spring football practice as a chance to put himself in contention for the top job.

"Right now we're in a position where there's four of us competing for a spot," Tharp said about the importance of spring practice and scrimmages. "It all matters. Coaches count everything."

On March 23 Tharp got his first chance to showcase his progress to BSU fans in the Broncos' first scrimmage of the spring.

Tharp had a less-than-ideal day, however, completing 4 of 13 passes for 42 yards.

"I would say I was a little bit nervous," Tharp said. "Obviously I didn't have the day I wanted to have. But that's why there are three scrimmages. It's a long spring ball. It's not all about one day. I'll get better and we'll get better."

Tharp's positive attitude will be important over the next five months as the race for the starting spot begins to narrow.

Tharp brings the only real game experience to the table, having seen action in 14 games over the past two seasons.

Tharp played the entire second half at University of Georgia in 2005 and also helped lead a victorious rally against University of Idaho just a few weeks later.

"I've been through some different experiences and gotten the chance to play in some different environments," Tharp said. "But right now I've just got to be that guy that comes out and is consistent, does what they ask us to do and not try to make every play."

Perhaps the biggest adjustment Tharp will be making is going from a position of not knowing when the next chance will come to being a catalyst for the Bronco offensive attack.

"Jared's junior year, my first year as a real second string, I was told every week be ready," Tharp said. "I needed to prepare like I was a starter. Every game I really had no idea whether I was going to be in the next play. As a backup all it takes is

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- Taylor Tharp, Junior Quarterback Boise State Football

one play."

As Tharp competes alongside junior Bush Hamdan, sophomore Nick Lomax and freshman Michael Coughlin, his focus is quickly shifting from preparing to back up Zabransky to preparing to lead the offense.

"It's one of the harder positions to be in because you don't get to play and you don't get the recognition, but yet you're still behind the scenes grinding and working hard trying to prepare for the starting job," Tharp said about preparing each week as a backup.

The 2007 starting job should provide an added element of pressure, however, with the Broncos coming off the best season in program history.

Tharp said the pressure to continue the success at BSU is something every player and coach has to deal with, even if Zabransky's shadow is given the most attention.

"That's pretty important because it is such a high profile position," Tharp said. "So much of the success of the team depends on the quarterback. Everyone - the coaches, fans and teammates, are looking to see how that position is doing because it is so important to our success. It's part of the job and it's extra pressure, but you don't think about it. You just know that that's what you're dealing with."



Petersen mentors quarterbacks

BY JAKE GARCIN Sports Editor

Boise State Head Football Coach Chris Petersen is no stranger to a quarterback competition. Petersen



lived the life of a college QB at the University of California Davis and spent time as the University of Pittsburgh quarterback's coach before becoming the offensive coordinator at Boise State in 2000.

After molding two of the most prolific quarterbacks in BSU history (Ryan Dinwiddie and Jared Zabransky) Petersen is now working on selecting the next signal caller for the Broncos.

The race is still wide open with four seemingly different players in the program for Petersen to choose from.

"The good news is we've got good players," Petersen said about having four QBs in contention for the starting job. "The bad news is we do have to narrow it down sooner than later."

Although there is no definite deadline for picking a starting quarterback, Petersen and Offensive Coordinator Bryan Harsin will likely narrow the competition to two or three players by the end of spring football.

Although kickoff for the 2007 season is more than five months away,

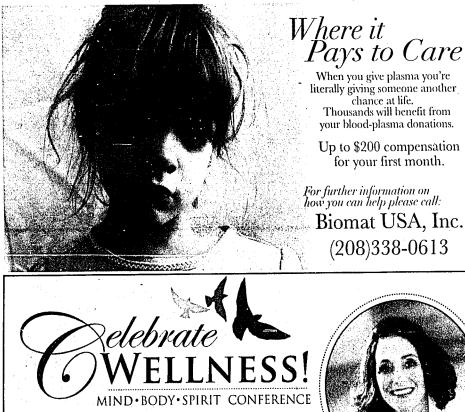
"There's no one phase of the season that's more important than another," Petersen said. "It's kind of a building block process. Spring ball leads us into summer workouts. These last two weeks are important because we get to be with them for two weeks and after that we can't be with them.'

All four competing quarterbacks (Taylor Tharp, Bush Hamdan, Nick Lomax and Michael Coughlin) will play in the annual Blue and Orange Game April 13. After the Blue and Orange Game the BSU coaching staff will not be permitted to workout any of the players over the summer months until the team meets for fall camp in July.

"There's not a lot of words of wisdom being passed on here," Petersen said. "Those guys know what's expected. So we're just trying to let them play and compete."

The one sentiment of advice Petersen said he is offering to his young quarterbacks is to enjoy the competition and not get caught up in the stress of the situation.

"I think the one thing is, we don't want them to put too much pressure on themselves," Petersen said. "Every practice is like life and death. 'Is he ahead of me?' We don't want them to look at that. We just want them to make continuous improvement and we've got time."

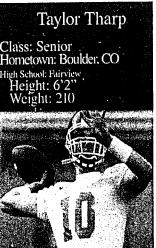


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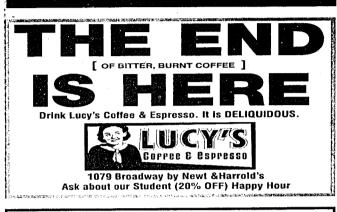
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Eldred fights for a little BSU respect

BY JAKE GARCIN Sports Editor

Michael Eldred leads the life of a fairly ordinary Boise State student. The 21-year-old Fruitland native has simple academic dreams like any other collegian. He is a junior in Engineering and commutes on a daily basis from Fruitland to attend classes at the BSU campus.

Outside the classroom Eldred isn't just an average BSU student, however. He is a national judo champion and one day hopes to use his craft on the Olympic stage. March 25 Eldred won the Collegiate Judo National Championship in Miami, Fla. In January he took second in the 73 kg weight class at the British Open tournament in London.

"When I first started I started because my brothers were doing it," Eldred said about his start in the world of judo. "It was more of just recreational - local. In high school I started competing nationally and internationally. That's what I'm doing now."

During the summer months he travels to Japan. Over the past few years Eldred spent a month training each summer with some of Japan's best judo masters. All the preparation goes to helping him maintain his current No. 3 ranking in the country.

"It's more of a known sport there," Eldred said about the benefits of training in Japan. "Everyone knows about it. There's a lot more guys doing it."

If things go as planned Eldred will compete in the 2008 Olympic trials, which involves the top eight senior competitors in the country fighting for one Olympic spot.

"That's what is tough about it," Eldred said. "You can't be injured at the time. You've got to have a good day."

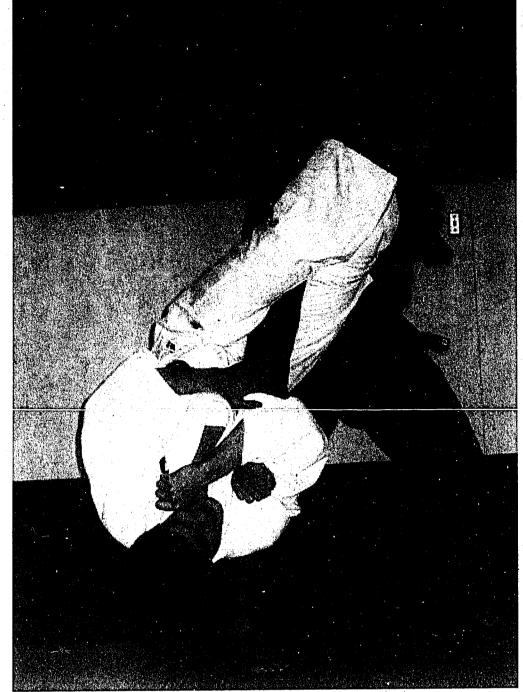
Senior competitors are typically classified as anyone over the age of 19 years old with no maximum age limit – although Eldred said most men stop competing in their early 30s.

Aldred did say he hopes to make a run at garnering the one Olympic qualifying spot in 2008 but feels he could be ready to compete for an Olympic medal by 2012. All the while he will also be trying to finish his college degree.

"It's tough because I have to train and drive and travel," Eldred said. "A lot of it's missing class – usually Mondays and Fridays because the tournaments are on the weekends.

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Michael Eldred (in white) won a judo national championship March 25.

If I go to Europe I have to leave Thursday or Wednesday."

However, Eldred has been at Boise State for three years and said he hasn't had too many problems balancing his judo career and school thus far.

"Most of [my professors] have been okay with it as long as I tell them in advance," Eldred said.

Eldred's most recent success at the Collegiate Championships came in a one-day tournament format on the campus of Florida International University. Eldred overpowered a field of 20 competitors to take home the collegiate judo crown. He defeated Takeshi Young of San Jose State in the final round using a triangle choke.

"There's basically four ways to win," Eldred said. "You can arm bar, choke, pin or throw a person. That's all we do at that competition."

Along with going undefeated at the tournament Eldred was also honored with the Jeremy Glick Sportsmanship award. Glick was a collegiate judo national champion in 1993 and was on United Airlines flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

Eldred's next competition comes at the Senior Nationals Tournament on the Florida International campus, April 19-21. Eldred still leads the life of an ordinary BSU student - except for when fighting to put Boise State on the map as home of a national judo champion.

BSU duals with Idaho State

BY KYE JOHNSON Assistant Sports Editor gural dual because of the respect he has for its program. "They're a good team, I mean they're a very good team," Maynard said. "They are one of the top teams in their conference. And their coach Dave Nielsen goes out of his way to make sure his teams do well in this type of format. Across the board, they don't have any holes and he makes sure he's always making sure he's got competitors in each event."

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In rare form the Boise State Track and Field team will square off in a dual meet with Idaho State Saturday. Breaking away from the traditional, multiple team track meets, the Broncos will host the Bengals in a throw back event in Bronco Stadium.

"It kind of a little bit old school," BSU Head Track Coach Mike Maynard said about the dual. "It's not very common now for collegiate teams to have dual meets."

But this weekend's dual meet with Idaho State is just the beginning of a bigger plan.

"One of the things that myself and the coach from Idaho State are trying to do is to kind of create or foster an in-state rivalry type meet," Maynard said. "We would like to maybe make this thing into sort of like an Idaho collegiate state challenge to where we invited all of the colleges and Universities in the state of Idaho. To where somebody could say, 'hey I'm the Idaho collegiate champion in 100 meters,' or whatever the event might be."

At this point Maynard understands the competition is wishful thinking. However, this weekend is certainly a step in the right direction for eventually turning this meet into something bigger.

"It kind of has a lot of meaning I think because on our team and Idaho State and a couple of the other colleges there is a lot of local kids on them and I think we could get some good spectatorship on that," Maynard said. "This year as kind of one of the steps of the process of moving towards that type of competition is to have this dual meet with Idaho State and then we'll invite a few of the other colleges."

Maynard said he is happy to have ISU traveling to Boise for the inauMaynard also mentioned how his team is just starting to get to the point where he feels his athletes will start posting better times and scores.

"I'd say this weekend is really the last weekend where you're going to see our athletes training impact them in a negative way a little bit," Maynard said. "Next week, we start our first week of beginning to taper our training down a little bit to get ready for the meets in May and June."

As for this weekend, from a team standpoint, Maynard is looking for a couple key individuals to break out.

"There are people who are definitely ready to bust out big," Maynard said. "One the men's side, I think Marlon Douglas really has a great upside and I think that Sean Chaney-Waller in the 400 could make a big step forward this weekend."

As for hitting being on pace to where he wanted his team to be at this point in the season, Maynard couldn't be happier.

"In many cases we're ahead of where we thought we'd be," he said. "And we've got six qualifiers for NCAA regionals already and if things go well this weekend, we may add for our five more."

Saturday's dual will begin with the women's hammer throw, which is scheduled for 11 a.m.

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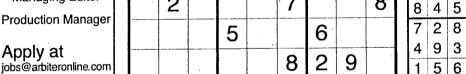
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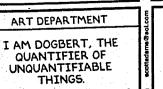
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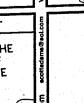
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Today's Birthday (04-05-07). You are probably not well known for your thrifty habits. This year, it'll be easier to develop some. You'll continually be reminded that it would be a good idea. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 7 - You've been rich and you've been poor, and rich is often more comfortable. It can also be quite temporary, if you don't plan ahead. Now's a good time to do that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7 - Get the information to your teammates, so they can advance. If you provide support, they'll do most of everything else.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 6 - You're working hard but it's less fun when you're not making very much money. Think of this as paying off karmic debt, and try to be cheerful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7 - You're so cute and so popular now, you can talk just about anybody into just about anything. Be good - you've got a lot of power in that smile.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 5 - You may be tempted to run away and leave your troubles behind. Unfortunately. that's not possible. They'll find a way to tag along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 - Hide out and study, even if friends want you to come over and play. The preparation you do now will help you succeed in the next competition. And you do love winning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8 Keep your nose to the grindstone, and your mouth shut. Don't talk about what you're doing, Stay busy and get rich.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is and - You're intensely foorised and the job is sure to get done. You will go to extraordinary means to inake sure that happens. This is good because others are depending on you.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6 - It's hard to curtail your enthusiasm. Don't get into trouble by talking about something that should be kept quiet for a while longer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 6 - You're the one with the information everybody's seeking. All that homework was time well spent. You'll ace the test.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7 - They say time equals money but what about your thoughts? If they take up a lot of your time, can you turn them into cash? That's today's test question. The answer is yes, if you can prove it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8 - Actually, you're doing quite well. You may not be certain about which path to take, but you are making really good time. And pretty good money, too.

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