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## Homicide unites campus

### Murder suspect has history of questionable mental health

By Sean Garmire  
Argonaut

A court document in the Saturday shooting of University of Idaho student David Robert Boss indicates the suspect arrested for the murder, John Joseph Delling, may have a history of mental instability and violence.

Delling, 21, a former University of Idaho student, was arrested Tuesday in Sparks, Nev., for driving a

stolen vehicle. He was taken into custody after being identified by the Moscow Police Department and Ada County Sheriff's Department as a person of interest in connection with two murders. Delling is suspected of killing Boss, 21, found dead in his apartment Saturday, and Boise State University student, Bradley Morse, 25, found face-down in a pond Tuesday morning. Both men were shot twice in the head.

"We are confident John Delling committed the homicide of David R. Boss," said Moscow Police Chief Dan Weaver.

Detectives have not released a motive, but Weaver said police "have a potential motive in mind."

An affidavit of initial probable cause, filed in the Moscow 2nd District Court, reveals several illustrations of Delling's tenuous mental state.

Both Delling and Boss attended the same high school, and



John Joseph Delling

according to the affidavit they grew up together in the same neighborhood in Boise. Delling visited Boss at his home in Boise during the 2006 Christmas break. The visit caused Boss some concern for Delling's mental state, and Boss commented to his father, Richard Boss, that he was "acting irrational and was delusional."

According to the affidavit, Richard Boss was contacted

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### UI students remember a fallen friend

By Jeremy Castillo  
Argonaut

Friends of David Robert Boss remember him as an outstanding guy who made a lasting impression on everyone he met.

"(He) was the nicest, most honest person I have met," said Jake Dalton, Boss' friend since second grade. "He loved his friends and everyone loved him. He was the type of person who would go out of his way to make sure people

got home safe."

One of the Boise native's nicknames was "Designated Dave" for his responsible partying habits and concern for others.

"He always walked me home at night, helped me with the dirty dishes and was always excited and willing to help out with any activity involving our friends," said UI senior Jamie Wood. "He was our living guardian angel,

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### Campus and community work together

By Christina Lords  
Argonaut

Bonds between leaders of the University of Idaho campus and leaders of the Moscow community just became a little stronger.

ASUI hosted an open forum Wednesday with Mayor Nancy Chaney, three members of the Moscow City Council and UI faculty, students and staff to encourage conversation about issues and concerns relating to the university's relationship with its surrounding community.

"I think this is an opportunity to build relations and build a sense of community," said Jon Gaffney, ASUI director of community relations and ASUI presidential candidate. "That sense of community is key to building a vibrant place where students want to be."

The city council members briefly discussed how they came to be involved in the local government and turned the time over to talk to the students. Students asked about living and minimum wages, and how the relationship between the city of Moscow and the university could be strengthened.

"When you look at the living wage issue here, you have to look at what places (the council) has power over," said Linda Pall, a city council member. "There is no way to have a city minimum wage. We decided to set a standard that we will pay our employees a living wage, and it took some biting and scratching to do that."

Pall also said community members can talk to legislators to discuss what she described as a "woefully low" minimum wage. Idaho's current minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour, but Pall said full-time employees of the city of Moscow make a minimum of \$10.25 an hour, including contractors that are paid for projects for the city.

Other members of the city council agreed that work still needs to be done within the community, and especially the university, to offer a living wage to all employees.

"We should be using taxpayer money to lift people up, not take them down," said council member Bob Stout. "We can also offer direction to other cities going through the same thing."

Council member Aaron Ament said he was disappointed when the university went toward privatizing jobs. He and the other council members encouraged students and staff to demand a living wage for all employees of the university.

"This community needs its blue-collar jobs," Ament said. "The community provides some jobs. ... The university should be the other institution to provide those jobs. I think we need to take the battle (of living wages) to the university next."

Pall encouraged students and staff to gather information about the living wages of the university employees before they start a petitioning process.

"You need to have all your ducks in a row before you send them out," she said. "They should come out shining like the Rockettes so you can really get your point across."

The council members stressed that the university should offer its employees a living wage because it is losing many faculty

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## Trials and tribulations

By Ryan Atkins and J.R. Conrow  
Argonaut

As Boise State continues to bask in the glory of winning the Fiesta Bowl just less than three months ago, Idaho fans have been left to wonder, 'Why not us?'

While most University of Idaho students aren't old enough to remember the glory days of Idaho athletics, it wasn't long ago that Boise State and Idaho were in opposite situations.

The Vandals were consistently winning and the Broncos weren't.

Men's basketball was winning at the highest level. Idaho was the Gonzaga before Gonzaga.

The Vandals were ranked as high as No. 6 in the AP poll and advanced to the Sweet 16 in 1982. Between 1981 and 1990, the Vandals went to the NCAA tournament four different times.

With the arrival of Dennis Erickson as head football coach in 1982, football also proved to be a successful endeavor for the Vandals.

From 1982 until 1999, Idaho went 146-68 with five Big Sky Championships, one Big West Championship and a Humanitarian Bowl win.

But since 1999, both of UI's major sports have taken a turn for the worse, and Vandal fans have had to watch helplessly as Boise State has taken over as the preeminent athletic institution in the state.

### Changing of the guard

Rather than lamenting on its failures, Boise State set itself up for future success by getting the proper facilities in place. While Idaho was winning, Boise State was building.

With a strong, stable and committed administration, along with impressive facilities, the Broncos hit the ground running when they made the switch to Division

I in 1996.

"For us, the key to success through the years has been a combination of factors," said Boise State Athletic Director Gene Bleymaier. "It comes down to tremendous community support, a rich tradition of athletics and a central administration that supports the campus."

Idaho, on the other hand, has lacked the stability that is so crucial for success.

While Bleymaier has held the position of athletic director at Boise State for more than 20 years, Idaho has had six athletic directors of its own over the same time frame.

Idaho has gone through six different presidents during the past three decades, while Boise State has had just three.

Conference instability has also plagued the Vandals, with Idaho calling four conferences home over the past two decades.

"The biggest struggle for us was the instability conference-wise," said Idaho Athletic Director Rob Spear. "Being in the Sun Belt for football and the Big West for all other sports was not the most advantageous position to be in, but it was the best position we could be in at the time and the people that were in charge back then did the best they could. But that was the biggest thing was not having conference stability."

And while Idaho and Boise State took the same path conference-wise until 2000, what happened next changed the fortune of both programs forever.

Following the 2000 season,

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Photo illustration by Kentaro Murai

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#### ARTS&CULTURE

Senior dancers perform their final project and the Prichard Art gallery plays a different kind of Meg Ryan movie.



#### OPINION

The editorial board applauds Moscow PD and Argonaut readers weigh in on a number of issues.

#### SPORTS&REC

The University of Idaho Rodeo Club heads to Lewiston for a regional competition.

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**WeatherFORECAST**

<b>Today</b> Partly cloudy Hi: 68° Lo: 44°	<b>Saturday</b> Partly cloudy Hi: 69° Lo: 47°	<b>Sunday</b> Mostly cloudy Hi: 65° Lo: 45°
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Looking for calendar and briefs?  
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**Campus Recreation**  
M-TH: 6am-11:30pm Friday: 6am-9pm  
Saturday: 9am-9pm Sunday: 11am-11pm

**INTRAMURAL SPORTS**  
www.campusrec.uidaho.edu/intramurals

**CRIBBAGE**  
DUE: THURSDAY, APRIL 12

**FOOSBALL (S & D)**  
DUE: THURSDAY, APRIL 12

**OUTDOOR PROGRAM**  
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SWIFT WATER SAFETY CLINIC  
with Patrick Riffie, River Ranger,  
Payette River  
Class Session April 12  
On the Water April 14

INTRODUCTION TO KAYAKING  
(whitewater)  
beginning kayaking in the pool, April 11

INSTRUCTIONAL KAYAK TRIP II,  
(beginning whitewater)  
(two day trip) April 21-22

**PALOUSE CLIMBING COMPETITION**  
PCF  
April 13-14  
SRC Climbing Wall  
Pro Climber  
Presentations by Kate Brown and Mika Dash

**WOMEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP**  
(Idaho Hot Springs)  
April 14-15

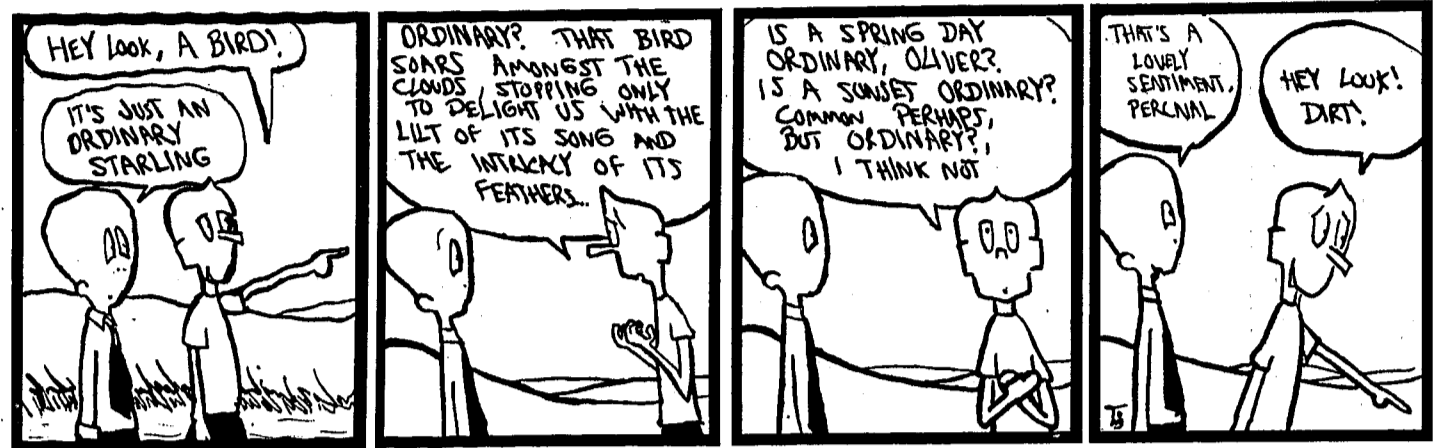
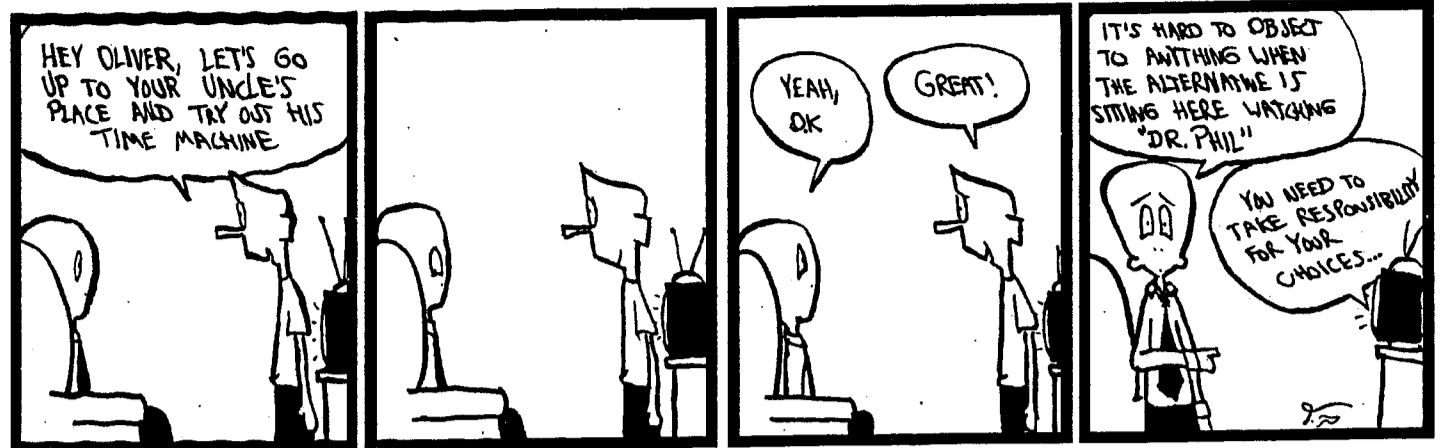
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**UniversityAVE.**

by Paul Tong/Argonaut



**on the WEB**

**Your turn: Comments on this week's stories**

In response to "Off the Cuffs":  
"Tara is probably the only person who actually eats Peeps. It is the fruit-cake of Easter. Chocolate is a little more in demand. Both of these hard-working girls are deserving of their candy of choice."  
-zimmytoo

In response to the letter "Frank's language won't be missed":  
"What in the hell was that meth-smoking, simp-job, porn-junky talking about? Institutes of Higher Learning should be all about using blue language. As some of the last supposed oases of progressive

thought, you'd think at universities, if nowhere else, swears and other types of unorthodox languages would be embraced."  
-KnuckleSammich

**This week in the Argonaut blogs**  
Read Robert's take on Friday's presentation by former Army Chaplin, James Yee:  
"Yee is an excellent speaker. He was passionate of his story but appeared to be very unjudgmental. His story was very powerful. Yee doesn't talk about his personal life in public but his wife considered suicide several times during his ordeal... His story was simply unbelievable. Things like this shouldn't happen to anyone. It's crazy knowing it can happen to Americans serving in our military by our own country. This was

the best lecture I've been to at the University of Idaho."  
**This week's poll**  
"In light of recent crimes in Moscow, how safe do you feel at home?"  
It's not too late to vote!

**What can you find on the Arg online?**

- Blogs on everything from cooking, to life in Japan, to the latest from Moscow police.
- Stories you won't find in the newspaper.
- Comments from readers like you.

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**OddNEWS**

**Ohio man charged with drunken romp in string bikini**  
MASON, Ohio — A man wearing a woman's wig and a string bikini was charged with taking a drunken afternoon romp through a park, officials said.  
Steven S. Cole, a 46-year-old volunteer firefighter, told an officer he was on his way to a Dayton bar to perform as a woman in a contest offering a \$10,000 prize, the arrest report said. He pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges of drunken driving, public indecency and disorderly conduct.  
Cole was arrested Tuesday after police received a report that an intoxicated man was walking and driving around Heritage Oak Park in Mason.  
Police said Cole was wearing a blond wig, pink flip-flops and a red-black-and-white striped bikini with the top filled out by tan water balloons. The National Weather Service said it was around 60 degrees in the Mason area about the time he was arrested.  
Cole's blood-alcohol test registered 0.174, more than twice Ohio's legal driving limit of 0.08, the arrest report said.  
-Associated Press

**CrosswordPUZZLE**

ACROSS  
1 Tough and tumble girls  
8 Keep up  
15 Actor Banderas  
16 Make bigger  
17 Loyal  
18 Bullheaded  
19 Contain  
20 Sitch  
21 Match up  
22 Pol root  
25 Furnishing scheme  
27 Kismet  
28 Marriage  
30 Dapper fellow  
31 Toned down  
32 Dwarf tree  
34 Hard work  
36 Word in partnerships  
37 Learned one  
39 Pompous fool  
42 Town honcho  
43 Ethnic  
45 Noisy tower  
48 Collies' workplace  
50 Rustic inn  
51 Astronaut  
52 Reagan's attorney general  
54 Undesirable plant  
55 Public conveyance  
56 Brooks and Blanc  
57 Singles and doubles, e.g.  
59 Mirmic  
61 Worship as a god  
65 Repeat performances  
66 Systematic procedure  
67 Venus and Serena, e.g.  
68 Caught

DOWN  
1 Small bit  
2 United  
3 Videos channel  
4 Blubbers  
5 Aware of  
6 Bow to

7 Covered with new grass  
8 Like summer rentals  
9 Subordinate to  
10 Deal side order  
11 Scot's cap  
12 Former PLO leader  
13 Catch fire  
14 Trawled  
22 Big brass  
23 Some time  
24 Tough outer covering  
26 Dieter's unit  
27 Hairy coat  
29 Adenoidal  
31 Fable lesson  
33 Very cold  
35 Pub  
38 Desperate  
39 Diplomat's assistant  
40 Common herb  
41 Toboggan  
42 Boyz II

**Solutions from 4/3**

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**SudokuPUZZLE**

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

**Solutions from 4/3**

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

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

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# Students arrested in Colfax say cops went 'overboard'

By Shanna Stalwick  
Argonaut

What started out as a group of University of Idaho students exploring rumors surrounding a haunted abandoned hospital turned into the largest arrest at one time in Colfax, Wash., history.

A dozen UI students, all 18 or 19 years old, were arrested just after midnight March 26 for investigation of trespassing after Whitman County sheriff's deputies found them roaming the halls of the closed St. Ignatius Manor Hospital. The students told law enforcement officers they had heard it was a haunted insane asylum.

Those arrested were: Brian J. Rainey, 18; Lucas C. Tate, 18; Joseph L. Sonnen, 19; Kai P. Jensen, 19; Christopher C. Huntley, 18; David M. Arnold, 19; Brian J. Bialke, 19; Tanner C. Parker, 19; Nicholas T. Batten, 19; Robert C. Buxbaum, 18; Craig J. Chandler, 19; and Jacqueline K. Wuebben, 19.

"In Idaho if you're drinking a beer and you're 17, they'll just say 'Dump it out and go home,'" Buxbaum said. "This is nowhere as severe as underage drinking. They should have just told us to go home. Instead they arrested us and took us to jail."

Buxbaum and six others spent the night in jail, while the other five posted \$500 bail each.

At an arraignment Wednesday, the Whitman County prosecuting attorney offered to drop the trespassing charges and instead issue a \$100 fine to each person involved along with six months probation without any further criminal charges beyond a traffic citation.

Nine students accepted the offer. Chandler was one who didn't. "I want to fight it and get out of it, because I think it's ridiculous," he said. "We weren't vandalizing, we weren't hurting anything. We were just there exploring."

Huntley said that he and the others saw no "no trespassing"

signs posted on or around the hospital, which is owned by out-of-town investors and has been plagued with trespassers since it was shut down several years ago.

Just last month, a 14-year-old boy was injured on the hospital grounds when he fell 40 feet into a well before stopping his descent by bracing himself against the brick shaft.

In an Associated Press report, Colfax Police Officer Bryce Nebe described the inside of the hospital as full of broken glass, moldy and rotting floors and walls and hallways littered with appliances and other materials.

"For people to go there late at night when it's completely dark, someone could get hurt," he said.

Huntley said he and the others found unlocked doors and broken windows through which to enter.

"There's a stool underneath a broken window so you can just walk in," he said.

About half the group entered through the broken window, Huntley said, and the others went up to the roof and entered using the fire escape.

Officers caught the students while responding to reports from nearby residents of flashlights throughout the building.

Huntley said that while he and the others vacated the building with their hands on their heads, the cops were armed with guns and threatened to release their police dogs on them should they attempt to run.

Because there weren't enough handcuffs to go around, Huntley said his wrists were bound together by string.

"We were really cooperative because we didn't really think that they would arrest us," Chandler said. "It was a little overboard."

Rainey said his stint in jail has made him no longer afraid, in the event he should ever have to return. As for being a contributor to the largest arrest in Colfax at one time, "it's bragging rights," he said.

Honoring David Robert Boss  
May 20, 1985 - March 31, 2007

## A Letter from the President to the University of Idaho Community

It is a sorrowful week for the University of Idaho and the family and friends of David Boss, as we mourn his death last Saturday by another's hand. We struggle to accept the loss of one of our own by such sudden and senseless means. We feel the pain of his family as they try to understand why their son was taken from them. We have special concern for students and faculty who were in close contact with him. And we wonder if the University of Idaho—both the place, and the community—is as safe and secure as we all thought it was.

It is safe. And it must remain so. That is the power of community and the inherent quality of caring for each other in good times and bad.

Violence in this very special, close-knit, caring place in which we live, study, work and play simply will not take hold. As in any community where people take responsibility for themselves and each other, we will not allow it to.

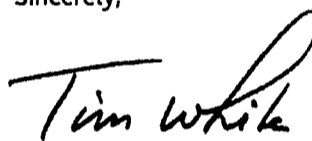
Dave's family is deeply appreciative of how our community embraced Dave, and how this week we embraced them. They are gratified that their son was known, made an impact, had friends, was doing well academically and was influenced by and close to faculty members. To express their gratitude, the family has established the David Boss Memorial Scholarship Fund. Contributions may be sent, in care of the Fund, to: University of Idaho Foundation, Gift Administration Office, P.O. Box 443147, Moscow, ID 83844-3147.

You are invited to a campus memorial service on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Administration Auditorium, as well as the family's memorial service this Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. in Boise, at a residence located at 6603 W. Dry Creek Road.

I ask the community to take time to reflect about Dave, and to talk with and care for each other as we move forward from this tragic week. What are lessons learned? I imagine they are different for each of us. Here are four that I have been giving considerable thought to:

1. Live, give and love every day. Life is precious. Tomorrow is not guaranteed.
2. Community is vital and powerful.
3. No matter where you live, remain aware and mindful of basic safety.
4. Help friends who may be hurting or ill. Seek professional assistance if someone needs it.

Sincerely,



Timothy P. White  
President

# Taupule pleads innocent

By Sean Garmire  
Argonaut

Former University of Idaho football player, Tone Taupule pleaded not guilty to charges of armed robbery and aggravated battery Wednesday.

District Judge John R. Stegner scheduled Taupule's trial for July 16.

If convicted, Taupule faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

In Latah County, robbery carries between a five-year and life sentence, an additional \$50,000 in fines and a possible \$5,000 civil penalty.

Aggravated battery carries a maximum sentence of 15 years, as well as the same additional fines and penalties.

Taupule also faces a possible sentencing enhancement for using a firearm in the crime that could add 15 years to his sentence.

Taupule, 23, a senior in communications from Long Beach, Calif., transferred to UI in 2005 from Compton, Calif., College. He said he was 16 credits away from graduating.

Taupule has been accused of breaking into the home of drug

dealer Sean Fitzmaurice with a handgun, forcing Fitzmaurice to open a safe and take out money. Taupule then allegedly pistol-whipped Fitzmaurice and left with \$1,000 in cash from the safe.

The weapon used in the crime has not been recovered.

Fitzmaurice, an architecture and interior design sophomore at UI, testified during a preliminary hearing that the money — consisting of one \$100 bill, possibly one or two \$50s and the rest in \$20s — was not drug money. He said he was holding it for a friend.

Fitzmaurice testified he was selling marijuana from his Lake Avenue home, and had met Taupule on "two or three" occasions during drug deals. Fitzmaurice testified he had seen him just a few days before the attack.

Deputy Latah County Prosecutor Michelle Evans said Fitzmaurice cannot be prosecuted for selling drugs because there is no physical evidence.

Pretrial motions are due May 9. The pretrial conference will take place at 3 p.m. on June 8. The trial is estimated to take from three days to a week to try.

## SenateREPORT

April 4, 2007

### Open Forum

Adam Thuen, the student recreation board chair, said he believed student recreation was headed toward positive change and appreciated support from the Senate. He said the recreation board is currently up to 10 members. He said the board was setting up a Frisbee golf tournament for the spring. He said he expected the recreation board would grow and make an impact for the next few semesters.

Shannon Hohl, the civic engagement board chair, encouraged the senators to participate in the upcoming Books for Africa drive. The Civic Engagement Board recently awarded four mini-grants to socially active clubs, and the civic engagement board will be turned into more of an internship instead of a directorship.

Presidential Communications  
ASUI Vice President

Adjutant Eric Everett spoke on behalf of ASUI President Berto Cerrillo. He said that both he and Cerrillo attended the cabinet meeting and discussed upcoming entertainment events, including the Roots.

### Unfinished Business

S07-36, an act changing the times of the final spring 2007 ASUI Senate meeting and the first fall 2007 ASUI Senate meeting, passed.


S07-37, an act appointing Sara Schmue to the position of ASUI student recreation board activities coordinator, passed.

S07-38, an act appointing Tyler Doil to the position of ASUI student recreation board vice board chair, passed.

S07-39, an act providing service to the Moscow community through philanthropy, passed.

### New Business

S07-40, an act changing the room of the ASUI Senate from the Commons Whitewater to the Horizon room, was immediately considered and passed.



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# High hopes for election turn out

By Sean Garmire  
Argonaut

The spring ASUI general elections are nearing and candidates are gearing up their campaigns.

ASUI elections coordinator Becky Allen is hopeful there will be a positive turn out at the polls this year. She said she expects 20 to 30 percent of the school's population to vote.

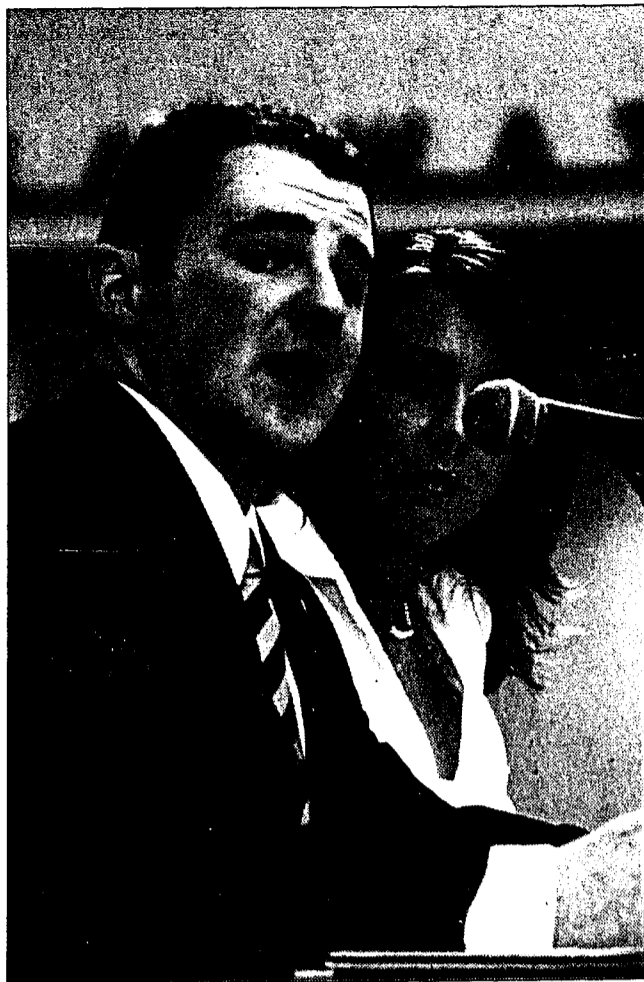
Last semester's Senate election saw far fewer voters. Of the 10,000-plus students enrolled, 525 undergraduate students voted, which amounts to a 6 percent voter turn out. However, voter turn out numbers in presidential elections are substantially higher.

Allen said she thinks the perception of the student body as largely apathetic at the polls is unsubstantiated. According to university records, during the ASUI fall general elections in 2005, 1,974 undergraduates turned out. This amounts to 22.1 percent of eligible voters. This is compared to the 6 percent national average stated by university records.

By comparison, The Daily Evergreen reported this year's voter turn out for the ASWSU at Washington State University was 17 percent of the total student body: 3,158 student voters out of the 17,676 total student population.

"Everyone's very serious about this," Allen said, "it's a very intense election."

The election will take place 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 16 - 19, in the Wallace Food Court, the Commons and the SUB. The online voting site can be found on the ASUI main Web site. Elections organizers are



ASUI presidential candidates Jon Gaffney (left, with vice presidential candidate Amy Huddleston) and Jimmy Fox (right, with vice presidential candidate Jared Zook) square off at the first ASUI presidential debate at the Idaho Commons on Tuesday.

considering putting voting booths off campus, likely in a coffee shop.

Running for the offices of ASUI president and vice president in the upcoming spring election is presidential candidate Jon Gaffney, a senior math and history double

major, and vice-presidential candidate Amy Huddleston, a junior public relations and Spanish double major on one ticket. On the other ticket is presidential candidate Jimmy Fox, a junior political science major, and vice-presiden-

tial candidate Jared Zook, a sophomore finance major.

Allen said she hopes the number of voters will be boosted this year by holding public debates in the UI Commons, which she said will allow the student body to interact

directly with the candidates. At the most recent debate, on Tuesday, the primary talking-points the candidates discussed included maintenance issues, diversity within student clubs and facilitating communication through staff to student advising.

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All candidates agree they would like to see a push for deferred maintenance funding and more diversity on campus and in student clubs, but their platforms differ on other points.

Gaffney, who worked on the "Save the Starburst" campaign, said he would like to continue to see the logo used on campus, whereas Fox is interested in having the old logo de-emphasized, in place of the new word-mark.

Both parties supported the \$3 raise in student fees in support of the Wheatland Express and Moscow Valley Transit. Gaffney said he would continue to use student dollars to support the transit system, while Fox commented only by saying that he supports Moscow's public transportation, and was in favor of the recent vote to increase student fees.

Voters will have more options for Senate candidates on the ballots this year. A total of 12 candidates are vying for the seven total senate seats.

Each of the candidates has a bio on the ASUI Web site, and each has answered five questions concerning their stances on the issues.

The next presidential and Senate candidate forum will take place in the Commons from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Monday.

For information visit [www.asui.uidaho.edu](http://www.asui.uidaho.edu).

## DELLING

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by the Moscow Police Department's Lt. Paul Kwiatkowski in order to determine who might want to kill his son.

"Richard could think of only one person who might want to hurt his son, and that was John Delling," the affidavit reads.

Three weeks prior to Boss' murder, during a meeting with his brother Eric Delling, a UI student, John Delling asked, "Do you think David is the one stealing my powers?" The question was an apparent reference to Boss.

According to the affidavit, in an interview between Detective Mike Arp and Eric Delling, Eric commented that this was not the first time his brother had made mention of someone stealing his "power or aura."

As Arp continued to ask questions concerning his brother's relationship with Boss, Eric Delling asked if Boss was "OK." When Arp ignored the question, Eric Delling responded, "I want to know if David is all right." Arp admitted Boss was in

fact not all right, to which Eric Delling responded, "That goddamned John killed David, didn't he?"

The affidavit also stated John Delling was in possession of firearms, which his family took and sold. It is not clear when the firearms were taken.

Preliminary autopsy reports revealed the gun used in the murders was likely a .38 caliber handgun, which has not been recovered. However, the vehicle Delling was driving at the time of his arrest has not yet been processed, and police are hopeful the weapon will be found.

Damian Ball, UI junior majoring in computer science, was the president of Snow Hall in Wallace Residence Center during the four and a half weeks Delling stayed there before being asked to leave.

Ball described Delling's interactions with the other residents as being "intense" and frequently violent.

According to Ball, Delling spoke frequently about his powers and energy being stolen. Ball said that Delling seemed to think there were people who worked for an organization that existed to

steal people's energy, and it was common for him to approach people and ask if they were trying to steal his energy or powers.

Ball said Delling thought he could replenish his stolen energy by listening to loud music and "rocking out in his room." On one occasion, Delling spat on a resident assistant, and during a separate heated dispute threw a student against a wall.

Delling was particularly threatening to women in the hall, and within the first few weeks of his residence a petition created by several female students was submitted to campus authorities to have him removed from the hall, Ball said.

Police came to the hall as a result of Delling's activity on two occasions. Following the second police visit, Delling was removed from the hall and moved into an all-male residence facility.

"We knew he was crazy from the first week he was here," Ball said. "I didn't think he was that dangerous. I thought he seemed like an odd guy. He never seemed threatening to me."

During his multiple deal-

ings with campus conduct officers, Ball said, Delling was able to talk his way out of trouble.

"He was always given another chance," Ball said.

Because of his frequent confrontational interactions with other residents, Delling was often the target of harassment.

Ball remembered an occasion when several football players from the floor above them threatened Delling in order to get him to stop disturbing women in the hall.

As far as Ball knows, no one asked Delling if he was sick or needed help.

According to Moscow Police Department Captain David Duke, UI authorities filled out a trespassing form, stating Delling could not enter university property for one year, on April 7, 2005.

Following his removal from UI, Delling was convicted of stalking in an unrelated case in Boise.

Detectives first suspected Delling of Boss' murder when they traced a phone number found on Boss' incoming call log to a phone registered to Delling. The call was made from south Moscow, near Boss' apartment, and lasted nearly 16 minutes. The call took place at around the time of the murder.

Delling's phone was tracked to Sparks, Nev. Police believe Delling was on his way to Antelope, Calif., the home of his parents.

Boss was discovered dead in the kitchen of his apartment early Saturday morning by his roommate at their South Main Street apartment.

ASUI President Berto Cerrillo said he could not

imagine how intensely upsetting the situation must have been for the roommate. "My heart goes out to (Boss') roommate who found him," he said.

Doug Raymer, a 2006 UI graduate and former roommate of Boss, said though the arrest won't bring his best friend back, he's happy it was made.

"I really wish it would, but we're all hoping that it's the guy and we'll get some answers and this won't happen to any other families or friends of people," Raymer said.

University of Idaho President Tim White and Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney praised the police department's work Tuesday and commended students and administrators at UI for their help. White said he is "saddened by the death of two young men" and there will be a memorial on campus soon.

Delling is currently being held in jail in Nevada awaiting an arraignment and extradition hearing next week.

Moscow and Boise detectives are working with prosecutors to build a case in anticipation of the murder charges, which will be filed against Delling.

White said administrators will continue making efforts to reach out to Boss' circles of friends as they are found.

Boss' parents will hold a memorial this weekend, and a memorial is being planned at UI in the near future.

The university is reaching out to members of the campus community to provide counseling and assistance as needed through the Counseling Center at (208) 885-6716.

## COUNCIL

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and staff members to other peer institutions.

"I see an exodus to WSU," said Stout. "There's going to be a serious problem at UI if we don't look into benefits and pay raises for these people."

The council members, students and faculty also discussed the relationship between UI and its obligation to the surrounding community.

"I could list many aspects or situations where the university could have done better or the city of Moscow could have done better," Pall said. "But instead, I look at examples of our successes."

Stout said one of the university's failures is its lack of political activism and voting record.

"I think one way that we haven't failed you, but where you have really failed yourselves is U of I's pathetic voting rate," Stout said. "U of I should be ashamed. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Either people just aren't engaged or you just don't care."

Ament said the university's relationship with the rest of the community isn't dependant on always being closely connected.

"We have a relationship, a very important relationship," Ament said. "But I don't think it's dependant on you guys always hanging out with us. We just need to be there for you when we're wanted and when we're needed."

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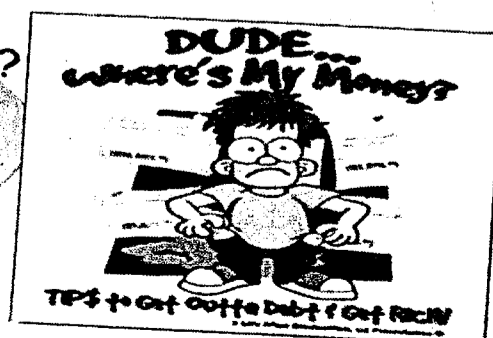
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# ATHLETICS

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the Big West eliminated football, meaning teams would have to find a new conference to call home. Idaho settled for the Sun Belt Conference for its football team while Boise State took a big step forward.

Thanks to their facility advances, the Broncos were able to escape the Big West and made a smooth transition to the Western Athletic Conference in 2001, four years ahead of Idaho.

"It takes a lot of work to switch conferences. You can't just switch," Bleymaier said. "For us, we were invited by the conferences to join, and it all depended on the timing and the specific needs of the conference."

What the conferences needed was a team that was ready for the big time, and Boise State was certainly that.

### A question of facilities

Bronco Stadium, which opened in 1970 with a capacity of 14,500, has continued to be upgraded, with expansions in 1974 and 1996 and another expansion coming this year. Following their estimated \$36 million expansion, the largest in BSU's history, the Broncos will feature a football stadium that can hold more than 30,000 fans.

BSU Pavilion (now Taco Bell Arena) opened in 1982 and holds more than 12,000, leaving the Broncos with a strong 1-2 punch facility wise.

These strong facilities have allowed Boise State to recruit high-level athletes and attract a committed fan base that is willing to donate financially, both of which have allowed the Broncos to move quickly through the Division I ranks.

Idaho on the other hand has had a much less glamorous facility history, which has left Spear with a clear No. 1 priority.

"At the end of the day, improvement of facilities is of the utmost importance for us moving forward," Spear said. "I am confident it will happen, we all have to get behind it and embrace it and let's get it done."

Idaho's facility history is a tumultuous one. The Vandal football team called Neale Stadium home from 1937 until 1969 when the building was condemned and then destroyed by an arson fire.

The result was that Idaho had to play in Pullman, which eventually set the wheels in motion for what would become the Kibbie Dome.

But prior to the so-called "architectural wonder" that is the Kibbie Dome, Idaho had bigger, better and in hindsight, much smarter stadium plans.

In 1973, Idaho planned to move into the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, which would later become the Big West. They also had plans to build a 23,000-seat football stadium that could eventually be covered, along with a 10,300 seat basketball arena.

But Idaho's two biggest rivals, Boise State and Idaho State, and their supporters didn't want this to happen. The two schools had enough political power to block Idaho's move, and the State Board of Education voted down Idaho's request to leave the Big Sky, forcing the Vandals to stay in the conference.

The PCAA mess along with a weak economy caused Idaho to scale down their plans to what is now the Kibbie Dome, which opened in 1975.

The Kibbie Dome decision immediately came back to haunt Idaho. In 1978, the NCAA came out with its division classifications, which required a 30,000-seat stadium or an average of 17,000

fans to be a Division I-A school.

Idaho had just stuck a roof on a 16,000-seat stadium, which meant the Vandals were stuck playing Division I-AA football.

To remedy the situation, Idaho was forced to play its home games in Pullman in 1999 to average 17,000 fans, and it appeared Idaho will continue to be able to retain their Division I-A status with little hassle.

But while Idaho eventually escaped lower division football, the Vandals are still stuck with the same stadium with no new facilities built in more than three decades.

"The university has not had a fan facility built in over 30 years and the students are due. I think the students have earned it and I think the University of Idaho deserves it," said executive director of the Vandal Scholarship Fund Rick Darnell.

And players feel the same way.

"We will probably practice outside every day this spring unless it's a downpour, just because the turf kills everyone's knees and the line's back and all that stuff," Idaho quarterback Brian Nooy said. "That is going to be a huge improvement and not just for the upcoming season, but recruiting in the future. That is going to be big time."

### The coaching carousel

Even with the disastrous decision to build the Kibbie Dome, Idaho was seeing success in both of its revenue sports in the mid-'80s.

Erickson was turning the football team into a recognizable entity, and Don Monson was turning Idaho men's basketball into a national powerhouse.

So with all the success Idaho athletics were seeing, how did things turn sour? Idaho was unable to capitalize on its success.

"The Vandals were winning, so I guess that our leaders didn't see the need to push for a new arena," said Marlin Smith, a UI graduate, lifelong area resident and Vandal athletic historian of sorts. "This was a major mistake in my mind. The Don Monson Coliseum should have been built circa 1985."

But facility problems can't alone be blamed for Idaho's struggles. Bad luck and poor choices in regards to coaching have left the Vandals wanting.

While the Broncos have continued to make successful hire after hire, Idaho has been left with the likes of Kermit Davis (basketball) and Tom Cable (football).

Idaho basketball has had four different coaches since the 1996-97 season, and since the hiring of Davis in 1996, the Vandals have gone just 113-178 to date.

On the gridiron, things have been even worse.

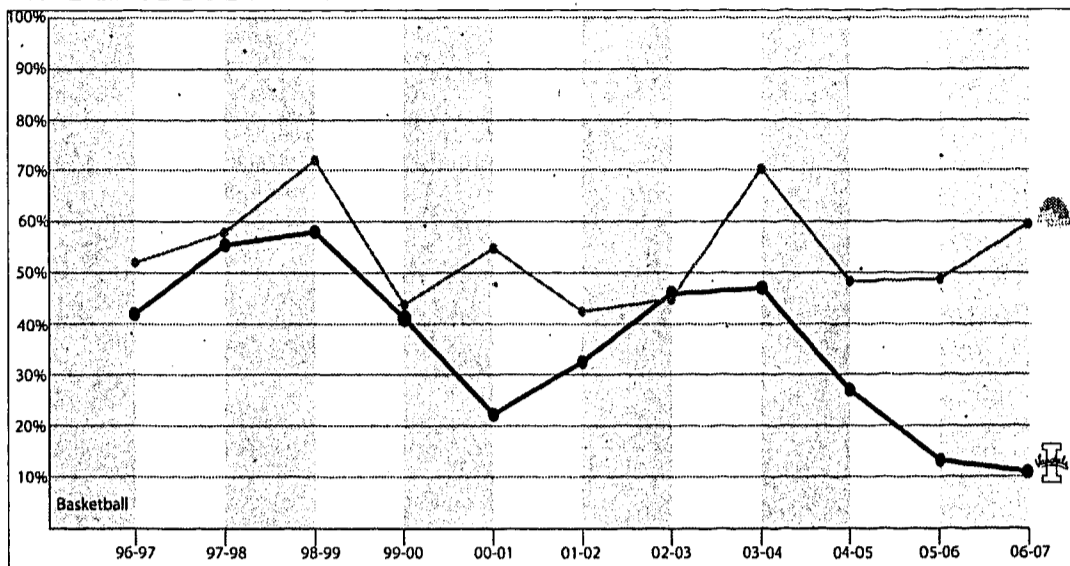
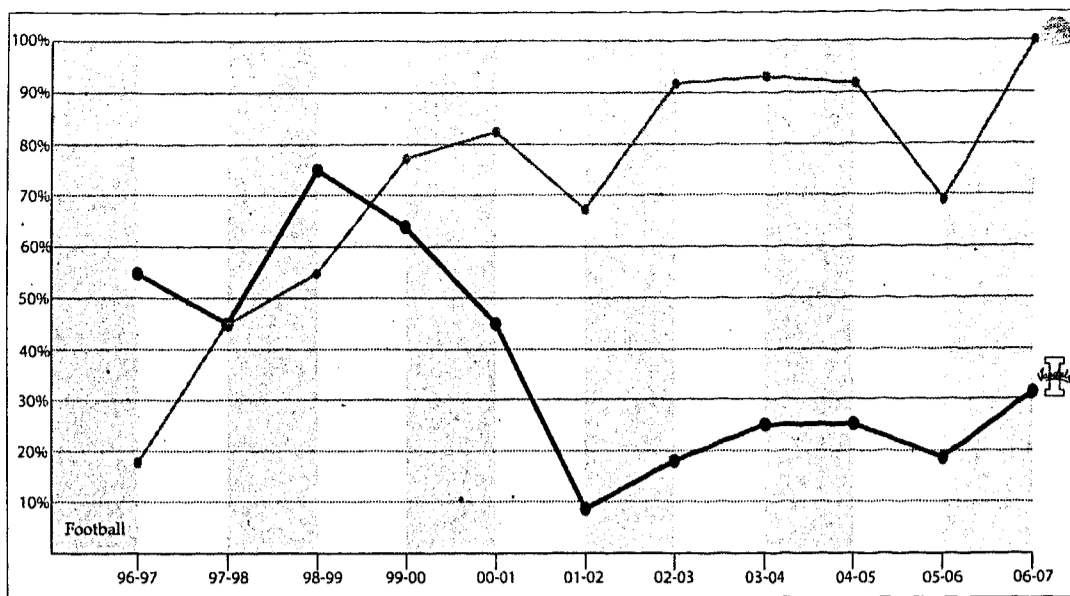
Idaho is on its fourth head coach since 2000, and since the hiring of Cable in 2000, Idaho has amassed a record of 20-61.

Tommy Ambrose, a former UI football player (1947, '48, '49) has noted the poor coaching in recent seasons.

"I keep close contact with several of my old team members, and we have noted the poor showing the last decade. I have seen fewer games the last seven to eight years, but during this time I recall concluding they were poorly coached," Ambrose said. "Personally, I would prefer to see them in their old conference fielding a coached ball club."

Vying for the starting quarterback position this fall, Nooy also noted the importance of a coaching staff.

"For me, coaching is huge," Nooy said. "It's just how they treat the players. Erickson



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A growing disparity - Since the 1996-97 season, Idaho has not been able to keep up with Boise State's win totals in football (top) or men's basketball (bottom).

was great. (Robb) Akey is the same way. They have respect for the players, they know what it is like to go through school and football and everything, and they have respect for the players and it is really nice to have someone who understands what we are going through."

But Ambrose also sees positives coming out of the administration and new coaches.

"I have watched Rob Spear over the past few years and I am impressed with him and his energy and thoughtfulness in managing the spectrum of athletic programs," Ambrose said. "I have also met the new coach and was pleased with his ability to communicate."

That new coach is former Washington State defensive coordinator Robb Akey, who was hired over Christmas break.

On the hardwood, George Pfeifer took over for Idaho basketball last season.

And while Pfeifer struggled in his first season as coach of the men's basketball team, Pfeifer's fall recruits have Spear excited.

"For the first time in a long time, we signed basketball players in the fall. We are always signing them in the spring but we have signed great players this fall, so that program is

going to improve and turn the corner," Spear said.

Akey was signed to a long-term deal to coach the Vandal football team, and his contract includes a \$1 million buyout clause, ensuring stability in the football coaching ranks.

"We improved a little bit with our football record last year but we have had the instability with the coaching situation. Now I really think some of those negatives have turned into positives with the hiring of Robb Akey," Spear said.

### The future

Perhaps Idaho is just in a lose-lose situation. For Ambrose, simple geography is a major obstacle Idaho has to deal with.

"Now that college football requires substantial fundraising, it is unclear if the necessary support can be achieved," Ambrose said. "The Boise Valley has the funding and spectator base and they represent the state very well on the national college football scene. A campus in the middle of the Palouse doesn't have the funding or spectator base."

But Smith disagrees, and he believes Idaho can compete with Boise State, despite having a much smaller base to draw from.

"My take is that if WSU

can compete against the caliber of competition that they have to compete against in the PAC-10, then Idaho sure as heck can find a way to compete in the WAC," Smith said. "BSU has some advantages over Idaho, but Idaho also has some advantages over BSU. The main difference the schools have right now is facilities. Boise State has a 30,000-seat football stadium and a 12,000-seat basketball pavilion. Idaho doesn't."

So what is being done now to remedy what ails the UI?

A little more than a month ago, UI received permission from the Idaho State Board of Education to spend \$1.6 million in federal grant money for designing an events pavilion on the Moscow campus and studying how to finance it. Plans also outline possible improvements to bring the 32-year-old Kibbie Dome up to fire code.

"Facilities are the future, it is the future, it is a golden opportunity to accomplish goals that were set in place and desired by people in the

'60s," Darnell said. "It was a historic day and I am excited about the future."

Some improvements to the Kibbie Dome are expected to include replacing the wooden east and west walls with translucent fiberglass panels in a steel structure, lowering the field 10-12 feet to accommodate an additional 3,600 seats, adding suites on the north side and adding club seating in the end zone.

If completed, the Kibbie Dome's capacity would reach 20,000. New turf is also expected to be installed in time for the start of next season.

But the new events center, which could cost up to \$60 million according to preliminary costs from Spear, is what really could put Idaho back on the map.

The 6,000-seat event center would be the new home for Idaho basketball as well as events such as the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

As for a timeline, Spear said everything is driven by finances.

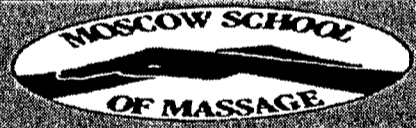
"It's going to take a group grassroots effort to get this done and we are going to have to have everyone step up. In an ideal world, you would like a couple top-end donors, and hopefully we can find those individuals," Spear said. "When we generate the resources to move forward, that is going to drive it. The nice thing about the project is there are several areas for people to invest, but it just depends how successful we are with our fundraising when we get started. Raising money is the next step."

So while one event or date in history can't be pinpointed as the cause for Idaho's recent slide in athletic performance, a combination of things have led to the demise of Idaho's glory.

A lack of facility improvements, a rash of bad hires and the non-existence of stability within the administration and coaching ranks have left Idaho behind the curve.

But with such major plans in the works, the administration in Boise sees nothing but positives coming out of Idaho, and what Spear and company are committed to doing.

"I have the utmost respect for Rob Spear and President White and what they are accomplishing," Bleymaier said. "They know what needs to be done to make a successful program. They are keeping the best interest of everyone in mind."



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**Local/BRIEFS**

**Pullman church presents Easter movie**

Living Faith Fellowship's 18th Annual Easter Presentation, "Beyond the Miracle," will be shown tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the Pullman church located at 1035 South Grand.

The production tells a fictional story taken from the biblical account of a man grateful to Jesus for being healed from leprosy. He then finds himself connected to the crucifixion of Jesus, yet is unable to stop it.

Admission is free and open to the public. A nursery will be provided for children 4 years old and under.

For information, visit [www.LFFMTC.org](http://www.LFFMTC.org) or contact Living Faith Fellowship at 509-334-1035.

**NASA scientist speaks on Jupiter mission**

Mike Janssen of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory will visit the University of Idaho today. Janssen will lead a lecture titled "The Big Bang" at 11:30 a.m. in the SUB Gold Room. A discussion of NASA's 2011 trip to Jupiter will follow the lecture. A free lunch will be provided for all in attendance. The lecture is open to the public, but limited to the first 40 confirmed attendees. To reserve a space, call 885-0132 or e-mail [kates@uidaho.edu](mailto:kates@uidaho.edu).

**Expo honors student projects April 10**

The Graduate Student Research Exposition takes place April 10 in the SUB's Gold, Silver and Appaloosa rooms.

The event runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and graduate student research projects will be presented to faculty judging panels throughout the day.

The banquet held later that evening will begin with a no host refreshment bar featuring Northwest wines and microbrews. Research projects and artwork will be displayed. A buffet dinner will be available starting at 6 p.m.

An exhibition of undergraduate research projects and graduate student artwork will be displayed in the SUB Ballroom. Presentations and exhibitions are free and open to the public throughout the day.

For information contact Cheryl Weiss at [cweiss@uidaho.edu](mailto:cweiss@uidaho.edu).

GPSA is also holding their general election for a constitution change April 12-15. Graduate students will receive an e-mail regarding the election April 12-15. Students can access the voting site from a link in the e-mail.

**Earth Day honors keeping the peace**

Join the University of Idaho Earth Day Celebration from 3-9 p.m. April 22 on the Theophilus Tower lawn.

Nominations are being accepted to honor an individual, organization, a business or school or a specific project that has made a significant contribution to protecting the environment, improving quality of life or promoting sustainability.

Nomination forms can be filled out by visiting the Web site <http://www.palousecalendar.info/friendsites/mail.php>.

Nominations are due by April 14 and winners will be announced at the Earth Day Celebration. For information about Earth Day events occurring throughout the month of April, visit <http://www.palousecalendar.info/friendsites/PEDA.html>.

**Documentary filmmaker visits campus April 9**

Award-winning documentary filmmaker Michael Kirk will recount his career in journalism from his days at KUID-TV in Moscow to current projects for the PBS series "Frontline" on Monday.

His talk, which will include video segments from several of his documentaries, will begin at 5 p.m. in the Administration Building Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Kirk will attend the Edward R. Murrow Symposium at Washington State University on April 10. WSU is honoring "Frontline" for its contributions to broadcast journalism. Kirk will join the program's executive producer, David Fanning, for a workshop at WSU.

Over the years, Kirk has produced more than 100 national television programs and documentaries. He is the recipient of Peabody, du Pont-Columbia, Emmy and Writer's Guild of America awards for his work.

Kirk's visit to the university is sponsored by Journalism and Mass Media, the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, the University's Alumni Association and Idaho Public Television.

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always making sure we got home safe and sound. He always had a smile on his face and tried to make everyone around him smile too."

Another of Boss' female friends remembers how chivalrous he was.

"He was a true gentleman through and through," said Jane Gordon, a former UI student now attending the University of Massachusetts. "I would always tell him that it didn't count if he had to push me down to get to the door first to open it for me."

UI graduate Doug Raymer recalled an incident during their time in the dorms, one of his many memories of Boss.

"Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday around three or four," he recalled, "(Dave) would hear my door open, a backpack hit the floor, the mini-fridge open, a can of Hamm's crack open and me groan as I sank into the couch. He said that was his cue to come over and hang out and watch 'COPS.' It's times and moments like that which capture Dave for me. He always found the humor in something, no matter how ordinary it was. He was a best friend to many, including me, and he will never be forgotten."

Even those who weren't close to Boss have fond memories of him.

"He was nice, polite and quiet," said Reid Wright, a UI junior who met Boss through a mutual friend. "It seems like he always had some girl crying on his shoulder telling him how hard life was. ... One night, I was in a heated discussion with someone and I wasn't paying much attention to David. He tapped me on the arm and asked me if I wanted a cigarette. I told him I didn't smoke. He pointed at my hand (and) there was a burning cigarette. Turns out he had already given

me one, and I lit it up and started smoking without even thinking."

Along with socializing and pursuing a history degree, Boss hosted a Tuesday afternoon show on KUOI radio station titled "Wkydtron," which he later renamed "The Danger Zone." The station's Web site describes the program as "providing the necessary metal and brutality to get through each day, plus cheese-rock, synth-laden hits and comedy."

During Boss' 3:30 p.m. timeslot this week, Andy Jacobson, KUOI's news director, paid tribute to him by airing his favorite music and archived clips of "The Jerk Store with Doug and Dizz," a show Boss was a regular guest on.

"I never knew or met David, but both times I requested a sub for my show, he was the first one to offer and that really helped me out," said Corey Pataky, KUOI deejay and UI junior. "He never hesitated to help me and that showed his character and how, from what I've read recently on him, that is really his true kindness and selflessness at heart."

Radio seemed to be right up Boss' alley. His friends remember his distinct taste, which Wood described as "cheesy." His Facebook profile's music section is sprinkled with selections from the decade of excess: Huey Lewis and The News, Van Halen (David Lee Roth era), the Beastie Boys and Motley Crue, among many others.

Truly an '80s child, Boss enjoyed movies such as "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Iron" and named "Miami Vice," "The A-Team" and "Macgyver" as a few of his favorite TV shows.

Ryan Beck, a UI senior, commented on Boss' unique taste in his memorial note on Facebook titled "To Fallen Warriors."

In it, he wrote, "I can only hope that metal heaven is like Valhalla of old. I hope for tall, blond, bare-chested beauties embracing you and Jackson guitars dueling solos eternally. It's a darker yet ironically less metal place here without you."

Boss also loved sports, especially soccer. He planned to visit South Africa to watch the 2010 FIFA World Cup and got a taste of the game at every opportunity.

"We'd get together every week to play (a soccer video game) and he'd bring a case of Beck's beer," said UI senior Matthew Doyle. "It's so cold here in Moscow during the winter that was the only time we'd get to play soccer."

"What stands out most is he was a big enthusiast. He loved to talk about it, loved to play. Dave knew the rosters of half the international teams. I was always impressed. He had a wealth of knowledge about soccer."

Boss was also a founding member of the Vandal Lacrosse Club and played for its first two years. Mike Band, another founder, said Boss was a "a good player but an even better guy."

Friends say the murder was shocking mostly because Boss wasn't the type to make enemies.

"He didn't deserve this," Wood said. "He meant so much to me and to so many others. This is the hardest thing I've ever experienced."

Despite the difficulty of grieving, Boss' friends are doing their best to honor his memory.

"He's everywhere I look: in Moscow, in Boise, in my own house," Wood said. "But I know that once the grieving and pain subsides, I will look at those things that remind me of him, and I will remember all of the wonderful times that we all shared with him, how he lived his life full of passion and happiness and would want us to do the same."

David Boss was found dead in his Main Street apartment after receiving two gunshots to the head last Saturday. The 21-year-old is survived by his father, Rick, and his brother, Kevin. Attempts to contact the family were unsuccessful.

The family will hold a memorial service in Boise Saturday.

**CampusCALENDAR**

**Today**

**Vandal Transfer Day**  
Commons Clearwater/  
Whitewater Room  
9 a.m.

**Dissertation: Dina Roberts**  
Ag Science, Conference  
Room 62  
11:30 a.m.

**Dissertation: Daniel J. Evans**  
JEB, Room 326  
1:30 p.m.

**Sabor de la Raza**

**Performance 'From Cuecas to Chilenas. Folkloric dances from Latin America'**  
University Auditorium  
6 p.m.

**ASUI Blockbuster Series 'Flags of Our Fathers'**  
SUB Borah Theater  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**'Mostly Moscow'**  
UITV-8  
7:30 p.m.

**'ASUI Senate'**  
UITV-8  
8 p.m.

**Saturday**

**Student recital with Teagen Kroon, voice**  
School of Music Recital Hall  
1 p.m.

**Student recital with Casey Emerson, composition**  
School of Music Recital Hall  
4 p.m.

**ASUI Blockbuster Series 'Flags of Our Fathers'**  
SUB Borah Theater  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**Student recital with Becky Wernham, bassoon**  
School of Music Recital Hall  
8 p.m.

**Monday**

**'Behind the Scenes at Frontline' with award-winning documentary filmmaker Michael Kirk**  
Administration Building Auditorium  
5 p.m.

**Foreign Film Series 'Private'**  
SUB Borah Theater  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

**Bellwood Panel Discussion 'Democracy and National Security: Contemporary Issues' with Alan Simpson**  
UITV-8  
8 p.m.

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**OurVIEW**

## Moscow police deserve thanks

Moscow must be a pretty boring place to be a cop. Not that there's anything wrong with that — I'm sure Moscow Police Chief Dan Weaver doesn't want the town to become a hotbed of murder and theft. But this week's murder of a University of Idaho student gave the department a chance to truly flex its muscles over more than a few noise complaints.

As it turns out, the department has the body of a marathon runner. The murder happened Saturday; by Tuesday, police had a warrant out for their suspect's arrest and had linked it to a second murder in Boise. That four-day turnaround was the result of exceptional cooperation among law enforcement agencies in Moscow, Boise and Sparks, Nev.

The emphasis should be on that last word: cooperation. Moscow PD's leg work — tracing cell numbers, interviewing friends and family and tracking suspect John Delling via GPS — would have meant nothing if the case had become bogged down while crossing jurisdictional lines. As it is, agencies from three counties and two states were able to pool their knowledge and get who they believe is their man.

That doesn't always happen. Agency cooperation dominated national headlines for years after Sept. 11, just because the FBI and CIA couldn't get along. And cases such as Delling's can easily get waylaid when the suspect hides in another state.

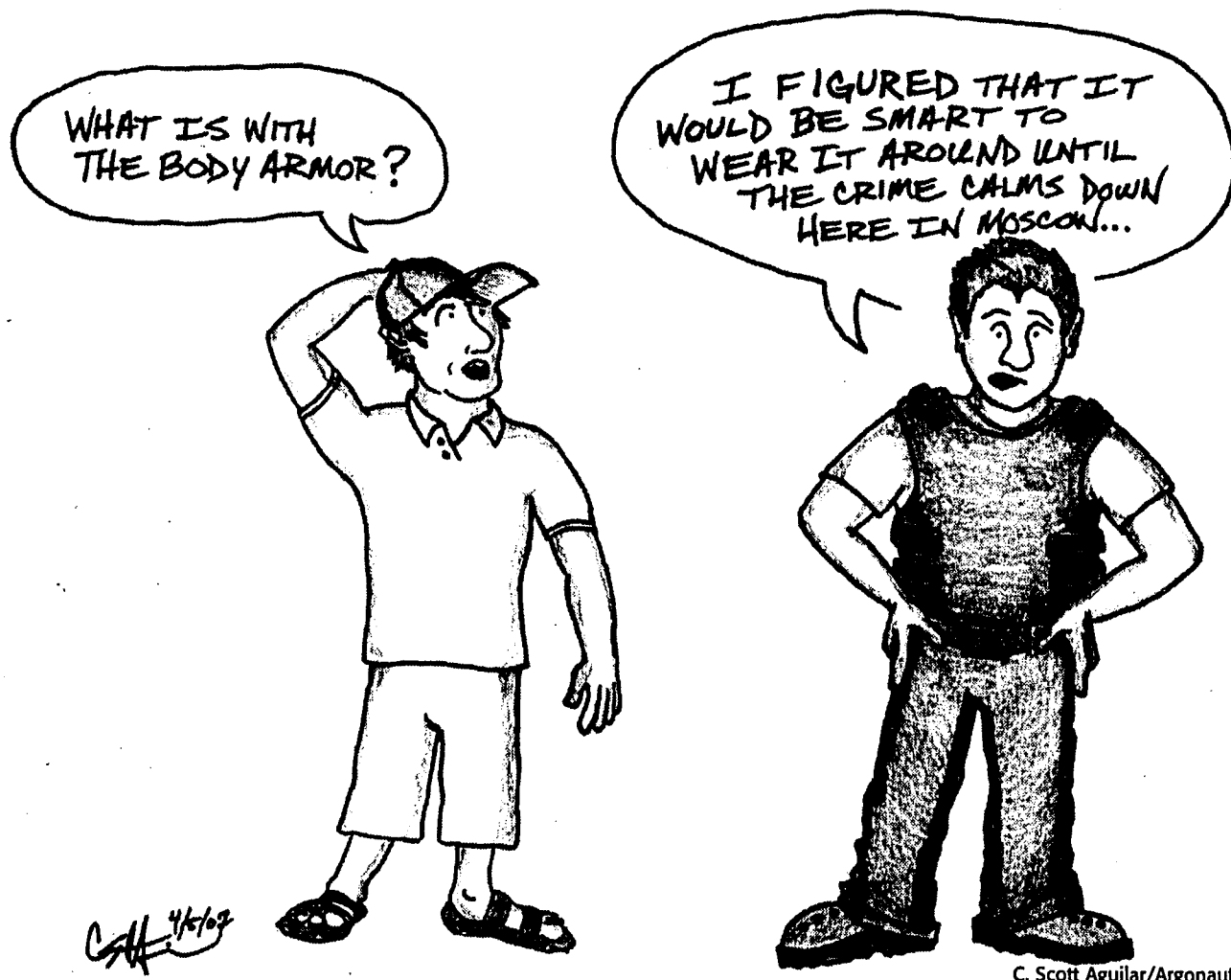
But for every case thrown off by regional disputes, another shows that law enforcement from different levels and locations can work together with few problems. One example was the July 2005 bust of an international cocaine trafficking ring by Indianapolis Police, Indiana State Police and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Another is an initiative just launched in Los Angeles pairing that city's authorities with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement as they search for illegal immigrants involved in the city's gangs. Though some L.A. police disagree with the idea, the fact that the city agreed to it says something.

In the coming days, the focus of the investigation will turn to a search for proof that Delling actually did what police allege. Whatever the results, Moscow citizens should be proud of the potential of their police force.

— N.P. for the editorial board

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## Cancer scare brings perspective

On the last day of February, I walked out of Moscow Family Medicine with a single sheet of paper that said I could have cancer.

The suspicion arose from a mass in my left lymph node and an irregularity in my white blood cell count. Doctors tiptoe around the "C" word — especially when dealing with young people, who Lord knows are caffeinated, irrational and fueled by hormones and hard-core music. Look how long it took us to get over Kurt Cobain. We don't take bad news well.

But I got my orders and I diligently began the American-medical-treatment shuffle. Into one office and out another. I signed checks and forms and HPAAS. I scheduled and rescheduled appointments. I started carrying a pen, my insurance card and a calendar at all times. I learned to adopt an attitude of cheerful ambivalence when dealing with receptionists and lab technicians.

A few weeks after that initial piece of paper, a surgeon I only met once slit my throat and removed a pink bump the size of a lima bean. I woke up from anesthesia in Gritman's recovery room, heavy, cold and itching like hell from the lingering medicine. A nurse held my hand and I cried. I went home to an empty house.

Three months ago, I moved to Idaho alone, bringing only my car and Western notions of law and adventure. I have no family here, no sense of familiarity. I have no idea what I'm doing. I've never filed an insurance claim in my life. I've never had to wade through a conversation with an insurance representative about deductibles or decode the jargon of a lab report. I'm 21 years old. I can tell you all you'd ever want to

know about trampolines or whiskey or Brangelina's latest acquisition, but I've got nothing when it comes to prescriptions and referrals. The more

I learned about my bump, the less I knew. Doctors are experts in delivering deadly news delicately, but at the same time, they don't tell you shit. No one was going to tutor me about my tumor. I had to learn myself.

So I did. I learned that I could have lymphoma, a complex form of cancer that could sour my blood and shorten my life. I learned that America is in a deadly struggle against a mysterious and prolific disease. I

learned that every year, 1.45 million people in this country are diagnosed with some form of cancer. I learned that Kentucky has the highest cancer death rate, followed by Louisiana. I learned that one glass of red wine a night is helpful, but two increases my chances of breast cancer by double. I learned to look up to people like Lance Armstrong and Elizabeth Edwards, who aren't afraid to talk about having one ball or bad bones.

I learned that people, mostly those closest to me, are the least willing to look at this thing reasonably. The numbers speak for themselves. While it's unlikely, it is still possible that my bump is something bad. Just because my mother thinks I'm special and I have big plans for my future doesn't mean I'm safe. I learned that finding a bump in my neck and needing a biopsy is a surrender of control. I learned I can't control bad things inside my body.

When one announces something like a tumor, there's an onslaught of rationalization, both from the outside and the inside. For some reason, 21-year-olds in this culture who aren't symptomatic are not allowed to have

cancer. My rationalization process had more to do with superstition than logic. My parents, however, approached the concept of cancer like a math problem. Pure logic. Our talks were much like ones given to get a suicidal person down from a ledge. For them, merely entertaining the possibility of cancer was surrender.

"Don't even think about it! You don't have cancer! Are you crazy? You have no genetic history! You eat well! You don't smoke! You've never lived near a power plant or been to Mexico or played with mercury! You're fine! You are fine!"

I told my friends, my top eight. The calls trickled in.

"How are you, really? Really? Really?"

It's a verbal wrestling match. The second "cancer" becomes part of the conversation, being "OK" is no longer an option. People just don't believe you. An otherwise honest person is no longer trusted if they say they're fine when there's a chance of cancer. The one thing I'm good at — communicating — has become the area in which I'm doubted the most. Stoicism is now a disguise for disbelief; I'd show doubt and it becomes a signal for surrender. Nothing I say was taken in the way it was meant.

After the first week, the panic finally quelled. I began making superstitious, super-secret deals with myself. If the shampoo bottle fell in the shower without being nudged, it meant I didn't have cancer. If I made to class in 10 minutes, if I didn't fall my bike once, if I got the summer job, all that surely meant I was cancer-free. If I avoided black cats, stopped bleeding after a minor scrape, paid off my late fees and called my parents everyday, I did not

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## I want a pony, a dolly and the British sailors set free

The last week has seen tensions rising over the capture of 15 British sailors and marines by Iranian forces. Supposedly, the captured Brits were in Iranian waters when they were seized.

British officials had a different story about what happened and just where the sailors were when taken captive.

Iran had a couple different stories of its own, including some GPS coordinates that changed from one moment to the next.

The important thing is that, as of Wednesday, the 15 crew members of the HMS Cornwall were freed.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran had some interesting comments at a press conference where he gave a medal to the commander of the border guards who made the capture.

"On the occasion of the birthday of the great prophet (Muhammad) ... and for the occasion of the passing of Christ, I say the Islamic Republic government and the Iranian people, with all powers and legal right to put

the soldiers on trial, forgave those 15," he said.

For those unaware of Muslim traditions, March 30 is Muhammad's birthday and Easter is this coming Sunday.

Most people get chocolate rabbits or Peeps for Easter. "This pardon is a gift to the British people," Ahmadinejad said.

What's next? Will Germany start giving France gifts for Bastille Day? Are St. Patrick's Day parades in front of Buckingham Palace the wave of the future?

The Jews don't celebrate Christmas; Muslims shouldn't be handing out Easter baskets.

While the sailors had not yet reached the British Embassy in Tehran, the site of weekend protests, Iranian TV showed footage of Ahmadinejad chatting with the sharp-dressed sailors. One of them was polite enough to say "We are grateful for your forgiveness."

We may never know for sure whether the sailors were in Iranian waters or Iraqi waters. Those GPS systems can be a pain.



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## Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Peace on Earth

In the spirit of Easter, I'd like to ask the campus to please treat each other with respect. This has been a very trying week for many and we could all use a weekend off.

— Cynthia

### Dust in the wind

I'm always amazed by people who are wise enough to maintain perspective in the face of inevitable disaster. Take 75-year-old Sidahmed Magaya for example. CNN reports that Mauritania, Magaya's homeland, is being slowly covered by shifting sands. Magaya has sold most of his goats and sheep to pay workers to dig him out of his half buried house every time the wind blows. With his flock dwindling and sand rising on his other source of income, a dozen fig-bearing palm trees, things are looking grim for Magaya. He isn't panicking though, possibly because he knows everyone must face the sand one way or another.

"When I die, I'll be put in a coffin and that coffin will be buried in the sand," he said. "So I can't be upset. Either way, I'll end up in the dirt."

— Alec

### An atheist's Easter

Easter doesn't have to be a religious holiday. Evil atheists like me enjoy celebrating it as much as any other person. Even if you have no idea what the holiday is all about there are plenty of reasons to celebrate. First off there is brunch. How many times a year do you get to enjoy an enormous meal and an omelet chef? Easter is also a great time to look at cute animals, but remember don't give chicks and bunnies as gifts. But the main reason to celebrate Easter is the Peeps — the friendly marshmallow treats that I have, on more than one occasion, eaten until I've thrown up. I haven't done that for a few years, but still, it's one of the only things that tastes almost as good coming up as it does going down. I love Easter, and I love Peeps, but I think I'll lay off the candy this year.

— Ryli

### Chris, don't read this

I want to buy my boyfriend, Chris, a mountain bike for his birthday, which was yesterday. Anyone interested in selling a really nice bike for really cheap should contact me because I'll buy it if it's cute, well-maintained and ridiculously low-priced. Oh and one other stipulation, it's got to have a cushy seat because his bony butt gets sore otherwise.

— Mackenzie

### The real world?

So today I turned in my application for my student-teaching internship. I'm not going to lie, it scared me. A lot. It is like the first step into the real grown-up world. It scares me to think that in less than one year, I'll be practically finished with college and going out to start my career. With graduation in just a month, I'm sure lots of seniors are feeling the same way. At least I've still got a while.

— Miranda

### Just what we asked for

How nice of Iran to "release" its British hostages in time for Easter. Sure, I wasn't there and can't say if they trespassed into Iranian waters, but the fact that the country's response was akin to that of many terrorist groups says something. Thank god we didn't go to war over it, at least.

— Nate

### I heart springtime

Recently, I've trimmed my roses, weeded flower beds, planted pansies, watched my daffodils bloom and begun nurturing a watermelon seedling. I love gardening (well, in small doses and when my allergies aren't too bad), especially in the early days of spring. Spring is a time of rebirth. I even got a surprise this year, when a delphinium I was sure was dead sprung up. And with Easter this weekend (and my English-major tendency to dig symbolism), I can't help but associate all this rebirth with Jesus. So even if Christianity isn't your game, think about it. Spring is a time for new things. Start your day with a new outlook.

— Tara

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## Clinton doesn't have nomination

"Voting for Mitt" (April 3) is an article written without even the most cursory understanding of American politics beyond what Fox News spews forth. Mr. Galloway's article from Tuesday's Argonaut misses the intricacies of both the Republican and the Democratic side of the run-up to the presidential election next fall.

Hillary does NOT have a lock on the nomination. If one were to look at any national polls of the Democratic field, it's obvious that both John Edwards and Barack Obama are strong contenders. Obama has almost as much cash on hand as Hillary does, with Edwards close behind. Lastly, anyone calling for withdrawal from Iraq's civil war has the backing of anywhere from 55-65 percent of the nation, depending on how the withdrawal question is phrased. Apparently Mr. Galloway slept through that day in math in which "what constitutes a majority" is taught.

The Republican side is in dire straits indeed. Mr. Galloway's patron saint of moderation, John McCain, has done nothing but tack hard right and suck up to the religious right ever since he lost to Bush in 2000. It doesn't matter what he did in Vietnam; what matters is his two-faced pandering today that's caused his numbers to plummet. And no, Giuliani cannot run the nation just because he ran New York. Last I checked, an east coast metropolis is not Idaho. Not to mention the cross-dressing. And Mitt Romney? Please, the only downside is his Mormonism? What about his sudden switch of stances from being pro-gun control, pro-gay rights, pro-abortion governor of a liberal northeast state to a paragon of conservative knuckledragging?

Next time you feel the need to lift your hands off the floor and type out more drivel, at least try look beyond what Faux News tells you.

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## Bush did just as little as Clinton

To Travis Galloway: While I almost always read your column and enjoy your writing, and often agree with you, I take issue with this statement: "I would like to remind everyone that McCain was staying at the Hanoi Hilton while Bill Clinton was dodging the draft in Britain." As I recall, he was a Rhodes Scholar. Would you give that up to fight an ill-begotten war? And then there is the current administration, almost lock, stock and barrel. Does anyone have more deferments than Cheney? I know Bush served in the National Guard, but mostly he burned up fuel doing loop-de-loops over Texas. You may be too young to know that the Guard did not get sent out of the country on a regular basis in those days.

Is there any record of Bush doing anything constructive while in the Guard? Like helping citizens cope with natural disasters? (Not much help out of the Guard there, either!)

I am against the Iraq war as I was against the Vietnam War, but I did enlist in the Navy and served a good portion of two years aboard a destroyer snooping around the Gulf of Tonkin before the conflict was official. We were up to some pretty nasty stuff then, as we are now. While my experiences did not make me a pacifist, I am angered that Bush went into Iraq on totally trumped-up charges. Rove (did he ever serve?) probably knew that an ongoing war

ensured Bush's "re-election".

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## Obama beating Clinton in race

Travis Galloway's column on Tuesday was a masterful piece of ignorance. Galloway asserts that Barack Obama, who is raising more money than Clinton and drawing crowds of more than 10,000 people at speaking events, "doesn't stand a chance and he shouldn't be running."

Galloway leaps to this conclusion because of Obama's position on troop withdrawal from Iraq. Galloway is ignoring the fact that 56 percent of Americans support withdrawal even if it means that civil order is not restored there, according to a Washington Post/ABC News poll.

Galloway also decrees that McCain would "restore honor to the presidency." Interesting that Galloway would endorse a man who is unsure if condoms help stop the spread of HIV, who cannot keep a consistent position on abortion, and who couldn't be bothered to be in the Senate when they were voting on the Iraq war.

As for Giuliani, Galloway quips, "Does America really need a New Yorker running the country?" In a breathtaking display of self-awareness, Galloway stated three sentences earlier, "if you can run the city of New York ... you can probably run the rest of the nation." Then, just to spice things up, Galloway throws in a little religious bigotry, claiming the only downside to Mitt Romney "is the fact that he's Mormon." Apparently, Galloway has no problem with Mitt saying he would need a "team of smart lawyers" to decide whether the president would have the authority to arrest U.S. citizens with no review, a power that Churchill once said was "the foundation of all totalitarian governments." By the way, Giuliani said he would use the authority infrequently. Please Mr. Galloway, try to inform yourself before expressing your opinions to the world; otherwise you sound like an idiot.

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## Article forgot to mention Gem Hall

I was very disappointed when I read the article in Tuesday, April 3rd's Argonaut titled "Students shown the world from the inside the LLC." Only seven of the eight LLC halls were represented in the article, the one missing being Gem Hall.

Gem Hall represented our own native culture, the American Indian. The guest performance was done by Solo Greene, an educator and lead singer for the Nez Perce Tribe. He, along with his two daughters and niece (ages 3,6, and 12 respectively) performed traditional and shawl dances. Students were also able to participate in friendship dances. Not only did students get to view a small part of Native American culture, but they got to taste it as well with Indian Fry Bread, a staple at almost all Indian Pow Wows. It is great that these kind of events get recognized by The Argonaut, but it would be even better if the story was complete as well.

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## Graduation change will be a disaster

A survey was commissioned by the university in March 2006 to gauge student opinion on graduation. The survey shows that students believe the traditional walk from the Administration Building to the Kibbie Dome is unimportant and having a ceremony for each college is

essential. The new format is a slap in the face to all of us that spent time taking this survey, as it is the opposite of what the majority of students wanted.

Of the survey respondents, 83.5 percent felt it was important to have the student's name announced at the ceremony, 74.9 percent believed the graduate should walk across stage and 87 percent felt it was important or very important that their family and friends be present. Meeting these criteria with a single ceremony is nearly impossible. There are an estimated 1,350 students that will be graduating this May. In order to give out diplomas in three hours or less, each student would only be given eight seconds.

I attended a December commencement with 900 students in a format similar to that to be implemented in May. With only two-thirds as many students as the May commencement, the ceremony was still tedious. The Kibbie Dome's layout forced family and friends to sit a long distance from the stage, and many in the audience decided it was acceptable to leave after their graduate's name was read.

While many students have expressed their anger about the sudden change, there are some that see these changes as beneficial. By holding one ceremony, the university cuts the amount of work needed for set-up and reduces the number of staff required. The administration chose to save money over giving graduates and their families a memorable and enjoyable experience.

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## Grey wolf efforts are a success

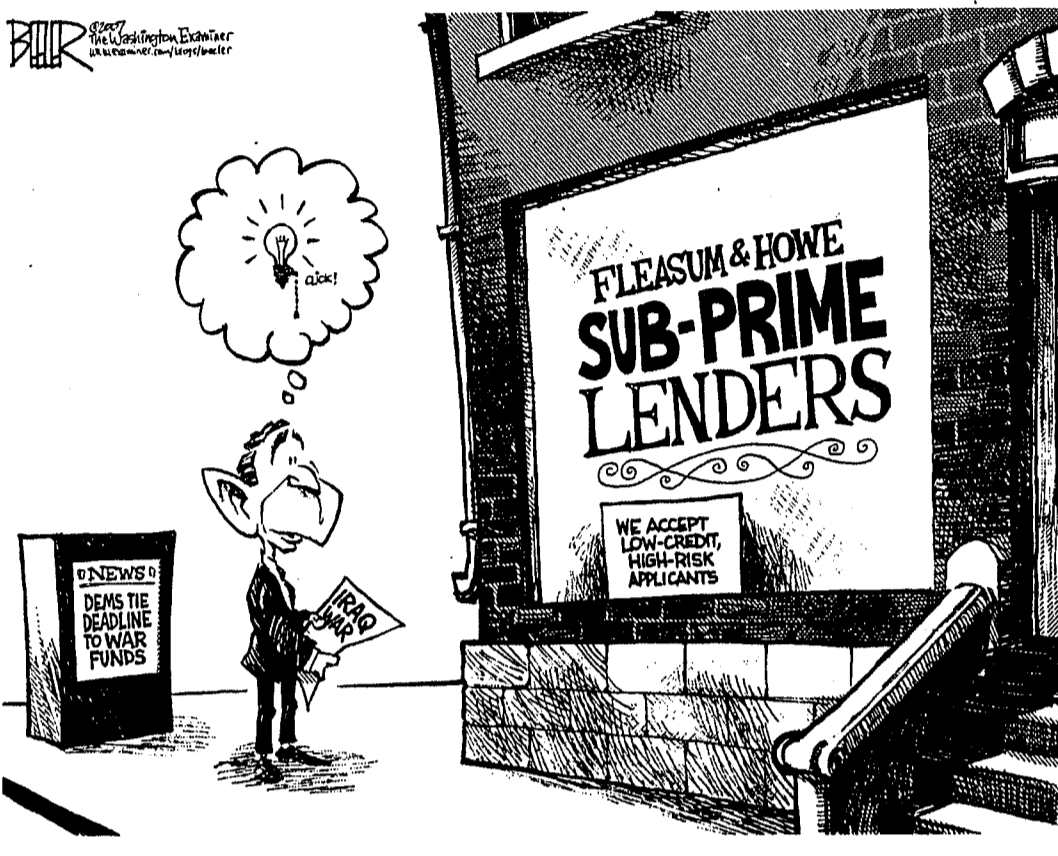
There is no doubt about it, the efforts to restore the grey wolf has been a complete success. In fact, it has been such a success that there are four times as many wolves as the proposed goal from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There are now 1,200 wolves roaming around Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, but is it really time to remove them from the endangered species list? This is an issue in which a common ground is hard to reach, because there are those who are more conservative and want to control the population and protect livestock, and then you have the more liberal-sided people who believe the wolves were here first and should roam freely.

In order to reach an agreement, a plan must be devised that pleases both sides and maintains the current population. First of all, hunting tags must be issued but for more than \$9.75, and only a limited amount of tags may be issued. Ranchers get first dibs because they should need a tag to kill a wolf that they see as a threat to their livestock. This way the rancher can be happy and get rid of the wolf, yet no more than the allotted amount of wolves will be killed. The remaining tags will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis and there will be a limit on how many a person can buy. So as long as the current wolf population is maintained it is safe to remove the grey wolf from the endangered species list. However, if that number drops below the original goal of 300 wolves, then the grey wolf should be reclassified. The wolves were here first and they deserve to stay.

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## Drinking still a problem at UI

There are a strikingly large number of students who abuse alcohol, creating dangerous situations. I have noticed that many in the student body do not recognize the dangers of



drunk driving. It is common to hear from a student in passing, "I was so drunk, but I drove home all right." I recognize most students who choose to drink do so responsibly. Many students go out to party, but always with designated drivers. It's a shame that more students are not this responsible.

It is a universal truth that driving while inebriated is dangerous. Our counseling Web site proclaims proudly that in 2003, 71 percent of UI students didn't drink and drive. I find this number startling, not at all reassuring. This means about 3,000 students, at least sometimes, drink and drive. Is this an acceptable number? Certainly Moscow Police are seeking to combat this statistic? I am not too certain. The same report tells us 99 percent of UI students had not been arrested for DWI/DUI in that year. I hope that these numbers have since changed for the better, but I doubt it. I hear about drunk driving on campus, and see it at late night fast-food windows regularly.

I would like to commend the university and the Moscow Police for their treatment of "partiers." Students are rarely hassled by law enforcement or campus authorities for responsible drinking. But when an inebriated student gets behind the wheel, something needs to be done. Students need to recognize this is a problem, and more attention needs to be paid by authorities to this

problem.

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## McGovern was only quality writing

At last, it looks like you've gotten rid of the only quality content in the Argonaut. Now it will be possible to completely fill the university paper with homogenized, preschool, often borderline illiterate material. I'm sure that was your goal, since the editor of a college paper should ideally be as cowardly as possible and avoid offending anyone at all costs.

Joe Bochenek  
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## Steel House closure seems suspicious

The sudden announcement by the University of Idaho to close the women's cooperative residence, Steel House, has been rightly met with outrage and protest. This is reminiscent of the untimely forced closing of the men's co-op, Targhee House, in 1999. That decision was also announced in late spring, to the dismay of the current male residents who had no choice.

The university's proposal to simply rename another long corridor in the Wallace Complex "Steel Hall" misses the point. Steel House is not merely a cheap residence hall. It is group of female residents that — isolated from the other residence halls — enjoys more

community, participation and independence than other dormitories. It is a house whose members are responsible for cleaning its premises, including doing the dishes, and must have the responsibility to police and enforce those rules. Steel House women have shown the capacity to meet those responsibilities.

The general vagueness of the administration regarding the fate of the location and building itself is viewed as suspicious. If the premises are so unsafe to house residents even one year longer, why propose it be changed to office space? If it safe enough for offices, then it should be brought up to code for inhabitation. It is curious how the university recently managed to spend millions of dollars building the on-campus dorms, the LLC, while neglecting to repair, or even recognize the need to repair, its existing dorms.

According to the university's own Web site for Steel House, Ethel K. Steel was a strong advocate for cooperative living. Steel House is the nation's oldest cooperative and enjoys some of the benefits of cooperative living such as democratic member control, autonomy and independence, and concern for community. The Steel House cooperative is a positive and successful living arrangement that should be continued at the University.

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# Updating Easter for adults, heathens, satirists

We all know Easter is that magical Sunday when Jesus can rise again and sustain his essence with the stem cells of small rabbits, so let's consider what we, in this consumer culture, can do to celebrate.

Easter egg hunts are for children and typically require a lot of dyed hands and sobriety. Save the yolks and the whites this year and buy the plastic kind. Fill them with things adults would like, such as mini-bar-sized liquor bottles and prophyllactics.

What would Jesus drink? His own blood, of course. But since no one car-

ries this at this season, try a nice red wine while going through adult eggs.

No one wants to celebrate a resurrection alone, so create a gathering, a cult if you will, and have a party. Any local craft supply store will have posterboard and paints. Make a homemade pin the Jesus on the cross game. The donkey is fine, but he was at the birth, not the rebirth.

Tired of hearing the kids give credit to a small mammal for the cavity baskets they get Easter morning?

Skip the basket and go to the butcher's. Nothing says Easter bunny

extinction like a nice braised rabbit. Complement it with parsley and a wedge of lemon. Voila, meet the most morbid children in town.

This idea works for theater majors or people who just like to be someone else. Stage a skit, Jackass-style, wherein you dress like the Easter bunny and run around mugging supposed "victims." This means friends, not "normal" people.

Looking to get some yard work done on Sunday? Start by flooding the gopher holes that have started to emerge. Before doing this, make a pleasant wooden sign that says "Easter Bunny Residence." Then, get the kids outside just in time to see the water reach the mouth of the

hose. Hope that "bunny" can swim. The act of eating chocolate bunnies and looking for colored eggs is senseless, yet enjoyable for children. Adults should be able to grant themselves the same holiday fulfillments.

Easter is a fertility holiday. Eggs become chickens once hatched, rabbits are known for their reproductive "stamina." Of course, children shouldn't know about this. They should believe that an "Easter" bunny stumbles aimlessly around backyards after a long night of drinking with the Pope, hiding chicken eggs he probably stole from unfit mothers, not realizing that the children of this nation will wake up and search every stone and bush for those

eggs, so that they may peel them back and eat the solidified contents.

Easter is murder. And what is murder spelled backward? Red rum, so why not sit with the kids while they eat their egg sandwiches just screaming, red rum, red rum. Or, if the situation is a childless one, just drink red rum in shame.

The point is, Cadbury Eggs are disgusting. This article has been written only in the hope that Easter will no longer be celebrated in the same fashion, thus ending Cadbury Eggs. Easter eggs are hard-boiled. Cadbury Eggs are "raw" inside. Doesn't anyone else feel like they're eating a raw egg? This isn't "Rocky," this isn't "Rocky."



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## CANCER

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have cancer. But I also made plans for the flipside. If I have cancer, there's no reason not to go to Africa or raise cobras or start using a chainsaw with some regularity. If I have cancer, getting a C doesn't matter. If I have cancer, there's no reason I should leave Idaho. If I have cancer, I'll still study for the LSAT.

Outside I was cracking vampire jokes about my scar, staying hopeful and holding out for the biopsy report. Inside I was forging irrational deals with the universe involving shampoo bottles, cobras and blood clots. It's a mess.

I don't know anything about my body anymore. But I do know that school didn't stop. I do know that I've had to cook dinner every night and vacuum and hit the gym and go through with my Spring Break plans. My world did not crash down. It kept moving even faster. In terms of my body, I simply had to surrender control.

So when Elizabeth Edwards says that she's going to put her two young kids on a bus and campaign alongside her husband in the face of bone cancer, I get it. The main difference between Mrs. Edwards and me is that she knows what's going to kill her. She's surrendered control.

After two seasons of working in Yellowstone and jogging every day on predator-riddled trails alone except for my iPod on full-blast against every shred of warning of the rangers, I reasoned that if a bear wanted to eat my dorky ass, it would be my time to go. It was funny to surrender control then because it was a toss back to biology and the natural world. But if cancer is going to kill me now, it's still biology.

Thursday, at 2 p.m., my world hushed and I walked into Palouse Surgeons. I learned that I didn't have lymphoma, that sometimes a tumor is just a tumor. The nurse told me the good news and offered me a celebratory soda. It was over.

This experience didn't come for free. I lost sleep, I lost trust in my body. But I gained an appreciation for my limited sphere of control and what it feels like to have every part of my day affected by a two-centimeter swollen node. I scored a scar, a pair of fresh eyes for an old killer and a swelling heart for anyone who has had to live in the limbo of a lost sense of control.

## FDA chief should step down in wake of scandal

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When dogs and cats began to sicken and die after eating certain brands of commercial food, the public had the right to expect swift action from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to resolve the situation. That's not what we got. Instead, FDA officials have dithered, hemmed and hawed and appear more interested in protecting manufacturers' reputations than in preventing more suffering and death.

Given the scope and tragedy of the FDA's failure to act, Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach should step down and allow a more capable leader to direct the agency.

The flaws in the agency's response became apparent soon after Menu Foods announced on March 16 that some of its products had led to kidney failure and death in dogs and cats. Rather than calling for an immediate recall of all brands that may have been

contaminated, the FDA turned over all recall decisions to the manufacturers and referred the public to Menu Foods' Web site for a list of contaminated foods rather than providing the information itself, as would be expected of a public agency. At a March 26 news conference, an agency official tellingly referred to the pet-food manufacturers as his "colleagues at Menu Foods."

In the weeks since, the agency has failed to identify the contaminant with any certainty. Menu Foods first announced that aminopterin, a chemical used to poison rats, was found in canned foods. But it wasn't long before the FDA identified wheat gluten contaminated with melamine, a chemical used in making plastics, as the culprit. We still don't know for certain, and two independent laboratories are now claiming that the FDA was wrong — melamine is not the contaminant.

The FDA is so far sticking to the melamine theory but has inexplicably

refused to name a dry pet-food manufacturer believed to have received the suspected contaminated ingredient and hasn't recalled brands of dry food that may be affected. When asked about this at the March 26 news conference, Dr. Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine, excused the agency's lack of action by saying, "This is an ongoing investigation."

But even this excuse is couched in misleading and contradictory statements about the agency's responsibility in investigating the scandal. Dr. Sundlof has said to the media, "There are really no differences in the regulation of animal food and the regulation of human food. The same people that inspect human food plants also inspect pet food plants." But it turns out, according to Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., that the FDA hasn't inspected the New Jersey Menu Foods plant, one of two implicated in the contamination, since 2004.

In the meantime, the FDA further confused the issue by putting this on its Web site: "FDA has limited enforcement resources that are focused on human food safety issues." This is apparently how the agency explains the fact that it isn't regulating pet foods, as it is congressionally mandated to do.

Rep. DeLauro puts it bluntly: "Based on the evidence so far, it would appear that FDA is failing its responsibilities to protect animals from unsafe food as much as it is failing to protect American consumers."

In addition to the FDA commissioner's resignation, a thorough investigation into the agency's failure is in order. The pet-food industry and the agency charged with regulating it have failed to protect the most vulnerable members of society. It won't bring back the animals who have died and it won't offer solace to the people who have lost their family members, but it might prevent another tragedy.

## Voters want opposite of current political ineptitude

By Dick Polman  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Is it too much to ask that our next president possess the requisite skills to govern competently?

Competence is not a sexy campaign issue. Lest we forget, Democrat Michael Dukakis declared that the 1988 race was about "competence, not ideology," and he wound up losing 40 states. But given the multiple failures of execution over the last six years, many voters in 2008 might well warm to a candidate with demonstrable executive smarts, somebody who pledges to simply appoint competent public servants and hold them accountable.

Call it "the competence election," the quest to find a leader who, at minimum, can run the government better than George W. Bush.

Naturally, millions of committed liberal and conservative voters will put ideology first. But I'd bet that the larger pool of independent voters — the people who usually swing a national election — will be just as focused on finding a capable steward who can master the details of factual reality and demand that key subordinates do the same. In other words, the opposite of what we have today.

This is one big reason why Rudy Giuliani strikes many Republicans as an appealing figure, despite his liberal social views and stormy home life.

They hear about how he knocked heads in New York City and cleaned the place up, and they like that. They're also hearing about some of his executive management rules, as spelled out in his 2002 book "Leadership" — little homilies such as "Always Sweat the Small Stuff," and "Prepare Relentlessly" and "Everyone's Accountable All of the Time."

This yearning for competence also explains why GOP candidate Mitt Romney advertises himself as some-

body who loves "wallowing in the data," who revels in explaining the intricate details of his Massachusetts health-care plan. Even John McCain, who has no executive experience, has been talking about how Iraq has been "badly managed." Ideology still matters most in Republican primaries, but this time GOP voters will also pay heed to the competence factor.

Democratic primary voters are probably most focused on Iraq and their traditional issues. Indeed, it's worth noting that none of their top contenders — Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards — have any executive experience. But Clinton, in particular, is already honing a competence pitch for the general election. She eschews ideology and talks instead about the importance of forging practical solutions that can be "executed with non-partisan competence" — a centrist pitch to the swing-voting independents who want government to run properly.

Even former Bush fans acknowledge this urge to start fresh. Conservative National Review commentator Rich Lowry said, "Bush has been ill-served by his willingness to stand by failed subordinates — thereby eroding any sense of accountability — by his relative lack of interest in details, and by his inability to establish coherence within his own government." That's quite an indictment, considering that Bush was hailed back in 2001 (at least in the red states) as someone who would run the government as a business, befitting his status as the first president to have earned a master's in business administration.

Instead, there is institutional wreckage at every turn. It's tempting merely to chart the demise of FEMA, which at the time of Hurricane Katrina was run by the former head of the International Arabian Horse Association. But one needs only to traverse the landscape

— NASA, the CIA (where hundreds of career nonpartisan senior staffers have been driven out), Veterans Affairs, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Food and Drug Administration, the FBI, the Justice Department, the Pentagon, and many more — to understand why even top Republicans have begun to grumble about hacks in high places. As one House leader reportedly said the other day (while pleading anonymity), "We always have claimed that we were the party of better management. How can we claim that anymore?"

Bush, as a candidate, foreshadowed his managerial style when he said this: "What I don't appreciate is people who think they're all of a sudden smarter than the average person because they happen to have an Ivy League degree." He has since taken care of that problem.

The VA is run by Jim Nicholson, who had no previous experience on vets' issues, but who, on the other hand, had raised nearly \$400 million as chairman of the national Republican Party; back in June 2005, he admitted that the VA had undercounted — by 80,000 — the number of vets expected for treatment that year, because it had failed to anticipate that Iraq might spark an enrollment surge. But Nicholson is a seasoned player compared with George Deutch: At age 24, and with no science experience, he was installed at NASA, where he ordered the agency's top scientists not to publicly discuss global warming. His qualifications? He worked as an intern on the 2004 Bush-Cheney campaign.

There are scores of examples — notably Bush loyalist Harriet Miers, whose qualifications as a Supreme Court nominee included a stint on the Texas Lottery Commission, and whose legal writings consisted of three articles, one of them advertising the American Bar Association's new tele-

phones — and scant space to recount them. It's worth noting, however, that the best defense currently being offered by the Bush team, in the prosecutor purge scandal, is that it was merely a "badly mishandled" case of bungling. Which, in itself, is an acknowledgment of managerial incompetence.

Why has all this happened? Liberals generally contend that the current ineptitude is actually an indictment of conservative governance itself.

They side with Alan Wolfe, a Boston College political scientist, who wrote last summer, in a widely circulated Washington Monthly article, that Bush's conservative team is incompetent because it is contemptuous of government service and thus has no incentive to make it work properly for the greater good. As Wolfe argued, "Contemporary conservatism is a walking contradiction. Unable to shrink government but unwilling to improve it, conservatives attempt to split the difference, expanding government for political gain, but always in ways that validate their disregard for the very thing they are expanding. The end result is not just bigger government, but more incompetent government. . . . As a way of governing, conservatism is another name for disaster."

That kind of argument is catnip to Democratic base voters, primed to view the '08 race as a repudiation of conservative governance. But I doubt it would work with the swing-voting centrists who pay scant attention to ideology. I sense this because I have sat in their living rooms in pivotal states since 1992, and they talk mostly about wanting a president who can "fix things" and "run things right" and "bring in good people." The winning candidate next year may well be the person who plausibly pledges to banish the Bush hackocracy and usher in an era of professional competence.

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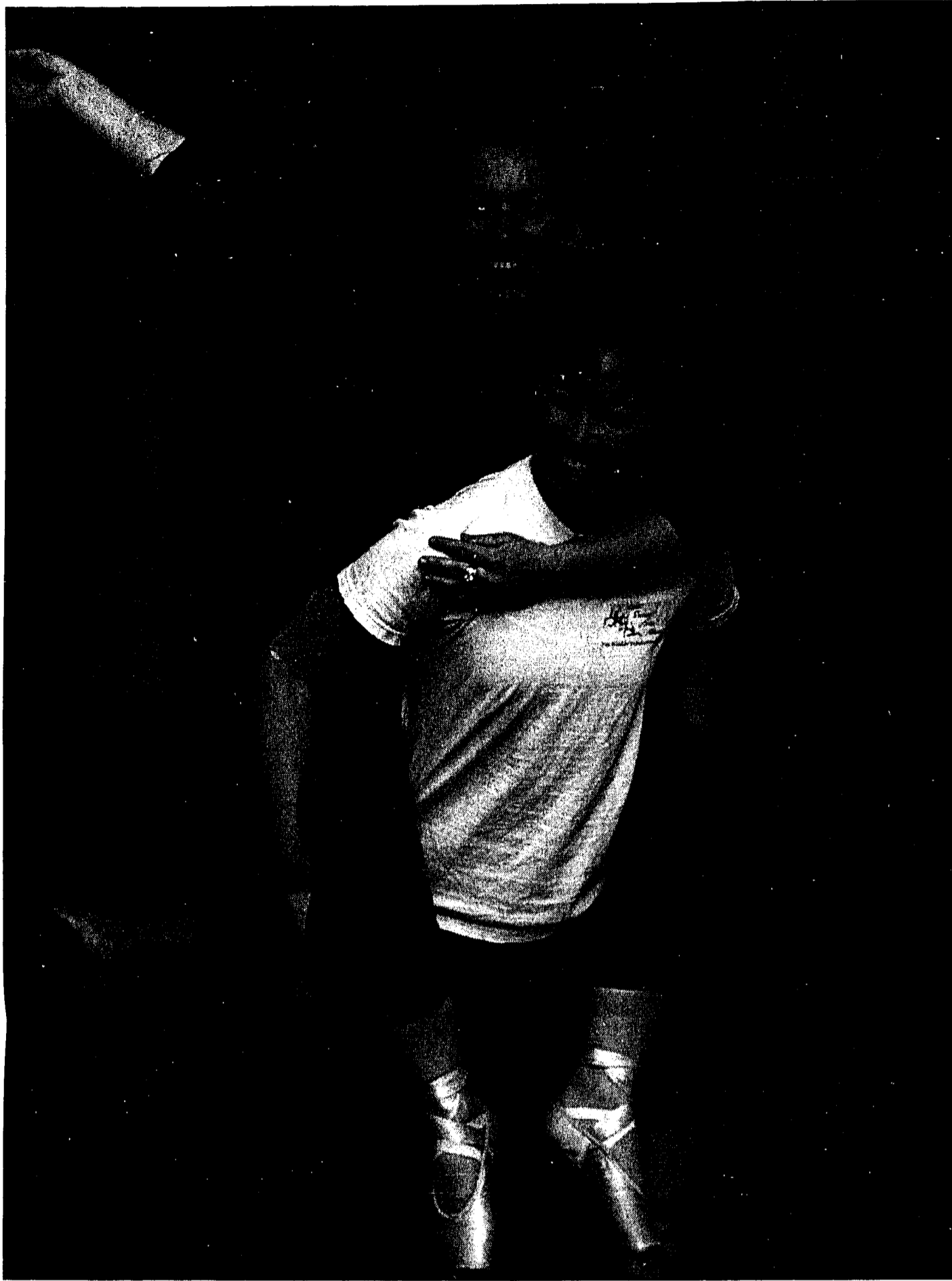
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## Senior dancers get 'Euphoric'



Senior Tara McFarland (top) and sophomore Sara Eberlein practice "Rhino is My Profession" Tuesday night at the Physical Education Building. McFarland will perform her senior dance project Saturday.

By Brandon Macz  
Argonaut

There is more to dancing than jumping and kicking. Dance majors at the University of Idaho have to prove it to pass their senior project class and graduate.

Andrea Sheridan and Tara McFarland will perform their "Euphoric Evolution" concert 7 p.m. Saturday.

The dancers decided to join their efforts in class and have been working all semester on their project. The name for the performance came from their experience in dancing and the feeling they get performing.

"We've both talked about it and we've changed a lot since we've started dancing," Sheridan said. "We've evolved if you will. The 'euphoric' part is just the sensation we get when we dance."

"Sometimes you get injured on stage and you don't notice until you're backstage and you're done and then it's, 'OK, my ankle hurts,'" McFarland said.

Dance instructor Carrie Parker is choreographing a group piece called "Rhino is My Profession" and performing and choreographing "Guilty," a duet with Sheridan. Two pieces that Sheridan choreographed for Dancers, Drummers, Dreamers and her 2005 fall dance performance have been modified for "Euphoric Evolution."

The dancers started their life-long careers at four, studying ballet and then jazz. They said they both found modern to be an enjoyable style. These styles, along with hip-hop and modern, will be incorporated in their performance.

Sheridan teaches dance three days a week at the Northwest Dance Center in Pullman and after graduation will continue to take classes at the university while she waits for her husband to graduate. She said she hopes to move to a bigger city after that.

"I'm going to audition for dance companies, keep teaching and hopefully get into choreography more," Sheridan said.

McFarland will stay in Moscow until the middle of summer for a friend's wedding and is considering moving to New York.

"I'm kind of intimidated by New York," McFarland said. "I get claustrophobic in Moscow."

McFarland is getting her bachelor of science and has taken classes dealing with anatomy, biomechanics and motor development, which she said has helped her appreciate dance on another level.

"Knowing, anatomically, what the body is doing has helped me

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"Euphoric Evolution" will be performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 and can be picked up in the PEB office.

develop a little more because I actually know the internal structure of it," she said.

Sheridan and McFarland's "Euphoric Evolution" will be graded by coordinator of dance Greg Halloran, who is expected to be joined at the performance by UI professor emerita Diane Walker, who started the dance program. Halloran said he cannot grade students merely on performances, but also on preparation and rehearsal time.

"I feel a little more pressure, a little more stressed about it," Sheridan said. "We want to present something that we can both be proud of."

The students have to put out press releases, posters and sell tickets to affect their grades. Halloran said the time put in during rehearsals and overall preparation is important. Tickets are \$5 and can be picked up in the PEB office.

"I put up posters and I see them when I'm walking around and I'm a little self-conscious about it," McFarland said.

Sheridan said time is always an issue for dancers who spend at least 15 hours a week rehearsing on top of the rest of their obligations. Both dancers said they have felt worn out by the dancer's lifestyle.

"In all my lecture classes, I pretty much always fall asleep because if I'm not moving around my body kind of shuts down and wants to rest because I'm used to moving around so much," McFarland said.

Sheridan and McFarland said anyone can dance, some just need more time. Dancing, they said, has become a developed habit. Sheridan said she sometimes catches herself counting to eight while walking because that's how steps are usually divided.

"Some people get so caught up on left foot, right foot, the position of it, that they miss the flow of it," McFarland said.

Both dancers are in the Dance Majors and Minors Club and will also be preparing for "Dance Off Hand," a performance that funds the clubs' trip to their annual conference at the American College Dance Festival.

## A different kind of Meg Ryan movie

By Lauren Lepinski  
Argonaut

Most people think it's impolite to stare, but Samantha DiRosa thinks one person is an exception: Meg Ryan.

DiRosa is an assistant professor of digital media, video and photography at Washington State University. Her latest project, "Mapping Meg Ryan: Gaze Study," is

featured by the Prichard Gallery in its newest WeekSpot installment. The exhibit will be open through Sunday.

"The piece is a projection of various scenes from Meg Ryan's romantic comedies," DiRosa said. "I pulled all the longing gazes she directs at her co-stars, the special moments, and spliced them together to create a six-minute loop. I took out all sound, and all the shots of the other actors. It's just a silent projection of her face and the emotion she shows."

The second segment of the exhibit runs right after the silent segment, making the total presentation around 13 minutes. The two segments continuously loop. In the second segment, the images of Ryan are layered on top of one another. DiRosa also added sound by extracting the happy music from the ending moments of the films and manipulating it.

"One of my friends told me the second projection looked like a melting mannequin," DiRosa said. "And the sound is creepy and distorted."

DiRosa said she chose Ryan over other

actresses because Ryan is relatable and safe.

"She isn't as sexualized as someone like Julia Roberts," DiRosa said. "She's safe, like the girl next door kind of thing. She seems to play the same role over and over again."

DiRosa said that Ryan's romantic comedies all seem to have one common element: coincidence. A strong element of fate is present in every plot.

"Her stories are kind of like fairy tales," DiRosa said. "The narration is different than other romantic comedies."

Movies and popular culture give people unrealistic views on life and relationships, according to DiRosa.

"I am trying to expose the mythologies of love," DiRosa said. "I am trying to freeze the moments of longing, by denying a conclusion and denying a storybook ending. This will show how movie formulas don't apply to real life."

DiRosa, whose major background is in photography, said the project has taken nearly a year, on and off, to put together.

"I had to watch all the films several times and map the time codes," DiRosa said.

DiRosa said she isn't going to try and contact Ryan about the piece.

"I won't get a hold of her unless it takes off and is put in a big gallery in a big city," DiRosa said. "Plus, I have no idea how to go about getting in touch with her."

DiRosa usually works in photography, with subject matter like mourning, loss, passion, social issues and historical issues. She has also worked heavily in sculpture.

## Join the 'Dark Side' with Pigs on the Wing

By T.J. Tranchell  
Argonaut

A tribute band can allow one to hear music from a favorite band that may have broken up, had band members die or just been too expensive to see for real. For Pink Floyd fans, Saturday is their day to shine on, you crazy diamond.

Pigs on the Wing, a Pink Floyd tribute band, will play at 9 p.m. Saturday at John's Alley. A \$5 cover will be charged.

"This was intended as a one-time show," he said. "We had so much fun doing it that we just kept doing it."

The "we" is Oxcart, an original-material rock band whose members make up the majority of Pigs on the Wing. Oxcart will open the Saturday night show.

"We've played as Oxcart for three years," Baker said.

"With Pigs on the Wing, we have a chance to attract a larger audience than an original band would. People wouldn't have heard of Pigs on the Wing but they've probably heard of Pink Floyd."

Playing Floyd songs isn't new to the band members, either.

"We'd always put Pink Floyd songs into our original sets," Baker said.

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have also found their way into Oxcart's repertoire. In its hometown of Portland, Ore., Pigs on the Wing has shared the stage with Stairway Denied, a Led Zeppelin tribute band.

Pigs on the Wing, however, is different from many tribute bands, in that the appearance of the group is not front and center.

"We're not trying to dress like them or look like them," Baker said. "We're just trying to play good rock songs."

Someone who likes Pink Floyd will have a good time at the show, but it really is up to the audience to decide how well we do."

The one concession to appearances is in the lighting.

"Seeing a Pink Floyd show without that production element wouldn't seem right," Baker said. "Dwight (Carlisle) is an integral part of the show. He's a performing member, too."

Carlisle, who is also a

member of the group Groundscore along with Pigs on the Wing's female vocalist Courtney Sproule, is so important to the band that he is listed as lighting/production manager on the group's MySpace page along with the other members of the band.

"It's great for us to have someone out front, telling us how things look. We can't get that from the stage," Baker said.

As for the songs, Baker is partial to "Comfortably Numb."

"I'm a guitarist so that song is it for me with its great guitar solo," he said. "If you ask Matt (Jones, the keyboardist) he'd say something different."

Pigs on the Wing specializes in playing "Dark Side of the Moon" in its entirety.

"When we get to 'Us and Them' and 'Any Colour You Like,' those songs really seem to get people going," Baker said. "There's a real driving groove."

The nature of the album lends itself to Pigs on the Wing's take on it.

"Dark Side" is like one long song and we play it all the way through," Baker said. "It's great. When you get to moments like 'The Great Gig in the Sky' with its vocal solo, you feel like you are playing something really special."



# Moscow's spread of Easter eating

By Michael Howell  
Argonaut

Like Christmas, Easter is a time when families can get together and just enjoy each other's company.

Easter is also like Christmas because it is a time when people are given the occasion to eat some of the best food possible. Since Easter is one of the few times during the year when people enjoy brunch, here is a quick guide to Moscow brunching.

## The Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club will not have any special menu items or special prices for Easter, but it's still one place to go for that breakfast and lunch combination. It will be open at its regular hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., so even the late-risers can get something to eat on Easter.

For Jill Bielenberg, a manager at The Breakfast Club, the perfect Easter brunch is made up of a

variety of things.

"People should be given mainly breakfast items, with some lunch items in case they don't want breakfast," she said.

Bielenberg also explained that there should be plenty of fruits and vegetables, not only for health, but also as a vegetarian alternative.

## Emmanuel Lutheran Church

This is a religious alternative for Easter Brunch. The brunch itself is at 9:15 a.m. Sunday at 1036 W. A Street. There is no admission price to the brunch and church services for those interested are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Alison Sturgul, a secretary at the church, said that her idea of a perfect brunch has items like fresh fruit, ham and pastries.

## The Best Western University Inn

The Best Western University Inn will have quite possibly the biggest Easter Brunch in Moscow. Bill Saylor, the general manager of sales and catering at the hotel, said they will be dividing the entire day between the restaurants with each restaurant having different items.

"We will have three Easter venues," he said. "Each one will have a different menu than usual for Easter."

The large brunch will be nothing new to Moscow.

"It's a traditional brunch that we have done for 29 years now," Saylor said.

The all-day celebration will start with brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the hotel convention center. Included on the menu will be turkey, prime rib, different breakfast items, as well as many others. Overall, Saylor said there will be roughly 40 to 50 different items.

From noon to 6 p.m., The Broiler and The Pantry restaurants will begin serving their own special menu items in their respective restaurants.

Pricing for the brunch is \$18.95 per adult and \$7.95 per child.

As for what Saylor thinks makes a good brunch, he has his own idea.

"Brunch should have traditional items that you associate with Easter, such as ham and lamb," he said. "There should also be a good balance of breakfast and lunch items."

## Sandpiper Grill

The Sandpiper Grill will be having an Easter Brunch as well.

"We are going to make it an all-day occurrence," Kurt Shears said.

Shears, who is the kitchen manager at Sandpiper Grill, said there will be a buffet setup

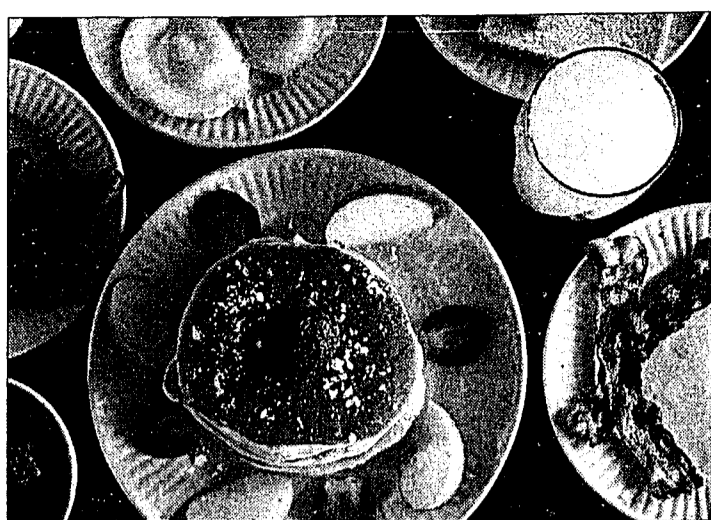


Photo illustration by Lisa Wareham

Many restaurants around Moscow will be serving Easter Brunch on Sunday.

along with the option to order off the menu.

The brunch will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday at 436 N. Main Street.

Shears said that brunches

should have mostly breakfast items.

"There should be an omelet bar and some basic breakfast items like waffles and sausage," he said.

# John Waters brings his strangeness to new Court TV show

By Caryn Brooks  
Associated Press Writer

"I know people who have murdered people. I have friends who have murdered people."

John Waters says this with that wry smile of his, the one that in rough company might be called a grin that eats things people shouldn't eat.

"It's a terrible thing, and they can never ever get over it. We all have terrible things we've done. They didn't think they were going to do it, either," Waters says while methodically eating an anchovy-laden salad during a recent interview. "I think that if someone's done something very terrible they can make a good friend. Because if you're willing

to forgive them for that night, which is something that they cannot forgive themselves for, it's very bonding."

Talking murder with John Waters is hardly shocking. This is the film director who elevated trashiness to high art while tugging the fringes of culture toward the center fold.

His most recent effort, hosting

Court TV's first scripted show "Til Death Do Us Part" (Mondays at 10 p.m. EDT), seems to personify Waters' place in culture right now. The show is on mainstream TV, but its satirization of spouse killing is typically Waters weird.

Waters wasn't always ready for prime time. (And prime time hasn't always been ready for him.) His 1972 film "Pink Flamingos" is chock full of unspeakable images and was rated X when it was released. Yet, one recent evening, an uncensored version of it was airing on the IFC channel, a station that's part of many people's basic-cable plan. And Waters' 1988 movie "Hairspray," which features a rotund drag queen in the lead, was seen as campy when it was released. But in recent years "Hairspray" transformed into a hit Broadway show that is so popular it's being made into a movie again.

Waters' gift is that he gets away with it all.

As the Groom Reaper on "Til Death Do Us Part," Waters guides us through half-hour dramatic vignettes based on true crimes about married couples who off one another. Hence the recent lunch discussion of murder.

He doesn't write or direct the show; he's merely the on-air talent. He likes it that way. "I didn't have to give up my whole life to

do it," he says.

The absence of his usual in-depth participation clearly shows. The program doesn't quite hit the marks that one anticipates from the Waters brand.

When he pops up at the wedding scene that starts each show with his arch double entendres and mischievous gleam, the anticipation mounts and the dance macabre begins. But the show that follows offers rushed scenarios, flat characters and obvious twists — all hampered by its half-hour format.

Here and there are touches of the sort of lampoonery that Waters specializes in: A father, whose only redeeming quality in his wife's eyes is making the kids their school lunches, bludgeons her with one of the tin pails; the self-help mantras that propelled a woman to lose weight and want to leave her husband are the same ones that motivate that husband to butcher her; a Boy Scout troop's innocence both saves and then convicts a murderer.

It may be that "Til Death" is going for a soap-opera veneer, but that approach usually only works for serials that play continuous catch-up with the same characters each week. This show introduces us to new ones every time.

The program's premise is promising. If anyone could can turn it into something singular, it's Waters, whose fascination with crime goes way back.

"I was a Court TV reporter for MYSELF before there was Court TV," he says, "because I went to trials on my own."

This judicial junkie even camped out overnight to take his mother to the Watergate hearings. He says he's drawn to the drama of it all.

"The only thing you can't get on Court TV is that you overhear stuff outside of the courtroom and in the elevators. Both sides have to leave the courtroom at the same time as the victims and the relatives and the relatives of the criminals," he says. "And sometimes they accidentally get on the same elevator."

A TV show where John Waters snoops around justice-center elevators? I'm in. But that still leaves "Til Death Do Us Part" hanging. At this point, it seems Waters' participation will go no deeper than host.

Waters says the show's political incorrectness intrigues him. If it were a show about spoofing spousal abuse, he says, no one would go for it. But, somehow, murder is exempt. Simply by being there as the Groom Reaper, Waters says, "I'm enabling you not to feel guilty about enjoying it."

And that's the problem. Waters' best work usually makes viewers feel guilty for enjoying it. Very, very guilty. "Til Death Do Us Part" doesn't make us feel guilty enough.

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To commemorate 30 years of the Moscow Farmers' Market, the city of Moscow and the Moscow Arts Commission are holding a contest to design the label for the official Farmers' Market bottled water.

Artists are asked to create a water label design to be used on the bottles, which will then be distributed by the Moscow Arts Commission during this year's Farmers' Markets. The winner will receive \$150 and the design may be used for other promotional material.

To download the guidelines and application, visit [www.moscow-arts.org](http://www.moscow-arts.org).

The application deadline is Tuesday.

**"Oklahoma!" at the Hartung Theatre**

The University of Idaho Department of Theater & Film and the Lionel Hampton School of Music present Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" at the Hartung Theatre. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m. April 19-21 and 26-28. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on April 22 and 29. Tickets are available at the Kibbie Dome Ticket office at 885-7212, [www.uitheatre.com](http://www.uitheatre.com) and at the door and are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for youth, UI and WSU students, faculty and staff.

**Arts Commission seeks musicians for ArtWalk**

The Moscow Arts Commission is looking for music performers for the 2007 Moscow ArtWalk opening reception. Musicians are wanted to team up with ArtWalk businesses to per-

form June 22 as well as to perform on stage at Friendship Square the same evening.

Interested performers should call 883-7036 or e-mail [kburns@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:kburns@ci.moscow.id.us).

**City needs fresh ArtWalk artists**

The City of Moscow together with the Moscow Arts Commission is issuing a call for artists for Moscow ArtWalk 2007.

Downtown businesses will be teamed up with artists who will display art in their businesses from June 22-Sept. 15. Original work in all mediums not previously displayed during ArtWalk will be considered. Artists must be able to provide three to six pieces framed and wired for hanging if applicable. Work should be priced to sell with a 20 percent commission taken into consideration.

For an application, call 883-7036 or e-mail [kburns@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:kburns@ci.moscow.id.us). An application may also be downloaded at [www.ci.moscow.id.us/mac/](http://www.ci.moscow.id.us/mac/). The application deadline is May 7.

**Iwo Jima done American style**

ASUI Vandal Entertainment's Blockbuster Series brings "Flags of Our Fathers" to the Borah Theater this weekend.

The Clint Eastwood-directed film relates the stories of the six men in the famous flag-raising photo taken after the WWII battle at Iwo Jima.

Eastwood's companion piece, "Letters from Iwo Jima" earned him a Best Director Academy Award nomination.

"Flags of Our Fathers" plays at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for the general public and can be purchased at the SUB Student Information desk.

Next weekend, Best Picture winner "The Departed" will be featured as the Blockbuster Series continues.



# Cooking oils bubble over with choices

By Christopher Markuns  
For The Associated Press

Cooking oil used to be so simple. There was vegetable and there was olive.

Today, simplicity has been supplanted by overwhelming options that can trigger almost comedic dilemmas. Dressing a salad? Will it be almond oil or walnut? Grapeseed is good. So is hazelnut. And if frying is on the menu, canola is nice, but avocado would be a cool twist.

Confused yet? Blame the gourmeting of America. As food television and celebrity chefs introduce us to a growing number of ingredients and techniques formerly the province of restaurants, grocers' shelves have become choked with oil choices.

And our pantries aren't far behind. The number of different cooking oils in the average American home has increased 14 percent during the past 6 years, says Harry Balzer, a food analyst for market researcher NPD Group. While that's a little hard to envision in terms of your pantry shelf, that statistic is an indicator of real growth, Balzer says.

"What you have is a number of people who have gone from one oil to two, and a number of people who used to have two went to three, and so on," he says.

That increase also can be attributed to growing awareness that not all fats are bad for you, says Jamie Brent, a national grocery manager for natural foods grocer Wild Oats Markets, where specialty oil sales have increased around 15 percent during the past two years.

Knowing that plant-based oils — and most cooking oils are — are mostly heart healthy has helped Americans embrace them. All oil is fattening and must be consumed in moderation, but at least health issues can be mostly set aside when trying to make sense of the choices.

"If it's liquid at room temperature it's OK, probably heart healthy or heart neu-

tral," says Katherine Tallmadge, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association. "All oils are better than butter or hard fat."

To some extent, picking an oil for a particular recipe is a matter of taste. But there are some important factors that can guide that.

Will the oil be consumed raw (as in a salad dressing) or cooked (used for sauteing, frying or baking)? Each oil has a different heat tolerance, the so-called smoke point or temperature at which it begins to smoke and develop foul flavors and odors.

Does the oil have an assertive flavor or is it neutral? Oils used in baking generally should have neutral or nutty flavors, while strong peppery flavors are more desirable in an olive oil used for salads or dipping breads.

Do certain foods have a special affinity for one oil or another? Italian foods pair easily with olive oils, for example, just as sesame oil is good with Japanese foods and peanut is nice with many Thai dishes.

To help you make sense of it all, here's a list of some of the popular cooking oils and how to use them.

## Avocado Oil

Avocado oil is getting plenty of attention for its deep fry friendliness and buttery flavor. While rugged enough to tolerate temperatures up to 520 F, it also offers flavors subtle enough to be appreciated in salad dressings, dips and in a variety of Southwestern dishes. One manufacturer recommends using the oil within 10 months, though it will last much longer. No refrigeration needed. Because avocados are difficult to process, the oil can be expensive.

## Canola oil

This refined, neutral-flavor oil can tolerate heat up to 435 F, making it good for sauteing, baking and salad dressings. It keeps well in the cabinet (for up to a year) and has shot up

in popularity — 42 percent of homes have some, according to NPD Group.

## Grapeseed Oil

With a high smoke point and a light, nutty flavor, grapeseed oil is good for any cooked or raw preparation where a strong oil flavor would be unwanted. It is best stored in the refrigerator and keeps for six months.

## Extra-virgin Olive Oil

Extra-virgin olive oil is unrefined, meaning it was not altered chemically or mechanically after being pressed (usually cold pressed to protect it from heat damage). Because of this, extra-virgin oils are more flavorful (they usually have a peppery bite) than refined olive oil. It also makes them more susceptible to heat and light damage. As cooking with them kills much of their flavor, they are best eaten raw (as in salad dressings or drizzling over pasta just before serving). These oils are best young and should be consumed within a year of pressing.

## Olive Oil

Standard olive oil is the less expensive, less flavorful cousin of extra-virgin olive oil. Because it has been refined, it has a longer shelf life (as with most refined oils it's about a year unopened, half that after) and tolerates high heat (up to about 450 F). That makes it a good choice for foods where the taste of olive oil is unnecessary or unwanted, such as a simple saute or even some baked goods. While all oils should be stored in cool, dark places, refined oils such as this are less sensitive to heat and light.

## Peanut Oil

Though peanut oil can't tolerate temperatures over 450 F, it is popular for deep frying. It is praised for bringing a clean flavor to the food. Testing by Cook's Illustrated magazine found it the best oil for fried chicken. Peanut oil can be

pricey, so it's best kept (in the cupboard) for special deep fry indulgences.

## Sesame Oil

Sesame oil, which comes in both raw and intensely flavored toasted varieties, is used most often in the dips, sauces and marinades of Asian cuisines. The intense flavor of toasted sesame oil makes it too strong for most salad dressings (unless cut with a neutral oil), and can turn bitter when heated. When used sparingly, it can make a nice finishing oil. Sesame oils have a low smoke point, so shouldn't be used for frying. It stores well in a cool, dark cabinet.

## Sunflower and Safflower Oils

These refined, neutral-flavored oils go both ways, doing as well in the saute pan as in a mayonnaise or vinaigrette. However, while safflower oil is stable at temperatures as high as 450 F, sunflower oil must stay below about 390 F. They go rancid easily and should be refrigerated once opened.

## Vegetable Oil

This classic oil generally is made from refined soybean oil. It has a neutral flavor, tolerates heat around 450 F and stores well at room temperature. Mostly overlooked these days, vegetable oil remains a reliable and inexpensive kitchen workhorse. It can keep for six months to a year after opening.

## Walnut, Hazelnut and Almond Oils

These unrefined oils offer rich, assertive flavors that, like toasted sesame oil, go a long way with just a little bit. They are best used raw, such as to dress steamed or roasted vegetables just before serving. Because of their nutty flavors, they also can do well in baked goods. Nut oils are particularly susceptible to rancidity, so are best bought in small amounts and kept refrigerated.

# 'A Christmas Story' director Robert Clark and his son die in Los Angeles car crash

By Jeremiah Marquez  
Associated Press Writer

Film director Bob Clark, best known for the holiday classic "A Christmas Story," was killed with his son Wednesday in a head-on crash with a vehicle that a drunken driver steered into the wrong lane, police and the filmmaker's assistant said.

Clark, 67, and son Ariel Hanrath-Clark, 22, were killed in the accident in Pacific Palisades, said Lyne Leavy, Clark's personal assistant.

The two men were in an Infiniti that collided head-on with a GMC Yukon around 2:30 a.m. PDT, said Lt. Paul Vernon, a police spokesman.

The driver of the other vehicle, Hector Velazquez-Nava, 24, of Los Angeles and his passenger, described as a 29-year-old woman, were taken to UCLA Medical Center with minor injuries.

Velazquez-Nava was arrested Wednesday afternoon and booked for investigation of driving under the influence of alcohol and gross vehicular manslaughter. He was being held on \$100,000 bail.

"The initial investigation has concluded that Nava was driving without a license northbound in the southbound lanes while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage," Vernon said.

In Clark's most famous film, all 9-year-old Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas is an official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot range model air rifle.

His mother, teacher and Santa Claus all warn: "You'll shoot your eye out, kid."

A school bully named Scut Farkus, a leg lamp, a freezing flagpole mishap and some four-letter defiance helped the movie become a seasonal fixture with "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street."

Scott Schwartz, who played Flick in "A Christmas Story" and kept in touch with Clark, called Clark one of the "nicest, sweetest guys that you'd ever want to come in contact with."

"It's a tragic day for all of us

who knew and loved Bob Clark," Schwartz said. "Bob was a fun-loving, jelly-roll kind of guy who will be sorely missed."

The director of "The Christmas Story House" in Cleveland, which was used for several exterior shots in the film, said Clark had been planning to visit in August.

"We were all very excited about meeting him," said executive director Steve Siedlecki. "It's very sad to think that that will never happen."

The house started a condolence book for Clark's family that fans who visit the house can sign, he said. Renovated to look like Ralphie's movie home, the house opened in November and has welcomed about 30,000 visitors.

Clark specialized in horror movies and thrillers early in his career, directing such 1970s flicks as "Children Shouldn't Play With Dead Things," "Murder by Decree," "Breaking Point" and "Black Christmas," which was remade last year.

His breakout success came with 1981's sex farce "Porky's," a coming-of-age romp that he followed two years later with "Porky's II: The Next Day."

In 1983, "A Christmas Story" marked a career high for Clark. Darrin McGavin, Melinda Dillon and Peter Billingsley starred in the adaptation of Jean Shepard's childhood memoir of a boy in the 1940s.

The film was a modest theatrical success, but critics loved it.

In 1994, Clark directed a forgettable sequel, "It Runs in the Family," featuring Charles Grodin, Mary Steenburgen and Kieran Culkin in a continuation of Shepard's memoirs.

In recent years, Clark made family comedies that were savaged by critics, including "Karate Dog," "Baby Geniuses" and its sequel, "Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2."

Among Clark's other movies were Sylvester Stallone and Dolly Parton's "Rhinestone," Timothy Hutton's "Turk 182!" and Gene Hackman and Dan Aykroyd's "Loose Cannons."

# Anna Nicole diaries: Her thoughts on love, sex and weight

By Matt Slagle  
Associated Press Writer

Two diaries penned by Anna Nicole Smith in the early 1990s reveal a troubled young woman professing to be deeply in love with octogenarian oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II, and often depressed and concerned about her weight and eating habits.

"I've been really stressed out lately and depressed and I can't quit eating. I feel like a pig," the former Playboy Playmate, who died Feb. 8 in a Florida hotel from a drug overdose, wrote in an entry dated Aug. 16, 1992.

The starlet's journals, made available exclusively to The Associated Press on Thursday, are among several pieces of Smith memorabilia going up for public auction in a few weeks by Heritage Auction Galleries of Dallas.

One diary is a purple and green Hallmark hardbound book that includes a handwritten message on the inside cover: "This diary belongs to Vickie Smith. Do Not Read!"

Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Smith, noted — in a very freeform style — the beginning of her relationship with Paul Marciano, CEO of Guess Inc., where she eventually replaced Claudia Schiffer in the company's jeans advertisements.

"O my Gosh!! Paul Marciano called

today to see if I got his books also I'm gonna go to San Antonio to do photo shoot," she wrote on June 23, 1992. "I'm so excited!! I can't believe this. This could be it." The entry ends with five hand-drawn smiley faces.

Two days later she details a trip to a Nieman Marcus store where she bought \$3,000 worth of clothing.

"I'm so happy they look great," she wrote. "I hope it impresses Paul Marciano. ... I'm starving!! I've been starving myself."

By August, Smith revealed a disdain for eating and sex, and growing frustration with Marshall, who was 63 years older than Smith. The two married in 1994.

"I've been really stressed out lately and depressed and I can't quit eating. I feel like a pig. Howard has been buying me some jewelry but he call me 15 or 20 times a day it drives me crazy. I love him but he aggravates me sometimes," she wrote. "I don't no what to do about Paul hes strange guy. I hate for men to want sex all the time."

The entry ends with a large underlined "Chow!"

On June 13, 1992, she wrote that she was hung over and stayed home to watch a movie, adding that she "Took a Zandrex!"

An autopsy report showed Smith died at age 39 on from an accidental overdose of at least nine prescription drugs — including a powerful sleep aid — and that there was no foul play.

Her second diary is a much smaller spiral-bound paperback Guess Kids calendar from 1994. The individual entries are not dated but describe her relationship with Marshall, who was ill and died in 1995.

"He's so very weak and fragile When I touch him Im afraid he might break," she wrote. "If Jesus decides to take him I dont no what I'll do. I love him so much it hurts me to site and watch him when hes hurting I just want to hold him touch him let him no how much I care."

After Marshall's death, the Texas high-school dropout who became a topless dancer took her fight for his estimated \$500 million fortune as far as the Supreme Court.


That ongoing battle could make her infant daughter, Dannielynn, very wealthy. Howard K. Stern, her lawyer-turned-companion, and two other men have claimed to be the baby's father.

The auction house obtained the journals from an anonymous German businessman who purchased them and other items on eBay for more than \$500,000 several weeks ago.

Doug Norwine, director of music and entertainment memorabilia at Heritage, said the man decided to auction the diaries after securing the publishing rights. Opening bids will start a \$20,000, Norwine said, and he expects the diaries to fetch as much as \$100,000.

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# Heather Mills speaks out against media in TV interview

AP Staff Report

Heather Mills says the media should just let it be.

"All I did was to fall in love with someone madly, and I'm constantly being vilified in the press for it," Mills tells E! Entertainment Television's "E! News" in an interview that was to air Tuesday night.

The 39-year-old activist has frequently complained of being knocked down by the media since she and former Beatle Paul McCartney, 64, separated last May after four years of marriage. The couple, who have a 3-year-old daughter, Beatrice, began divorce proceedings in July.

"People label me a gold digger and, if I was, I would've been a very wealthy woman when I met Paul, and that wasn't the case at all,"

she says.

Mills is the first contestant with an artificial limb to compete on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars." She lost the leg in a motorcycle accident in 1993.


"Starting in a few weeks, I will start flying back and forth to England every week to be with my daughter as she goes back to school," says Mills, who is in Los Angeles for the dance competition.

"My husband and I share 50/50 custody because I've always felt the father is just as important as the mother," she adds.

While Mills remains on the show — a celebrity is voted off each week — she will fly home Tuesday and return to Los Angeles on Sunday evening — "mostly practicing in the aisles on the plane," she jokes.

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# How to cut fat in meat, but not flavor

By Jim Romanoff  
The Associated Press

Let's face it, when it comes to ground meat, fat adds flavor. But cutting fat doesn't have to condemn a dish to tastelessness.

Preserving the rich and savory notes in light versions of traditionally fatty dishes is all a matter of knowing which meat is best for a given recipe and how to prepare it.

First, what to buy. And to know that, a primer in reading labels is called for.

For meat and poultry to be labeled "lean," the U.S. Department of Agriculture says it must contain 10 grams of fat (4 1/2 grams saturated) or less per 4-ounce serving. For "extra-lean," the standard is 5 grams of fat (2 grams saturated) or less per serving.

But don't be misled by those

labels. Neither meets the federal definition of a low-fat food, which is 3 grams of fat or less per serving.

Fat percentages also can be misleading. Ground beef labeled "90 percent lean" sounds low in fat, but actually packs more than 11 grams of fat per serving. And "95 percent lean" has 6 grams per serving.

Appearance doesn't help, either. An absence of white flecks doesn't mean a ground meat is low in fat. Especially in red meat, most of the fat is hidden in the muscle tissue itself.

So what to buy? Generally, the leaner the better. Ground turkey breast can have less than 1 gram of fat per serving. But it will be dry, so it is best used in recipes that have plenty of other moisture, such as a meatloaf.

For hamburgers and other recipes where the meat provides

the moisture, 85 percent lean meat tastes best, but has 17 grams of fat per serving. To make that palatable for a healthy diet, consider blending meats.

A fatty ground beef could be mixed with low-fat ground turkey to create flavorful and moist burgers with far less fat than all-beef burgers.

Or consider combining fattier meats with fillers such as bread-crumbs, couscous or prepared bulgur (the cracked wheat found in tabbouleh). In general, it's best not to add more than one-third filler or the patties can fall apart during cooking.

Now that you've got the meat, how do you prepare it? Of course this varies by the recipe, but many dishes calling for ground meat call for browning it in a skillet. This is a good opportunity to cut the fat.

A study in the Journal of the

American Dietetic Association found that draining the fat from the skillet after the meat has cooked, then rinsing the meat under hot water cut the fat content of beef by as much as half.

The same study also showed that blotting grease from cooked burgers, meatballs and meatloaves significantly reduced the fat.

Finally, if you're working with ultra-lean meats — such as ground turkey — consider punching up the spices. Savory seasonings such as smoked paprika, cumin and chili powders can make a world of difference in low-fat foods.

Ground turkey breast shines in this zesty picadillo recipe. This traditional Hispanic hash is a perfect candidate for extra-lean meat, as it is loaded with flavorful spices and gets plenty of moisture from all of the added vegetables.

## Turkey Picadillo

(Start to finish: 30 minutes)

- 1 pound 99 percent fat-free ground turkey breast
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 4 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons oregano
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 cups corn kernels, fresh or frozen
- 1/4 cup chopped pitted green olives
- 1 tablespoon capers, rinsed
- 3 tablespoons tomato paste
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 12 corn tortillas (optional)

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, saute the turkey, crumbling it with a wooden spoon, until no longer

pink, about 5 minutes. Transfer to a colander set over a plate and set aside.

Return the skillet to the stove over medium heat and add the oil. Once the oil is hot, add the onion, garlic and bell pepper. Saute, stirring often, until the vegetables have softened, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the chili powder, oregano, cumin and cinnamon. Continue cooking, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute. Add the corn, olives, capers, tomato paste, water and the browned meat. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Serve with warm corn tortillas if desired.

Makes six 1-cup servings. Nutrition information per serving: 186 calories, 5 g total fat (1 g saturated), 22 g protein, 17 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 17 mg sodium.

# 'American Idol' show's backup singers deliver every time

By Lynn Elber  
AP Television Writer

When Haley Scarnato blanked on the lyrics to "Missing You" on "American Idol," Sy Smith did everything she could to help. When Chris Sligh lost the rhythm on more than one song, Charlotte Gibson was there for him.

And when contestants want to borrow professional gloss for their performances, backup singers Smith, Gibson and Kenya C. Hathaway are ready to deliver.

The women, who routinely work with the likes of Beyonce and Mariah Carey, are the "American Idol" equivalent of a "Charlie's Angels" musical rescue squad, doing everything within their power to make would-be stars shine.

They've been regulars with Fox's hit series since it switched from canned tunes to a live band in 2005 under music director Rickey Minor. If they've gotten more attention this season it may be due to Melinda Doolittle, who's gone from a career as backup singer to top contestant.

Gibson, Hathaway and Smith have deserved applause all along, said Minor, who's worked with them on a variety of award ceremonies and concerts since the late '90s. The women met each other on auditions and clicked instantly.

"There's a reason it's these three girls

in particular," Minor said. Of the 100 or so backup singers the in-demand director calls on for his gigs, they are always the first choice.

"They have such a unique way of studying the material, learning it, and then there's their blend... Their pitch and intonation is so spot on," he said.

Over lunch at a restaurant down the street from the "American Idol" soundstage, the three are as much in sync as when they're vocalizing. They laugh together, pick up neatly on each other's thoughts and aren't shy about "tooting our own horn," as Smith puts it.

"Toot toot! Beep beep!" Hathaway and Gibson chime in, laughing.

Doolittle's timidity and awkward emergence from background vocalist to soloist is more a function of her own personality than the nature of backup singers, the women assert.

"I'm a big old ham," Smith said, laughing.

"As long as it's a place I want to be, I'm OK with I'm in the back and I'm OK when I'm in the front. The heart-breaker is when the music's not good," Gibson said.

The women are so very good at what they do that some viewers have wrongly guessed their voices are prerecorded. They're so good that they've

been asked why they haven't entered the talent contest.

They already have satisfying careers, thank you: What "Idol" viewers see is just a sliver of their professional lives and a taste of their distinctive voices.

Hathaway, whose late father was gifted soul singer Donny Hathaway ("Where is the Love?" and "The Closer I Get to You" were among his hit duets with Roberta Flack), has toured with George Benson as a percussionist and singer and worked with k.d. lang and Brian McKnight.

Gibson has performed with Beyonce, Mary J. Blige and Celine Dion and fronts her own band, Charlotte's Web. Smith has performed with Whitney Houston and Macy Gray, tours with trumpet player Chris Botti, does TV commercials and sang on "Ally McBeal."

Both Gibson and Smith have brought out CDs with songs they've written and performed.

"American Idol" isn't "everybody's path," Smith said. "For me, personally, as an artist, I feel like it would compromise my artistic integrity to audition for a reality show. I'm an artist first and foremost, not a singer first and foremost."

"This show isn't about finding artists. It's about finding stars, and that's a totally different thing."

That said, they're generally pleased to be part of the "American Idol" machine that churns out TV's top ratings and instant names like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood. Hathaway gets her greatest satisfaction from Minor's band, which she said could teach a master class at her alma mater, Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"It's a musical education on that stage. Every week is special to me because this band flawlessly moves through genres and styles," she said.

Smith agrees. "When people like Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, come on the show, I think to myself this is something I can tell my grandkids someday. I can tell them I was part of the Rickey Minor band."

Given the uneven contestants, the show can also be entertaining in unexpected ways ("I'm always amused," Smith said). The latest eye-catcher is teenager Sanjaya Malakar, whose increasingly madcap hair styles and borderline vocals have left his boosters undaunted.

Watching a tape of Malakar's audition performance, Gibson understood why his megawatt smile and a "voice that was smooth and sweet" got him on to the show.

"He had a nice tone and you think

there's going to be more," she said. "There isn't always more in his voice, but he's consistent with his sweetness."

The trio relishes contestants who approach the task prepared. This year, that includes Phil Stacey, Doolittle and LaKisha Jones. From seasons past, they fondly recall Vonzell Solomon, Anwar Robinson and Paris Bennett.

Solomon "loved music and it just came out of her. It's fun backing up people like that, people who come out there and give it all," Gibson said.

But they're ready to help a singer in need. Smith was to echo Scarnato during "Missing You"; when the contestant lost her way, Smith quickly decided it was better to keep mum until Scarnato recovered. For Sligh and his wayward "rhythm thing," Gibson tried to sing a bit louder in hopes that he might get back on track.

She's a pro but not a miracle worker. Sligh was voted off.

Knowing how much effort it takes to build and sustain a music career, do the singers begrudge the show's promise of easy fame?

"It's the nature of the business to put out these fantasies of overnight success, because the whole thing is a dream for the people who are watching," Smith said. "There's always going to be the Cinderella story."

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## UI RODEO CLUB

# Club rallies in Lewiston for rodeo

By J.R. Conrow  
Argonaut

Many people have never witnessed a live rodeo.

The excitement, anticipation and edge-of-the-seat action are what rodeo athletes live for, and it's that experience the University of Idaho Rodeo Club hopes to share with crowds in Lewiston this weekend.

Every team member will compete at one of two times this weekend, with the main events at 6:30 p.m. today, Saturday and Sunday at the Lucky Acres Arena in Lewiston.

Admission is \$5.  
During the eight competitions, 10

entries compete in each event. If there are more than 10, extra entries compete in an additional — or slack — rodeo. For those who can't attend the evening shows, slack events are planned for noon today and 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Idaho women enter the weekend ranked third in the National Collegiate Rodeo Association's Northwest Region while the men are fourth. Blue Mountain Community College of Pendleton, Ore., is the top-ranked men's team while Central Washington University tops the women's rankings.

The three-day event features UI along with universities and community colleges from Washington, Oregon and northern Idaho.

Jason Miller, UI Rodeo Club president,

said he is excited about the event.

"We discussed this in depth and decided that the No. 1 goal we want to accomplish is to go out and have everyone do the best they can in (his or her) individual event," Miller said. "The second goal is for us to have a rodeo that runs smoothly."

Miller said teams choose the best 10 members for each rodeo, with six men and four women competing.

"Teams try to pick the top members that compete the strongest for the team during a weekend," Miller said.

Miller, a junior, has competed with the club for three years. This is his first year

## Get to know your rodeo events

By J.R. Conrow  
Argonaut

### Bareback riding

A rider must stay atop a bucking horse for eight seconds in bareback riding, holding onto leather rigging that resembles a suitcase handle. The rider is judged on his control and spurring technique.

### Saddle bronc riding

This is a test of balance, style and timing. Every move the rider makes must be coordinated with the movement of the horse. The saddle bronc rider holds onto a thick rein attached to the horse's halter. Using only one hand, the rider tries to stay on the horse and in his saddle.

### Bull Riding

This involves a person mounted on a bull for eight

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Kentaro Murai/Argonaut

UI senior Brian Nooy passes the ball to sophomore Nick Conley during the first spring football practice Friday.

## UI FOOTBALL

# Vandals don pads for spring practice

By Ryan Atkins  
Argonaut

For the first time this spring, the University of Idaho football team donned full pads, showing new coach Robb Akey just what he has to work with.

"I think it's a good thing we get to practice some more," Akey said. "Today the pads added a degree of difficulty to it and I thought it was a sloppy practice. But I do have high expectations it will get better tomorrow and here on out."

At the quarterback position, four players — Brian Nooy, Luke Tracy, Nathan Enderle and Chris Joseph — continued to battle for the starting position, but Akey said no decisions have been made.

"Not yet. The first two days there was a lot of learning going on, getting an understanding of the offense. Today there was an added degree of difficulty with guys coming after them and that changed things up," Akey said. "When you have new guys learning a new offense, I don't think it is going to happen overnight. We are going to see progress made every day. Now we are in the combative situation, I think they will start to set themselves apart a little bit, but we still have time and that's a good thing."

Nooy, a senior, is returning from arm surgery and he is using spring practices to regain his arm strength.

"It feels good to be out there. After my arm surgery, getting back out there and throwing the ball, it feels real good," Nooy said. "It's still not where I want it to be strength-wise, but it feels 10 times better than it did, and I am having fun."

One of the challenges for Nooy and the rest of the quarterbacks is learning how to run the option, something new to the Idaho offense.

"I love the option," Nooy said. "I ran the option from seventh grade until I graduated high school. I am a little rusty, but it is bringing back some good memories."

As for the new coaching regime, Nooy is happy with the intensity that is present on the practice field.

"I do like it. It is pretty intense, but what do you expect? It is Division I football," Nooy said. "We just have to get better. All the coaches are positive, but when you don't do something right they are going to let you know about it, which is fine."

New offensive coordinator Steve Axman, who will be in charge of whoever is named the team's starting quarterback, could be heard loud and clear along with Akey throughout the practice.

"He is a competitor. He wants it done right. He wants it done competitive," Akey said. "He is pushing those guys hard and he is a great teacher. You will see enthusiasm, I hope from all these coaches."

That competitiveness and desire was seen from the players as well, but Akey said it needs to be channeled.

"The desire is there, but we have to be more efficient in the way we work with each other," Akey said. "It was inconsistent. I felt today I would have liked to see more aggressiveness between the

**"(Axman) is a competitor. He wants it done right. He wants it done competitive."**

Robb Akey  
UI football coach

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# The fearless MLB predictions of 2007

Going into every new Major League Baseball season there are predictions that are just plain easy to make.

The Yankees will win their division; the Cubs will not end their nearly 100-year-old World Series victory drought; the Florida Marlins, in an effort to spend even less money, will ask their fans to recycle any peanuts and Cracker Jacks they may not have finished by the end of the game; and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays will be bad. Really, really, bad.

Anyone can make those kinds of predictions — it's like shooting fish in a barrel.

What the sports world needs now is someone who isn't afraid to go out on a limb and predict those things that nobody saw coming.

A man of foresight with such intricate knowledge of the game that any person

would be foolish not to listen to him.

A man of such sophistication and wit that fantasy baseball managers seek his guidance in setting their lineups. In lieu of that person showing up, I guess I'll give it a whirl.

Here are my fearless predictions for the 2007 baseball season:

• At some point in mid-September, Roger Clemens will have a press conference to announce the date of a future press conference to state he is preparing to think about beginning training to pitch for whatever team has the best chance to win the World Series in October.

• A trip to a petting zoo by Barry Bonds to prove he's really not that bad a guy will just end up with the potential home run king crushing three bunny rabbits a la Lenny in "Of Mice and



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## UI MEN'S GOLF

# UI's Grove turns heads in California

By J.R. Conrow  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho's men's golf team finished a week-long swing in Southern California and one golfer may have started to set the tone for the future.

UI sophomore Russell Grove turned in the best outing of his young collegiate career when he finished at 13-under par to claim second Tuesday at the OGIO Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Santa Barbara, Calif.

The Coeur d'Alene native opened the 54-hole event with an even-par (72) before he shot a 65 in the second round and a 66 in his final round.

Grove finished four strokes behind Cal Poly junior Chris Kirk, who helped lead Cal Poly to its second tournament win in five days. Kirk also shot a school record 64 in the opening round, and finished with 19 birdies, two eagles and four bogeys in all of his rounds combined.

"(Grove's) been hitting the ball brilliantly," Idaho coach Brad Rickel said. "He's been working hard on his putting and it finally came together. He made some putts."

Grove had the best outing for UI to lead the team to a 16th-place finish.

UI freshman Brad Tensen finished in a tie for 67th at five-over 221. Senior Gabe Wilson was tied for 72nd at 222, junior Colter Kautzmann tied for 76th at 223, and junior Craig O'Meara was tied for 88th at 227.

Grove has competed in eight tourna-



File Photo

Idaho junior Ben Weyland takes a practice swing on Nov. 13.

ments, averaging a three-over-par 75. He has finished twice in the Top 10 and he has two Top 25s.

"We just have to keep working hard," Rickel said. "It all eventually comes down to putting. We just have to keep at it."

Host Cal Poly won the tournament with an 827 and Denver finished second

at 832. Cal Poly was four strokes down going into the final round but made up the deficit. The Vandals had a 54-hole total 867.

Third-round struggles in the short game and putting led to the UI men's golf

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# UI men's tennis look to continue winning streak

By Nick Heidelberger  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho men's tennis team looks for its third win in four matches when it travels to play the University of Montana in Missoula on Saturday.

The Vandals are coming off a 2-2 performance at the Boise State Invitational last week, where they lost to the University of Texas-Arlington in the first round, then beat Weber State twice, before losing to UC Santa Cruz.

The Boise State Invitational came after a more than two week break for the team, who played its previous match on March 12.

Idaho was scheduled to face

Montana in the 11th place match in Boise, but the teams opted not to.

"Idaho is a good team," Montana coach Kris Nord said. "They have a very good player at their No. 1 spot, which has really strengthened them from last fall when we saw them in tournament play. They are solid one through six."

Nord is talking about Idaho freshman Stanislav Glukhov, from Moscow, Russia. He was awarded Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week mainly for his performance last

weekend. He went 4-0 in No. 1 singles with victories over University of Texas-Arlington, UC Santa Cruz and twice against Weber State.

At the time, UC Santa Cruz's No. 1 was the top-ranked player in his division. Against, UT Arlington, Glukhov

was the only Vandal to record a win in a singles match.

The Grizzlies have a stellar freshman of their own, which the Vandals will have to play this weekend — Mikolaj Borkowski from Olsztyn, Poland.

Between singles and doubles matches, Borkowski went 5-1 at the tournament in Boise, with a 2-1 record in singles and 3-0 in doubles.

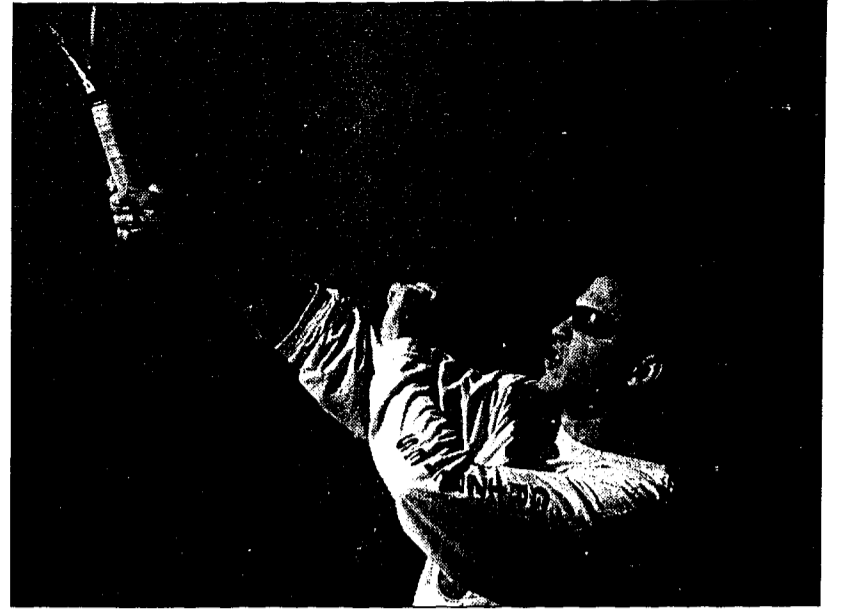
The Vandals enter the match at 6-11 on the season, after posting a 2-20 record just a year ago.

The Grizzlies enter the match at 6-7 on the season, and still have four conference matches to play.

The Vandals will be in action again next weekend when they take on Gonzaga on April 13, in Spokane, before Saturday when the team heads to Cheney to take on Eastern Washington and Whitman College.

**"Idaho is a good team. ... They are solid one through six."**

**Kris Nord**  
Montana coach



Freshman Dan Plesha makes an overhead shot during practice March 21. File Photo

## WORLD-CLASS SPLASH



World Kayak Champion Devon Barker (right) gives Washington State graduate Laura Wayne introductory tips during an open pool session Wednesday at the UI swim center. Kentaro Murai/Argonaut

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Men." San Francisco Giants officials will hire extra personnel to keep Bonds away from pretty women in soft dresses.

• In a shocking development, anti-doping platformist and presidential candidate Senator John McCain will test positive for HGH on the campaign trail.

A mystified McCain will state, "It must have been something in that granola bar I got from (Rudy) Giuliani."

• In honor of his bizarre testimony in front of Congress, Texas Ranger fans will shower Sammy Sosa with Webster's Spanish-to-English Dictionaries after his first home run of the season.

• Jose Canseco will write a book confessing he, in fact, was the person that introduced McCain and Giuliani to "The Juice."

• In an effort to lure Yankee slugger Alex Rodriguez to the Cubs, former coach Lou Piniella will send A-Rod multiple copies of the best seller He's Just Not That Into You, with "He's" replaced by "The Big Apple's."

• Pete Rose will write a book initially denying he ever bet on the outcome of season five on "American Idol" but then add: "Fine, I'll come clean. I bet on every episode of that season, but I really took a bath when Katharine McPhee didn't win. I mean come on, just look at Taylor Hicks!

Anyway, I hope we can put this behind us and that Commissioner Simon Cowell will drop my lifetime ban and allow me to take my place in the American Idol Hall of Fame." This puzzles both baseball and Idol fans alike, as there is no such hall.

• Chicago White Sox Manager Ozzie Guillen will go on a verbal tirade spouting profanities and multiple offensive slurs. The Girl Scouts of America vow Guillen will never speak at their national convention again.

• Cubs' ace Kerry Wood's arm will literally fall off during his second appearance as the Cubbies' closer. There's not really a punch line here, I fully expect this to happen.

• Following an opening month where they fail to win a single game, the defending World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals hire, "That big guy from Idaho who was in the stadium when we won the title last year" to sit in the dugout (Yes, that would be me, Jon Bobango).

My primary role will be to lead the Cardinals in those cheers you hear during girls' softball games. My repertoire will include such classics as "Way to watch it, way to way to watch it, way to watch it, way to way to go, Who!"

I'm actually so confident this will happen I'm not even going to send out any resumes for jobs after graduation in May.

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team finishing in a tie for seventh at the Cuesta Title/Cal Poly Invitational on March 29-30 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The Vandals' final round of 308 put them at 902 overall for the 54-hole event.

"We just didn't play like we had hoped," Rickel said. "We definitely see a lot of positives in our ball-striking but our short game isn't where it should be."

Grove finished at nine-over-par 225 to lead UI with a tie for 28th. Kautzmann and Tensen finished at 12-over 228 and tied for 48th. O'Meara shot 14-over 230, which tied for 57th. Wilson was at 20-over 236 and tied for 79th.

Wilson, a senior from Hilo, Hawai'i, has competed in seven tournaments in 2006-07, averaged 75.50 per round. He shot his lowest round of the year, 66, in September at the Vandal Fall Classic.

"It's not what we were hoping for but we're showing signs of getting better," Rickel said.

The host-school Cal Poly won the tournament with a two-over 866. They won by a 13-stroke margin with Loyola Marymount second at 879.

The team travels to compete in the Cowboy Classic, a two-day tournament, starting Monday in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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seconds with one hand only holding a long braided rope attached to the bull. A name and number is associated with each bull that are judged on strength, health, agility and age. The rider and bull are matched randomly before the competition. The bull rears, kicks, turns and rolls in an effort to throw the rider off his back.

### Tie Down Roping

This is similar to steer wrestling and team roping in that ropers start in the box ready to compete. The calf is released and the rider must rope it as quickly as possible.

As soon as a catch is made, the participant dismounts, sprints to the calf and tosses it on its side. With a small rope known as a pigging string, usually held in the rider's teeth, any three of the calf's legs are tied securely.

Time stops when the participant throws up his hands. After the tie, the roper remounts his horse, puts slack in his rope and waits six seconds for the calf to struggle free.

### Steer Wrestling

Also called bulldogging, this is an event where a steer is released from a chute and a horse-mounted rider chases the steer, jumps off the horse next to the steer and then wrestles the steer to the ground by twisting its horns.

### Team roping

Also known as heading and heeling, this

event features a steer and two riders. The steers are moved through narrow pathways leading to a chute with spring-loaded doors.

A rope of designated length determined by the length of the box is fastened around the steer's neck, which is used to ensure that the steer gets a head start.

The header is on side of the chute and ropes the steer around the horns, neck or half-head and turns the steer to the left. On the other side of the chute is the heeler, who ropes the steer around the hind legs.

### Barrel Racing

This event features a horse rider running a cloverleaf pattern around three barrels in a certain arrangement. The distance between the barrel and barrel horse varies from rider to rider, the gap tending to be narrower with higher-level barrel racers.

### Breakaway Roping

This is the fastest event in rodeo with a roper starting behind a barrier that is designed to give the calf a head start.

After calling for the calf, the roper chases it down the arena and attempts to rope it around the neck. Once the catch is made, the rider turns the rope loose and stops the horse.

### Goat Tying

The object of this event is to ride to a tethered goat as quickly as possible, dismount, catch, throw and tie any three of its legs together. The goat must stay tied for six seconds after the flagger has signaled for time and the contestant has backed away from the animal.

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as president and his top events are steer wrestling and team roping.

Andrea Beckman, a School and Community Health major from Idaho Falls, said one of the best aspects of the sport is the mutual support from fellow riders.

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snap and the whistle, but I think that will improve, I think that will come back."

Monday's practice featured two incidents of shoving after a play, including a clash between linebacker Jo Artis Ratti and an offensive lineman.

That clash prompted Akey to bring the whole team together for an emotional and fiery tongue lashing.

"I have met a lot of different people through rodeo who are willing to help you out whenever you need it," said Beckman, who competes in barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping. "Another great thing about rodeo is that even though people are competing against each other they are still cheering each other on and wishing them the best of luck. It is one of the greatest sports."

"I like the tenacity but that is not the place for it. It needs to take place between the snap and the whistle. We get a fight after the whistle and we get penalties that affect you in the ball game," Akey said. "But it was a great opportunity to teach that lesson. We just need to channel it to take place from when the ball moves till when the whistle blows. It is better to say 'whoa' than 'giddy up' but we have to make smart choices."

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**Saturday**

UI men's tennis at Montana Missoula  
2:30 p.m.

UI track and field at Pelluer Invitational  
Cheney, Wash.

UI women's tennis vs. Utah State Reno  
9 a.m.

**Sunday**

UI women's tennis vs. San Jose State Reno  
9 a.m.

**Monday**

UI men's golf at Cowboy Classic  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Tuesday**

UI men's golf at Cowboy Classic  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

**SportsBRIEFS****Coach DeMarlo Slocum leaves UI**

UI assistant basketball coach DeMarlo Slocum has resigned to take a similar position at Colorado State University.

"While we are disappointed in losing DeMarlo, it is a tremendous professional opportunity for him at Colorado State and we are happy for him," coach George Pfeifer said.

Idaho athletics officials also released Andre McFarland from his National Letter of Intent.

A search is under way for Slocum's replacement.

"We will announce

DeMarlo's replacement in the next few weeks," Pfeifer said. "We have identified several candidates who bring the same recruiting dynamics as DeMarlo and will complement the coaching and recruiting abilities of myself and my other assistants, Leroy Washington and Brian Hancock."

**New player joins soccer program**

Erika Teixeira has signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Idaho and play soccer for the Vandals in the fall.

Teixeira is a midfielder from Oregon City (Ore.) high school, where she was an All-State selection and scored 15 goals to

help her team to the state championship game last season. She is an exchange student from Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil and played for the Brazilian U-20 national team in 2005.

"We are obviously excited to get a player of Erika's quality," Idaho coach Pete Showler said. "She plays very well technically, but also is very explosive and plays with a lot of power. She is strong on the ball, and in the games I watched her she was going past triple-teams like they weren't even there. It is exciting to get a powerful Brazilian player who brings a lot of Latin, samba flare to the game."

Teixeira will join the Idaho team as a true freshman this fall.

**Women's golf ties for eighth place**

Kelly Nakashima's tie for 29th was the best finish for a University of Idaho golfer as the Vandals wound up in an eighth-place tie at the Dixie Classic in St. George, Utah.

Nakashima finished at 16-over 232, while fellow junior Renee Skidmore was one stroke back at 233 and in a tie for 32nd. Idaho's two true freshmen were next with Amanda Jacobs in a tie for 52nd at 239 and Beth Stonecypher in a tie for 58th at 240. Cassie Castleman tied for 65th at 242.

The Vandals had a team total 930. Host Brigham Young University won the tournament with an 878.

# A quiet day at the Masters for all involved

By Doug Ferguson  
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Augusta National is called the "cathedral of golf," and it sure sounded like one Thursday.

Gone were those roars that resonate along Amen Corner, as much a part of the Masters as the blazing colors of spring and the red numbers under par on the leaderboard. Then again, there were not a lot of birdies to cheer.

This was a day the Masters went mute.

"Strangely quiet," David Howell of England said.

It wasn't a total drag, even with Tiger Woods making bogey on the last two holes for a 73, or defending champion Phil Mickelson having to rally for a 76, his worst start at the Masters in 10 years.

Justin Rose, back at the Masters for the first time since he was a 36-hole leader three years ago, did remarkably well to keep bogeys off his card on his way to a 3-under 69, leaving him tied for the lead with Masters rookie Brett Wetterich. It was the highest score to lead the first round of the Masters in eight years, which also was the last time Augusta National was firm, fast and scary.

Only nine players managed to break par, the result of a course that has grown 500 yards and breezy, brittle conditions that kept even the best players in the world on the defensive from the opening tee shot

to the final putt.

"I would have liked to have made a birdie," Dean Wilson said after a 73. "But when you look up and no one else is doing it, it gives me a boost. I didn't hear the roars Augusta National is famous for."

Howell and David Toms were at 70.

Toms complained last year that Masters rules were so strict that players feel as though they have to walk on egg shells. If that were the case Thursday, the sound might have been deafening. Add that Toms was in the final group, and it seemed as though he was squeezing in a late nine at the local municipal course.

"For the most part, it was a real calm day," he said.

The loudest cheers might have been for Arnold Palmer. He was back in the Masters after a two-year absence, this time to hit the ceremonial opening tee shot.

Lucky for him, he didn't have to hit another shot.

Because this sure didn't resemble the Masters of recent years.

"We wish for dry, firm, fast conditions, and the scoring average of about 76," Howell said. "Be careful what you wish for is the answer there. We all know this course is going to play really tough when it's dry and firm and fast. It's that beautiful mix between the most beautiful place in the world to play golf, and also the most difficult."

The only other players to break par were Rich Beem, Tim Clark, J.J.

Henry, Zach Johnson and Augusta resident Vaughn Taylor at 71. The group at even-par 72 included Henrik Stenson and Davis Love III.

All of them had good shots to celebrate, but not many.

"I got a lucky bounce on the sixth where my tee shot kicked in to a foot, which made the crowd cheer a little bit," Stenson said.

Beem forgot to factor in the wind on the par-5 13th, which he said would have caused him to lay up. Instead, he hit a 5-wood into about 20 feet and made the putt for eagle.

"I think it woke up a few people," he said.

A dozen players couldn't break 80. The average score was 76.187, the highest for a first round in four years.

"It's hard. And when you start playing defensively, it plays harder," Steve Stricker said after a 77. "It's one shot after another where you're up against it. You're nervous on every shot."

Rose, who hadn't played in five weeks while taking care of a sore back, put together the most remarkable round because it contained no bogeys. He hit a wedge to tap-in range at No. 3, holed a bunker shot on No. 5 and rolled in a 15-foot birdie from the fringe on No. 14.

"That's exciting to go bogey-free on any course on any day," Rose said. "But first round at Augusta on a day where obviously the scores are pretty high makes it a very pleasing round. Yeah, one that I'm very happy with, for sure."

Wetterich can't relate to any of this as an Augusta National rookie. His experience comes from practice rounds, especially one with south Florida neighbor Raymond Floyd, the 1976 Masters champion.

"I thought it was a good test of golf out there," Wetterich said. "To me, they don't have to do any changes."

For the longest time, it looked as though Woods might go through the day without a birdie. His best putts were for par — one was for bogey on the seventh hole — until he hit a sand wedge into 4 feet for birdie on the 13th, and reached the par-5 15th in two for another one. Suddenly, he was 1 under and starting to challenge the leaders.

Then came a tee shot in the trees on the 17th, and an approach into the bunker on the 18th, and the streak was alive — Woods has never broken 70 in the first round at the Masters, despite winning four of them.

"I threw away a good round of golf," Woods said.

Still, it wasn't hard to find some encouragement. Not many had a good round to throw away.

"You're not going to go low," Woods said. "Low is only 69 today. That's some pretty good playing."

Ernie Els opened with a double bogey, then took bogey on the par-5 second. He shot 42 on the front nine. U.S. Open champion Geoff Ogilvy was some 50 yards in front of the green on No. 2 when he hit wedge long into a bunker, then hit that shot

back toward the fairway, finally pitched up to about 8 feet and three-putted for an 8. He also took a double bogey on the par-3 12th, but still managed a 75.

"You feel like the course is going to get you somewhere," Ben Crenshaw said after a 76. "It doesn't matter who you are."

It got Mickelson just about everywhere.

Bidding to become only the fourth repeat winner at the Masters, he was even par through three holes and, after missing the green on the par-3 fourth, chipped to 4 feet. But he missed that putt, and it spiraled out of control from there. A muffed chip on the fifth led to double bogey, and he dropped shots on each of the next two holes.

Mickelson shot 40 on the front, and it got worse before it got better. Birdies on the 15th and 16th, and scrambling pars on the final two holes put him at 76.

"Even par is going to be in the hunt tomorrow," he said. "If I can go out there and shoot a solid 68, I'm in contention."

He made it sound so simple. The course was anything but that on Thursday, and it doesn't figure to get any easier. Along with a dry forecast, the temperatures are supposed to get much cooler.

And if that's the case, the course will only get faster.

"The golf course is winning right now," Billy Mayfair said after a 76. "I expect it will probably win this week."

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