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## Moms checking in

Every year moms flock to campus to see what their students have been up to

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

Mom's Weekend is an opportune time for parents to see what their student is up to and what college life is all about.

Tim Helmke, associate director of events for the Alumni Office and a 1995 University of Idaho graduate, said that in the late 1970s the annual Mom's Weekend event was changed to Parent's Weekend.

"The dads had Dad's Weekend in the fall, and the moms could attend Parent's Weekend in the spring. They found that a lot of moms would come for Dad's Weekend, but not vice versa, so it was only fair to give the moms their own weekend," Helmke said.

In the mid-1990s, Parent's Weekend was changed back to Mom's Weekend, and since then, UI families have been traveling each spring to visit their children at college.

"It's a unique opportunity for moms to come and experience what students are going through," Helmke said. "They can see where they eat, where they go to class, who their friends are and things like that."

He said that they track where each student's parent

registers and that it's pretty evenly split between Greek parents, residence hall parents and off-campus parents. However, while around 500 parents will register for Mom's Weekend through the Alumni Office, thousands of parents come up for the three days.

Leah Andrews, who is in charge of marketing and recruitment for University Residences, said that there are two main events in the residence halls for Mom's Weekend.

"Each year we hold a morning tea party or ice cream social on Saturday in one of the Living Learning Community classrooms," Andrews said. "Last year we had a string quartet come and play for them and it's a really nice time for the residents to sit down with their moms and chat."

The other event is the Golden Joes, an awards ceremony that honors excellence and leadership within the living communities.

"With the Golden Joes, students within the residence halls are nominated by their fellow residents for different awards," Andrews said. "It's a formal event and it's neat to

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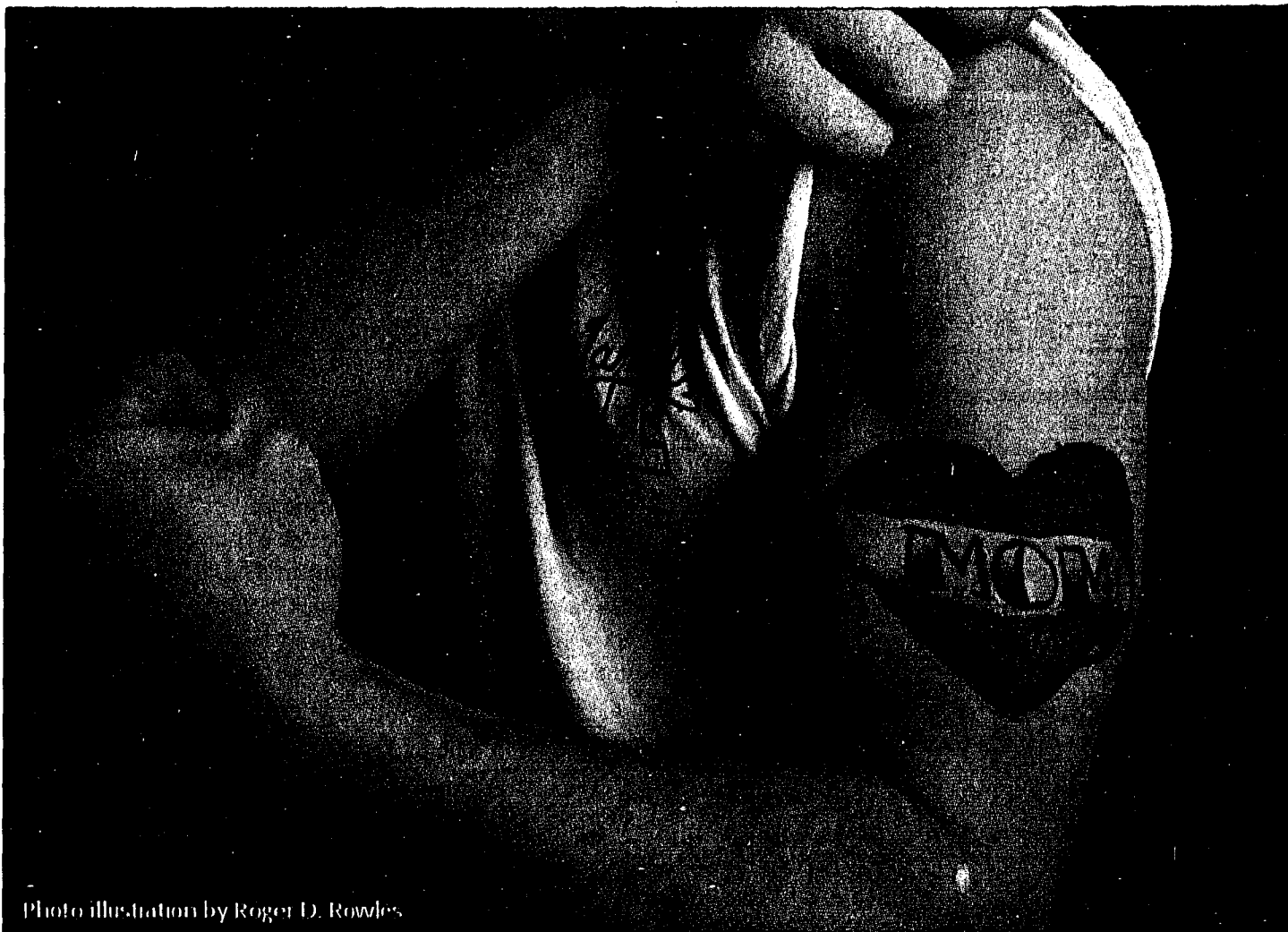


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### Mom's Weekend EVENTS

Here are just a few of the events you and your mom can get involved with this weekend. For a more detailed schedule of events or more information, go to [www.supportui.uidaho.edu](http://www.supportui.uidaho.edu).

#### Friday

5 p.m.: Silver and Gold pre-game event at Kibbie Dome. Tickets are \$15 in advance, or \$20 at the door.

6 p.m.: Vandal Mom's Alumni Reception at the Alumni Lounge. Free.

7 p.m.: Silver and Gold football game at the Kibbie Dome. Free.

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: "Sixteen Candles" movie showing at the Student

Union Building Borah Theater. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 general admission.

#### Saturday

8 a.m.: Kappa Kappa Gamma "Key for a Cure" Mom's Weekend Fun Run. Starts at Memorial Gym. Cost is \$17 with a T-shirt and \$10 without.

9:30 a.m.: Brunch, featuring the University of Idaho Jazz Choir. Located at Memorial Gym, cost is \$15 per person.

11 a.m.: Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby.

1 p.m.: Social at the Living Learning Community, sponsored by University Residences.

6 p.m.: Dinner with comic/magician Tim Gabrielson at Memorial Gym. Tickets are \$20 per person.

7 p.m.: Palouse Harmony Chorus Annual Barbershop Show "Hey Look Me Over" at the Moscow High School auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students with ID.

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.: "Sixteen Candles" movie showing at the SUB Borah Theater. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 general admission.

7:30 p.m.: "Urinetown" at the Hartung Theater. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$5 for students.

## Holbrook and Crump win presidential election

ASUI election brings high voter turnout, presidential pair wins by 92 votes

Liz Virtue  
Argonaut

The results of the 2008 ASUI Spring Election were released Wednesday night. One thousand, seven hundred and eighty students at the University of Idaho cast their vote and Garrett Holbrook and Tricia Crump were elected president and vice president with 908 votes, or 53 percent of the total votes cast. The pair beat out their opposing team, Lauren McConnell and Derek Arnold by 92 votes.

Students also voted for eight new senators to join ASUI. Brad Griff, Patrick Bradbury, Casey Lund, Casey Attebery, Dakota Gullickson, Hui-Ju (Sophia) Tsai, John Will Rock and Osama Mansour were elected to the Senate. The candidates are listed from highest to lowest with Griff receiving 869 votes.

Newly elected ASUI President Holbrook said he was happy his hard work paid off in the election and couldn't help but smile.

"I kind of want to jump around a bit," he said.

Although Holbrook was all smiles after the election, he said he wasn't overly confident before the results were announced.

"Lauren is a great campaigner, I knew that from the start and she had a very strong running mate," he said. "I really wasn't sure what the outcome would be and as you can see from the results it was a really close race."

Crump said she was relieved by the outcome and excited to begin her term as vice president of ASUI.

"I got really close with a lot of the new senators during the campaigning," she said. "I'm excited to work with them and represent them this year."

Each team said they campaigned hard for the elections, but Crump admits there was some dirty campaigning on both sides of the race.

"Sidewalk chalking got really juvenile and there were e-mails sent out

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Garrett Holbrook provides student media with an interview following the announcement of his presidential victory in the Idaho Commons on Wednesday night.

## SBOE approves preliminary proposal

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

On Thursday, the University of Idaho appeared before the State Board of Education and received approval for the proposed extension of the College of Law.

Although the university was given board approval to continue the implementation planning process for a Boise location, they voted to cut four lines from the original proposal limiting any actual operations.

"Traditionally you don't come asking for the State Board to approve a concept without an operating budget or a capital budget," said Blake Hale, a committee chair. "Before we can approve this concept we need additional information."

The board voiced a series of concerns regarding the proposal including how resources between the two locations would be allocated. According to Don Burnett, dean of the college of law, the Boise law school would be an extension of UI, while the Moscow location would remain primary.

"Moscow must remain the center of a unified campus," he said.

It was the original hope of the university that upon approval, the Boise location would be developed as soon as possible with operations beginning as early as fall 2009. Instead the Board approved, "... the request by the University of Idaho for authority to proceed with implementation planning for the two-location concept, including operat-

ing budget, capital budget, facility needs analysis, curriculum and an implementation timeline."

The university will return to the board for review and approval of an implementation plan when it is fully developed.

President Tim White agreed with the Board's decision to remove the first item on the proposal and said the university wanted to do whatever was necessary to make their position clear.

"What we're looking for is recognition that this concept has validity in your minds. That was the intent," he said.

The College of Law has researched, analyzed and discussed this move for the past 18 months. Discussions have included faculty, current and prospective students, distinguished lawyers and judges on the College of Law Advisory Council.

Burnett said that the law school is a priority for the university and as a land grant school it has a certain responsibility to ensure the state's educational needs are met.

"A law school in Boise is beneficial both to the University of Idaho and the city as a whole," he said. "Most of our lawyers come from schools out of state. It doesn't have to be that way."

He referred to "the Idaho model of legal education" and said that with the state's expected growth there was a need to train its own

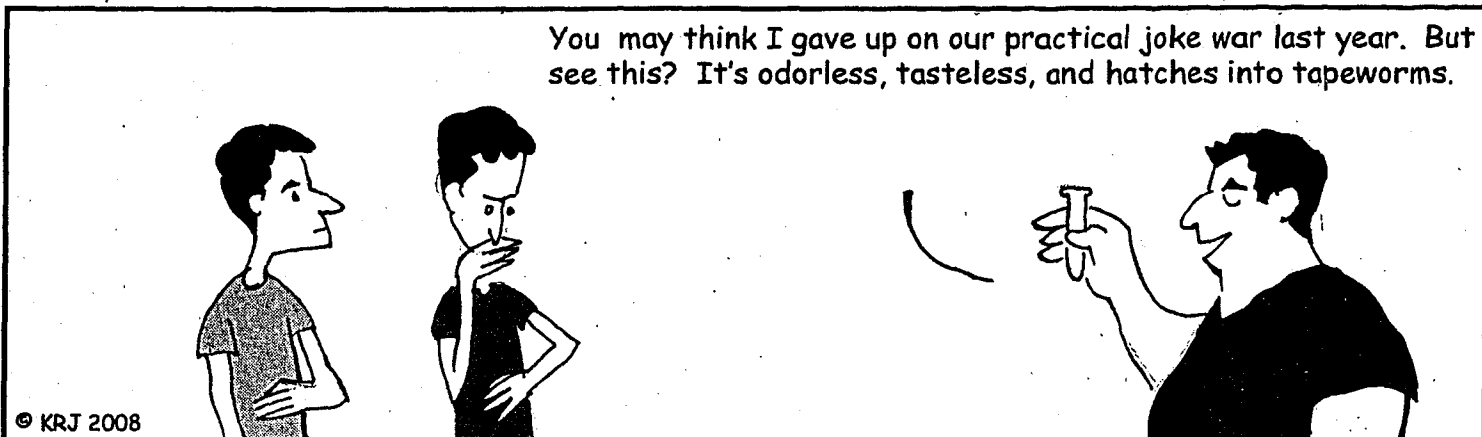
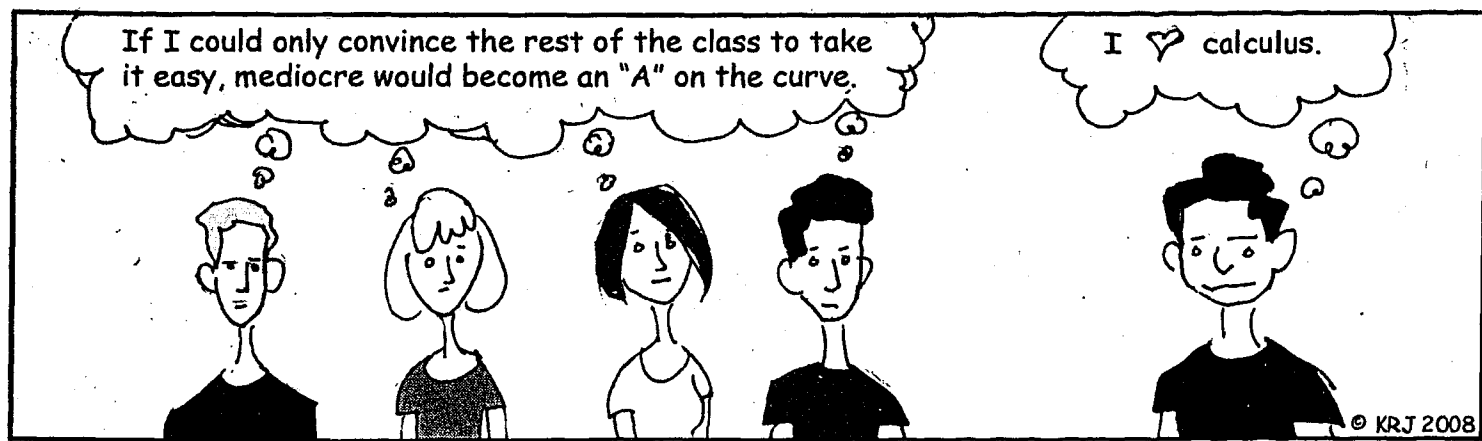
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Advertisement for 'The Guy' featuring a monkey suit. Text includes: 'Hello, Vandal mothers. This is Guy the Monkey Suit welcoming you to Mom's Weekend.' and 'If this doesn't work, you'll be fined \$50 and a hug. That's less than a month.'



PeopleWeKnow

by KRJ/Argonaut



BEYOND THE SHEETS

The worst of all the shots

Today, I really want to talk about diseases. There is no real reason for this desire today, except for that it sounds fun and I want to. The one I really want to talk about also involves a vaccine that does not get my "Gold Condom Seal of Approval." I do not find it worthwhile for the price or for the overall protection. Today I will be talking about HPV (Human Papillomavirus), and the vaccine Gardasil.



Chris Bidiman  
Sex columnist  
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cent effective in preventing cancers caused by HPV. That sounds awesome until you do the math. There are 40 types of HPV that cause cancer and warts. Out of those, there are two types that specifically cause genital warts. Gardasil protects against four types of HPV, which includes the two types for genital warts. Doing the math suggests that the vaccine prevents two to three types of HPV that

So here is the deal about HPV. There are more than 100 types of HPV, of which 40 are sexually transmitted. Once infected, this disease can affect basically everything including the vulva, the cervix, the rectum and the penis. There are a couple of results that can occur when infected. One result can be different cancers, more specifically cervical cancer, but there are others as well. Another result can be genital warts.

Basically, this means there are still approximately 36 more types of HPV that can result in cancer. But hey, you might be 100 percent protected against the other two types, and that is if you have had no sexual experience.

Clearly, neither of these results are pleasant or desirable. Fortunately there are more treatments and ways to deal with the cancer than the warts. Genital warts are a forever type of disease. They are viral, meaning that you can never cure them, but rather treat them only — by freezing or burning them off, for example. Fortunately, you can get screened and tested for both of these.

On top of that, even if you have received the full series of shots against HPV, you will still need to continue being screened for cancer, especially cervical cancer because there is not full protection, and there is still a chance of contracting genital warts and having an outbreak. If you see small, cauliflower-like bumps surrounding the infected area, you have an outbreak.

There is also a preventative way to deal with the HPV types that cause cancer ... at least there is a way to deal with four of the types.

Then there is the fact that it is only effective for women. Yes, I am aware that only women can get cervical cancer; however, genital warts are gender neutral. Therefore, it stands to reason — at least in my mind — that this vaccine should be altered to be effective for both men and women at least against genital warts.

I will admit that the Gardasil vaccine is a great idea. It is a wonderful concept and has the potential to do some good in the world. However, I do not fully support it in that it is not fully protective, somewhat of a hassle, and relatively expensive. First of all, it is a three shot series, each costing approximately \$120, so you are looking at almost \$400 for this vaccine. Second, the vaccine is most effective in women who have had no sexual activity. Basically, it is only "fully" effective if the individual does not already have any of the HPV types and having sexual experience increases the chances of having contracted HPV. Third, the vaccine is not fully effective.

So, it all boils down to the fact that I do not agree with, or support, the HPV vaccine. I do not think it is worth the money, especially for the limited protection gained along with the criteria a person must possess for it to be effective. If you want to get this shot, that is a personal choice you have to make, but if it were me, I would strongly protest. I think the better option in this instance is to go in for regular exams and take an active role in your health and wellness. Do not rely on a series of shots to protect you from this disease. Instead, enjoy your sexual life but take the appropriate preventative measures.

Here is how the efficacy breaks down. The vaccine is almost 100 per-

Have fun, be safe, and take care of yourself. Have a sex question for Chris? Send it to arg\_opinion@sub.uidaho.edu

Corrections:

- In Tuesday's Argonaut, the price of the Moscow Renaissance Fair video was incorrectly stated. The DVD is available for a \$20 donation.
- In the "Kickin' it with the Kappa Deltas" story, it was incorrectly stated that the sorority was founded at UI in 1972. KD was founded in 1997.
- In the story "NSBE brings astronaut to UI," the time of the event's reception was incorrectly stated. Mae Jemison will be available to talk with students at an open reception at 5 p.m., April 24 in the Kibbie Dome.

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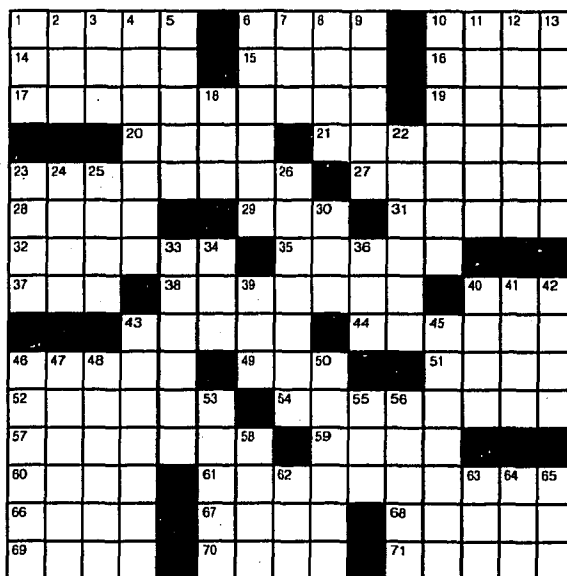
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).



CrosswordPUZZLE

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  - Belgian border city
  - Complexion woe
  - Hunter of stars
  - Sailor's hello
  - Bank deal
  - Large sailing ship
  - Musical group
  - Coll. residence
  - Swiss canton
  - Homeless feline
  - Cyrus II's empire
  - Feathery scarves
  - Fond du \_\_, WI
  - Longhorn
  - University treasurer
  - Trunk
  - Annex
  - Sweeper's accessory
  - \_\_ Na Na
  - Wandering calf
  - Original copy
  - Up and about
  - AMA members
  - Poi source
  - Brings up
  - Smiled coyly
  - Fixed attitude
  - Short-tailed, diving bird
  - Pond growth
  - Limited in perspective
  - Knish store
  - Melody
  - Funeral song
  - Yemeni port
  - Crystal gazer
  - Icy rain
- DOWN
- Ship's forward section
  - Jackie's second
  - Noisy clamor
  - Isis or Minerva
  - Relish
  - Man or mandrill, e.g.
  - Resistance unit
  - Coward of note
  - Maple product
  - Writer Moravia
  - Lacking refinement
  - Nursemaid
  - Make beloved
  - Circle segment
  - Big name in small planes
  - Swedish pop group
  - Excessively showy
  - Rendered fat
  - Ragged clothing
  - Fuzz person
  - Worships
  - Obvious toupee
  - Ewe's mate
  - Comic Caesar
  - Texaco trademark
  - Present!
  - SS Alex Rodriguez
  - Alot contempt
  - Lettering device
  - Fleet of warships
  - Put out to sea
  - Prickling sensation
  - Stevenson's Long John
  - Clan divisions
  - Me, in Paris
  - Wannabe lakes
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# Kenneth Starr to present UI Bellwood Lecture

Reid Wright  
Argonaut

Famed 'Bong hits 4 Jesus' attorney and former Whitewater independent counselor Kenneth Starr will be speaking at this year's College of Law Bellwood Lecture.

Starr, now dean and professor of law at Pepperdine University, is to present "The Enduring Constitutional Conversation: Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Jefferson," at 4 p.m. on April 21 in the UI Auditorium.

Although Starr is known publicly for his work as independent council in the Whitewater case involving former U.S. President Bill Clinton, he is also a constitutional law scholar. Richard Seamon, the associate dean of the college of law, worked for Starr as a judicial clerk when he was a federal judge and assisted him later when he was solicitor general.

"He's not coming here to talk about Whitewater and (Monica) Lewinski,"

he said. "He's better known as constitutional law scholar. That's his special topic."

Starr will be discussing the contrast between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton's approaches to writing the Constitution. Hamilton wanted a strong central government, while Jefferson wanted one that was small and decentralized.

"This is a continuing tension from the very beginnings to the current Supreme Court," Seamon said. "Idaho is a good case study of that."

Idaho is one of 12 states refusing to comply with the Federal Real I.D. Act of 2005, which places certain requirements on state-issued identification cards and driver's licenses. This is a good example of a power struggle between the state and federal government, Seamon said.

"A lot of people don't know Dean Starr. He really is a very open minded guy," he said. "This is the opposite of how he's depicted."

He said that Starr was portrayed by the media as having an archconservative agenda.

"He appreciated having people with different viewpoints around him," Seamon said.

Starr is also known for defending the Juneau, AK School District, which was sued by a student who was suspended for displaying a banner that said "Bong Hits 4 Jesus" during a 2002 Olympic torch relay. The student said he was exercising his constitutional right to free speech.

"Everyone knew it was going to be a close case," Seamon said. "Dean Starr is able to draw on a long history of law. He understands all the nuances."

In 2007, the case went to the Su-

preme Court where it was ruled in favor of the school district in 2007.

**"He's not coming here to talk about Whitewater and (Monica) Lewinski."**

Richard SEAMON  
College of Law

At 9:30 a.m. on April 21 in the College of Law courtroom Starr will also be at a panel discussion about the tension between the federal judges and legislators.

Starr has served as U.S. Solicitor General, a Court of Appeals Judge for the District of Columbia, counselor to the Attorney General and Law Clerk for Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger.

"As a law professor and dean, as a federal appellate judge, as an appointed independent council in high profile cases, as a pro bono advocate for condemned persons on death row and as a public citizen engaged in community service, Starr

has pursued a career spanning the breath of the legal profession," Don Burnett, dean of College of Law said.

Starr has also published books, several articles and volunteered as a teacher.

"He's always considered himself a teacher," Seamon said. "He's a nice guy with a great reputation."

The Bellwood lecture is named after the late Sherman J. Bellwood, who was an Idaho District Judge for 20 years. The lecture is the largest endowed at the university and has featured prominent speakers in the past such as former U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"It's a chance for people to hear directly from someone they have seen on television," Seamon said.

The event is open to the public and seating is free. Overflow seating will be in the J.A. Albertson Building Rooms 101 and 112.

## HOW HIGH



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut  
Making use of the warmer weather, Jeremy Bennett watches Rob Rebach balance on a slack line set up on the Administration Lawn yesterday afternoon.

## University facilitates open discussion on diversity issues

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

When Kurt Queller, an English faculty member, was told that an international graduate student had heard two students in the Commons saying that all immigrants should be shot, he was outraged.

"I think it's an absolute shame on us as an institution, as a community, that she had to hear that," he said. "It concerns me that no one got up and addressed them or even asked, 'How can you say that kind of thing?'"

Troubled by the incident, Queller attended "Being Heard: A Prelude to Action." The event was an open dialogue on university culture, climate and organization held Tuesday morning. Suzi Billington, a member of the strategic action plan team, said the purpose of the discussion was to identify issues at the university and develop ways to move forward.

Frances Kendall, a nationally recognized consultant who specializes in "facilitating core changes necessary to create work and learning environments that are hospitable to all people," facilitated the discussion.

"Often I'm asked what can we do to change a system and the truth is that very few things happen on the individual level," she said. "We're looking for a change in the system and changes in the culture."

Among the considerations Kendall suggested is to understand the political climate of the area, including "the current backlash against immigrants" as well as the increased number of racial incidents around the country.

The author of "Diversity in the Classroom" and "Understanding White Privilege: Creating Pathways to Authentic Relationships," Kendall has spent the last week talking to different groups on campus

about diversity issues including the Presidents cabinet, student leadership, the student body and the city of Moscow.

In addressing the climate of the community she said every member needs to look at three levels: personally, interpersonally and culturally. After these things are considered Kendall said it becomes a matter of making root changes, "changing the very way the university sees itself."

She offered the example of a university that wanted to increase diversity and had an American Indian mascot. When the university tried to replace it they were fought on all sides from alumni and the community. The elimination of the mascot was followed by a series of resignations.

Kendall said she wanted to explain the importance of understanding the cost of these alterations and how vital it is

to make sure everyone is on the same page.

"These types of changes won't happen over night, it can be a slow and difficult process. That's why clear goals are so important," she said. "Changing an entire university is like turning a gargantuan ship around, it can happen but takes a lot of time and effort."

A member of the university support services said that the frustrating aspect of these events is that "we're speaking to the choir." But Kendall warned not to underestimate the role of the choir.

"Groups like these are often made up of liberal white folks who used to be pretty action oriented and now they feel like they've done what they needed to do," she said. "It's time to start having choir practice, to reenergize and use your skills."

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# Chef prepares more than good nutrition

Matt Maw  
Argonaut

Relocating to a city across the country would be a big change for anyone. Mary Abele, an executive chef at the Wallace Food Court, known by students as Bob's, did just that.

Abele and her husband, Ed, made the more than 2,000-mile journey from their home in Pittsburgh, Penn., to Moscow last month, so that Abele could begin work at Wallace. They arrived the day before Vandal Friday and Abele started in the food court the next day, helping serve crowds of prospective students, parents and actual students.

"I haven't run away screaming yet," she said.

An executive chef, Abele is in charge of the kitchen. In addition to other things, Abele said she oversees general food preparation. She has 25 years of experience in the food service industry, 17 as a chef and eight more in managerial positions. Tim Wheeler, the manager of

the Wallace Food Court, said he believes her years of expertise will help the many young cooks on the staff develop in skill, as well as increase the quality of the food.

According to Christian Smith, a cook who works under her, Abele immediately took over operations when she started her position and no one had a problem with it. Smith said she is very well coordinated and has helped pull things together in the kitchen.

"We were kind of chaotic," he said.

Abele instituted the daily preparation of food and materials, Smith said. She pushes for fresh, made-from-scratch food as much as possible and when implementing changes — such as to the menus or in ordering more vegetarian products — she makes sure the crew is comfortable and aware, and waits to move on to something new

until everything runs smoothly, he said. Abele also brings interesting, non-traditional dishes to the food court, said Smith, and ensures the cooks are free to ask for spices they want and anything else they need.

"She's orchestrating this kitchen like a symphony," he said.

Food is important, said Abele, and encompasses

everything — nutrition, happiness and comfort. She said she wants to change the stigma against college dining and make Bob's an enjoyable place for students to eat. One of her goals, Abele said, is to begin incorporating more alternate sources of protein into the menu, such as seitan, a wheat gluten; textured vegetable protein, dried soy that acquires the texture of ground beef when rehydrated; or tofu, which attains the same texture when frozen, and which absorbs the flavor

## campus FACES

This week: Mary Abele



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Mary Abele, Executive Chef for Bob's, prepares wild mushroom and bleu cheese cakes as hors d'oeuvres in the Wallace residence center on Wednesday afternoon.

of whatever juices it's cooked with when dehydrated. Being a vegetarian herself, she doesn't think vegetarians should be stuck eating only vegetables.

"I don't eat anything with eyeballs or that had a mother," she said.

Abele said she is a firm believer in eating locally — she tries to eat only the food which is grown within a few hundred miles of where she lives, though she said it can be difficult. She and her husband are also avid backpackers and two of her favorite treks are the Ap-

palachian Trail and Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon.

"It's an appreciation for nature," she said.

Abele enjoys what she is doing at Bob's and both the people she serves, and those with whom she works, are already reaping the benefits.

## NewsBRIEFS

### Large grant given to support veterans

The Bob Woodruff Family Foundation has awarded a \$48,000 grant to the University of Idaho's Operation Education Scholarship Program for use in educating veterans from the war in Iraq and Afghanistan who have sustained traumatic brain injury and/or post-traumatic stress disorder.

The university is currently assisting three veterans with disabilities through the Operation Education scholarship program. The program provides scholarship assistance for tuition, fees, books and living expenses.

Major funding for the scholarship program comes from the private support of UI

alumni and friends, as well as from individuals, corporations and foundations who share the university's interest in assisting America's disabled veterans.

### Volunteers needed to clean stream

In celebration of Earth Day the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute will host the 18th Annual Paradise Creek Stream Clean-Up.

Beginning at 9 a.m. on April 26 interested volunteers should meet at the PCEI Nature Center.

The organization will supply bags and gloves, but people should come prepared to get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes and several layers in case it is cold and rainy. Free pizza will be provided back at the PCEI headquarters after the creek is cleaned up.

For more information contact Courtney Rush at 882-1444.

### Panel to discuss financial market

After the shockwaves sent into the financial world by the Bear Stearns crisis, the nation's financial future looks bleak.

Keeping that in mind, UI has collected a panel of experts that will address the Bear Stearns blow-up and will take a look at current liquidity issues in financial and commodity markets.

The event is called "Bulls, Bears and Blow-ups" and it will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The discussion will take place in the Idaho Commons Horizon Room and will open with a discussion of the sub prime mortgage markets.

# Retired employees make appeal to SBOE

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

Retired University of Idaho staff members Jeff Harkins and Earl Bennett came before the State Board of Education on Thursday hoping to gain what they said is "much needed support."

"I've come to ask one simple question: Is the University of Idaho honoring its commitment to retirees?" Bennett said.

Bennett is one of 120 people who signed contracts for an early retirement incentive program, which he claims the university is no longer acknowledging. As a result the university is now involved in litigation.

Bennett retired in 2003 after a 33-year career and said under the new plan he would receive less coverage.

"The university made a commitment and we expect them to live up to it," he said. "These changes may save the University of Idaho an estimated \$13 million in premiums but it will cost retirees \$10 million in benefits."

The UI Retiree Task Force recommended the changes and although Harkins said he has no reason to believe the data the team released isn't honest, he questions the motivation behind their creation.

"There are 19 people on the team, of those 19 only eight are faculty and retirees, the rest are administrators," he said.

"You're gonna get the outcome you want when you've loaded the deck."

Harkin came to UI in 1983 as an accounting teacher. For eight years he served as the department head and although he understands the fiscal reasoning behind the proposal he said, "This is not the way to go about it."

The changes to the program will not exclusively affect those who are already retired, the Task Force recommended creating a tiered eligibility program which requires employees, except those close to meeting current eligibility requirements of the program to work about 5-years longer to qualify for benefits.

It also eliminates Retiree Spouse Life Insurance and reduces Retiree Life Insurance for all current and future retirees to \$10,000 without age reduction.

And eliminates criteria which ends eligibility for a surviving spouse if remarried.

"We are not unsympathetic to the staggering increase in health insurance. However, the University of Idaho retirees have already paid for their part of the health insurance," Harkin said.

It is the position of the university not to comment at this time and the State Board decided not to allow comment or question about the presentation due to, "possible ramifications."

Harkin, Bennett and the group they represent have filed a claim with the Secretary of State

Ben Ysursa and wanted a presentation to the Board.

"How can we refuse to honor promises to employees at pivotal moments, it's a reflection of the values of our society," Harkin said. "Stop letting them usurp your authority, it's time to hold them accountable."

The adopted changes will be in effect starting July 1.

**"I've come to ask one simple question: Is the University of Idaho honoring its commitment to retirees?"**

Earl  
**BENNETT**  
Retired UI staff member

## SBOE

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lawyers. Currently, the majority of Idaho's law graduates come from Spokane law schools.

The board's decision follows news that Concordia University, a private Lutheran school in

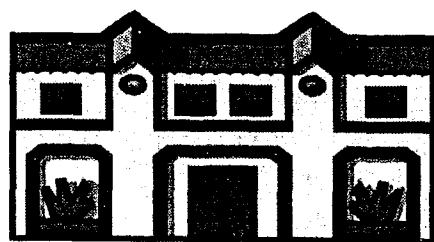
Portland Ore., intends to move forward with its own plans to open a law school in Boise.

Concordia's regents approved the Boise location Wednesday and authorized Concordia President Charles Schlimpert to search for a dean who would lead the planning and operation of the new school. Schlimpert says a final proposal and details for a Boise program could be submitted to the regents for approval in July.

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# Ricin suspect arrested after hospital release

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - A man who sparked a panic when ricin was allegedly found in his motel room has been charged with possession of a deadly toxin — part of what authorities said was a vague plot to poison his enemies.

Roger Bergendorff was arrested Wednesday upon his release from a hospital where he had been treated since Feb. 14 for respiratory ailments and failing kidneys.

Authorities allege that he possessed the ricin as part of a scheme to hurt unspecified enemies. They do not believe it had anything to do with terrorism.

Over the course of several interviews with the FBI, "Bergendorff characterized the production of ricin as an 'exotic idea,'" prosecutors said in a six-page complaint.

"Bergendorff admitted that there have been people who have made him mad over the years and he had thoughts

about causing them harm to the point of making some plans," prosecutors allege. "However, he maintained that he never acted on those thoughts or plans."

Bergendorff summoned an ambulance from his motel room near the Las Vegas Strip on Feb. 14, and authorities said ricin — so deadly even in minuscule amounts that its only legal use is for cancer research — was later found at the motel in several vials.

Seven people, including the motel manager, two other employees and three police officers, were decontaminated at the scene and taken to hospitals for examination, but none have shown any signs of being affected by ricin.

Bergendorff is charged with possession of a biological toxin and two weapons offenses stemming from materials authorities said were found Feb. 26 and Feb. 28 in his room at an extended-stay motel several blocks off the Las Vegas Strip.

Speaking from a wheelchair, Bergendorff told a federal judge in his initial

court appearance that it was "not in my blood" to use the deadly poison.

"I didn't use that stuff," said Bergendorff, an unemployed graphic designer, "because I couldn't."

The charges carry a possible penalty of 30 years in federal prison and a \$750,000 fine. The judge ordered that Bergendorff, 57, remain in custody until a preliminary hearing May 2.

Officials said Bergendorff's symptoms were consistent with ricin exposure, but the source of his illness may never be certain because all traces of the substance are eliminated from the body within days. The ricin in his motel room was found well after he got sick.

Bergendorff's lawyer, Paul Riddle, denied his client was sickened by ricin. "His poor health is not a result of exposure to ricin," Riddle told the judge. He said Bergendorff fell ill with pneumonia and kidney failure, resulting from a mental and emotional downturn after his older brother died in January.

## Local/CALENDAR

### Today

**Reveley Geospatial Complex Dedication Ceremony**  
11:30 a.m.  
Second floor, CNR

**National Library Week with Brandon Schrand**  
Noon  
University Library

**Guest Lecture with Greg Fizzell**  
2:30 p.m.  
College of Natural Resources Room 10

**Book signing with Marianne Love '69**  
3 p.m.  
University Bookstore

**Honors Convocation**  
3:30 p.m.  
Memorial Gym

**Humanitarian Bowl 10th Anniversary Celebration**

5 p.m.  
Kibbie Dome

**Moms' Weekend film: "Sixteen Candles"**  
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
Borah Theater

**"Urinetown: The Musical"**  
7:30 p.m.  
Hartung Theater

### Saturday

**Key for a Cure Mom's Weekend Fun Run**  
8 a.m.  
Memorial Gym

**Celebration of Teaching event**  
9 a.m.  
Clearwater Room  
Idaho Commons

**Flute Spa with Patricia George**  
1 p.m.  
University Auditorium

**"SAI Man of the Year" event**  
1 p.m.

School of Music Recital Hall

**Family Housing Carnival**  
1 p.m.  
School of Music Parking Lot

### Sunday

**"Urinetown: The Musical"**  
2 p.m.  
Hartung Theater

**Slam Poet Jared Paul**  
7 p.m.  
Borah Theater

### Monday

**University of Idaho Earth Week Celebration and Parade**  
9:30 a.m.  
Everywhere

**Kenneth W. Starr to Present Bellwood Lecture**  
4 p.m.  
University Auditorium

**Graduate Student Recital**  
7:30 p.m.  
School of Music Recital Hall

## ELECTION

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but it's all in the name of campaigning," she said. "I want to be in politics in the future and this kind of got me prepared for that."

Holbrook said he stands by the fact that his campaigning tactics remained fair and candid throughout the race.

"I know everything we've done was honest," he said. "I don't see a point in fighting about it now because it's in the past."

Current ASUI President Jon Gaffney said there were few complaints but no violations to actual campaign rules were reported.

McConnell offered no comment on the topic but Arnold said he thought it was a fair race.

"Both sides wanted to increase voter turnout and I think we did that," Arnold said.

The number of student voters increased from last year's presidential elections by over 200 votes, and Gaffney said he was pleased with the number of students who took the time to vote.

McConnell said she will finish her term as senator but has no plans to continue working directly with ASUI next year.

"Garrett and I have some very fundamental differences," she said. "But I've got a lot of other things to get done. This was one option but it's definitely not the end of the road."

Gaffney said it will be strange to leave office but is looking forward to what Holbrook and Crump will bring to the table.

Holbrook and Crump will be sworn into office on April 30 and will serve for the remainder of the semester.

## MOM

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bring your mom to the University Auditorium and show her that there's so much more to the residence halls than sleeping and eating."

This year's theme is "Classic Tinsel Town: Wear Your Suit and Gown," and the students that receive awards get trophies.

Andrews said that Mom's Weekend is a way of showcasing the living communities both on and off-campus, and that the ways to get involved are different for each group.

Sophomore Kelsi Nagle, who is the national communications coordinator for the Residence Hall Association, said that she had a lot of fun when her mom came to visit last year.

"There were a lot of different activities we could get involved in, and I also received an ASUI Achievement Award and a Golden Joe award, and having my mom there with me made it the biggest thing," Nagle said.

She said that UI gives parents a chance to get involved with their students' lives while seeing their achievements.

"My mom thought the weekend was interesting because it wasn't so much about UI, but more about me, her kid and student," Nagle said.

Junior Spencer Oldemeyer, Schools LLC hall president, said that his mom really enjoyed coming and meeting his friends, but they decided to do something else.

"My mom's kind of a tomboy, so we went fishing. My brother is a freshman in the Tower this year, so hopefully we'll go fishing again," he said.

Oldemeyer said it's always nice to see his mother, but bringing her here to visit him is very different than when he goes home to see her.

"She likes being back on a college campus," he said.

Nancy Oldemeyer, Spencer's mother, said that when she came to visit her son last year the two of them had a lot of fun.

"I love to fish and I hadn't explored the area so I brought my fishing gear up with me, did some research, and found this great spot 20 minutes outside Moscow," she said.

Now that she will be coming not only to visit Spencer, but

his younger brother Bryce, she plans on once again going to the Golden Joes and other activities like last year, but hopes they will have time to catch a few fish.

"Bryce plays lacrosse, and I know he has two games, but I'm looking forward to hopefully getting out there and going fishing again," she said.

Oldemeyer, who went to Oregon State University, said that when she was in college her mom would come visit her for Mom's Weekend and she knows how important it is.

"When my mom would come see me I'd take her to the coast and we'd have a lot of fun, so it's nice to do something like that for my boys," she said.

Junior Danya Nelsen, Panhellenic vice president of public relations, said that when it comes to the Greek community and Mom's Weekend, each individual chapter does its own thing.

"There are a couple chapter's philanthropies going on during Mom's Weekend that we always try to get our moms involved in," she said.

Each year there is the annual Kappa Kappa Gamma Fun Run, the Phi Delta Theta Turtle Derby and this year the Greek community is introducing a new event, the Alpha Phi spaghetti feed.

Nelsen said that those are the more traditional events that are held each year and that any others held within the Greek community are on a chapter-by-

chapter basis.

"Generally speaking, chapters plan their own events for Mom's Weekend," she said. "A lot of chapters do a brunch, silent auctions, spa days, etc."

Nelsen said that she thinks Mom's Weekend is important to UI and the Greek community because it allows moms to come to campus and see how students live on campus.

"It gives us a chance to give our parents, or moms in this case, a better idea of what exactly the Greek system entails by showing them around campus, our houses and getting them involved with philanthropies that take place every year," she said.

Nelsen is a sophomore at UI, and she said that while her mom didn't come up for the weekend last year, but she would be visiting this year.

"It's a nice break to see your family and relax a little before we all get swept up into the end of the year rush and finals," she said.

Nelsen's mother, Krystn Nelsen, said that with her visit this year for Mom's Weekend she's looking forward to seeing her daughter in her own environment.

Nelsen said she is looking forward to... "Seeing firsthand the life Danya is embracing at UI, where she spends her time, the people she lives and works with...and why it all gives her so much satisfaction."

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## SenateREPORT

### Open forum

Activities Board Chair Kirsten Cummings gave wrap up for the year. The last activities board hearing was last night.

The \$10,000 delegated to the budget by ASUI was appreciated by board members and the student organizations that will benefit from the money. The Student Organization Awards will be held on Tuesday and various organizations will receive recognition. Cummings also discussed bill S08-35, which changes the term "reimbursement" to "funding" in the bylaws of the ASUI Activities Board. She said the change will allow the board to avoid the implication that funding is automatic to all student organizations.

Policy Adviser Justin Doble reported the state of the request-for-proposal committee concerning the University of Idaho Bookstore. He said the committee made their recommendation to President Tim White but because of confidentiality contracts, cannot reveal their decision. According to Dole the committee had the university and student's best interests in mind when forming the decision. He said he is happy with the entire process. President White and other members of the senior staff at UI will review the recommendations. Dole said if all goes accordingly, the results will be presented to the public in May, but this is not guaranteed.

Matt Weibler, chair of the commons and union board said the recent Arts Festival was a success. The participation was good and there has been positive student feedback, he said. The board is still working on producing maps of the Idaho Commons and TLC and possibly adding furniture to the buildings as well, he said.

Director of Advancement Jo Seely announced the 2008 Senator Larry E. Craig Endowment Scholarship recipient is Brooke Anderson, a student from the College of Natural Sciences. Seely said this was the first year for the scholarship and is excited to report the process was a success. Seely also has been working to get ASUI more involved with the Office of Development.

Patrick Bradbury said the student achievement awards will be held at 7 p.m. Friday during Mom's Weekend. There were a large number of nominees for outstanding student achievement and all of the winners have been picked. Every-

thing is on schedule but the committee needs volunteers to usher and hand out awards. Anyone interested should contact him.

### Presidential communications

ASUI President Jon Gaffney said the bookstore RFP process is complete and is now in the hands of the university president. Gaffney said he will be part of the cabinet that reviews the recommendation so a student voice will be included in the final decision. The nonprofit management degree Gaffney and Vice President Amy Huddleston worked on is now moving to the next stage of development. Gaffney said the degree will be reviewed by the university and faculty members and then sent to the State Board of Education.

### Unfinished business

**Bills**  
S08-32 a.a., an act transferring \$12,000 from the general reserve to alternative service breaks, was amended. According to the amendment relying on the ASUI General Reserve to balance the alternative service breaks budget (NVA106) is "fiscally irresponsible." It advises continuing the work being done to seek more corporate funding. The amended bill was unanimously passed.

S08-33, an act transferring \$10,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI general operating budget, was unanimously passed.

S08-34, an act transferring \$30,000 from the general reserve to the ASUI Vandal Entertainment Board, was unanimously passed.

S08-35, an act adopting an amended version of the bylaws of the ASUI Activities Board, was unanimously passed.

S08-36, an act amending section 3100.010 of the ASUI Rules and Regulations to provide greater compensation for multiple term senators, was held in committee for further examination and discussion and will be back on the agenda next week.

S08-37, an act creating the position of ASUI Senate Secretary, amending ASUI bylaws section 3000, was unanimously passed.

S08-40, an act providing funds to the off-campus student council for their awareness event, was unanimously passed.

### New business

**Bills**  
S08-39, an act amending the ASUI Rules and Regulations so they reflect current operating procedures, was sent to the rules and regulations committee.

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# Donating fluids for funding

Scott MacDonald  
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Donating bodily fluids not only benefits humanity, but can prove profitable as well.

Ray Peterson, manager for Bio-Medics in Moscow, said people could make on average \$250 a month donating plasma.

"Each donation is \$30. It's \$40 for the second donation for being a new donor," he said.

Donors are required to go through a strict screening process to ensure the good health of the contributor and quality plasma. A potential donor's medical history is also thoroughly screened.

"We check your blood pressure, temperature, and weight. We also use a finger stick to check protein levels and for adequate hydration," Peterson said.

Aside from the general physical donors go through, the plasma itself also goes through several tests.

"We test plasma for HIV, syphilis, hepatitis and others. We also do genetic tests and a more complex version of the finger stick to check protein levels for anemia," he said.

Donors are able to donate twice in a week, but each donation must be at least one day apart. Peterson said donating more than twice a week is not allowed and potentially harmful because it dehydrates the body and lowers immune defenses. However, he said the process itself is relaxed.

"You come in and sit back. You can do homework or watch television. You can't bring back electronics though," Peterson said.

It is difficult to get around the system because of the rules in place, Peterson said.

"There are specific parameters that have to be met for pulse, blood pressure and hematocrit levels," Peterson said.

Hematocrit refers to the amounts of plasma and other cells in a sample of blood.

Plasma is retrieved through a process called plasmapheresis. Blood is collected through an IV and separated in a centrifuge. Red and white blood cells are returned to the donor and the plasma is collected in a bag.

"It takes a little over an hour for the process itself," Peterson. "I do tell first time donors to set aside about two and a half hours though."

First time donors are required to have a photo ID, proof of residency and a social security number.

For women willing to undergo a more invasive procedure, the Center for Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility in Spokane is a medical clinic that accepts donated eggs.

"It's a great thing when people decide they want to give this gift, but it's definitely not for everybody," said Melanie Mikkelsen, a licensed clinical social worker and coordinator for the egg donor program.

"It takes a lot of time and thought. We do compensate for donating eggs. We are on the higher end for this state, about \$4,000 per donation," she said.

According to information provided by the Center for Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility, potential donors must meet the following criteria—be between the ages of 20 and 30, have a high school diploma or equivalent, not have a history of multiple abortions, be able to trace their family medical history to their grandparents, not have a history of alcoholism, not be smokers, not be pregnant, have private health insurance and be an ideal body weight for their height.

Mikkelsen said potential donors go through a strict and stringent screening process of their medical history and genet-

ics. A psychological screening is also performed.

"There are quite a lot of people that apply to be donors, but it's a small number of people that are accepted into the program. There are a lot of things that can rule someone out," she said.

Mikkelsen said the donation procedure is performed at the clinic itself and although it's simple, it's still a medical procedure.

"Some give you sedation and some don't, but we do. People really have to have thought this through and be comfortable with their decisions," Mikkelsen said.

She said more applicants would be appreciated because of the low number of people that get accepted.

The male equivalent of donating eggs is selling sperm.

The Northwest Andrology and Cryobank in Spokane works closely with The Center for Reproductive Endocrinology and Fertility to provide patients with fertility care and resources.

Potential donors are put through a similar screening process as women who donate eggs are. Men who are considering donating must be between the ages of 18-35 to minimize genetic abnormalities, be at least 5-foot-eight-inches tall and have a high school diploma or equivalent if not more.

Blood tests are also performed to screen for hepatitis and syphilis and a family medical history showing no signs of genetically linked diseases must be provided. Potential donors must also show that they live a lifestyle in which they are at low risk for contracting communicable diseases.

Drug abuse screening is standard. Donors are paid \$40-\$100 for each specimen donation and are allowed to donate up to three times a week.

**"It's a great thing when people decide they want to give this gift, but it's definitely not for everybody"**

Melanie

**MIKKELSEN**

Coordinator for egg donor program

# Teachers get recognized

Elementary and secondary school teachers get recognition from UI

Alexiss Turner  
Argonaut

Having been a teacher in Moscow for 30 years, Sue Hovey is accustomed to hard work. As founder for the Idaho National Board for Professional Teaching Standards she is a testament to the fact that yes, even teachers have to take tests sometimes.

"It takes a lot to get through the process and not everyone makes it," she said.

The Idaho NBPTS chapter has been in existence for 25 years. Teachers have one school year to complete a portfolio describing how they have implemented new ideas to create the best learning environment possible for their students. The portfolio includes four portfolio entries along with two videos showcasing extraordinary students.

Portfolios are due by the end of March. Teachers are then given a little over two months to complete a final assessment. If teachers do not pass this exam, they are allowed to try up to two more times to complete the certification process.

"It has become a real test to high quality teaching," Hovey said. "If someone can go through this process, it's just another validation that (they) in fact do have the skills and knowledge."

Teachers who go that extra mile in the field will be honored during UI's Celebration of Teaching this Saturday. Newly NBPTS certified teachers will receive a complimentary pin.

Jody Sharp, coordinator of the event, said she expects guests from all over Northern Idaho including teachers at the college level.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. with 15 presentations created by teachers themselves to help others learn how to implement successful teaching strategies in their classrooms.

"There will be a lot of information on various sub topics teachers should be interested in," Sharp said.

Presentations will be held in three sessions, each will last 45 minutes. Sharp said faculty can show up whenever they like during the presentations. The awards ceremony will begin at 12:15 p.m.

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the Needs of All Learners  
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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of classrooms.  
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The awards ceremony will be from 12:15 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Whitewater/Clearwater Rooms followed by a short NBPTS recertification ceremony from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

One outstanding teacher will receive the Thomas O. Bell Prize, recognizing teaching excellence in either elementary or secondary education.

Nominations for the Bell Prize were sent in by peers and school administrators. Seven nominees were chosen from throughout the state.

Paul Rowland, Dean of the UI College of Education, said that a panel of faculty judges from various districts was in charge of selecting a winner. He said narrowing the selections down to one winner was difficult.

"They all are worthy of the award," he said. "We wish we had something for all of them."

Mentors for the UI College of Education student teacher interns and practicum students will also be recognized.

Sharp said the event will give teachers from around the area a chance to "mingle and collaborate on different topics." Rowland said the ceremony is an opportunity to let teachers know how much they are appreciated.

"It's a chance to send a thank you to the teachers who prepare the students who come to UI," he said.

# Idaho Geological Survey receives grant

Greg Connolly  
Argonaut

Geologists with the Idaho Geological Survey have received \$230,600 from the United States Geological Survey to continue mapping the state of Idaho.

The annual grant offered \$6.5 million in to 42 competing states with Idaho receiving the most funding.

Kurt Othberg, a research geologist with the IGS, said the state matches the federal government awards. The money from the state goes towards paying the salaries and benefits of the researchers where as the federal money is used for expenses that arise as a result of the research.

The IGS has been working on mapping the state since the early 90's. While the entire state was mapped in the 60's and 70's, advances in digital technology and science have rendered those maps obsolete.

The new geologic maps help to identify ground water and mineral deposits as well as identify areas prone to landslides and earthquakes. The mapping is also useful in soil conservation and identifying other natural hazards.

Due to the size of the state and financial

constraints, Idaho has to be mapped in small portions.

This year, the IGS plans to map land near Bonners Ferry, Slate Creek, Fairfield, Salmon and Idaho Falls.

The mapping process involves immense amounts of groundwork, including collecting soil and rock samples, which are trucked back to the university for analysis. Other samples that can't be analyzed on campus are sent to labs at other universities.

Aerial photography is also used extensively in certain areas.

Geographic Information Systems, or GIS, is also used in the mapping process. Once the researchers on the ground have compiled their information, it is sent back to the IGS office at UI and then entered into a database system.

Once the mapping information is fully inputted into the GIS, it's linked back to a massive system of tables within the GIS. By clicking on any part of the map, the GIS will provide information ranging from a description of the area, age and landform origin to the name of the researcher who originally mapped it.

Loudon Stanford has worked for the IGS for 18 years, several of which have been

spent developing the GIS system that's in use by the IGS today.

"The whole point of this [the GIS] is to put it online, so people don't need special software," Stanford said.

The software needed to currently view the GIS is extremely expensive, so the IGS and select counties in the state of Idaho that have purchased it are the only groups who have it. The UI paid for the software that the IGS uses. The information collected is entered into the digital lab in Morrill Hall.

The Idaho Geological Survey maintains its main office at the UI—they also have branch offices in Boise and Pocatello. The Moscow office employs eight geologists, most of whom are faculty researchers.

So far, including the money allotted for 2008, \$2.5 million has been spent on mapping the state of Idaho, but there is still plenty of land left to map.

"In another ten years, we'll have a lot of ground covered," Othberg said.

Anyone interested in purchasing paper copies of the maps that the IGS has put together can do so by calling their office. Digital copies in PDF format are also available free of charge at their Web site, [www.idahogeology.org](http://www.idahogeology.org).

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# Deadly injections okayed by states

Kelly Shannon  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Many states wasted little time trying to get executions back on track following a U.S. Supreme Court ruling upholding the use of a three-drug lethal cocktail.

Almost immediately, Virginia lifted its death penalty moratorium. Mississippi and Oklahoma said they would seek execution dates for convicted murderers, and other states were ready to follow.

The ruling Wednesday "should put an end to the de facto moratorium on the death penalty caused by legal challenges to this method of execution," said Kent Scheidegger of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a nonprofit group that supports the death penalty.

The chief prosecutor in Houston, Kenneth Magidson, whose surrounding Harris County sends more inmates to death row than any other, said he would seek execution dates for the six inmates awaiting execution "in due course."

The nation's high court voted 7-2 Wednesday to reject inmates' challenges to the procedure in Kentucky that use three drugs to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates. Similar methods are used by roughly three dozen states.

Inmates and death row advocates were frustrated that the court brushed aside their arguments that lethal injections are unconstitutional cruel and unusual punishment.

"It's just terrible," said Paris Powell, a convicted killer at the Oklahoma State Prison in McAlester. He added: "It's like the air has just been let out of a balloon. There's disbelief that the ruling came so quickly, but it goes further than just right now. It's now official that the death penalty is here to stay forever, really."

Lawyers for death row inmates said challenges to lethal injections would continue in states where problems with administering the drugs are well documented.

The nation's last execution was Sept. 25, when a Texas inmate was put to death by injection for raping and shooting to death a mother of seven. They've effectively been on hold as states awaited a ruling from the high court.

After the ruling Wednesday, Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine promptly lifted a moratorium on executions that he imposed April 1 when he stayed the execution of Edward Nathaniel Bell, who killed a police officer.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard said the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling "affirms that the procedure used in Arizona is humane and allows

us to proceed and administer justice."

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist praised the court's ruling and said he asked one of his lawyers to put together "a very short list" of death warrants to consider signing. There are 388 people on Florida's death row.

"Justice delayed is justice denied, and an awful lot of families of the victims have been waiting for justice to be done, and so that's certainly an important factor," he said.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said the decision supports California's lethal-injection procedure and will allow executions to resume. They have been on hold for two years because of legal challenges in federal and state courts.

California currently has 669 convicts awaiting execution, the most in the country, although Texas leads the way in the number of executions.

Since capital punishment was reinstated in 1976, Texas has executed 405 inmates. Virginia is second with 99. Twenty-six of the 42 U.S. inmates put to death last year were in Texas.

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland said he hadn't yet been able to determine the legal ramifications of the decision. Ohio also uses a regimen to sedate, paralyze and kill inmates, although its procedure is not identical.

"You would just think that because the methodology is quite similar that the legal outcome would be similar as well," Strickland said. "But I just don't want to make that assumption without having a little deeper understanding about what they said."

Prosecutors in many states said they were studying the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling to determine how to proceed. Others said there may not be an overnight change.

"We're going to read it and see how it impacts us," Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel said. "There are going to be specific issues of law and fact in Arkansas that are going to be different from Kentucky. It may answer all of our questions, but it may leave some others unanswered."

In some states, inmates awaiting execution have pending appeals that are expected to take a long time to finish, meaning the ruling may have no immediate impact.

The high court's decision may have helped Nebraska figure out how to proceed with its executions. The state's Supreme Court ruled in February that its only method, electrocution, was unconstitutional.

"We now have a road map for selecting a new method of execution for our state," Attorney General Jon Bruning said Wednesday.

## POLYGAMIST RAID

# Polygamist sect hearing descends into large farce

Michelle Roberts  
Associated Press

SAN ANGELO, Texas — A court hearing to decide the fate of the 416 children swept up in a raid on a West Texas polygamist sect descended into farce Thursday, with hundreds of lawyers in two packed buildings shouting objections and the judge struggling to maintain order.

The case is clearly one of the biggest, most convoluted child-custody hearings in U.S. history presented an extraordinary spectacle: big-city lawyers in suits and mothers in 19th-century, pioneer-style dresses, all packed into a courtroom and a nearby auditorium connected by video.

At issue was an attempt by the state of Texas to strip the parents of custody and place the children in foster homes because of evidence they were being physically and sexually abused by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a renegade Mormon splinter group suspected of forcing underage girls into marriage with older men.

As many feared, the proceedings turned into something of a circus and a painfully slow one.

By late afternoon only two witnesses had testified, and both only to lay the foundation for documents to be admitted. One witness, a state trooper, was cross-examined by dozens of attorneys, each of them asking the same question on behalf of a child or parent.

As the afternoon dragged on, no decisions had been made on the fate of any of the youngsters.

Additional details on life at the ranch began to emerge as child welfare investigator Angie Voss testified.

She said that if one of the men fell out of favor with the FLDS, his wives and children would be reassigned to other men. The children would then identify the new man as their father. Voss said that contributed to the problem of identifying children's family links and their ages.

Texas District Judge Barbara Walther struggled to keep order as she faced 100 lawyers in her 80-year-old Tom Green County courtroom and several hundred more participating over a grainy video feed from an ornate City Hall auditorium two blocks away.

The hearing disintegrated quickly into a barrage of shouted objections and attempts to file motions, with lawyers for

the children objecting to objections made by the parents' attorneys. When the judge sustained an objection to the prolonged questioning of the state trooper, the lawyers cheered.

Upon another objection about the proper admission of medical records of the children, the judge threw up her hands.

"I assume most of you want to make the same objection. Can I have a universal, 'Yes, Judge?'" she said.

In both buildings, the hundreds of lawyers stood and responded in unison: "Yes, Judge."

But she added to the chaos as well.

Walther refused to put medical records and other evidence in electronic form, which could be e-mailed among the lawyers, because it contained

personal information. A courier had to run from the courthouse to the auditorium delivering one document at a time.

"We're going to handle this the best we can, one client at a time," Walther said.

Little evidence had been admitted by late afternoon. The first attempt to admit evidence resulted in an hourlong recess while all the lawyers examined it. The rest of the morning was spent in arguments about whether to admit the medical records of three girls, two 17-year-olds and one 18-year-old.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Danny Crawford testified to DPS's discovery of a church bishop's records taken from a safe at the ranch that listed about 38 families, some of them polygamous and some that included wives 16 or 17 years old. But under repeated cross-examination, Crawford acknowledged the records contained no evidence of sexual abuse.

The sect came to West Texas in 2003, relocating some members from the church's traditional home along the Utah-Arizona state line. Its prophet and spiritual leader, Warren Jeffs, is in prison for forcing an underage girl into marriage in Utah.

Voss testified that through their interviews with girls at the ranch, investigators believed there was a pattern of underage girls given in marriage to older men.

Voss said that if the prophet told the girl to marry or to lie she would because the prophet received all his messages from the Heavenly Father," Voss said.

State officials asked the judge for permission to conduct genetic testing on the children and adults because of difficulty sorting out the sect's tangled family relationships

and matching youngsters with their parents. The judge did not immediately rule.

Amid the shouting and chaos among the lawyers, who came from around Texas to represent the children and parents free of charge, dozens of mothers sat timidly in their long cotton dresses, long underwear even in the spring heat, and braided upswept hair.

In the satellite courtroom, hundreds of people strained to see and hear a large projector set up on the auditorium's stage. But the feed was blurry and barely audible.

"I'm not in a position to advocate for anything," complained Susan Hays, the appointed attorney for a 2-year-old sect member.

Outside, where TV satellite trucks lined the street in front of the courthouse's columned facade, a man who said he was an FLDS father waved a photo of himself surrounded by his four children, ranging from a baby to a child of about 9.

"Look, look, look," the father said. "These children are all smiling, we're happy."

Walther signed an emergency order nearly two weeks ago giving the state custody of the children after a 16-year-old girl called an abuse hot line claiming her husband, a 50-year-old member of the sect, beat and raped her. The girl has yet to be identified.

Authorities raided their compound April 3 in the nearby town of Eldorado, a 1,700-acre ranch with a blindingly white limestone temple and log cabin-style houses — and began collecting documents and disk drives that might provide evidence of underage girls being married to adults.

The children, who are being kept in a domed coliseum in San Angelo, range in age from 6 months to 17 years. Roughly 100 of them are under 4.

FLDS members deny children were abused and say the state is persecuting them for their faith.

The judge must weigh the allegations of abuse and also decide whether it is in the children's best interest to be placed into mainstream society after they have been told all their lives that the outside world is hostile and immoral.

If the judge gives the state permanent custody of the children, the Texas child services agency will face the enormous task of finding suitable homes. It will also have to decipher brother-sister relationships so that it can try to preserve them.

Over the past two weeks, the agency has relied on volunteers to help feed the children, do their laundry and provide crafts and games for them.

Gov. Rick Perry would not say how much the case is costing the state, but said: "Does the state of Texas have the resources? Absolutely we do."

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Welcome... to our new girls

# Picture book takes on mom's plastic surgery

Leanne Italie  
Associated Press

Divorce. Bullies. Foster care. There are books for children on just about every tough subject these days. But mommy's plastic surgery?

A Florida plastic surgeon has written about just that in "My Beautiful Mommy," a picture book due out April 28 that tries to calm the fears of kids with parents getting tummy tucks, breast enhancement procedures and nose jobs.

Dr. Michael Salzhauer said so many moms brought kids to their appointments that he was motivated to stock up on lollipops in his Bal Harbour, Fla., office. In "My Beautiful Mommy," he explains mommy's recuperation, changing look and desire for plastic surgery.

"Many parents don't explain to their kids what's going on," said the father of four, with his fifth child on the way. "Children are very perceptive. You can't hide a major surgery from them. When mom goes down for two weeks after a tummy tuck it affects them."

Illustrations show a crook-nosed mom with loose tummy skin under her half shirt picking up her young daughter early from school one day and taking her to a strapping and handsome "Dr. Michael."

Mom explains she's going to have operations on her nose and tummy and may have to take it easy for a week or so. The girl asks if the operations will hurt, and mom replies, "Maybe a little," warning she'll look different after the bandages come off.

The girl asks: "Why are you going to look different?"

Mom responds: "Not just different, my dear... prettier!"

Big Tent Books in Savannah, Ga., is racing the book out after the Internet lit up Wednesday with word of its upcoming release.

The initial 4,400 copies will be available for purchase only through the Web site of the company, which provides editorial and publishing services to picture book authors for fees.

Salzhauer acknowledges the subject matter may seem distasteful to some.

"There are people who are going to read this and say you're indoctrinating kids and idealizing beauty. That's not the intention of the book at all," he said. "The intention is to allow parents who are going through this process anyway to have a vehicle to explain it to their kids."

Diane Kuplack understands.

At 37, Kuplack has six biological children under the age of 12, including 5-year-old twins, along with two older stepchildren from

her husband Matt's first marriage. She said it was "nerve-racking" trying to decide what, if anything, to tell her children about the breast implant surgery she scheduled for Friday.

Kuplack, who lives in Weston, Fla., and is a patient of Salzhauer's, read the book to her children.

"The older ones loved it," she said. "We were nervous that if we didn't say anything at all that they would notice I look different when I came home. It really helped them understand because it explains everything so well. They didn't have any questions after that."

**"When mom goes down for two weeks after a tummy tuck it affects (the kids)."**

Michael SALZHAUER  
Plastic surgeon

The book, told from the perspective of the grade school-age daughter, has the groggy mommy home from the hospital the day after her double surgery, sitting up in bed sipping chicken soup with grandma helping out.

Soon mommy is out of bed but still not able to do any heavy lifting, so the girl and her big brother pitch in around the house.

At the breakfast table, the girl tells mommy how she's learning about butterflies at school and mommy laughs that her bandages make her feel like a cocoon.

Then the big day arrives, mommy's bandages are gone and illustrator Victor Guiza lights up the new and improved mommy with a sparkly princess pink background.

"Mommy, your eyes are sparkling like diamonds," the girl exclaims. "You're the most beautiful butterfly in the whole world."

Jerry Seltzer, general manager of Big Tent's parent company, Whimsical LLC, sees the obvious niche for "My Beautiful Mommy" in plastic surgeons' offices and among moms undergoing cosmetic procedures. He admits he initially wondered about the content.

"I thought, 'Gee, mommy looked awfully good before the surgery.' But I felt confident because it was appropriate for the market," he said. "Women are out there getting the surgery."

Salzhauer said he performs about 200 tummy tucks and breast procedures a year, the bulk on mothers.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons, representing most of the nation's board-certified surgeons in the specialty, reported nearly 348,000 breast augmentation procedures and 143,000 tummy tucks on women in 2007.

"My patients do worry about their children when they're going through this," Salzhauer said. "The book just goes toward trying to make the process as understandable as possible for the kids, so they can feel included and don't have to make things up in their minds on what's going on."

# Teens turn to thrift as jobs vanish and prices rise

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The souring job market and rising costs of the usual teenage indulgences — a slice of pizza, a drive to the mall, the hottest new jeans — are causing teens to do something they rarely do: be thrifty.

It's a far cry from the free-wheeling spending of recent years, when teens splurged on \$100 Coach wristlet handbags, \$60 Juicy Couture T-shirts and \$80 skinny jeans from Abercrombie & Fitch.

Now jobs for teens are less plentiful, and parents who supply the allowances are feeling the economic pinch themselves.

The stalwart retailers of teen apparel, such as Abercrombie and American Eagle Outfitters Inc., are reporting sluggish sales, defying the myth that teen spending is recession-proof: It holds up longer, but can eventually fold.

It's even becoming cool to be frugal.

Last week, Ellegirl.com, the teen offshoot of Elle magazine, launched a new video fixture called Self-Made Girl, which shows teens how to make clothes and accessories. The first video offers tips on how to create a prom clutch.

"It's a little tacky in the economic unrest to tote a big logo bag," said Holly Siegel, the site's senior editor. She said it's no longer about teens "one-upping each other," but rather where they can get it cheap.

Victoria Bradley, a 16-year-old from Springfield, Mo., says the \$80 she earns each month from baby-sitting is being eaten up by more expensive school lunches, late-night snacks with friends and stylish clothes.

Now, she says, she and her friends head for the thrift store or just browse at the mall.

"I used to be able to buy a T-shirt and jeans every couple of months," Victoria said, adding some of her friends are even "making their own clothes or altering their old ones to fit or look better."

Victoria's mother, Michelle Bradley, said she and her husband cut back spending on themselves last year, and early this year also started paring back "frivolous" buying for their three girls.

"We have made a conscious

effort to not use credit cards," said Bradley, who stopped paying for Victoria's text messages last month. The top priority is school supplies and choir fees.

The job market for teens isn't what it used to be, either: Nathan Reeser, a Cincinnati 15-year-old, lost his job making pizza four

months ago and has had to cut back on spending. He's shopping more at Target and less at Abercrombie & Fitch's Hollister stores.

"Now, I just get money from my parents, but they don't have as much because of taxes and everything else," he said.

Teen hiring has slumped by 5 percent since March 2007, with many mom-and-pop stores, which typically hire younger workers, laying off employees. Hiring in the overall job market fell by just 0.1 percent during the same period.

That's still not as bad as the 13 percent drop in teen hiring in the early 1990s. That means that if the larger job market mirrors the last teen hiring slump, "we're not out of the woods," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Economists say this teen spending slump could be the worst in 17 years, when teen frugality led to the demise of once-hot Merry-Go-Round Enterprises Inc. and ushered in an era of flannel shirts and torn jeans.

Last month, teen retailers suffered an 8 percent drop in sales at established stores. The good news is that the under-20 crew is still spending on tech gadgets like iPods, cell phones and headsets, analysts say.

What makes this slump different, says Deloitte Research chief economist Carl Steidtmann, is the soaring cost of basics such food and gas, which have a direct impact on younger consumers.

Gas could reach \$4 a gallon this summer, and prices for teen favorites like pizza and potato chips have all climbed, squeezing the amount of cash teens can spend elsewhere.

Sales at teen retailers open at

least a year averaged a 0.5 percent decline last year, compared to a 3.3 percent increase in 2006 and a 12.1 percent gain in 2005, according to a UBS-International Council of Shopping Centers tally.

Retailers like American Eagle and Tween Brands Inc., which operates Limited Too, have cut their earnings outlooks amid deeper-than-expected sales declines. Abercrombie & Fitch reported a disappointing 10 percent sales drop in March, while Pacific Sunwear of California Inc. announced earlier this year it was shuttering its urban-inspired Demo stores.

**"It's a little tacky in the economic unrest to tote a big logo bag"**

Holly SIEGEL  
Senior editor Ellegirl.com

Among the few bright spots is Aeropostale Inc., whose jeans are about 30 percent cheaper than Abercrombie & Fitch. Candace Corlett, principal at consulting firm WSL Strategic Retail, said low-price chains like H&M and Steve & Barry's should do well.

And Urban Outfitters Inc., which operates its namesake stores and the Anthropologie brand, has held up well. Trend experts believe that's because it has a thrift-store feel.

Secondhand clothing chains have seen business surge this year as teens and their parents buy popular brands like Gap, Banana Republic and Juicy Couture at a fraction of the regular price.

Kerstin Block, president and co-founder of Buffalo Exchange, a Tucson, Ariz.-based chain that sells second-hand clothing, said Gap jeans there run \$9 to \$20. A new pair runs \$50 to \$60. Block noted that buying second-hand is also appealing to a growing eco-friendly sentiment among teenagers.

"It is way cooler to get a super deal on that shirt rather than being able to spend the most money on something," said Anna D'Agrosa, director of Consumer Insights at The Zandi Group, a market research company focusing on teens. "Kids are becoming really aware of what is happening to their economy and to their families."

# Pope prays with victims of clergy sex abuse scandal

Victor Simpson  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pope Benedict XVI prayed with tearful victims of clergy sex abuse in a chapel Thursday, an extraordinary gesture from a pontiff who has made atoning for the great shame of the U.S. church the cornerstone of his first papal trip to America.

Benedict's third day in the U.S. began with a packed open-air Mass celebrated in 10 languages at a baseball stadium, and it included a speech to Roman Catholic college and university presidents.

But the real drama happened privately, in the chapel of the papal embassy between events.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi, a papal spokesman, said that Benedict and Boston Cardinal Sean O'Malley met with a group of five or six clergy sex abuse victims for about 25 minutes, offering them encouragement and hope. The group from O'Malley's archdiocese were all adults, men and women, who had been molested when they were minors. Each spoke privately with the pope.

"They prayed together. Also, each of them had their own individual time with the Holy

Father," Lombardi said. "Some were in tears."

Bernie McDaid, one of the victims, said in an interview with CNN that he told the pope he was an altar boy when he was abused and "it wasn't just sexual abuse, it was spiritual abuse. And I want you to know that. And then I told him that he has a cancer growing in his ministry, and needs to do something about it. And I hope he hears me... and he nodded."

McDaid and two other victims said in the interview that the meeting was candid and emotional. Well over 4,000 priests have

been accused of molesting minors in the U.S. since 1950. The church has paid out more than \$2 billion, much of it in just the last six years, after the case of a serial molester in Boston gained national attention and inspired many victims to step forward. Six dioceses have been forced into bankruptcy because of abuse costs.

Expected to address the problem only once during his six-day trip — at a Mass with priests in New York City on Saturday — Benedict has instead returned to the issue repeatedly, beginning in a news conference on the flight from Rome to the U.S.

He has called the crisis a cause of "deep shame," pledged to keep pedophiles out of the priesthood and decried the "enormous pain" that communities have suffered from such "gravely immoral behavior" by priests.

On Wednesday, he told bishops the problem has sometimes been very "badly handled" and said it was their God-given duty to heal the wounds caused by abuse. He asked each parishioner at Mass on Thursday "to do what you can to foster healing and reconciliation, and to assist those who have been hurt."

Thursday afternoon's session went a step further. Lombardi

said it was believed to be the first-ever such session between a pope and abuse victims.

Gary Bergeron, an outspoken abuse survivor from Boston who was not in the meeting, failed in his attempt to meet with Pope John Paul II, Benedict's predecessor, when he spent a week at the Vatican a few years ago.

He called Thursday's meeting "a long-sought-for step in the right direction."

"The Catholic Church is partly based on symbolism, and I think the symbolism had he not met with survivors would have been horrendous," the 45-year-old Bergeron said.

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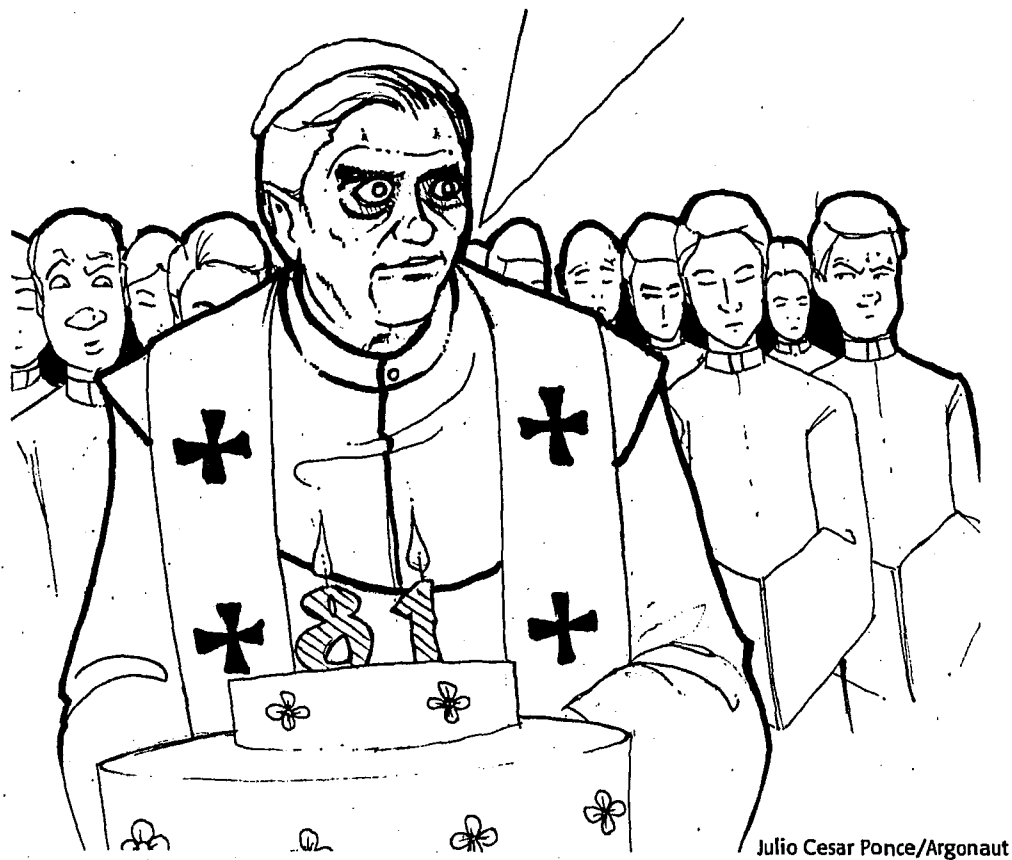
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## OurVIEW

# Ugly campaigning

The 2008 ASUI election was a success in several ways — opinions were voiced, new leadership was established, and voter turnout increased by more than 10 percent since last year. The affair was certainly a success for the Holbrook-Crump camp, as well as the eight new senators. As always, and this year in new ways, there is room for improvement.

One of the perennial shortcomings in ASUI elections is voter turnout. There are 1,780 students on the University of Idaho campus that deserve a pat on the back for voting. This is a much larger number than in years past, but it still leaves about 7,000 undergraduates who opted not to participate in the election. What success there was on the participation front is due in large part to the efforts of ASUI and the energetic campaigning of Lauren McConnell, Derek Arnold, Garret Holbrook and Tricia Crump.

This campaigning, however,

provided a platform for new problems to arise. The Facebook groups in support of both campaigns were host to much more ugliness than has been present in previous elections. The candidates cannot be blamed for this, but many of the comments highlighted the unnecessarily aggressive, sexist and counterproductive stances held by many UI students. Democracy is great, but the legitimacy of the system is called into question when its participants choose personal attacks over legitimate debate.

While the election had more good than bad, it's worth noting that the majority of the good was caused by the candidates, while the majority of the bad was caused by the student body. ASUI can only be as effective as the people they lead. If students want to improve the UI experience, participation and personal conduct are the first areas to work on.

— AL

## Off the CUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Where's Bruce?

The Jackie Chan/Jet Li film "The Forbidden Kingdom" opens today and I must say, it's about time. Getting these two guys together should have happened years ago, before the "Rush Hour" series turned Chan into a dumb joke instead of the campy fun goofball he was before.

— T.J.

### Getting a job

Today I am in Rapid City, South Dakota trying to impress people enough to hire me. The last month has been the most nerve-wracking experience of my life. Getting a job is hard and stressful. If you're graduating and you haven't started looking yet, might I suggest you get on it? No matter what you've heard, moving home with your parents after graduation really isn't cool.

— Savannah

### Driving and drinking

I was driving down the one-way on Jackson today when I saw an intriguing sign: "You honk, we drink." Someone behind me started honking and faster than a blinking eye, the cans of some cheap beer were at their lips. I was so excited that I turned around and went back down the street so I could honk. Way to make use of the sunshine guys.

— Alexis

### Jonesin' for cookies

Where oh where have all the Girl Scout Cookies gone? Like the weekend's amazing weather, my favorite Girl Scout Cookies, Samoas, came and went. I only bought a box, and now I'm wishing I would have gone Y2K crazy and bought like 20 boxes of Samoas. Oh yeah — like those people who store Girl Scout Cookies in their freezer for months. If anyone knows where I can buy more cookies, please let me know.

— Christina N.

## Senior

There are lots of great things about being a senior. Your class load gets smaller, you appreciate school a hell of a lot more and because you are leaving, people seem to appreciate you. The only thing that I would change: I've got a hell of a case of senioritis.

— Ryli

## Black (and gray) dog

I miss my pups. Grizz is the only man in my life that's ever truly loved me. We actually have similar interests. We both enjoy any combination of beef, cheese and bacon. We're both terrified of thunderstorms. Long drives with the windows down? We're for 'em. Why does such a beautiful thing like the college experience become so tainted because landlords suck and don't allow dogs? Sigh.

— Christina L.

## Hippie-chondriac

Hello, my name is Roger, and I am a hippie-chondriac. Despite the fact that I wear Chacos and Burks, and I once lived in a VW van for a couple months, I fear becoming a hippie. I fear patchouli oil, the dark leathery skin, Kombucha, vegan diets, and Red Stripe. The reason that I fear it? Perhaps it's because I would be such a good hippie. I have to learn to walk the line, the line between small-town Idaho boy and free-thinking hippie... sandals and all.

— Roger

## Done with the weather

This is my first year living in Idaho and this weather is going to drive me to drugs. The snow, rain and sun of the last few months is like an emotional rollercoaster. I see a hailstone and I want to hit someone, while every sunbeam has me ready to dance. It's not fair that a person's emotions can be so affected by the weather. But I take comfort in the fact that I've figured it out. Mother nature is on her period. Therefore I'll just hide my room till she takes a Midol.

— Lianna

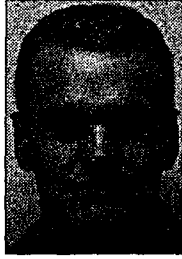
# I deserve your money more than you

Money has value. This may seem like an obvious statement, but the way some people think and talk about money implies that they haven't quite grasped this basic concept. Having value reveals something about money. It tells us that money is a reflection of wealth. This makes sense to us as we can see that wealthier people and wealthier countries are those that have more money.

Since it is something that has value, however, money does not simply appear. Rather, it must be produced. When we talk about how much money a person makes, it is a rough reflection of how much wealth that person is actually producing. This is why we talk about making money rather than getting money.

Because money is not something that appears by magic, it must come from somewhere. What this means is that anytime you ask someone for money — unless you are producing it yourself — there is less money somewhere else. If you ask your dad for \$50 and he gives it to you, he now has \$50 less to spend on his needs because you didn't produce the money yourself. The same thing happens

anytime a person or a group asks for funding. Since they are not producing the wealth, it must come from somewhere else. To put it another way, it must be taken from someone else.



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If, for instance, a state decides that it needs an extra \$10 million for education, then it must take that \$10 million dollars away from somewhere else, such as social services, transportation, or the tax payer's pockets. But what if the social services also need \$10 million more, and the Department of Transportation needs \$10 million more, and the tax payers need \$10 million more?

Just because money is deserved or needed doesn't mean that it can come. This bears repeating: just because a good cause "deserves" money doesn't mean that it should get the money, because others "deserve" that money as well, and some of them may be the people who actually made the money. In order to merit funding, it is not enough to "deserve" it. You must deserve it more than anybody else.

The issue on campus where this theory applies is in increasing student fees. The SBOE permitted a smaller

increase than was requested, and many seem to be up in arms about it. However, we have to remember that the money must come from somewhere. It would be different if the university were a business that were asking to stay open 8 percent longer so as to produce more, which would actually make more money. The university's request to increase fees does not make the world any wealthier, so in order to get the money it has requested it must take the money from somebody else. Unlike most funding requests, in this case we can see clearly where we would be getting the money.

It would come from the pockets of the students and their parents.

If the university is going to be indignant about getting a smaller increase, then it must be very sure that it deserves this extra \$1 million more than the students and parents who made it. That money might otherwise be spent on living expenses, or perhaps it will need to be taken out as student loans, in which case it will come out of student pockets down the road, perhaps when they are trying to find the money to buy a home.

Perhaps those who made the money deserve to have it more than those who want to take it from them. Now there's a revolutionary thought.

## MailBOX

### More on Yardley

Professor James Foster seems to have shot from the lip in his Tuesday letter defending the Yardley Report and the state of faculty morale ("Don't brush aside the message," Argonaut, April 15, 2008). He incorrectly states that the story was derived from only two faculty sources, but four faculty members are quoted in the article by Savannah Cummings ("Faculty smarting from benefits, Yardley," Argonaut, April 11, 2008). All four faculty sources agree that faculty morale is low and needs improving, a fact supported by the Argonaut's own survey of 177 faculty members.

Minutes from the Faculty Council's January 22, 2008 meeting state that the Yardley report's recommendations for redirecting research efforts "would require substantial reallocation of resources ranging from 5

percent to 20 percent of program budgets." So where would all this reallocated money go? The Yardley report states "We do believe that specific programs are worthy of funding concentration, and these are the ones we identified at the beginning of this portion of the report: the two biological sciences programs, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, and the doctoral program in Natural Resources." Hmmm, biological sciences, Professor Foster's own department! A coincidence? Not!

Paul Oman  
Faculty, computer science

### Simian situation

To the lower order of ape who stuck feces-encrusted toilet paper to the stall barriers in the Library third floor men's restroom: congratulations, you've made your mark.

Pat Reilly  
Junior, political science

Did you know that Opinion editor T.J. Tranchell also writes about NASCAR? Turn to page B8 and read "Redneck summer."

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## TEEJOCRACY

## Smoke if you got it

Saturday is Hempfest in Moscow and to many of you this means that a bunch of hippies and stoners will gather in East City Park to sell bong and pipes to each other, listen to tie-dye wearing jam bands and spread the message of peace, love and dope.

If this is what you think of Hempfest, you aren't entirely wrong, but you are very far from right.

Hemp advocacy is not recreational drug use advocacy.

Medical marijuana support is not support for illicit drug dealers peddling dope to junior high kids so they can get lit and jump off houses.

But let's be honest with each other, please. The Hempfest crowd falls into an unfortunate stereotype that often overshadows their message. It isn't their entire fault, either. Some people just can't get passed the swirl of colors and acoustic guitars in order to hear about hemp fiber being made into clothes, shoes and paper.

Some people see glass pipes on display in a public park and wonder why the cops aren't being called.

Some people can't stand the thought of others having a good time and being politically active at the same time.

Some people need to just chill out and smoke a bowl.

Marijuana is not cocaine, heroin or meth. One puff on a joint will not kill you or turn you into an addict.

From my own experience, that first smoke probably won't do anything to you or for you.

Drugs are not for everyone, I understand this. There are those who don't like red meat or

coffee. There are folks who jog for health and those who won't run for anything.

It's a personal choice and it should be left that way.

I can hear the argument in my head. "You do get to choose to use drugs. You can choose not to or you can choose to partake and suffer the consequences, like jail."

That doesn't sound like a choice any reasonable person should be faced with, but it is. As a reasonable person, I can choose to have a single beer and go home or slam down seven or eight shots in two hours and then try and get home.

Reasonable people understand there are limits. Sitting at home to get high and watch Comedy Central should be no less illegal than staying home to get drunk and watch football.

You should be allowed to make that choice.

You should also be allowed to choose to support a cause like Hempfest without accusations of being a low-life pothead with no direction in life.

This isn't a call for Hempfest attendees to change their lifestyles to please the masses. Instead, it's a call for the masses to look beyond the tie-dye and see that there are still people who get together because they believe in a cause, no matter how they may be perceived for believing it.

This weekend, smoke it if you have it or don't if you don't want to. No one will look down on you for passing the doobie on to the next person.

You get to make that choice.



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## Overzealous censoring

## Staff Editorial

Indiana Daily Student (Indiana U.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Freedom of speech. Where is the line drawn? At what point does controversial content become dangerous? This debate has raged for years, and two college students in Colorado have entered the ring.

After seeing a feminist and gender studies newsletter called "The Monthly Rag" lying around campus, Colorado College student Chris Robinson and a fellow student decided to make a newsletter of their own. "The Monthly Bag," as they named it, was created as a "satirical response to a feminist publication." Surely they were expecting the newsletter to cause a stir, but Robinson and his colleague got more heat than they were probably looking for.

College staff members removed "The Monthly Bag" from its various locations on campus after getting complaints that the newsletter was "threatening." The students behind the publication were also found guilty in March of violating the campus conduct

code and were forced to host a public forum about the issues the publication raised. Mike Edmonds, vice president for student life at Colorado College, wrote Robinson a letter on March 25, explaining that, although Robinson violated the code of conduct, he would not be facing serious sanctions or punishments. But Robinson said this "ideological witch hunt" was a punishment in itself.

So what made this satirical newsletter so threatening? What incited Edmonds to write in his letter to Robinson that the problem with the publication was its "juxtaposition of weaponry and sexuality"?

Well, "The Monthly Bag" did include some content that many could deem inappropriate — and apparently many people did see it as such, given the degree of outrage in response. The flier included tips on chain saw etiquette and an in-depth description of a sexual position from Men's Health magazine. It even gave readers trivia about sniper rifles. All this, Robinson told the Denver Post, was helpful information for macho men.

Now, we haven't read the

publication ourselves, and it's likely that it included content that we wouldn't find appealing. But it seems hypocritical that this newsletter was killed quickly after its first issue when the publication it parodied, which includes controversial content of its own, has been published for about three years now. The feminist newsletter included an announcement for a lecture on feminist pornography, information about gender-bending practices and a piece about a myth involving male castration.

If the makers of "The Monthly Rag" have a right to include information about gender-bending practices, a newsletter targeting "macho men" — whether it's a parody or not — should be able to include tips on chain saw etiquette. After all, a description of a sexual position seems to be no more "dangerous" than a public lecture about feminist pornography, or any pornography, for that matter. If the feminist and gender studies program can print material that is probably offensive to some, Robinson has every right to make a newsletter of his own.

## 'Flying Spaghetti Monster' now stands next to Jesus

## Tiffany Campbell

The Daily Athenaeum (W. Virginia U.)

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — On April 1, a new statue was placed outside of a courthouse representing America's newest divine being in Cumberland County, Tenn., alongside a sculpture of Jesus carrying a cross and an Iraq War memorial — the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

The Flying Spaghetti Monster, or "Spaghedeity," is the deity of the mock religion called The Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster.

Some find it thought-provoking and amusing, while many believe it to be distasteful and insulting with its system of beliefs termed "Pastafarianism" based around "Eight I'd Really Rather You Didn't's."

The parody continues throughout the detailed "Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster" involving pirates, beer volcanoes and characters like Captain Mosey.

If you follow this, please say "Ramen." Along with its obvious spoof of Christianity comes an important point made by its founder, Bobby Henderson, reminiscent of those made by supporters of the Celestial Teapot or the Invisible Pink Unicorn.

Henderson founded the religion in January 2005 to protest the decision by the Kansas State Board of Education to require the teaching of intelligent design in biology classrooms as an alternative to biological evolution.

In a widely publicized letter to the board, Henderson openly mocks the proposed concept by calling for the teaching of his theory in conjunction with intelligent design because of its equal validity.

Since supporters of intelligent design ascertain it takes

a theistic view, Henderson argues there is no arguable reason that his theory cannot be taught.

The central belief being there is an invisible and undetectable Flying Spaghetti Monster, which created the entire universe "after drinking heavily."

All evidence for evolution was planted by the Flying Spaghetti Monster, in an effort to test Pastafarians' faith.

When scientific measurements, such as radiocarbon dating, are made, the Flying Spaghetti Monster changes the results.

It is absurd. It in no way resembles science. Teaching how "a decline in pirates is responsible for global warming" in place of evolution is laughable.

Yet, as state education boards argue over allowing public schools to teach intelligent design, they would be opening up the curriculum to possibilities like the Spaghedeity.

Any deity could be deemed an intelligent designer, and Henderson clearly makes that argument.

Many argue intelligent design is an obvious attempt at repackaging old ideas in scientific-sounding language to get around a U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1987 that banned teaching the biblical story of creation in public schools.

Implementing it would violate the separation of church and state, not to mention science. Religious beliefs and ideals should be taught outside of the public classroom, and a government-funded curriculum should not be used to influence young adults' individual beliefs.

Evolution is the foundation of which the science of biology is based on. The theory has

undergone endless scrutiny by scientists and theologians alike but has not been disproved, rather supported by further evidence.

Without an in-depth understanding of its mechanisms, society would not have the advances in areas such as genetics or medicine which people reap the benefits of daily.

Intelligent design and Flying Spaghetti Monsterism cannot be tested by scientific methods that require experiments to be testable, repeatable and measurable.

However, proponents for intelligent design argue it does not disprove their theory, which does include some scientific tidbits.

But Henderson makes the same argument: No one can prove his theory to be false. So does that mean it should be taught as an alternative to evolution?

While following the unraveling of this debate which is a continuation of arguments made since Darwin's time, one can note how science, which is supposed to be removed from theology, is now being used by some as a tool to advocate for or against it; intelligent design is a prime example of what manipulations of this study have been reduced to.

It cannot be stressed enough the importance of an education including an understanding of evolution for future generations and possible ramifications for its removal.

But, if it is to be forgotten, I, along with Henderson, hope "these three theories are given equal time in our science classrooms across the country, and eventually the world: One-third time for Intelligent Design, one-third time for Flying Spaghetti Monsterism, and one third time for logical conjecture-based on overwhelming observable evidence."

## Rock star visits can't replace politics

## Staff Editorial

Daily Collegian (Penn State)

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — With infotainment taking the place of hard news, candidates are collecting celebrity endorsements like Rupert Murdoch collects newspapers.

Following this trend, Third Eye Blind lead singer Stephen Jenkins came to campus yesterday to stump for his preferred candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. After a slew of candidate visits, it was interesting to hear from an individual who is typically outside of the political realm.

Everyone from Oprah to Bruce Springsteen is putting in his or her political two cents, but is this celebrity one-upmanship taking the place of genuine policy debate?

While any increase in political discourse is positive, it's disconcerting that more students may have come last night to see a big-name musician rather than to hear about the upcoming primary race.

And how many left to watch the Democratic debates on television that evening? Turns out, Jenkins may

just be trying to be part of the in-crowd, as Obama has garnered support from a number of big names, including Toni Morrison and "Harold and Kumar" star Kal Penn.

Jenkins promised the crowd last night that if Obama won the nomination, Third Eye Blind would hold a concert at Penn State. Political bribery is a beautiful thing.

Nobody is guiltless of pandering to the power of celebrities. Hillary Clinton has sent family members Bill and Chelsea, veritable rock stars in their own rights, to Penn State to stump for her. Mike Huckabee earlier campaigned with Chuck Norris, and John

McCain touted an endorsement by Sylvester Stallone.

We're all about bringing attention to the primaries, but what does having a good roundhouse kick have to do with intelligent political decisions?

Celebrity visits to campus give us all something to do and make us feel special in the process. But they can't replace the real thing: good old-fashioned stump speeches with the candidates themselves. In this regard, despite his massive entourage of celebrity star power, Obama has pulled through for Penn State.

We're still waiting on you, Ms. Clinton.

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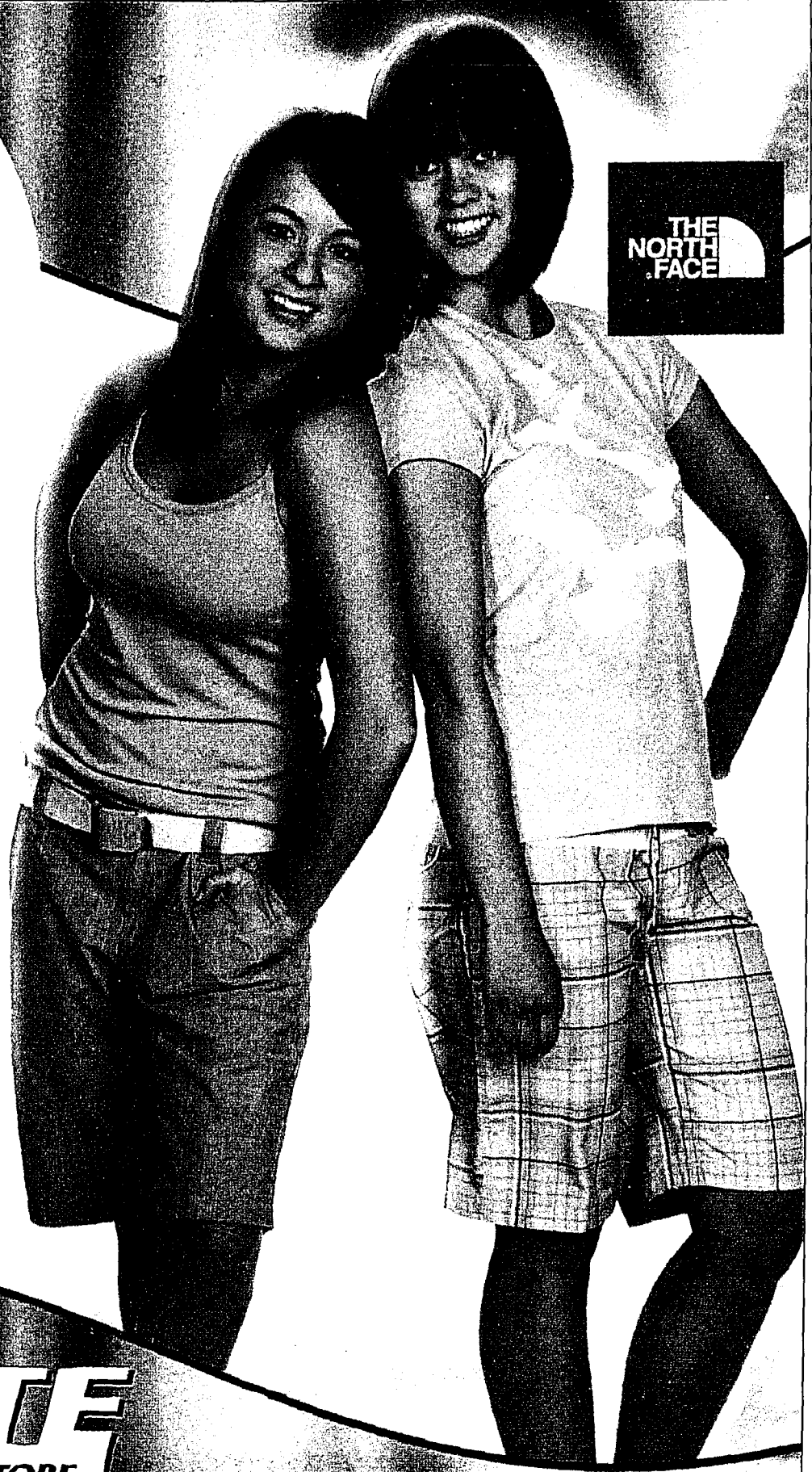
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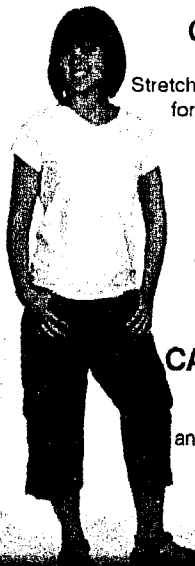
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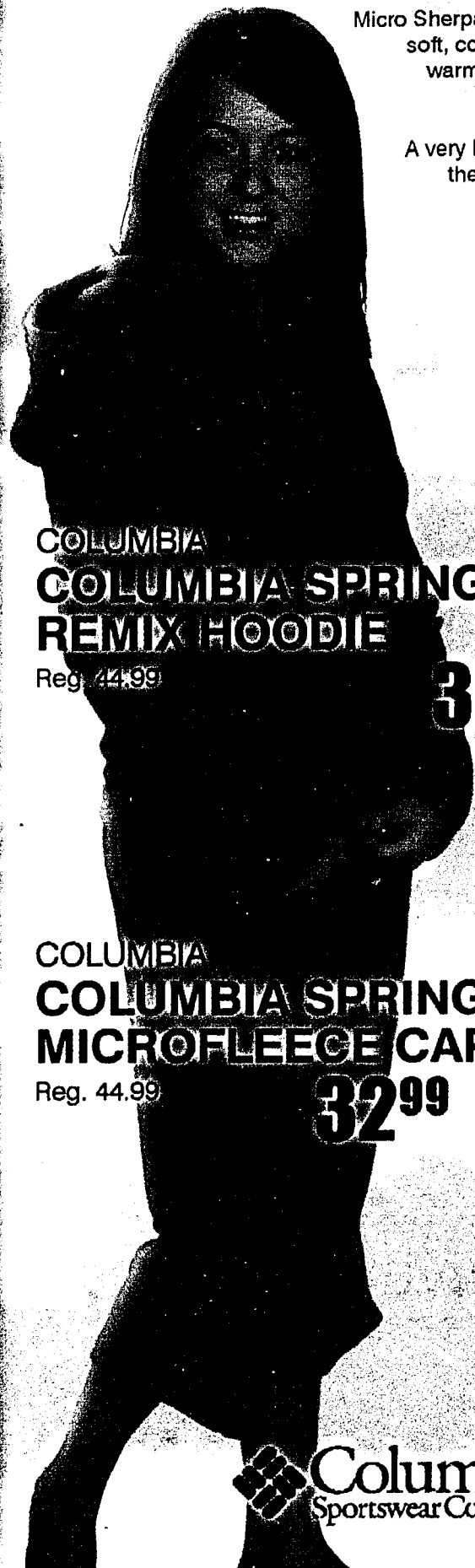
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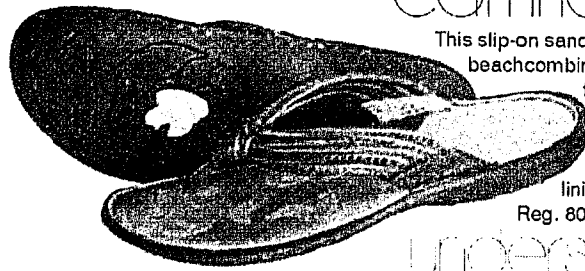
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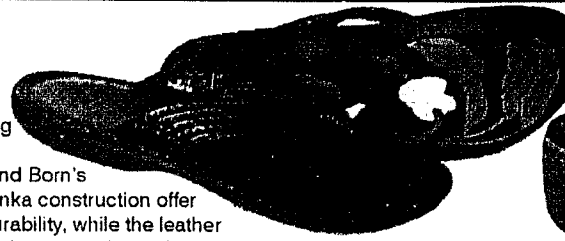


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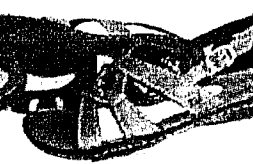
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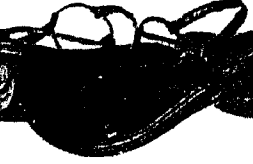
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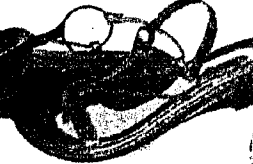
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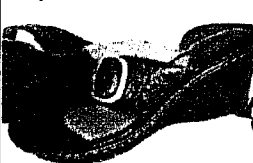
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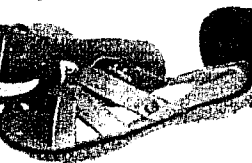
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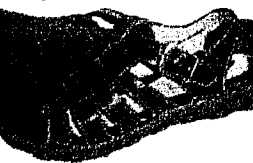
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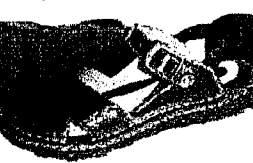
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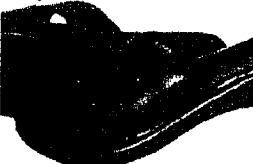
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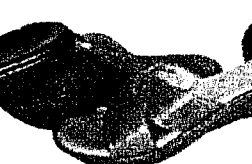
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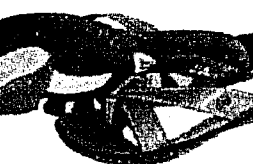
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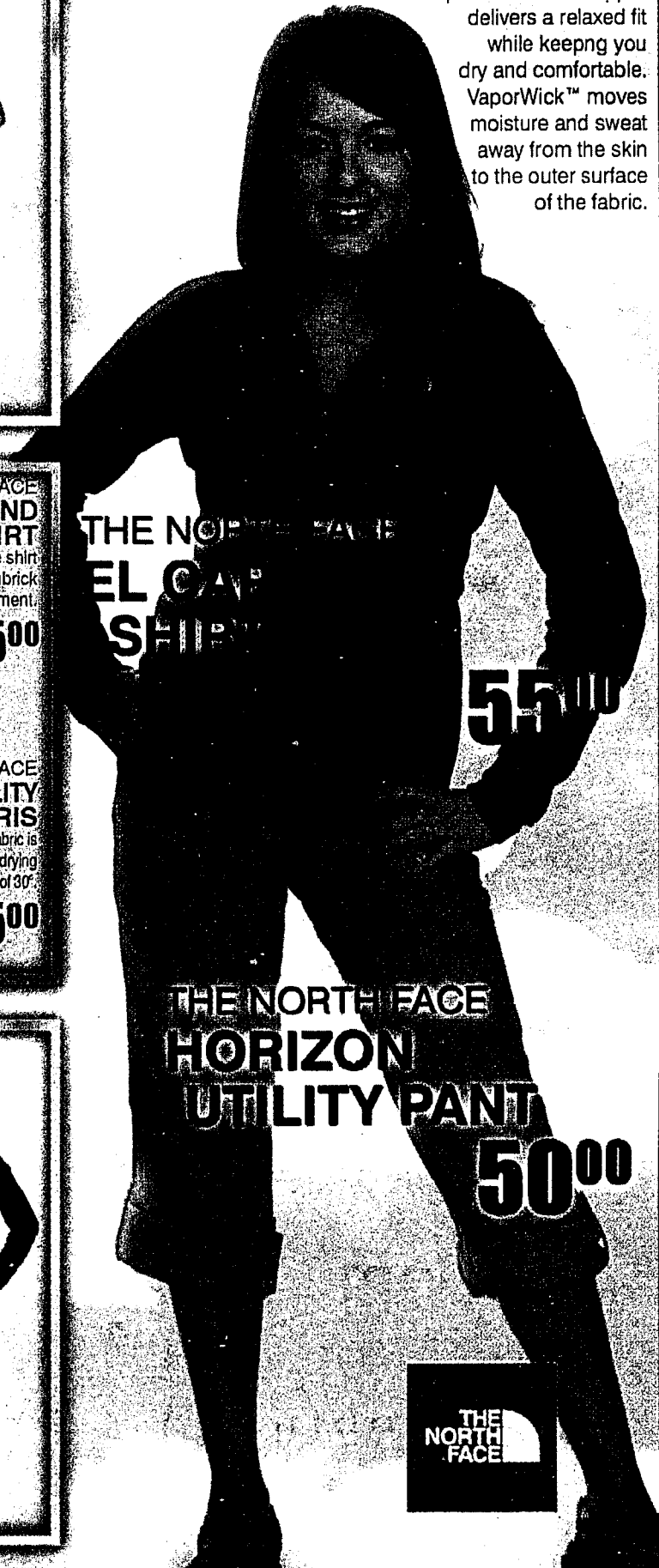
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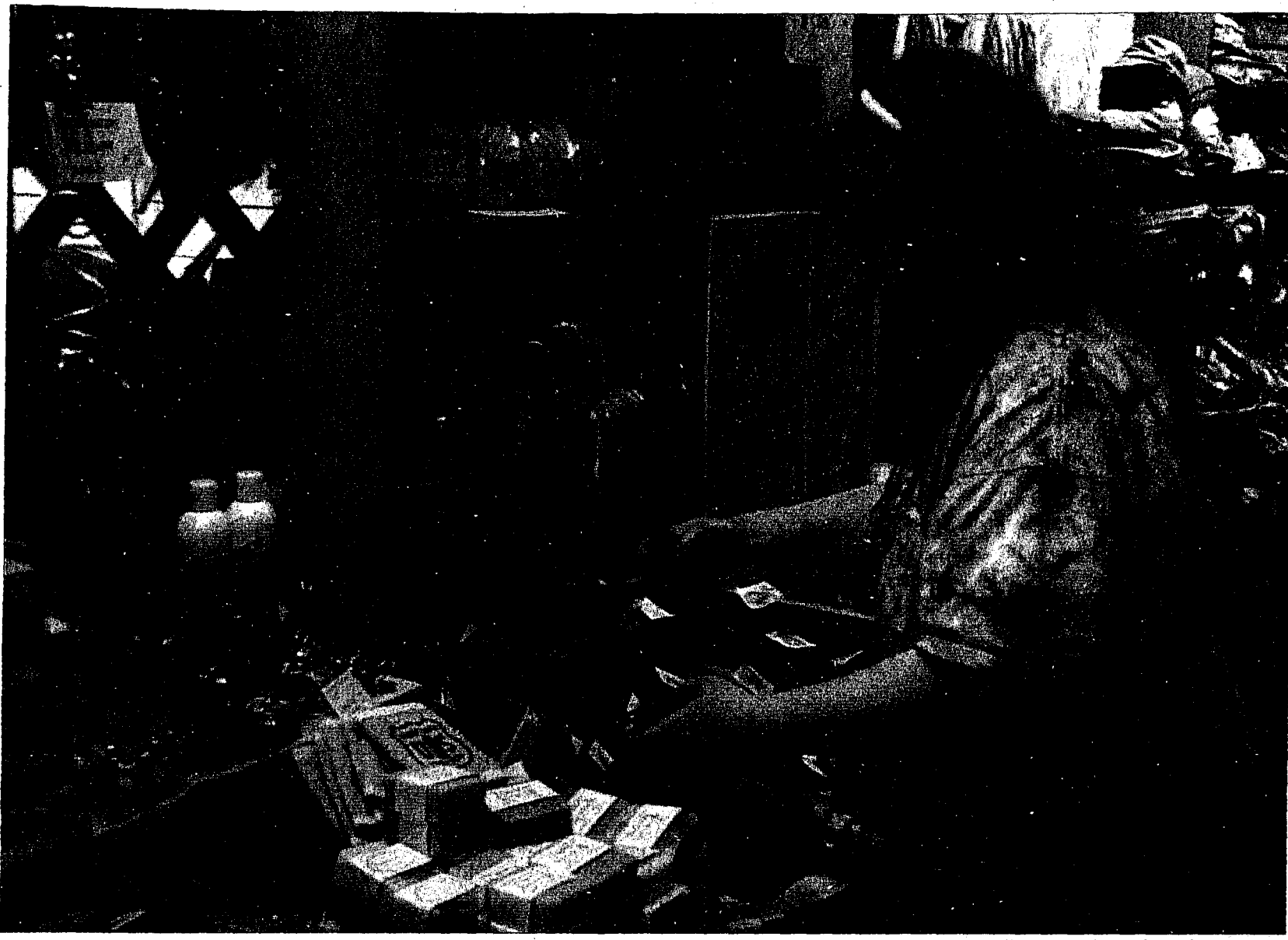
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Jake Barber/Argonaut

Owner of Tye Dye Everything and organizer of the annual Moscow Hempfest, Arlene Falcon, cleans up some shelves in her store Thursday afternoon.

## Speakers take the stage at Hempfest

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FEST

Hempfest will be in Moscow's East City Park from 10 a.m. to dusk on Saturday, rain or shine.

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A Moscow tradition since 1996, Hempfest is filled with characters, music, booths, art and speakers.

The theme for this year's Hempfest is "Dispel the myths — Fact and Fiction."

From 10 a.m. to dusk, the 12th Annual Moscow Hempfest will provide access to hemp education and advocacy, live music, food and a variety of vendors.

Vendors come from across the Northwest selling hemp-related products, such as clothing, jewelry, lotions and soaps.

"Vendors offer more than just glass art," said Arlene Falcon, Hempfest organizer and owner of Tye Dye Everything in Moscow. "We have moved all the glass art to the back of the park, making it a more family-friendly environment."

However, the highlight of this year's Hempfest is the speakers.

"We are looking to focus on the

speakers and the issues this year," Falcon said.

One of this year's speakers is Adam Assenberg, an advocate of medical marijuana working to dispel myths and spread the facts.

"We hope to get the information out to the public," Falcon said. "People seem to think industrial Hemp, Medical marijuana, and marijuana are all the same."

On Jan. 25, 1985, working as a security guard at a company in Riverside, Calif., Assenberg stopped men who were attempting to steal dynamite to use in an elementary school bombing.

However, Assenberg was unaware of the man behind him who would strike him with a bat, throw him over a bridge and leave him to die.

Assenberg fell 15 feet onto boulders, breaking nine vertebrae in his back.

"I was told I would never walk again," Assenberg said. "It took me about seven years to walk again."

It wouldn't be until 10 years after the incident when Assenberg would try

marijuana for the first time in his life.

Daily treatments of 500 milligrams of oral morphine and 60 milligrams of Percocet alone would not relieve Assenberg's pain.

After enduring over 30 convulsions and seizures on a daily basis, Assenberg's stance on marijuana changed.

"My body would actually leave the ground from pain and I would black out," he said.

After a friend offered him some marijuana, Assenberg has been an advocate and user of the treatment ever since.

"It was a godsend," Assenberg said. Marijuana is the only thing left that will work for Assenberg.

"If standard medicine fails, what's left?" he said.

Assenberg said patients who feel they are at the end of the road should consider medical marijuana.

"I took a steak knife to my heart four times," he said. "No one should have to go through the pain I've been through... That's why I turned around to fight for this cause."

After fighting for the right to smoke marijuana in his home, Assenberg is now fighting for the national legalization of medical marijuana.

"I've been getting a lot of support," he said.

Assenberg also works to dispel myths about marijuana as a drug.

He said children and teenagers know there are lies about marijuana and may assume the things said about other drugs, such as heroin, are also lies and will try them.

"If my child wanted a cigarette or alcohol, I would much rather they smoked a joint than kill themselves off with man-made chemicals," Assenberg said.

Assenberg is a DJ and host of "Marijuana — Fact or Fiction" on 92.5 FM, KRFC Radio Free Moscow. His radio show runs from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday.

May third, Assenberg will join a Medical Marijuana March from East City Park to City Hall.

Nearly three-fourths of Americans middle age and older support legalizing marijuana for medical use, according to a poll taken for AARP in 2004.

12 states have legalized the medical use of marijuana since 1996.

After legal battles in Hailey, Idaho, for more than three years, pro-marijuana advocate Ryan Davidson, chairman of Liberty Lobby of Idaho, has successfully complied with requirements and put his initiatives before the voters.

With success in November on initiatives to legalize medical use of marijuana, to legalize industrial use of hemp and to make enforcement of marijuana laws the lowest priority for the Hailey Police Department, Davidson now looks to Moscow.

Davidson, as well as conservative Rep. Tom Trail of the Idaho House of Representatives, will speak at this year's Hempfest.

"Ryan is working with us on legislation for Moscow as well," Falcon said.

## Dance Off-Hand opens dance to community

### Sydney Boyd Argonaut

The bi-annual Dance Off-Hand Concert gives everyone a chance to strut their stuff.

"It's a student showcase in a way," said Stephanie Wolpert, senior dance major and co-president of the Dance Majors and Minors Club. "It's also a great way for people who want to choreograph to get started."

Participants don't have to be a dance major or minor; anyone can audition and be a part of the concert.

"We've had people from sororities who just get their girlfriends together," Wolpert said. "If you have some Irish step dance, you can just submit your solo."

This year English, architecture, psychology and political science majors are involved, as well as members from the community and a beginning tap dance class.

"I like to make sure people

know about it and that they can do it," Wolpert said.

It is a family-friendly show, so the auditions mostly make sure that the dances have appropriate costumes and music.

The concert happens every fall and spring.

Jamie Wollenberg, junior dance major, is performing in four dances, one with a non-dance major.

"I'm doing a ballet with a guy who has never done dance in his life," Wollenberg said.

Wollenberg will be performing a contemporary ballet, a classical ballet, a lyrical and a piece from the 18th century called "Beceppe," a dance from her Dance History class.

"I like performing," Wollenberg said. "In stuff like this you can perform as much as you want."

Wollenberg said that in other dance events, the dancers are limited to a certain number of dances they can be in.

"The pieces (in the Dance

Off-Hand Concert) tend to be shorter and more fun, and you can be in as many as you want" Wollenberg said. "This is just so much more relaxed."

Swing, tap, jazz and hip-hop are other types of dancing that the concert will host.

"It's definitely entertainment," Wolpert said.

The proceeds from the concert go toward scholarships funded by the Dance Majors and Minors Club, for dancers who attend conferences held by the American College Dance Festival Association.

ACDFA is a dance conference held nationwide and divided into regions and clubs at specific universities.

Once a year, dance departments from all over the country attend a two-to-three-day-long conference ADCFA hosts.

"You take dance classes all day and then go to concerts at night," Wolpert said. "You're in it non-stop."

Each university submits

see the  
SHOW

The Dance Off-Hand Concert will be at 5 p.m. this Saturday in Room 110 in the PEB.

Tickets cost \$3 and will be sold at the door.

pieces that are then judged, and the top 10 are picked to showcase on the last night.

"You get to be with professionals and get a taste of the professional world," Wolpert said.

UI has attended for the last eight to 10 years and has made it to the final round rarely, but always comes very close to making it in the top 10 spots.

"They evaluate your piece and give you feedback," Wolpert said. "It is less of a competition and more of a learning experience."



Perry Hanson/Argonaut

Sami Pederson demonstrates the dance piece she will be performing as part of a trio during rehearsal on Thursday night. The Dance Off-Hand performance will take place in PE Building Room 110 Saturday at 5 p.m.

ArtsBRIEFS

Earth Week events begin this week

There will be an opening ceremony parade from the SUB to the Idaho Commons at 9:30 a.m. today.

Sponsored by the UI Environmental Club, the Environmental Film Festival will begin at 7 p.m. Monday, in the SUB Borah Theatre. The films include "The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil" and "A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil."

Hosted by ASUI, a free concert by Intervention will start at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22 in the SUB Ballroom.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 23, UI living groups will present their artwork at the second annual Aluminum Art Competition in the Commons plaza.

Co-op sponsors free wellness classes

The Moscow Food Co-op is sponsoring a series of free monthly wellness classes this spring designed to provide general information to participants about health and wellness.

The first class, "Tonics and Detoxifying," will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 28 and will provide information on traditional uses of tonics and detoxifiers.

For more information, contact Amy Lucker, Moscow Food Co-op Wellness Manager at 882-8537.

Above the Rim opens new exhibit

The Above the Rim Gallery will open a new exhibit today called "Homage to Women Artists," a project of the Palouse Chapter of the Women's Caucus for the Arts.

The show will run through May 31.

For more information, contact Gerri Saylor (birdhouse@moscow.com).

IRT schedules summer program

Subscriber tickets for the Idaho Repertory Theatre 2008 season are now on sale and single tickets will go on sale April 29.

This year, IRT celebrates its 55th season presenting professional summer theatre on the Palouse.

The season runs from June 26 to August 2 at the Hartung Theatre, indoor and outdoor stages, and features three main-stage productions: *Forever Plaid* by Stuart Ross; *The Nerd* by Larry Shue; and *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare.

IRT will also feature two benefit performances on July 31 and August 1 in the UI Hartung Theatre.

Television stars Bill Faggerbakke and Catherine McClenahan will be performing *Love Letters* by A.R. Gurney, and *Hate Mail* by Bill Corbett and Kira Obolensky.

For information about purchasing season tickets call the UI Kibbie Dome Box office at 885-7212 or go to [www.idahorep.org](http://www.idahorep.org).

# Smoking Bill returns to Moscow

John's Ally veterans return

Padrhig A. Harney  
Argonaut

Smoking Bill returns to Moscow's live music scene after having briefly disappeared following their 2007 Northwest tour to record their fourth studio album.

After finishing their latest recording, the band is charged up and ready to rock the stage once again at Hemp Fest and John's Ally on Saturday.

Six year Northwest veterans, Smoking Bill moved to Seattle in search of making it in the music business.

"It all started in the morgue behind CJs," said Mike Niss, Smoking Bill bassist.

Moscow's city morgue was dark and filled with two inches of standing water at their feet.

"Crypt," as it came to be called, was the band's first home.

From there the band honed their

sound influenced by They Might Be Giants, Talking Heads, David Bowie, Tom Waits, Ween, and The Presidents of the United States of America.

With their own style of funk rock, ska, blues and rock, Smoking Bill delivers a high-energy evening of Madness through music.

After playing many shows at John's Ally the band moved to Seattle in 2005. "There is a lot of great memories in Moscow, the whole band is excited about the show," said Brandon Kitts, Smoking Bill guitarist. "We all grew up on stage at the Ally," Niss said.

The current members of Smoking Bill include Jesse Calixto, lead vocals, and guitar; Brandon Kitts, backing vocals, and guitar; Mike Niss, Bass; Erick Bell, drums, backing vocals, and Adam Bruno, trumpet, backing vocals.

With the upcoming release of the band's new album, lead singer Jesse Calixto carries a charisma of madness and melody with him where ever he takes to the stage. "We bring not only great music, but we perform our hearts out on stage," Kitts said.

"We all grew up on stage at the Ally."

Mike Niss  
Smoking Bill, bassist

The band members joke about their involvement with Moscow and other area bands. "We have become friends with a Seattle band Lazybones, who will play with us on Saturday," Niss said.

The sweatshop band from Portland was another group that Smoking Bill befriended over the years, but has recently broken up.

"Some of the guys from sweat shop will be joining us as well," said Niss.

Smoking Bill has played Hemp Fest on two previous occasions, but this

for more INFO

Smoking Bill will play at Hempfest in East City Park on Saturday April 19 at 3:30p.m.

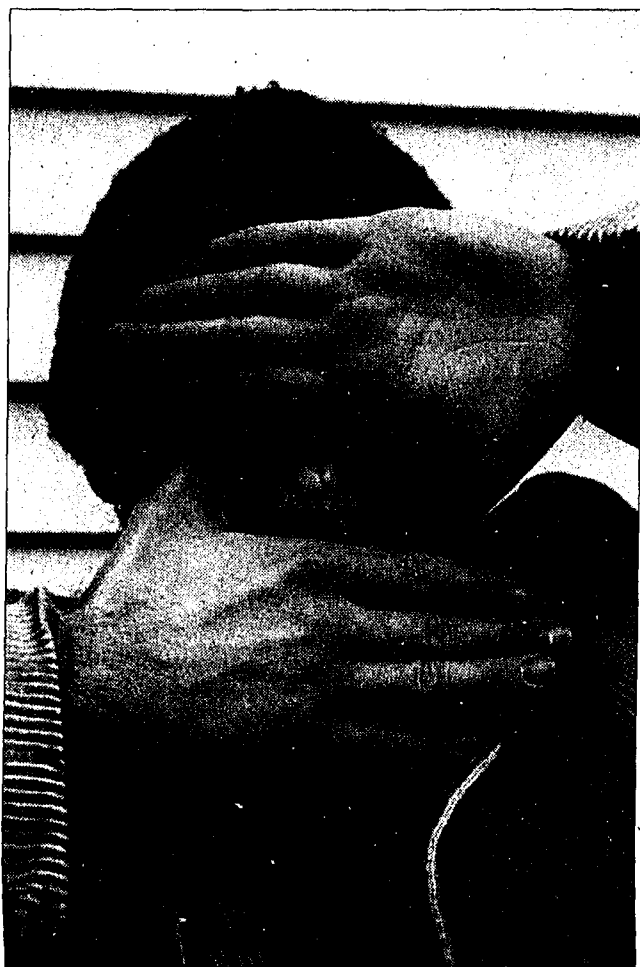
The band will also be appearing at John's Ally on Sunday night with Lazybones and some members of The Sweat Shop Band.

year they are the main attraction. "It's great to be back in Moscow, our music has a real dance—ability and I think that everyone is going to dig it," Kitts said.

"People can appreciate the music that we perform and if not we have some great lyrics that they can groove on," Niss said.

"Mike is the pretty face of the band, not the talent," Kitts said. "We put the pretty faces up front and the talent in the back."

## The weight of words, spoken to inspire



Courtesy Photo  
Jared Paul will perform in the Borah Theatre on Sunday night.

Providence, R.I. Slam Poet to perform in the Borah, Sunday

Kevin Otzenberger  
Argonaut

Terrorism, drugs, alcohol, vegans, religion and gun violence—none of these topics are safe from the blunt and controversial lyrics of Rhode Island slam poet Jared Paul.

Now Paul is traveling to universities across the country to spread his message. He will perform from 7 to 8 p.m., April 20 in the Borah Theatre of the Student Union Building.

He will also be performing at Hempfest on April 19.

"We thought it would be a good idea to have him at both events, since he's associated with earth week," said Vandal Entertainment Promotions Chair Kelsey Laroche. "That was the point of booking this show."

Francina Zimmerman, a non-traditional pre-nursing student at the University of Idaho, acted as an intermediary between Vandal Entertainment and a friend who was personally acquainted with Paul.

She attempted to book Paul at both UI and WSU, but was only able to strike a contract with UI.

"We were passionate about enabling students to have another flavor of entertainment," Zimmerman said. "I think we could benefit from the diversity."

She also said that Paul's music is stylistically tied with Epitaph recording artist Sage Francis, but doesn't commit to one genre.

Paul defines himself as "experimental hip hop and punk."

Among a series of other awards and events, Paul has taken two nation-wide tours with Sage Francis and was a finalist in the Individual World Poetry Slam in 2006 and 2007.

"He's deep. He's real," Zimmerman said. "I think what drew me to him was how involved he is in inspiring other people to make changes."

Aside of his art, Paul has spent the past eight years organizing and participating in political and social forums including everything from street theater actions to working-class lobbies in both the U.S. and England.

"He's a real activist poet," Laroche said. "He has really strong beliefs. I know he's for local buying and environmen-

tal activism."

In 2004, Paul covered the Democratic and Republican National Conventions for WRU 90.3FM News in Kingston, R.I. He is also currently taking part in a class action lawsuit against the City of New York, relating to arrests made during the Republican Convention.

"He's really dedicated to getting other people involved in poetry, too," Laroche said.

Paul is the founder and coach of the Providence National Youth Slam Team, which encourages Rhode Island youths to experiment with and pursue spoken word poetry.

The team reached the National Youth Slam Finals in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

Paul is also vegan and straight-edge.

He avoids purchasing anything that is not Fair Trade certified, including coffee, tea, chocolate, sugar and bananas and avoids all forms of drugs and alcohol.

He also tries to avoid buying goods produced further than 200 miles from Rhode Island, in a personal protest against factory farming.

## Grandmother wins \$1 million Pillsbury baking prize

Associated Press

DALLAS — For \$1 million, this is one smart cookie.

A Maryland grandmother's recipe for peanut butter cookies won the \$1 million grand prize Tuesday in the 43rd Pillsbury Bake-Off.

Carolyn Gurtz, a 59-year-old homemaker from Gaithersburg, had finished first in the Sweet Treats category with her Double-Delight Peanut Butter Cookies, making her one of five contestants eligible

for the grand prize.

"They're crunchy and sweet on the outside, creamy on the inside," she told The Dallas Morning News.

Gurtz, who has two grown sons, ages 33 and 30, thought she might have a winning creation when one of her sons kept coming back for more, telling her: "Mom, these are winners."

But the clincher was when her "mixed Golden Retriever" named Tucker could not get enough of them.

Gurtz said that her hus-

band, a financial planner, already has ideas for the \$1 million, which is disbursed in 20 annual payments of \$50,000.

"But I had already promised some to my church," Gurtz said. "And, of course, I plan to give some to my grandson. He's only 1 1/2, but some day, he'll be going to college."

Gurtz had entered the biennial contest over the past 10 years, but had never before been chosen as a finalist. Along with the grand prize, she won the Jif Peanut Butter Award and

an additional \$5,000 for having the best recipe using at least 1/4 cup of Jif Peanut Butter.

Double-delight peanut butter cookies

- 1/4 cup dry roasted peanuts, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 cup creamy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 (16.5-ounce) package Pillsbury Create 'n Bake refrigerated peanut butter cookies, well chilled

Preheat oven to 375 F. In a small bowl, mix chopped peanuts, sugar and cinnamon; set aside.

In another small bowl, stir peanut butter and powdered sugar until completely blended. Shape mixture into 24 (1-inch) balls.

Cut roll of cookie dough into 12 slices. Cut each slice in half crosswise to make 24

pieces; flatten slightly. Shape 1 cookie dough piece around 1 peanut butter ball, covering completely. Repeat with remaining dough and balls.

Roll each covered ball in peanut mixture; gently pat mixture completely onto balls. On ungreased large cookie sheets, place balls 2 inches apart. Spray bottom of drinking glass with nonstick cooking spray; press into remaining peanut mixture. Flatten each ball to 1/4-inch thickness with bottom of glass. Sprinkle any remaining peanut mixture evenly on tops of cookies; gently press into dough.

Bake 7 to 12 minutes or until edges are golden brown. Cool 1 minute; remove from cookie sheets to cooling rack. Store tightly covered. Makes 24 cookies.

Nutrition information per cookie: 150 calories; 7 g fat (1.5 g saturated); 0 mg cholesterol; 17 g carbohydrates; 3 g protein; 0 g fiber; 125 mg sodium.

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# Barbershop choruses sing back into style

Singers from around the area come together for "Hey Look Me Over"

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

Music will be in the air this Saturday night.

"Hey Look Me Over," which is presented by the new Palouse Harmony Chorus, will be a night of song and fun for all ages.

Featuring a line-up of four barbershop quartets and six barbershop choruses from around the area, this event also marks the debut show for the Palouse Harmony Chorus.

The group, which was first created back in April 2007, is composed of 17 men, ages 30 to 72.

John Mix, a member of the Palouse Harmony Chorus, said every barbershop chorus in the country has an annual show, and since they're brand new, the time has come for them to have their first show.

He said the other groups from around the northwest that are coming to sing at the show are doing so completely on their own, which was a nice gesture.

"Each group will sing two or three songs. It will be one of the more varied shows we'll be able to have," Mix said.

Ross Brickelmyer, the president of the Palouse Harmony Chorus, said when he and his wife moved to Pullman last January he found that within a month or two he was going through withdrawal from barbershop singing.

While Brickelmyer lived in Bozeman, Montana he was an active member of a barbershop chorus, and when he went to Clarkston shortly after moving he heard the Pages of Harmony, a quartet from Spokane, play-

ing with the Sweet Adelines, a female chorus from the Quad Cities.

He said that is when he knew he had to get involved.

Shortly after that he helped form the Palouse Harmony Chorus.

"It's been a fantastic experience," Brickelmyer said. "Bringing something from nothing and reintroducing men's harmony chorus to the Palouse has been great."

Brickelmyer said that he's excited for the show in general, but he's looking forward to hearing the Moscow High School Bearitones, which is a girls quartet made up of three seniors and one sophomore.

"I heard from my voice coach that they're going to steal the show and that they have a great sound. They're young and full of energy and just cute as a button, so I'm excited to see what they'll do," he said.

He said that "Hey Look Me Over" will be a parade of choruses and quartets and fun for everyone who comes.

Orrin Iseminger, vice president of the Palouse Harmony Chorus, said the past nine weeks of planning for the show have been pretty intense.

"It's our charter show, and all of these other groups of fel-

## hear them SING

"Hey Look Me Over" will be taking place at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Moscow High School Auditorium.

Tickets for the show cost \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for students with ID. They are available before the show at Hodgins Drug, BookPeople of Moscow, Sears, Cowgirl Chocolates and Rosauer's in Moscow, as well as at Neill's Flowers and Gifts in Pullman.

The Palouse Harmony Chorus is always looking for new, talented voices.

For those interested in the Palouse Harmony Chorus, they practice every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Moscow First United Methodist Church.

low barbershoppers have come and volunteered to sing and it will be very exciting for us," Iseminger said. "We're inviting the Palouse country to come and look us over."

## THE GREAT ARTDOORS



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut  
Students of Drawing 112 moved their artwork outdoors and sketched a model posing in the sunlight in front of the Idaho Commons yesterday afternoon.

## Japanese designer adds recycling and polyester to luxury in 'ecological fur'

Yuri Kageyama  
Associated Press

TOKYO — Basking in the runway spotlight at a Tokyo fashion show Monday was a cape of lowly polyester sewn with chinchilla billed as an "ecological fur."

The cape, a bolero and other items by Japanese designer Chie Imai are made with real chinchilla and mink from fur farms, but their fabric parts and lining are made of recycled polyester from Teijin Ltd., a Japanese plastic and pharmaceutical maker.

"We have not compromised quality," Imai said. "And tying ecology with fur is such a fascinating concept."

Imai is the latest fur designer to use synthetic materials with fur — despite complaints

from animal rights activists that the term "ecological" is a ploy to distract people from the mistreatment and cruelty of animals in the fur industry.

Imai said the composite material — ranging in price from \$12,000 for a mink bolero to \$83,000 for the chinchilla cape — allows her clientele, who include the Japanese royal family and celebrities such as Sarah Jessica Parker to feel green, even when they're buying fur.

"They want to take part in being ecological, but it's hard for them to find a way to do it," Imai said at a Tokyo hotel, showing her 2008-2009 collection debuting her ecological fur.

Fur is ecological because it can be worn for generations and "returns to the earth" as

organic material and causes no pollution, Imai argues.

"We aren't destroying anything. Aren't you going to eat meat? Wear belts or shoes?" she said.

Mass-producing T-shirts from recycled polyester cuts carbon dioxide emissions by 77 percent and energy consumption by 84 percent, compared with making them from scratch. Teijin produces some 7,000 tons a year of recycled polyester from used polyester clothing, said company spokesman Yoshihito Usami. Most of it is used for work clothes and uniforms.

"Recycling, rooted in the idea of avoiding waste, doesn't link easily with the idea of luxury fur," said Usami. "This is something we are carrying out as a trial."

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# The healthy plate for breakfast

**Jim Romanoff**  
Associated Press

Traditional brunch fare often is heavy and usually includes fatty meats, such as bacon and sausage.

Eggs Benedict is a case in point — two eggs, ham and a buttery sauce combined to deliver a nutritional triple whammy of carbohydrates, calories and as much as 30 grams of fat.

Even pancakes and waffles can have a stick of melted butter hidden in the batter, plus more for the griddle.

For a lighter Mother's Day brunch, consider making these scrumptious, lemon-lovers' ricotta pancakes, which look similar to traditional pancakes but are quite different when you take a bite.

The pancakes get a double hit of citrus flavor from half a cup of lemon juice plus some grated lemon zest.

Part-skim ricotta cheese stands in for milk in the batter and lends a

subtle cheesecake-like flavor to the pancakes while making them crispier on the outside and light and fluffy on the inside. Fat-free ricotta can be substituted, but the results won't be quite as moist and tender.

Since the part-skim ricotta contains a little fat, only a tablespoon of oil needs to be added to the batter. To help reduce unhealthy saturated fat, canola oil is used instead of butter, which isn't missed thanks to the many other prominent flavors in the pancakes.

To reduce fat even further, the recipe calls for only one whole egg plus two egg whites, which contribute to the light and fluffy texture without adding fat.

Finally, cooking the pancakes on a nonstick surface allows you to use little oil and still get crispy, golden results.

A quick blueberry sauce is a perfect complement to the lemony flavor of the pancakes, plus it adds a nutritious fruit

to the dish. If you prefer, maple syrup or a strawberry sauce is delicious, as well.

**Lemon-lovers' ricotta pancakes**  
Start to finish: 35 minutes (15 minutes active)  
Servings: 5

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
  - 1 large egg
  - 2 large egg whites
  - 1/2 cup lemon juice
  - 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
  - 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon canola oil (divided)
- Preheat the oven to 200 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the ricotta, eggs, lemon juice, lemon

zest, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon oil. Using a rubber spatula or wooden spoon, fold this mixture into the dry ingredients to make a thick batter.

Brush a nonstick skillet with 1/2-teaspoon oil, then heat over medium-low. With a 1/4-cup measure, drop the batter onto the skillet, spreading it slightly. Multiple pancakes can be cooked at once.

Cook the pancakes until browned on the underside and beginning to set, about 2 minutes. Flip and cook until browned on the second side and cooked at the center, about 2 minutes longer.

Transfer the cooked pancakes to a baking sheet and place in the oven to keep warm. Brush the skillet with the remaining oil and repeat with remaining batter.

Nutrition information per serving: 260 calories; 80 calories from fat; 9 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 67 mg cholesterol; 29 g carbohydrate; 16 g protein; <1 g fiber; 642 mg sodium.

**Quick blueberry sauce**

Start to finish: 10 minutes  
Servings: 10

- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

In small bowl, combine the lemon juice and cornstarch, then set aside.

In a medium saucepan, combine the blueberries, sugar, water and salt. Bring mixture to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a simmer and stir in lemon juice-cornstarch mixture. Simmer, stirring, until the sauce thickens slightly, about 2 minutes more.

Nutrition information per serving: 45 calories; 1 calories from fat; 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 12 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 1 g fiber; 59 mg sodium.

## Spanish mothers in debt after nearly nude calendar

**Daniel Woolls**  
Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Seven Spanish mothers who posed for a tongue-in-cheek nude calendar — a fundraiser for their children's tiny, rural school — are now saddled with debt and 5,000 unwanted copies.

One of the photos shows the mothers with Christmas tinsel as their only garb. Other goofy poses include a shotgun-toting mother wearing only a fox pelt and kneeling on a table, and a woman covering her body with a red umbrella.

A group of British women made more than a million pounds and worldwide headlines when they came up with the idea of a discreet nude calendar for 2000 to raise money

for leukemia research. Their story was made into a hit movie, "Calendar Girls."

In Spain, the photos came out as calendars in November and at first proved to be a big hit. But the plan fizzled.

The women acknowledge being rank amateurs in publishing and advertising, and because of a miscue with a distributor they missed out on the Christmas shopping rush. Now, sales of the \$8 calendar have dried up and they owe a printer nearly \$16,000.

"The sad part for us is figuring out what to do with them because it is not something you can recycle," said Rosa Garin, 36, one of the models in Serradilla del Arroyo, a village of 400 people in northern Salamanca province.

## '88 Minutes' is 107 minutes too long

**David Germain**  
Associated Press

Bad news: Al Pacino's serial-killer thriller "88 Minutes" loiters around for 19 minutes longer than the title suggests.

Worse news: It feels like 188 minutes.

A stronger word than preposterous is needed to describe the, well, preposterous lengths director Jon Avnet and company go to engage this movie with idiotic action, incomprehensible twists and loads of other nonsense after Pacino's FBI profiler receives a phone call informing him he has 88 minutes to live.

This isn't a movie so much as a bad fun house, with Pacino dodging bullets, motorcycles and exploding cars and reacting to screams of terror as he rushes about. If an animatronic cadaver had suddenly leaped out of a closet with a shriek, it would be scarcely more stupid than everything else confronting him.

Pacino has done more than his share of bad movies, but he at least usually treats us to his big, loud Al mode, so we can titter over how he overacts.

The chaotic pace of "88 Minutes" would seem to offer him a chance to rage and bellow, but while Pacino does raise his voice here and there, his delivery is surprisingly subdued (for him, at least) much of the time.

There are plenty of titters to be had, though, from the silly characters, awful dialogue and overabundance of red herrings presented by screenwriter Gary Scott Thompson, whose credits include

"The Fast and the Furious."

Pacino plays Jack Gramm, a forensic psychiatry professor in Seattle whose testimony helped put Jon Forster (Neal McDonough) on death row for the torture slaying of a young woman 10 years earlier.

With Forster's execution hours away, a string of murders carried out in exactly the same way confounds Gramm and his FBI colleagues.

Is it a copycat killer? Is it Forster pulling an associate's strings from prison? Is it, as the evidence gradually suggests, Gramm himself?

We already don't care by the time Gramm starts getting calls on his cell phone from a disguised voice telling him he got the wrong man and he's going to die in 88 minutes.

From then on, the movie proceeds pretty much in real time, which amplifies how impossible the interaction and collisions among the many characters would be. In the span of minutes, Gramm flits back and forth from campus to his apartment to a crime scene and back to campus — with a diabolical killer somehow keeping pace to fire bullets, nearly run him down with a motorcycle, blow up a car, set a fire, orchestrate a bomb scare and plant evidence implicating our guy in the latest murder.

As Gramm tries to figure out what's

happening, he's presented with suspects like spice jars on a lazy Susan. Among them: His longtime assistant (Amy Brenneman);

**"As Gramm tries to figure out what's happening, he's presented with suspects like spice jars on a lazy Susan."**

**David Germain**  
Film review

his crackjack graduate assistant (Alicia Witt), an old flame (Deborah Kara Unger) who also happens to be the dean of Gramm's school and a couple of brainy students (Leelee Sobieski and Benjamin McKenzie).


We also get not one, but two, suspiciously goofy security guards and an angry ex-husband with a history of violence.

To wrap up the mess they've created, the filmmakers simply reach in, pull out one of their ridiculous characters whom they declare the killer, then offer up a lame back-story to explain the motive (which, like everything else about "88 Minutes," is too brainless to believe).

Avnet, whose credits include "Fried Green Tomatoes," proves to be utterly inept in the action genre here, a bad sign for his next movie, the cop thriller "Righteous Kill," pairing Pacino and Robert De Niro.

The calls to Gramm count down how long he has to live in an altered voice that sounds like the annoying killer in the "Saw" flicks.

"Jesus, Jack. Why 88 minutes?" asks an FBI buddy after Gramm tells him about



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## Recipe for Baklava with Coffee Syrup

Associated Press

This recipe produces a crunchy, somewhat dry baklava, a refreshing change from the more traditional gloopy version. If you want a stickier baklava, double the syrup ingredients.

- Baklava with rich coffee syrup**  
Start to finish: 2 hours (45 minutes active)  
Makes about 25 pieces
- 1 1/4 cups pistachio nut meats, finely chopped
  - 1 1/2 cups walnut meats, finely chopped
  - 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
  - 10 1/2 ounces phyllo pastry, thawed
  - 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
  - 1 cup sugar

- 1/2 cup water
- 4 tablespoons freshly brewed espresso

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Lightly coat an 8-inch square baking pan with cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, combine the pistachios, walnuts and cinnamon. Set aside. Lay a sheet of phyllo on the counter. Use a pastry brush to brush it with butter. Set the sheet of phyllo, butter side down, in the prepared baking pan. Let the excess phyllo hang over the sides of the pan.

Repeat with another 5 layers of phyllo. Brush the top of the final layer with butter.

Sprinkle the nut mixture over the phyllo, then fold the excess pastry over the top.

Use a knife to carefully cut 8-inch

squares from another 6 sheets of phyllo. One at a time, butter the squares and layer them, buttered side down, over the nut mixture.

Use a knife to cut the baklava into small squares or diamonds. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden.

Meanwhile, make the coffee syrup. In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine the sugar and water. Stir until the sugar dissolves. Increase heat and boil for 4 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool for 10 minutes. Stir in the espresso.

Remove the baklava from the oven and drizzle with all of the syrup. Let cool completely before serving.

(Recipe adapted from Susannah Blake's "Coffee Indulgences," Ryland, Peters and Small, 2007)

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# A special Mother's Day breakfast

**J.M. Hirsch**  
Associated Press

This Mother's Day, show some love with fresh-from-the-oven carbs.

Do-it-yourself doughnuts are easier than they sound, especially if you opt for a baked rather than fried variety. If you can make muffins, you can make baked doughnuts.

You will, however, need a special doughnut pan. These inexpensive pans resemble a cross between a shallow muffin tin and a mini-Bundt pan (with the funnel in the center of the tin forming the doughnut "hole").

Most varieties of these pans are nonstick, come in mini and standard doughnut sizes, and cost under \$15.

But be careful to read the directions that come with your pan. The key to producing a traditional doughnut shape is not using too much batter per doughnut. You pan's directions should indicate the proper amount.

The good news is that too much batter will still bake up and taste fine, but you may need to use a paring knife to trim the edges of the doughnuts after they have cooled.

Because baked doughnuts keep well, consider making them the night before, then decorating them just before serving. This also ensures the doughnuts cool completely, which is important for getting a good glaze.

The glaze recipe included here produces an opaque, crackly white glaze perfect for dipping the doughnuts into. If you prefer, a little food coloring can be added for a colored glaze.

For decorating, buy a variety of can-

dy sprinkles, which can be dropped over the glazed doughnuts. But be quick. The glaze will harden in 5 to 10 seconds. Applying the sprinkles is a good job for the kids.

Alternatively, skip the glaze and dust cooled doughnuts with powdered sugar, a blend of powdered sugar and cocoa powder, or a mix of powdered sugar and ground cinnamon.

## Baked whole-wheat cake doughnuts

If you don't have buttermilk, make a substitute by placing 2 teaspoons of vinegar or lemon juice in a 1-cup measure. Fill to the top with regular milk, then let sit 2 minutes before using.

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active)

- Servings: 6 large doughnuts
- 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons whole-wheat pastry flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon unsweetened applesauce or canned pumpkin (but not pumpkin pie mix)
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon low-fat buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Position a rack at the center of the oven. Preheat to 350 F. Generously coat a doughnut pan with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together the

flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.

In another large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the sugar, applesauce, buttermilk, egg, oil and vanilla until frothy, about 1 1/2 minutes.

Create a well in the center of the dry ingredients and pour in the wet mixture. Using a spoon, mix until just combined. Do not overmix.

Transfer the batter to a large plastic bag. Twist close the top. Use scissors to snip off one bottom corner of the bag, creating about a 1/2-inch-wide opening.

Holding the bag over the prepared pan, gently squeeze batter into each doughnut mold. The batter also can be spooned into the molds, but the finished doughnuts may have a less even appearance.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes, or until the tops spring back when pressed gently around the edges. Cool in the pan on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Run a knife around the inside of the molds to release the doughnuts. Invert the doughnuts onto the rack and cool completely.

(Recipe adapted from "Hodgson Mill Whole Grain Baking," Fair Winds Press, 2007)

## Baked blueberry doughnuts

Start to finish: 1 hour (15 minutes active)

- Servings: 9 large doughnuts
- 1/2 stick butter
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 large eggs

- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup frozen wild blueberries

Preheat oven to 425 F. Lightly coat 9 doughnut tins with cooking spray.

In a food processor, combine the butter and sugar. Process until smooth. Add the eggs and process until combined. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed. Add the milk and process until smooth.

Add the baking powder, cinnamon, salt and vanilla. Process until well mixed. Set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the flour and blueberries. Toss until the blueberries are evenly distributed and coated with flour. Add the wet ingredients from the processor. Mix with a wooden spoon until just combined.

Transfer the batter to a large plastic bag. Twist close the top. Use scissors to snip off one bottom corner of the bag, creating about a 1/2-inch-wide opening.

Holding the bag over the prepared pan, gently squeeze batter into each doughnut mold. The batter also can be spooned into the molds, but the finished doughnuts may have a less even appearance.

Bake for about 20 minutes, or until lightly browned. Let the doughnuts cool in the pan for 10 minutes, then carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

## Doughnut glaze

For a special touch, use food coloring to tint this glaze, which dries with that classic glazed doughnut crackle. While any food coloring will do, gel food colorings (available at baking supply shops) provide the most vivid colors.

If you prefer a translucent glaze, reduce the powdered sugar to 2 cups. As written, this recipe produces a thick, opaque white glaze.

- Start to finish: 15 minutes
- Makes glaze for 24 doughnuts
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3 cups powdered sugar

Set a wire rack over paper towels or on top of a rimmed baking sheet.

In a small saucepan, bring 4 cups of water to a simmer.

While the water heats, in a medium saucepan over low heat, combine the milk and vanilla. Sift in the powdered sugar. Whisk slowly, until well combined. Transfer the glaze to a large bowl.

Remove the saucepan of water from the heat. Set the bowl of glaze on top of the saucepan. The heat of the water will prevent the glaze from hardening while you work.

One at a time, dip one side of the doughnuts into the glaze, then set them glaze-side up on the prepared rack to dry for 5 minutes before serving. If decorating the doughnuts with candy sprinkles, do so immediately after setting the doughnut on the rack. The glaze also can be drizzled over the doughnuts.

(Recipe adapted from Alton Brown and the Food Network)

# Recipe for Coffee Marinated Sirloin

**J.M. Hirsch**  
Associated Press

Though it calls for potent ingredients, this marinade imparts subtle savory, almost creamy notes to the steak. If you want more heat, increase the pepper flakes. The acid in the coffee also helps tenderize the meat.

Coffee marinated sirloin

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (20 minutes active)

Servings: 4

- 1 1/2 cups cold coffee
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1/2-inch chunk fresh ginger
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Four 8-ounce bottom sirloin steaks (or other tender, broiler-friendly cut)
- 2 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil

In a blender or food processor, combine the coffee, pepper flakes, peanut butter, honey and ginger. Puree until smooth, then taste and season with salt and pepper.

Pour half of the marinade in a baking dish. Set the steaks in the baking dish, then pour the remaining marinade over them. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

When ready to cook, preheat the broiler. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil.

In a large, deep skillet, heat the oil over medium-high. Add the steak, in batches if necessary, and sear until lightly browned, about 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Transfer the steaks to the prepared baking sheet. For medium-rare, broil for 7 to 8 minutes, or until an instant read thermometer inserted at the thickest part of the steak reads 135 F.

Let the steaks rest for 10 minutes before serving.

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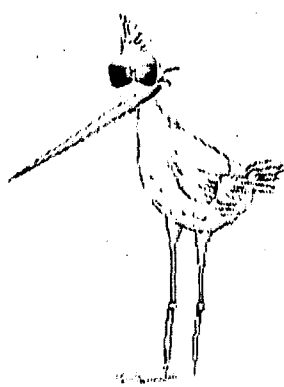
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# Coffee is the norm for a number of teens, kids

Victoria Brett  
Associated Press

Getting your morning jolt can be tough in Hawarden, Iowa, where there are 2,600 people and not one Starbucks or Dunkin' Donuts. It's even harder when you're too young to drive.

Which makes the middle and high school students at West Sioux Community School especially grateful for the Falcon Joe Coffee Shop, an oasis of espressos, lattes and other coffee drinks right inside their school.

"It's a very popular thing. Most of us hang out on the couches in the senior lounge and chat while we drink lattes," says 18-year-old Diana Rubio, who has been drinking coffee since she was about 12.

She and the 3-year-old cafe — part of the school's business curriculum — are part of a new and fast-growing culture of coffee-drinking youths who co-opted a drink once enjoyed mostly by adults.

It's a change fueled by the easy-drinking dessert-like coffee concoctions popular at so many coffee shops, as well as by permissive adults. Falcon Joe, for example, was the idea of the school principal.

"Parents view it as the least of possible evils, and it's something they do themselves," says Kevin Osborn, who studies teen coffee-drinking trends as an analyst with consumer research firm Social Technologies. He likens the coffee shop to the soda shops of a generation ago.

"It shows the level of acceptability with caffeine and adolescents if we are introducing it into our curriculum. Coffee was not in the equation years ago and now people don't even think about the consequence," he says.

Though coffee consumption by teens isn't well tracked, Dan Raiten, a nutrition researcher at the National Institutes of Health, says more children seem to be drinking more coffee, and starting at younger ages.

In 2001, 10 percent of visits to gourmet coffee and tea shops

were by consumers under the age of 18, according to market research firm NPD Group. Last year it was 13 percent.

From there, the numbers go up. The National Coffee Association says young people are the fastest growing coffee-drinking niche. In 2002, about 24 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds drank coffee. Last year, it was 37 percent.

It's a trend the coffee companies aren't fighting. Dunkin' Donuts declined to comment except to say it provides a range of drinks that appeal to a broad demographic. Starbucks echoed that sentiment in a written statement, calling itself "a gathering place for the entire community."

"What makes young customers good customers is that they generally buy expensive, high-profit drinks, like Frappuccinos," says Bryant Simon, a Temple University history professor who is writing a book about Starbucks.

"They are important because they have the potential to become lifelong customers," he says.

But are coffee drinks — with the fanciest concoctions often packed with sugar and fat — good for kids?

"It is not associated with life-threatening health risk, but that is not to say that it is entirely benign," says Roland Griffiths, a caffeine expert and professor of psychology and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University.

"Caffeine is likely the world's most-used mood-altering drug and it does produce mood changes and physical dependence and withdrawal," he says. "It needs to be recognized as a drug."

For comparison, a 16-ounce Starbucks coffee has about 320 milligrams of caffeine. It would take more than nine 12-ounce

Cokes to get that much caffeine from soda.

A 2007 report by the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools advised against selling caffeinated products to children because of possible negative effects of dependency and withdrawal, including difficulty concentrating.

But sweet coffee drinks are making caffeine more accessible to children, says Dr. Mark Stein, a pediatrics professor and expert on children and caffeine at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

"From commercials and the media the idea is that you need an extra jolt in life. And now that jolt tastes good to a 12-year-old," he says. "The main concern is of kids becoming dependent on it and they need it to get going."

The Falcon Joe cafe is no anomaly. School officials around the country rejoice at the flow of students into libraries after cafes are added. And high schoolers clutching coffee cups during morning classes has become the norm.

"It's a symbol of grown-up sophistication," says Simon. "Caffeine isn't great for you, but it can't really kill you, so this is a safe place for expressing adolescent angst and desires for independence."

But Dr. Marcie Schneider, of the American Academy of Pediatrics' nutrition committee, worries as she sees girls skipping meals and using coffee to lose weight, sometimes fueled by a glorification of coffee by young celebrities.

And Griffiths, the Johns Hopkins professor, thinks parents should exercise more oversight when it comes to coffee consumption.

**"Parents view it as the last of possible evils, and it's something they do themselves."**

Kevin OSBORN  
Social Technologies analyst

# Add a quick jolt of flavor with instant coffee powder

J.M. Hirsch  
Associated Press

It's got to be good for something, right?

That's the question I had about instant coffee. The answer: It might not be worth drinking, but instant coffee actually can be a quick cook's secret ingredient, effortlessly adding deep, rich layers of flavor to all manner of sweet and savory dishes.

And don't limit yourself to coffee. Instant espresso is widely available and packs even more flavor.

In many cases, you'll need to experiment to determine how much coffee suits your tastes. Start small and taste as you add it. Too much instant coffee will produce bitter, off flavors.

The good news is that if

you do add too much, it usually is easy to correct. A little sugar, honey, maple syrup or other sweetener will usually mellow the bitterness.

Here are some winners worth buying a jar for:

— Caramel sauce: Add a teaspoon or two to caramel sauce (a simmer of butter, cream, sugar and water). Or heat store-bought caramel sauce and stir in instant coffee. Try this over pancakes or drizzled on ice cream.

— Chili: Add a tablespoon or two during simmering. You won't taste the coffee in the finished product, but it deepens the savory flavors of the dish, adding a wonderful richness.

— Chocolate cake: Mix a teaspoon or two of instant coffee into the milk for the batter for an exceptionally rich chocolate

cake. It also can be added to chocolate frosting.

— Pancakes: Mix a teaspoon of either instant coffee or espresso into your pancake batter for a delicious accompaniment to your morning coffee.

— Cream cheese: Use the same method as above, but substitute cream cheese for the butter. For an 8-ounce package of cream cheese, add about 1/2 teaspoon coffee, 3 to 4 tablespoons honey and 1 teaspoon cocoa powder. Smear this mocha cream cheese on a bagel and sprinkle it with a bit of sugar.

— Mocha shake: In a blender, combine 1 cup each of vanilla ice cream, chocolate ice cream and milk. Add 1 tablespoon of instant coffee and blend until smooth. Top with whipped cream and a cherry. Serves two.

# Ethiopia to create own gourmet coffee

Heldt Vogt  
Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — In a room that resembles a high school chemistry lab, the keepers of the world's oldest coffee culture are learning a new way to understand the rich aroma of a cup of java.

Is that a waft of honey? Of shoe leather? Maybe walnuts?

That last one is particularly hard here in Ethiopia, where most people have never seen, much less smelled, a walnut. And in a gourmet coffee market dominated by Western corporations and Western terms, that's a handicap.

Until now, those companies had a near monopoly on the expertise to capitalize on Ethiopia's best beans.

But that may be changing. Ethiopians know that coffee — which originated in this impoverished East African nation — can be their ticket to the first world. And the biggest profits are in the most gourmet blends.

So during the past five years, a partnership has grown between private buyers, humanitarian agencies and local government to nurture homegrown experts in pursuit of ever-more-boutique brews to capture higher prices.

Coffee already is the main source of foreign currency here. So much so, the government prohibits the selling of export-quality coffee domestically.

But the coffee market fluctuates, and past downturns have threatened Ethiopia's liveli-

hood. Specialty beans are less affected by market dips, and hitching its fortunes to those brews could help the nation stabilize its economy.

Success also could be good for the country's partners — buyers of gourmet beans — who need new specialty beans with which to woo the type of Western consumers who buy \$1,000 coffee makers.

The coffee-smelling training is a key step. While Ethiopian farmers and traders can distinguish between exportable and nonexportable beans, they've lacked the training to make more refined — and more lucrative — distinctions.

"You can really, if you taste well, connect a sense of taste with a sense of place," says Ted Lingle, the head of the Specialty Coffee Association of America, who is leading the coffee training for growers and traders in Ethiopia's capital, Addis Ababa.

His group wants to develop rivals to Panama's Esmeralda Special, a coffee that set records last year when its unroasted beans sold for \$130 a pound at an online auction. Those beans are believed to come from a tree variety that was exported from Ethiopia in 1931.

The hope is that the next Esmeralda Special could be discovered here. And the odds seem to favor it.

Columbia, the world's second-largest coffee producer, has about a dozen tree varieties while Ethiopia boasts about 6,000 varieties, thousands more than anywhere else in the world, according to Lingle.

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## QuickHITS

### Did you know...

•Jon Newlee, Idaho's new women's basketball coach, had a 6-20 overall record for the 2002-03 season at Idaho State. The next year, the team improved to a 20-9 overall record — the second biggest turnaround in NCAA history. •Steve Potratz and Matt Racine, from Idaho's track and field team, ran in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Peuller Invitational last week for the first time in their collegiate careers. The pair took third and fourth in the event, respectively.

### Vandals by the numbers

**15** Number of practices by the Vandal football team this spring, culminating at the Silver and Gold Game tonight.

**93-82** Jon Newlee, the new women's basketball coach's overall record at Idaho State in the last six years.

**13** Number of women's basketball teams Newlee has helped lead into the post season.

### Vandals to watch

Adam Korby  
Football



The senior has started every game of the last three seasons at center for the Vandal football team. He returns this spring to lead an offensive which only lost two from last year's squad.

Molly Burt  
Track and field



The junior is leading Vandal heptathletes at the Asuza Pacific Multi-Event Competition in Asuza, Calif. Burt, who didn't finish the heptathlon last weekend at the Peuller Invitational, is fourth overall among college athletes at the event.

### Vandals in action

**Today**  
The Vandal football Silver and Gold scrimmage will be held at 7 p.m. at the Kibbie Dome. A social will be held before the game starting at 5 p.m. honoring the 1998 Humanitarian Bowl Championship team on the Northwest concourse.

The track and field team travels to Walnut, Calif., to compete in the Mt. SAC Relays competition.

Women's tennis is scheduled to take on Lewis-Clark State College today and Eastern Washington on Saturday. Time and location are to be determined depending on weather.

**Saturday**  
Women's soccer travels to Seattle to take on Seattle University and St. Martin's in a doubleheader at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

The track and field team will also be in Spokane participating at the Duane Hartman Invitational.

**Monday**  
Women's golf starts the first day of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament on Monday in Fresno, Calif.

### Briefs

**Akey hosts golf tournament**  
The second annual Robb Akey Golf Tournament and Dinner-Auction will be held at the UI Golf Course on Saturday.

Dinner will follow the golf tournament at the Latah County Fairgrounds.

Reservations are required, and more information can be found at [www.govandals.com](http://www.govandals.com).

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Newlee appointed coach

Hugh Jones  
Argonaut

Former Idaho State University women's basketball coach Jon Newlee was hired to take over the University of Idaho's program on Tuesday.

"We are excited to have Jon join the Vandal family," Athletic Director Rob Spear said. "He is a winner, understands the Western Athletic Conference and has the work ethic that will position us for success."

Over the past two years, under former coach Mike Divilbiss, Idaho had racked up a record of 10-47. Divilbiss resigned from his position several weeks after the end of this season.

Newlee is not new to floundering programs. In 2002-03, his first year at Idaho State, the Bengals went 6-20. Newlee followed that season with the second biggest turnaround in NCAA history leading the Bengals to 20-9 and their first Women's National Invitational Tournament.

"I've been in this position before," Newlee said. "I've got a plan in place already. I've just got to get up there, get my staff hired and put my plan in place."

Newlee's success grew as he

led the Bengals to the Big Sky championship and Idaho State's second ever NCAA tournament bid in the 2006-07 season.

Newlee led a 6-20 program to the NCAA tournament in just four years.

In the past 16 years, Newlee helped lead 13 teams to the post season.

Before arriving at Idaho State, Newlee spent four years as an assistant at Hawai'i.

During his time on the islands, the Rainbow Wahine went to the WNIT on three consecutive

occasions.

Newlee spent three years as a coach at Southwestern College, and has made several other assistant stops at Southern Methodist, Texas-San Antonio, and Saint Mary's.

"I'm a real up-tempo kind of coach," he said. "I'm going to try to get some athletic kids in who can shoot the three."

Newlee is known for his recruiting ability.

In just six seasons at Idaho State, Newlee produced 10 all-conference performers. The most recent, Natalie Doma, is a two time AP All American. Doma ranked second nationally in both scoring and rebounding in 2008, and is the

all-time leader in both categories in the Big Sky.

Parallel to the new Idaho men's basketball coach, Don Verlin, Newlee values education. In his six years at Idaho State there have been 22 All-conference academic honorees on the team.

"I can't wait to get up there and get started," Newlee said. "I need to get myself some black and gold gear now. I've been wearing white and orange for a while, but I'm ready for a change in scenery."

A formal introductory news conference/social will be held at 5 p.m. Monday in the University Inn. The public is invited to attend.

## TRACK AND FIELD STEEPLECHASE

# Never miss a stride, hopefully

Levi Johnstone  
Argonaut

The steeplechase is an event in track and field that combines long distance running, hurdling and craziness. They are also expected to jump directly into a water-filled pit with career ending injuries looming in the distance. Athletes are expected to do so without missing a stride.

Not many people would take part in such a grueling athletic spectacle, but the University of Idaho has two athletes who each recently decided to take the challenge.

Steve Potratz, a sophomore from Moscow, and Matt Racine, a junior from Boise, typically limit themselves to races like the 1,500, 5,000, and 10,000 meters, but weak conference competition has put the two athletes in a position to score the team points and try something new.

"It kind of mixes things up a little," Potratz said. "Normally we just run around in circles on a track but this throws new challenges in the race and makes it a little more exciting."

Both Potratz and Racine ran the 3,000-meter steeplechase in the Peuller Invitational last week for the first time, taking third and fourth respectively.

"From the team standpoint, there were gaps to fill and that had (Idaho coach Wayne) Phipps looking at all the distance runners," Racine said.

"One day he just set hurdles up inside and all the distance runners had to jump them."

The Western Athletic Conference returns only two athletes from the top eight in last year's competition. Tony Rojas, a senior from Fresno State, ran a lifetime best 10 minutes, 31 seconds. His time is nearly 45 seconds slower than Potratz's personal best performance which opens up big point possibilities for the team.

Phipps said that the steeplechase is unique when compared to events like the 110-meter hurdles because there is no stride.

"You just try to land with one foot in the water and then keep going as best you can," Phipps said.

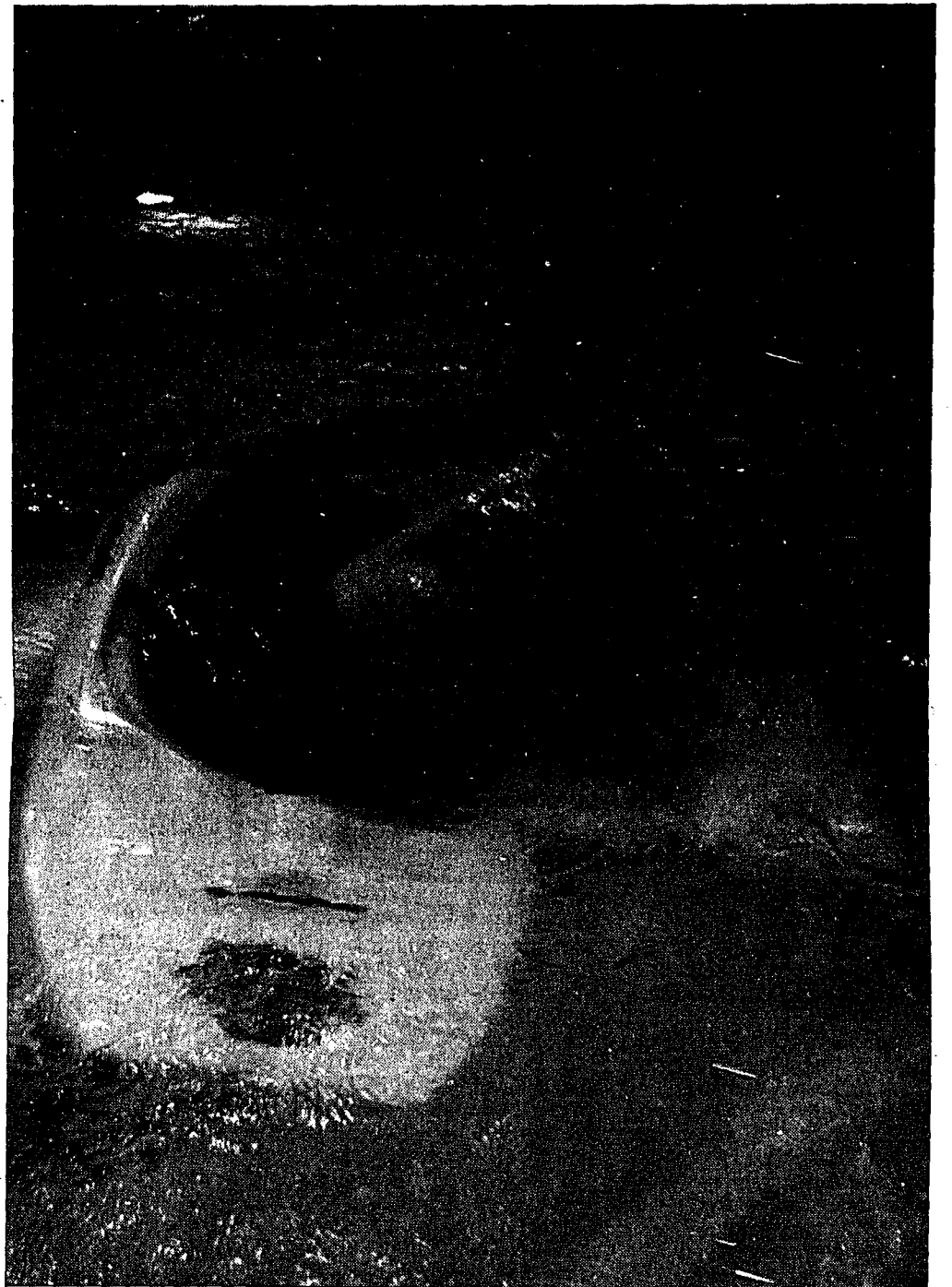
In a world where media can be viewed at the click of a mouse, one can see the "train wreck" wipe outs caused by a misplaced step when approaching the hurdle or maybe a sneaky forearm from a competitor as both athletes try to clear the hurdle at the same time. Wipe outs that can potentially end a career.

"I really don't think about it," Racine said. "I just pretty much go for it. I speed up and jump at the right time but there have been a couple of close calls."

Potratz takes a different approach to the possibility that he could end up going face first into the water after a failed jump.

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## PRACTICING IN THE POOL



Roger D. Rowles/Argonaut

Paul Singer helps Dave Butler Eskimo roll in a kayak pool session in the University of Idaho Swim Center on Wednesday night in preparation for spring time paddling. Pool sessions are held every Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. and cost \$3.

## Women's tennis looks to close with a win

Scott Stone  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho women's tennis team took to the courts Wednesday with hopes of adding a win against Hawai'i to their seven game streak. Hawai'i had different plans, robbing the team of its win with a 5-2 victory.

"They have a really tough team," said Idaho coach Jeff Beaman. "We just didn't play well."

Hawai'i quickly earned the doubles point and the lead when they defeated Idaho's No. 1 and 2 doubles pairings of Silvia Irimescu and Laura Leoni, and Alexandra Ulesanu and Yvette Ly.

"We started off really slow and I don't think we were moving as well, so they got a lot of balls by us that they wouldn't have normally," Ly said. "Then we started to pick it up when it got later in the match so it was a little too late."

Idaho's struggle continued into the singles matches with Irimescu losing to Hawai'i's No. 1 player, nationally ranked Sophie Kobuch 6-3, 6-1.

"Silvia had her chances in

the first set, when she didn't convert she let it get to her mentally," Beaman said. "She was playing a player that's at the highest level and (with) little let downs, good players smell blood and once they're on top of you they don't let you get back in it and that's what happened."

Idaho's Ulesanu and Natalie Kirch followed with two more losses at No. 4 and 5 to secure Hawai'i's victory over the Vandals.

Hawai'i picked up its fifth win against Idaho when Barbara Maciocha lost in the third set to Natasha Zorec. Maciocha sprained her ankle while leading the first set, but continued to fight hard through two more sets against Hawai'i's No. 2 player.

Ly defeated Hawai'i's No. 3 player Julia Sandborn 6-4, 6-3, for the Vandals only win of the match.

"The match against Portland state didn't go so well for me," Ly said. "I didn't play well at all so I was really nervous for this match. I was really glad that I stepped up my game a little more because she was a tough player but I think that trying harder

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## Dust off your bike, unicycle

Cari Dighton  
Argonaut

It's time to grease your wheels and pull out your calendars for the first annual Moscow Bicycle Prize Ride on April 26.

Whether you bring your mountain bike or your unicycle, this race is open to all ages and all types of bikes.

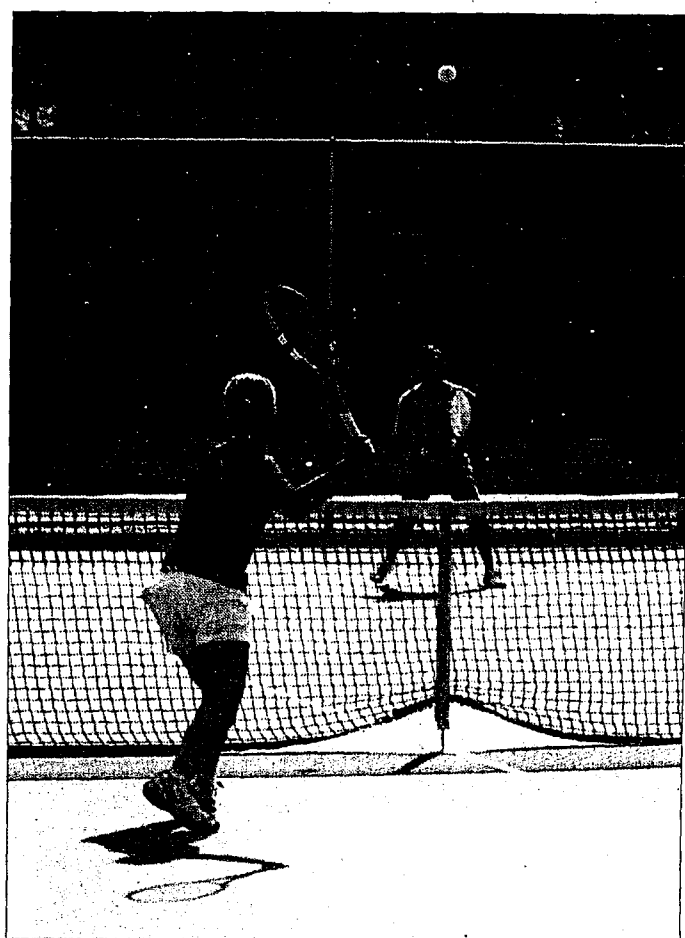
According to event organizer Hugo Lecomte, a University of Idaho graduate student in sports and recreation management, all you need is your bike and the \$10 registration fee.

"We expect to see all kinds of different bikes," Lecomte said. "If they want to come with a unicycle, they can come with a unicycle. They can come with cruisers, road bikes, mountain bikes and brand new carbon bikes. Whatever it takes."

The race is also free to anyone who brings along a bike rental receipt from Paradise Creek Bicycles.

The non-profit, recreational bike ride will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Competitors will meet in front of the 1912 Center on 412 E. Third St. Competitors must be back in front of the 1912 Center no later than 11

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Nick Groff/Argonaut

Vandal women's tennis player, Yvette Ly (facing), waits for a return volley from teammate Barbara Maciocha on Thursday afternoon during practice at the Memorial Gym courts.

## DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

## Who ya got for this year's MVP?

For those of us that pay attention to the NBA on a nightly basis by either watching games or highlights on SportsCenter, we all know this season has been fantastic. Like other big-time professional sports around the world, the league MVP award is the greatest individual honor a player can achieve during a season.

Usually in the NBA, there are a couple of worthy candidates each season. Most often it's a two-horse race. Considering the season the NBA has had this year in which playoff positioning changes on a nightly basis, the league, in my opinion, has four candidates for the MVP award.

Kobe Bryant, Chris Paul, LeBron James and Kevin Garnett appear to be those in line to possibly win the award.

I honestly have no problems with any of the four winning the award this season. They're all deserving in their own right.

I will be shocked if another player captures the MVP this season. Here's my breakdown of the four leading men:

**Kobe Bryant**

It's shocking that he's never won this award before. Bryant is the type of player who could win it every season.

He's impossible to defend in a man-to-man situation. His game is as good as any perimeter player in the his-

tory of the league, including Michael Jordan.

As the leader of the Lakers, Bryant has his squad entering the playoffs as the top seed in the Western Conference — the most competitive conference in league history.

It's hard to imagine, but Kobe is now a 12-year NBA veteran and has yet to win this award.

He's due.

His stats are up there with anyone and I see him as the leading candidate to win the award. The acquisition of Pau Gasol at midseason gave Bryant another perennial all-star player, which is also a catapult for him winning this award. I don't think he wins this award without Gasol this season.

I feel that earning the No. 1 seed in the West will end up being the deciding factor for Kobe — a living legend — winning his first MVP award. His 28.3 PPG, 6.3 RPG and 5.4 APG are other factors why I feel Bryant wins this award.

**LeBron James**

I believe this profit of a basketball could very well win the award, too. What hurts "The Chosen One" is his team's record and the fact that he couldn't help them to a higher seed than fourth in the Eastern Conference.

If you're going by numbers and lack of help, LeBron definitely has a

case.

Let's be honest, if you took away Kobe and LeBron and had the Lakers play the Cavaliers, I think the Lakers would win easily.

I think that helps LeBron because he does have much less of a supporting cast. As I've said earlier, LeBron has no Scottie Pippen or even Pau Gasol. James' numbers are spectacular, Jordanesque if you will (30.0 PPG, 7.9 RPG, 7.2 APG). How many guards average over seven boards and assists per season? Very few, only the likes of Magic Johnson, Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan.

LeBron is in that type of company along with the fact that his team doesn't win 35 games without him. I think James will win multiple MVPs over the course of his amazing career. I just don't think this season will be one of them.

**Kevin Garnett**

KG is now an icon. He's one of the nicest, classiest players in the league and is largely responsible for resurrecting one of the most storied franchises in sports history.

The Celtics matter again.

They have a shot at the NBA Finals and have won over 60 games for the first time in 20 years.

It's almost as if Larry Bird, Kevin McHale and Robert Parrish are walking through the doors again.

Garnett's numbers are down this season, which will hurt his chances of winning the MVP this season.

Garnett has won the MVP once before in 2003-04, so don't think he'll receive the sentimental vote Kobe Bryant will.

Garnett's candidacy is due to the fact that Boston is relevant once again and he quickly became the unquestioned leader of the team with the best record in the NBA. His numbers, though down, are still fantastic (19, 9.3 and 3.5). Garnett could care less about winning this award, he wants a ring and he has a great chance to get one.

**Chris Paul**

CP3 has made himself a household name this season with fantasy basketball players everywhere. He's in line to become the era's next great point guard.

I believe he'll be second in the voting this season to Kobe to win the award.

What I love about him is that he's leading a team, the New Orleans Hornets, (yes, New Orleans has a team) to the second best record in the Western Conference, along with scoring 21 PPG and dishing out 11.6 assists each night.

Like LeBron, the Hornets without CP3 don't win 35 games. I expect to see Paul win this award down the line at some point, but he'll have to take a second place finish this season.

There you have it. Now it's time to enjoy the NBA playoffs.

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## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

## Club wins Griz Cup

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The University of Idaho women's hockey club won its third consecutive Griz Cup April 5 in Missoula.

The team went undefeated in the 10-team tournament and beat the Missoula Ice Hounds 4-1.

Following the Montana tournament, the team travelled to Vancouver last weekend and finished second place. The Vandals defeated two Canadian teams but lost to Yakima.

"We're one of the better teams in the area," Idaho coach Chris Murray said. The players represent all skill levels from decades of experience to just a few months.

"Getting the girls playing together well with different experience levels is the hardest part," Murray said.

The team practices once a week at the Palouse Ice Rink, but because of the shortened rink in town, the Vandals have never been the home team and are forced to enter in tournaments across the northwest.

"We play just for fun mostly," Idaho player Holly Carlier said, "but we always try to win."

The women's hockey club is part of the Sport Club Federation and Carlier said the university is great with helping the club continue to grow.

The club's season begins in October and goes through the end of March.

## A caveman couldn't do this

A fuel gamble put Jimmie Johnson in victory lane at the Subway Fresh Fit 500. Four years ago, a life gamble put Aaron Turell on the fast track to the top of a pit box.

Since the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series is taking a week off, I get a chance to talk about Turell.

Full disclosure: Turell is my cousin and even though he works for a Toyota team, I still love him.

I'd love him more if he'd send me a crisp new Germain Racing Mike Wallace No. 7 Geico Toyota Camry hat, but I can live without it for now.

Whatever you do, do not assume that the Geico pit crew is so easy a caveman could do it. Can you change four tires and fill your gas tank in 14 seconds? Even if you had five guys to do it? Personally, I haven't changed a tire in two years. A NASCAR pit crew changes full sets of tires four or five times in three hours.

Turell doesn't change tires, although that was his job early in the 2007 season when he worked for Robert Yates Racing and the No. 90 CitiFinancial Ford Fusion. Then he was promoted to engine tuner and the car won a race. The team finished seventh in the final standings, but was dissolved so RYR could focus on its Cup program.

It wasn't long before Turell landed his job at Germain and the Geico car. Finishing at the top of his class at the NASCAR Technical Institute doesn't hurt when job hunting.

Yes. There is an entire school dedicated to the technical aspects of stock car racing. The men and women who work on pit crews and in the shops are not neanderthals or your average grease monkeys. Back in Utah where we both grew up, that's all it seemed Turell might be.

Instead he took that risk — a lot like staying on the track when everyone else played it safe and comes in for a pit stop — and moved to North Carolina, away from all family and

friends, except one that signed up for school, too, and has worked for Ray Evernham's Dodges since graduation.

Thursday Turell and the rest of the NASCAR Nationwide Series packed the haulers and headed to Mexico City for the Corona Mexico 200 at the Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez.

That's the Rodriguez Brothers Speedway to us non-Spanish speaking race fans.

Turell doesn't have that problem. He spent two years in Spain as an LDS missionary. When it comes to speaking the language for this road trip, he's one of the few in the garage who doesn't get lost.

The Corona Mexico 200 is a young race, only having been on the schedule for as

long as Turell has been in NASCAR. Last year, Columbian driver Juan Pablo Montoya took the checkered flag in a Dodge. This year's entry list speaks to the growing diversity of NASCAR. Four hometown favorites should make the race. Adrian Hernandez will drive Rick Hendrick's No. 5 Chevy, Michael Jourdain, Jr., will pilot the No. 32 Toyota, Ruben Pardo gets the seat of the No. 22 Dodge and Jose Luis Ramirez gets the nod in the No. 184 Dodge.

Other "south of the border" drivers include Alex Garcia of Venezuela and Antonio Perez and Rafael Martinez of Mexico.

Two "north of the border" drivers, Patrick Carpentier and D.J. Kennington, are also entered. Adding to the international flavor are Marcos Ambrose from Tasmania and Max Papis from Italy.

See? NASCAR isn't just for rednecks from the south or white boys from Utah.

If anything, Turell should serve as an example that taking the risk to follow your dreams is the first step to reaching victory lane.

As you may have guessed, I will be rooting for the No. 7 Geico Toyota on Sunday. Even if I don't have a hat yet.



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## Olympic torch arrives as India braces for protests

## Two dozen Tibetan exiles protest as torch travels through India

Gavin Rabinowitz  
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Chinese cheerleaders and Tibetan protesters greeted the Olympic flame Thursday as it arrived in India, the heart of the world's Tibetan exile community, amid massive security for the next leg of the torch relay.

The flame arrived from Pakistan at a New Delhi airport, where Chinese officials handed it over to the head of the Indian Olympic Association. Flag-waving traditional Indian dancers and Chinese cheerleaders performed in welcome.

Some two dozen Tibetan exiles protested along a busy highway as the torch made its way into town, chanting anti-China slogans. Several were forcibly detained by police and taken away in police vans.

Thousands of police have been deployed across New Delhi with India desperate to avoid the chaos that has disrupted the torch runs in London, Paris and other Western cities — fearing a similar fiasco would harm India's attempts to forge closer ties with China after decades of frosty relations.

But the protest at the torch's arrival promised to be the first of many against the relay as the Olympic flame reached the home of India's 100,000-member Tibetan exile community, the world's largest. They have staged almost daily protests in New Delhi since demonstrations first broke out in Tibet in March and were put down by Chinese officials.

In recent weeks, Tibetan exiles here have stormed the Chinese Embassy, which is now surrounded by barricades and barbed wire, gone on hunger strikes and

shaved their heads to protest China's crackdown on protests in Tibet.

The exiles say the torch run through the city is a perfect opportunity to make their point, despite the fact that the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader, says he supports China hosting of the Olympics.

Protests were expected to continue all day before the 4 p.m. start of the relay. Thousands of Tibetans reportedly were heading to New Delhi to protest and will take part in their own torch run to highlight the Tibetan struggle against China. Exiles also have urged Indian athletes to boycott the torch relay and asked residents to wear "Free Tibet" T-shirts and fly Tibetan flags.

"By speaking out when the Chinese government brings the Olympic torch to India, you will send a strong message to Tibetans, to the Chinese government, and to the world, that Indians support the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan people's nonviolent struggle for freedom and jus-

Students for a Free Tibet

President Pervez Musharraf handed the torch to the first runner and later said the Pakistani people stood with China "in this glorious event you host for the entire world."

The Pakistan Olympic Association urged broadcasters using state TV coverage of the torch to avoid "negative comments" and to make "no mention" of the Tibet disturbances.

For India, a Paris-style disruption, where officials were forced to douse the flame amid protests, would be a political disaster.

India and China are forging their closest ties since they fought a 1962 border war. Last year, two-way trade reached \$37 billion. However, India is still wary of China, whose economic, diplomatic and military clout in has grown in recent years.

Public sympathy in India lies with the Tibetans, who have sought refuge in the country since the Dalai Lama fled Tibet after a failed uprising against Beijing in 1959, setting up his government-in-exile in the northern town of Dharamsala.

While India needs to bow to popular sentiment and allow some Tibetan protests, it must ensure it does not jeopardize its important relations with China, analysts say.

"This is a fine balance that is being maintained," said New Delhi-based analyst C. Uday Bhaskar. "It is about seeing the big picture."

Indo-Sino relations have a depth and implications for both countries, policy review cannot be done on an emotive issue."

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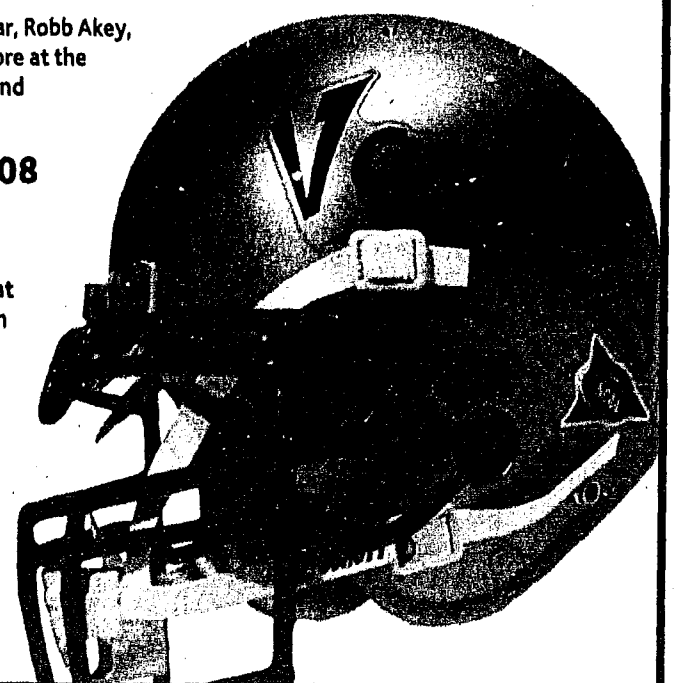
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# Senior's last round

Jaimee Myers  
Argonaut

Senior Ben Weyland of the University of Idaho men's golf team is anticipating his graduation as he makes plans to intern at a Florida golf academy this summer.

Weyland will be playing his last round of collegiate golf at the Western Athletic Conference Championship in one week, but has no intentions of leaving golf behind.

"I was seven or eight when I began playing, so I was pretty young," Weyland said. "My dad played golf in college. My brother played until he was 16, so it was just kind of a family thing."

He said his childhood memories consisted of a lot of practice time with his dad so that he could continue to get better.

"We would go to the golf course and practice — sometimes for eight hours at a time," Weyland said. "We didn't really play rounds together, just practiced."

Weyland's childhood preparation has paid off because he has had solid performances over his four years. He started playing at the junior college level at Eastern Arizona College and transferred to UI.

The Vandal golf team is a close-knit team with all the traveling and bonding they do together.

"We are pretty close as a team," he said. "We always hang out on the weekends. We always have a good time at tournaments."

The Turtle Bay Golf Resort in Hawaii is Weyland's favorite course he has played on, thus far.

"We played there in November. It was my favorite basically because it was in Hawaii,"

Weyland said. "That was a good bonding experience as well because we all could hang out and lay on the beach."

During this spring season, Weyland's strengths have been in his "iron play," or his driving skills. Weyland said he continues to work on his putting.

"I am pretty pleased with my play this spring," he said. "I feel like my putting was better last fall, though."

Weyland has played in many tournaments over his golf career, helping him ease his nerves before every round.

"I just go out there and play golf," he said. "I think I down play it, so in a way that's a way that I prepare for each tournament."

Weyland believes the strengths in his team can carry them to a win at the WAC Championship. He said they have been improving on their ball striking all spring season.

"We have been hitting the ball much better, considering we couldn't practice all winter long," he said.

According to assistant coach Jon Reehorn, the Vandals will have solid recruits joining the team. Weyland hopes the 2008-09 team will win the WAC next year.

Weyland is a professional golf management major who plans to be a part of golf the rest of his life.

"It's a rather broad major, you can do anything from coaching to managing a golf course," Weyland said. "It's a good stepping stone to all those areas in the golf industry."

This summer, Weyland is traveling to Bradenton, Fla. to intern at the David Leadbetter Golf Academy where his father works.

# Graduate students hit the pavement for 100k

Andrea Miller  
Argonaut

University of Idaho graduate students will hit the pavement this weekend for the fifth annual WSU 100k Relay and Solo race sponsored by the Palouse Road Runners.

Cornelia Sawatzky, a graduate student in accounting, will run the 10th leg of the race for UI's graduate students' team on Sunday.

"We're a relay team and our main goal is to have fun," Sawatzky said.

The team, comprised of 10 graduate students at UI, is sponsored by the Graduate and Professional Student Association on campus.

Each member will run a portion of the 10-leg race. The course is a circle, beginning at the WSU field house. The team will run southwest to Wawawai, then south into the Snake River Canyon and finally through Colton, Wash., as they make their way back to Beasley Coliseum.

Each leg of the race ranges from four to eight miles. The GPSA team is competing as a 10-man team but competitors can also compete with teams of less than 10 or do the race alone.

"Some people run the whole thing solo too. That's pretty crazy," Sawatzky said.

Sawatzky said the hardest leg is the 6.3 mile sixth leg. The runners will ascend 1,720 feet out of the Snake River Canyon.

"That's the hardest leg, the one that's all uphill," Sawatzky said. "You kind of need a mountain goat for that."

The team will also have a support vehicle to transport runners to different checkpoints and pick up runners after they complete their portions of the race. They will be out of range for cell phones from legs three to seven, so the support vehicles will be important for the team's performance.

The graduate students have been training for this event as a team throughout the spring.

"We've been getting together as many people as possible and going for runs," Sawatzky said, "and a lot of training on our own, too."

Sawatzky said the team hopes to average about eight minute miles throughout the course. At that pace, the team would hopefully finish in a range of seven hours.

"The race starts fairly early," Sawatzky said.

The solo runners will start the race at 6 a.m. The teams will have staggered starts at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.

"It's a fun event," Sawatzky said.

She said she heard about the team sponsored by the GPSA at orientation for teaching assistants at the beginning of the semester. She was also a member of a team at the event a couple of years ago and enjoyed the experience.

"It's really for graduate students to get together and have fun," Sawatzky said.

GPSA supports and promotes the education and life of graduate students on the UI campus.

"We also want people to know there are organizations for graduate students to take part in," Sawatzky said.

# China's disabled Olympic torch climber speaks out

Cara Anna  
Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — She's been portrayed as the "smiling angel in a wheelchair," just the hero that China needed to rally national pride in the face of the embarrassment suffered over Olympic torch relay protests.

Jin Jing, a little-known fencing athlete who has a disability, is now a household name here, riding a wave of sympathy and state media publicity after clinging stubbornly to the torch while a Tibet supporter tried to wrestle it away during the Olympic torch relay in Paris on April 7.

Ten days later, Jin seems overwhelmed by the publicity

and said she still doesn't understand why protesters wanted to take the torch. Until the incident in Paris, she said she had never heard that some Tibetans want independence from China.

"I don't pay attention to politics," she said Thursday in her first meeting with foreign reporters, a publicity agent from torch relay sponsor Lenovo Group by her side and whispering to her at least once about the Tibet-related questions.

Jin's professed innocence is part of her appeal to Chinese, who have celebrated her ever since photos of her Paris struggle made the rounds online.

Disruptions of the torch relay in London, Paris and San Francisco shocked many Chinese,

dimming a hoped-for moment of Olympic glory and inciting a fierce, besieged nationalism.

China has sought to use the Aug. 8-24 Olympics as a showcase to demonstrate it is an open, modern country. Protesters say China doesn't deserve to host the Olympics because of its human rights record, its harsh rule in Tibet, and its friendly ties with Sudan.

Jin is now known as a defender of China's dignity, embodying a national pride hurt by the protests that overwhelmed the torch relay and the criticisms of China's crackdown in Tibet. While the first images of Jin on the Internet seemed to come from onlookers in Paris, state media soon

began telling and retelling her story.

She joins a list of heroes promoted by the communist government's propaganda authorities, often at times of tension with the outside world. In 2001, after a U.S. surveillance plane collided with a Chinese jet fighter off southern China, the Chinese pilot who died in the crash became a national hero. The Pentagon said the pilot's reckless flying caused the crash.

While Jin is being praised, angrier Chinese have taken to seeking revenge. Users of the Internet, where a virulent nationalism thrives, have targeted those perceived as enemies with "human flesh search engines" online campaigns that incite acts that are committed off-line.

This week, a Chinese stu-

dent at Duke University was singled out for trying to negotiate peace between pro-Tibet and pro-China protesters on her campus.

Her photograph was taken at the face-off, the day the torch relay passed through San Francisco, and soon posted on a Web forum for Chinese students. The forum termed her a "traitor to your country" and gave her name, Chinese identification number and home address in China.

A photo posted online this week showed what was said to be a bucket of feces dumped on her parents' doorstep in the port city of Qingdao.

The "human flesh search engine" also went after the man who tried to take the torch, mistakenly accusing a 44-year-old Tibetan living in Utah.

With his name, address,

phone number and even a map of his neighborhood posted on some Chinese Web sites, Lob-sang Gendun received so much harassment by phone and online that he moved into a hotel.

"I told them, 'You've got the wrong person,'" said Gendun, a soft-spoken father of two.

Meanwhile, a lingering sense of insult over the confrontation in Paris has led to an online movement to boycott the French retail chain Carrefour. And the Chinese Foreign Ministry has joined critics of CNN, demanding that the network apologize for a commentator's remarks that Chinese leaders were "thugs" and its products "junk."

In recent days, many Chinese users on MSN chat boards have attached heart icons with the word "CHINA" next to their profile names.

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# Love back at Harbour Town

Pete Lacobelli  
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Davis Love III is back on top at Harbour Town.

The five-time tournament champion shot a 5-under 66 on Thursday for a share of the first-round lead in the Verizon Heritage with Justin Leonard and Lucas Glover.

The 44-year-old Love has struggled to bounce back from tearing ligaments in his left ankle last September. On Thursday, he shot his best round since August and gave him confidence things might keep improving at one of his favorite locales.

"It's getting close," Love said.

There have been many oddities for Love the past few months. He failed to qualify for the Masters, missing his first major championship since the 1990 U.S. Open.

"That was weird," Love said.

He spent the week with family, hunting turkeys and only sparingly tuned in to Masters coverage to follow his buddy Fred Couples and Brandt Snedeker, who spend

time in Love's residence of Sea Island.

Love also worked to tune up his game to compete at a place where no one's won as much as he has.

"You keep sticking the tokens in the machine, eventually you'll get it right," Love said.

Not that it'll be easy.

Leonard, the 2002 Harbour Town winner, is coming off a top-20 finish at the Masters. Glover had his best finish of the year in his last event, a tie for 14th at the Shell Houston Open.

A large group a stroke behind the leaders included two-time Heritage winner Stewart Cink and Camilo Villegas. Jim Furyk, ranked No. 9 in the world, was another shot back at 68.

Snedeker was also in the mix after a 70. He tied for third at the Masters with Cink but probably gained as much attention for allowing the emotions and tears to flow when his chance at a green jacket fell apart last Sunday.

Ernie Els figured as a strong favorite here given his status (world's third-ranked player) and Harbour Town history (seven top-10 finishes in nine

starts). However, the "Big Easy" faltered with a 1-over 72 in a round that included only one birdie.

Love started quickly with four birdies in his first seven holes. He tied Leonard for the top spot with a birdie on the par-5 15th hole after landing his approach within 4 feet of the flag.

Leonard set the standard for much of the round, the former champion rolling in a birdie putt on the difficult closing lighthouse hole, No. 18. He finished with his lowest round in more than two months and cracked 70 for just the third time in his past 13 rounds.

This tournament is like a breath of fresh air compared with a pressure-packed week of Masters play, Leonard said. "You come here" to Harbour Town Golf Links, Leonard continued, "and you just kind of

get embraced by the southern hospitality."

Glover pushed to the top with five birdies over an eight-hole stretch. His back-to-back birdies on the 15th and 16th holes tied Leonard and Love.

Love admits he may never be 100 percent physically again as time goes on. He's also struggling to maintain his focus instead of "checking out" for several holes a round.

"I felt like I was playing 14 holes," Love said. "I'm leaving, mentally just leaving, losing touch there for a few holes every once in a while."

The familiarity of Harbour Town helped Love stay on track. Success, though, was coming no matter the location, Love says.

"I have worked extremely hard this year to get the mind going," he said. "I'm close and it's got to pay off eventually."

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Davis  
**LOVE**  
Tournament champion

## WOMEN'S GOLF

# Ochoa opens with 68 in bid for fourth win

Mark Long  
Associated Press

REUNION, Fla. — Lorena Ochoa got off to a solid start Thursday in a bid for her fourth consecutive victory and fifth in six starts this year.

Playing for the fourth straight week, Ochoa shot a 4-under 68 in the first round of the Ginn Open to finish a stroke behind leaders Carin Koch and Teresa Lu.

Ochoa had plenty of company there, too.

Karrie Webb, Suzann Pettersen, Charlotte Mayorkas, Mhairi McKay, Allison Fouch and Yani Tseng also were a stroke back.

But for the first time in a while, the field wasn't chasing the world's No. 1 player.

Ochoa led start to finish in her native Mexico last week in an 11-stroke victory at the Corona Championship.

"Of course, I like my position right now," Ochoa said. "I'm not usually a player that comes from behind. It's impossible, I guess, to be winning a tournament by seven shots the first day. You have to move your way out there. That's why I feel very happy with my round."

She also enjoyed a seven-stroke win at the Safeway International three weeks ago, then followed with a five-shot victory in the first major of the year, the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

She has won four of five events this year and is looking to become the first player since Annika Sorenstam in 2001 to win four consecutive starts.

She probably would have been out front Thursday had she not missed short birdie putts on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to start her back nine. It got worse when she three-putted the par-4 eighth and made her only bogey of the round.

But she rebounded with a birdie on the par-5 ninth.

Ochoa said she played a little cautiously on a windy

day with dry fairways and fast greens. But with a morning tee time Friday, Ochoa expected to be much more aggressive.

"I'm in position and I'm going to make sure I give myself a good chance to win the tournament," she said.

The 26-year-old star had the largest gallery of the field following her around the Ginn Reunion Resort, a crowd that helped keep her from feeling completely worn-down after so many rounds without much of a break.

"I'm still a little bit tired," she said. "I wouldn't say it's all the energy that I ever felt, but I'm OK. I think I'm hanging in there. ... If I knew I had maybe two more tournaments coming, I would be crying right now."

Juli Inkster (69), Annika Sorenstam (70) and Morgan Pressel (72) weren't far behind, part of 65 players who shot par or better.

Koch may have been the most unlikely name on the leaderboard.

Sure, she shot a 66 in the final round in Mexico last week and tied for fifth. But that was her best showing since winning her second career event in 2005. She mostly struggled the last two years.

"I'm just really excited right now," she said. "I've had a couple of bad years and I'm finally starting to play solid golf again. I'm hitting a lot of fairways and a lot of greens, so that's what I'm going to focus on rather than what Lorena and Annika are doing."

"It's so much more fun for me to play again now."

Her putting was a big reason Thursday. She made seven putts from 12 feet or longer, including a 20-footer on No. 17 and a 30-footer on 18 for a birdie-birdie finish.

"I'm definitely rolling it good," Koch said. "It's not all luck. There's a lot of good putts. I'm definitely confident on the green right now."

**"It's impossible, I guess, to be winning a tournament by seven shots the first day. You have to move your way out there."**

Lorena  
**Ochoa**  
Golf player

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"I've pretty much accepted the fact that I'm going to eat it sometime or another," Potratz said.

The athletes don't hold themselves to strict routines or superstitions like hundreds or thousands of athletes around the world do. Instead they say the best cure for the jitters is joking around with each other before a race to keep relaxed.

"I used to listen to music before the race, but I'd go overboard and psyche myself out and then I'd have a bad race," Potratz said. "I was trying to pump myself up for the race, but it just turned me into a bundle of nerves."

The one tradition the two do try to maintain is what they describe as being "old school."

"If there is any pre-race ritual we hold to, it's bashing forearms," Potratz said. "Like the baseball players used to do, we just joke around."

The two athletes, who

have had success in the more traditional running events, say there was only one time they've questioned what they were doing running the steeplechase.

"The one day I questioned what I was doing the most was when the water pit was frozen," Racine said. "We had to break the ice and then jump in. I was just like, really? But it's kind of like that with distance anyway. The 10K is 25 laps. Who wants to do that?"

The two have specific eating habits before a race.

"If we're traveling and there is a chipotle nearby, I'll eat chipotle every time," Racine said.

Potratz tries to stay more traditional, but is not opposed to Racine's idea of a good pre-race meal.

"I try to get whole-wheat pasta and deer meat. It's my favorite," Potratz said. "But if there is a chipotle nearby that is definitely where I go."

Racine will be competing in the steeplechase this week at the Mt. Sac Relays while Potratz may hold himself out of competition to rest.



Steve Potratz



File Photo  
Matt Racine rounds the corner ahead of the pack in the men's 3000 meter run at the Cougar Indoor Meet in Pullman on Jan 21.

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a.m. if they want their chance to receive prizes.

The race mocks that of a poker ride and competitors will stop at five different locations — Tri-State, Moscow Bagel and Deli, Bucer's Coffeehouse Pub, Moscow Food Co-op and the North Idaho Athletic Club — to pick up a playing card. Participants must also stop at Paradise Creek Bicycles, even though they will not pick up a card at that location.

"There is no special route either, people can go in the order they want," Lecomte said. "We really emphasize free riding, basically, and free riding is like people ... (having) a grocery shopping list that involves stopping by the

locations."

There will be four age groups — men, women, boys and girls — but there is no age limit for the race.

"It's not just going to be 18 to 25-year-old students. There is no age limit," Lecomte said. "We expect to hopefully have people from seven to 77 years old all having fun at the same time on their bikes."

The finisher with the best hand of poker gets the first prize, one of eight prize bikes. The remaining seven bikes, as well as a wide variety of other prizes, will go to the next highest hands. Other prizes include MP3 players, Cliff Bars, coupons for bagels from Moscow Bagel and Deli and free meal coupons for the Moscow Food Co-op.

Lecomte said competitors don't have to stop at every location, but if they skip one,

they slim their chances of a good hand, therefore slimming their chances of winning the bigger prizes.

There will also be booths set up at the 1912 Center hosted by Safe Route 2 School and the Moscow Area Mountain Bike Association. Free bike helmets will be given away and there will be music for the competitors to enjoy. Tune-ups will also be available free of charge to the public.

Lecomte has been doing rides similar to the Prize Ride for the past three years in Coeur d'Alene and thought that bringing a recreational ride to Moscow would be a great success.

"I talked to a lot of people on bikes, and people have been looking for this — they have been looking for a bike ride that is not competitive," Lecomte said. "We are hope-

fully going to have those people, like a dad with three kids that will be like ducks — the little ones following behind him."

All the proceeds from the event will go to the Latah Trail Foundation to help finish the trail that runs from Moscow to Troy.

"There is no other event like this that is inclusive," Lecomte said. "This includes a lot of people and it is a non-profit — it is a very good cause and it benefits the community, and it benefits the participants because they are going to realize that it is safe to bike in the city. It benefits the business owners because the bikers are going to be stopping in their shops and it will benefit the Latah trail. So in the end, it benefits everybody."

For more information about this event, contact Hugo Lecomte at 651-1212.

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and playing the way I did really helped."

It was a tough loss for the Vandals after losing only one of their last 12 matches, and with only two more matches left before the WAC Championships.

"We had a few players that should have played better," Beaman said. "Going into that talk after the match you're thinking you want to stay positive for the rest of the season, but you have to be honest with them and tell them they didn't play up to the standard they

should have."

Due to poor weather, the matches were moved to LCSC's indoor courts.

The women will play their final two matches of the season at Lewis-Clark State College this weekend, where they'll take on LCSC (8-7) and Eastern Washington (8-12).

Although the Vandals defeated LCSC 7-0 in their first match of the season, Beaman is reminding the team that the early win should not influence the way they play.

"We're a good team, they're a good team, 7-0 early in the year means nothing," Beaman said. "We have to rebound from the Hawai'i loss and go out and play well."

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# John Force's midlife crisis at 330 mph

Associated Press

Driving a funny car at 330 mph might not be the best time for a mid-life crisis. It's not like John Force has a choice.

For 30 years, winning was pretty much the only thing in his life. All of a sudden, he's trying to make it just one of many.

"I can't party like I used to, and some days I'm all over the racetrack," Force said. "I used to love a good Budweiser, and I haven't had a drink in a while. I used to be a cheeseburger, steak kind of guy, and last night I had a bowl of fruit and a bunch of cereal for dinner.

"But hey," he added, "I'm still around."

The godfather of drag racing turns 59 in a few weeks. When Force wakes up in the morning, his brain pleads "slow down," and the entire left side of his body — from busted ankle to shattered wrist — still aches as the result of crash seven months ago in Dallas.

Then the other side of his brain reminds Force he can't afford to, that he's on the hook with sponsors, advertisers and his public for at least another four years. So it's off to the gym — something else Force didn't used to do — at 6 a.m.

Last March, a kid named Eric Medlen, whom he groomed from childhood to become a driver and considered a son, was killed testing one of Force's race cars. Four months after that, the daughter he put in another race car to prepare her to take over the family empire, went spinning off the track in Seattle in flames. That was enough to shake any man's confidence.

"I'm the one in the crash," Ashley Force recalled Thursday, "but Dad is the one who winds up hyperventilating and being carried off in an ambulance. So that should tell you something right there.

"I think the message finally hit home: 'You don't have forever, nobody does. So you better appreciate what you've got.'"

"You'd think that would be easy."

Force has won 14 funny car series championships, 10 in a row at one point, and built the most successful team drag racing has ever seen. When the NHRA Powerade series opens shop in Atlanta on April 27, Force will have a chance to pile up his 126th race and 1,000th round win.

He's even laid down the plan for his succession.

Daughter Ashley, 25, was the rookie of the year in 2007 and is No. 1 in the series points race at the moment. Her 23-year-old sister Brittany qualified a car last weekend on the sport's minor-league circuit in Vegas, and 21-year-old Courtney could soon follow suit.

The only things in Force's universe that aren't running according to schedule are his real-life series on the A&E network called Driving Force — "those wrecks kind of got in the way," Force explained, "so we owe 'em a few episodes" — and more important, his recovery from last September's crash.

"I'm not the driver I used to be, I know that. I'm in the gym

most every morning and plenty of nights, and if you ask me a number, I'm maybe 75 percent back," Force said. "And believe me, I've already set enough records and done just about everything you could do in racing. All I'm trying to prove now is that I can drive again."

Force hasn't won a race since last August. He was 1-1 against Ashley and lined up to face her in the finals at Dallas last season when the semifinal round crash cut short their first battle with a championship at stake. But that was hardly Force's biggest regret.

All the time he spent piling up those wins, Force believed the cars he climbed in were safe. Safe enough, anyway, that despite breaking too many bones to count, he put Medlen and his daughters in those cars, too. Until Medlen died as a result of head injuries, there hadn't been a fatality in funny-car racing for some 30 years. To say that haunts Force every day isn't saying enough.

"I can't tell you much work we've put into the safety side of things, especially the head gear," he said. "We can't not afford to do it. ... And I won't lie to you, I get up some mornings still feeling depressed. I know I'm wearing this body out. It's not easy trying to find a balance between racing and living."

Some days, when Force leaves the gym, his trainers and teammates kid him about "losing his gait."

"I didn't know what they were talking about until somebody said, 'You're losing your walk.' What he meant was my strut.

"When I came up," Force said, "Don Prudhomme was the king, so we all tried to walk like 'The Snake.' I guess I looked pretty pitiful. But like I said, I'm back in the driver's seat, I still got my family around me and I still know when the Christmas tree lights up at the start line how to get that car down the road in a hurry."

Whenever the next big win comes matters a little less to Force than it once did. Mostly because, he's learned to enjoy the small ones along the way. When Brittany qualified last weekend in Las Vegas, Force jumped on a scooter and rode to the finish line. He had to see her face for himself.

"She pulled her helmet off, and I saw that same big ol' smile her mama has," he said. "She'd been struggling with the car, and she says, 'Dad, it still scares me.' And I said, 'It should.'"

"All of a sudden, I wasn't so afraid anymore. I felt like I'd taught her something, and maybe her sisters, too."

It was a cool night in the desert, not unlike the night Force won his first race 30 years earlier. Instead of flying back home with the team, he borrowed a crew member's car and drove back by himself.

"I needed to feel that — nighttime in the desert, big sky, music blasting — to remember what driving was like, just for the fun of it. That it ain't always about the destination, that sometimes it's about the journey, too...."

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# A-Rod hits No. 522

Ronald Blum  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Yankees and Red Sox played 774 times at Yankee Stadium entering this year. In their first meeting at the ballpark in its final season, they played as if they didn't want these tense games at this famous venue to end.

Long after Alex Rodriguez hit his 522nd home run to pass Ted Williams and Willie McCovey for 15th place on the career list, Melky Cabrera's tiebreaking groundout in a four-run fifth inning helped New York outlast Boston 15-9 Wednesday night in a glacially paced game that took 4 hours, 8 minutes.

The 24 runs were the most in a Red Sox-Yankees game at Yankee Stadium since New York's 14-10 win on April 21, 1956, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. And the 15 runs were the most by New York against Boston in the Bronx since winning 17-9 on

July 7, 1954.

Both starters were terrible, with Boston's Clay Buchholz chased in the fourth inning and New York's Chien-Ming Wang departing in the fifth. The Yankees, who outlasted the Red Sox 16-14, took a 7-3 lead by scoring four runs in a bottom of the fourth that lasted 23 minutes. Then the Red Sox scored six runs in a top of the fifth that stretched for 31 minutes.

New York went ahead for good 11-9 in the fifth, when Jorge Posada hit an RBI double against Julian Tavarez (0-1) and scored the tying run on Robinson Cano's single. A walk to Chad Moeller loaded the bases for Cabrera, whose grounder led to two runs the second scored when Moeller slid to the outfield side of second base and into shortstop Julio Lugo, whose throw to first trying for an inning-ending double play went wide for an error.

Posada and Jason Giambi added two-run doubles in the

eight off Mike Timlin.

Moeller, starting at catcher because of injuries to Posada and Jose Molina, had three hits. Every starter had a hit as New York stretched a winning streak to three for the first time this year and stopped Boston's winning streak at four.

After Ross Ohlendorf allowed two inherited runners to score and gave up one run of his own, LaTroy Hawkins (1-0), Billy Traber and Brian Bruney followed with scoreless, three-hit relief, with Bruney getting his first save since 2005.

Wang matched his career high for runs allowed, which he set last Aug. 8 at Toronto and tied in the opener of the 2007 playoff series against Cleveland. Buchholz was no better, giving up seven runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Manny Ramirez, a 536 hitter against Wang (15-for-28), put Boston ahead with an RBI double in the first, but Bobby Abreu

hit a two-run homer in the bottom half and A-Rod went deep three pitches later for his fourth home run of the season.

Ramirez had three hits but also had words with plate umpire Tim McClelland, who called him out on strikes in the third after Ramirez had taken four steps toward first base on a 3-2 pitch.

Lugo's run-scoring groundout in the second and Sean Casey's RBI single in the fourth tied it 3-3, but the Yankees chased Buchholz in the bottom half on Moeller's broken-bat RBI double and Derek Jeter's two-run single to right. Tavarez threw a run-scoring wild pitch that made it 7-3.

That evaporated quickly in the fifth. David Ortiz had an RBI single and J.D. Drew chased Wang with a two-run single. Ohlendorf relieved and gave up a tying single to Casey and Dustin Pedroia's two-run single, which put the Red Sox ahead 9-7.

# COLLEGE FOOTBALL Are bowl games an enterprise?

Ben Evans  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Forget government corruption or corporate fraud. Three members of Congress want the Justice Department to investigate whether college football's Bowl Championship Series is an illegal enterprise.

Reps. Neil Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, Lynn Westmoreland, R-Ga., and Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, are introducing a resolution rejecting the oft-criticized bowl system as an illegal restriction on trade because only the largest universities compete in most of the major bowl games. The resolution would require Justice's antitrust division to investigate whether the system violates federal law.

The measure also would put Congress on record as supporting a college football playoff.

**"Who elected these NCAA people? Who are they to decide who competes for the championship?"**

Neil ABERCROMBIE  
Hawaii Representative

over for the national championship game last year.

Georgia instead was matched up against undefeated Hawaii in the Sugar Bowl, winning 41-10.

Westmoreland and Abercrombie said they started talking about the resolution after that game, as Abercrombie was paying off a bet with chocolate-covered macadamia nuts.

The lawmakers say the bowl system is rigid and blocks all but the largest universities from competing in post-season bowls, denying dozens of others not just the opportunity to compete but also a shot at the big payoffs and national exposure that come with bowl appearances.

Abercrombie maintained that television markets are one factor in selecting which teams go to high-profile bowls.

"We shouldn't have to argue about who the champion is," Westmoreland said, citing the excitement and unpredictability of the NCAA college basketball tournament. "That should be decided on the field."

The BCS was created in 1998 by the six most powerful conferences. It relies on polls and computer ratings to determine which teams qualify for the top bowls.

Congress held a hearing on the BCS in 2005, but no legislation came of it.

In a statement, ACC Commissioner and current BCS Administrator John Swofford said the BCS allows all qualified teams to participate and is beneficial for student athletes, universities and fans.

"This issue has been looked at before," Swofford said. "We're confident that it complies with the law."

# West playoffs set, and madness starts

Associated Press

Finally, the wild West playoff picture is settled. Only two days until a new set of madness.

Three games in Texas on the last night of the regular season settled the final six spots in the Western Conference postseason — and set up some intriguing first-round matchups.

The best could be San Antonio against Phoenix, a rematch of a tense series from last year — and this time with Shaquille O'Neal playing for the Suns.

"It's an unbelievable way to start off the playoffs, but that's how it is," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Spurs routed Utah 109-80 on Wednesday night, clinching the No. 3 seed. With that same seed, San Antonio beat Phoenix in six games in the West semifinals on the way to its fourth NBA title.

San Antonio won the final two games, aided when Amaré Stoudemire and Boris Diaw

were suspended for Game 5 after leaving the bench during an altercation in the final game.

The Suns won both meetings since acquiring O'Neal from Miami.

"Shaqui slows them down a little bit," Manu Ginobili said. "So they gain a lot in one part, but they lose a little bit in another part. Still, Shaqui is Shaqui and you have to respect that."

The playoffs begin Saturday, with no clear favorite in a conference where eight teams won 50 games. The Lakers are the No. 1 seed, but Denver's Allen Iverson is ready for his crack at Los Angeles and Kobe Bryant.

"Let's go. This is what it's all about for me. You can't draw it up any better," Iverson said. "People say he's the best basketball player on the planet, so I'm definitely looking forward to the challenge. Especially with me believing that about myself, so let's go."

"This is what it's about. If

you're scared, get a dog."

The deepest playoff race in league history wasn't settled until the final few games of the schedule. The Rockets wrapped up the No. 5 seed with their victory over the Clippers and set up another first-round series against Utah.

The Jazz are No. 4 automatically by winning the Northwest Division, but finished a game behind Houston. The home court didn't help the Rockets in the same scenario last year, as the Jazz beat them in seven games.

"I think home court is kind of overrated. You can't rely on home court to win any series, as last year proved," Houston's Shane Battier said. "We have to play good basketball, both here and on the road. We've been playing well at home and have a higher level of confidence here. We need to take that confidence on the road and be able to steal a couple. That's how you win in the playoffs."

Dallas set up a rematch of another sort with its victory over New Orleans. That gave the Mavericks the No. 7 seed and a first-round meeting with the second-seeded Hornets, the Southwest Division champions, instead of a trip to Los Angeles.

"This was definitely a win we wanted to get," Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki said. "The Lakers are probably the hottest team in the West. We definitely didn't want to face them in the first round. ... (New Orleans) had a great year, but I think we match up pretty well."

The East pairings had already been determined. Top-seed Boston faces No. 8 Atlanta; No. 2 Detroit opens against No. 7 Philadelphia; Southeast Division champion Orlando is the third seed and meets No. 6 Toronto; and defending East champ Cleveland and No. 5 Washington hook up for the third straight year in the first round.

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