

# COMEDY TWIIINS!



Jake Barber/Argonaut The comedy duo, The Sklar Brothers, perform during Palousafest Saturday evening in front of the Theophilus Tower.

# Giving out the goods

### Clubs and organizations offer information to new students at Palousafest

#### **Reid Wright** Argonaut

This year's Palousafest captured the patchwork culture of the community and compressed it all into half a block on Sixth Street.

The kings and queens of the Tabikat drag show were present and dressed to represent, as were the University of Idaho Cycling Club, the Medieval Combat Society and the elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, among others.

Palousafest drew a crowd aln

northwest, often having to borrow players from other teams to compete, Zieske said. "It's empowering to play rugby," team-

mate Dora Cohen said. A solicitor asked if the women would do-

nate blood for a blood drive. Zieske responded, "We play rugby, we always give blood."

Meanwhile on the grass, members of the Medieval Combat Society were dressed in tunics, swinging at one another with foampadded swords and shields.

Shire Sheriff David Torres said the organization was divided into two groups - one useu primarii ' on medieval com and culture and one that added a role-playing element. "It is a lot about the culture," he said.

#### about the **CLUBS**

More information about the Black Widows rugby team can be found at: www.uidaho.edu/clubs/womens\_rugby/; the Medieval Combat society at: www.blackstonesages. stormhavenonline.org/; and the UI Climbing club at: www.uidaho.edu/ student\_organizations/climbing/

# New wireless network released

need some **HELP?** 

The ITS Help Desk is open from 7:30-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Specialists can help with account setup, wireless Internet connectivity, virus issues and a number of computer difficulties. For specific information on the new network and a do-it-yourself setup, visit www.support.uidaho. edu/wireless.

#### **Alexiss Turner** Argonaut

Last week the Information Technology Services Help Desk received an average of 230 calls per day, not to mention the string of confused faces that lined up outside the office from open to close.

Students can contact ITS with questions concerning new accounts to an array of computer functionality issues. A major part of the congestion has been caused by the introduction of the new campus-wide wireless network — Air-VandalGold, a network that will offer users a security boost.

After experiencing numerous security flaws in the pervious AirVandal network, Chuck Lanham, ITS director of computing support, said HTS always had an eye out for a replacement. AirVandalGold will be used in con-

junction with AirVandal to establish a more secure network, Lanham said.

AirVandal runs under a Wired Equivalent Privacy. It is a security specification that uses radio waves, an environment inherently unsecure because of its physical structure.

AirVandalGold implements WPA or Wi-Fi Protected Access, a wireless security specification that is used to strengthen security features already in place.

Lanham said ITS has always disuraged students from accessing bank accounts, purchasing items and even viewing grades while using campus Wi-Fi because the network is not completely hack-proof. He said taking those precautions is still recommended. AirVandalGold is supported by Win-dows Vista, provided students have the service pack one. Windows XP users must have service pack three. Students who use a Mac can access the new network with versions 10.4.9 and 10.5.4. These stipulations can be confusing, Lanham said, and if students are unaware of what version they are running, help can always be found at ITS. Assistants there can also update operating systems to ensure AirVandalGold can be accessed.

ly. Thick veins of spectators pumped and flowed through the event, occasionally clotting and hemorrhaging out onto the grass.

The annual event featured tables from more than 100 local businesses, volunteer organizations, club sports and a plethora of churches and spiritualities

The UI women's rugby team, Black Wid-ows, formerly known as "The Dusty Len-tils," accrued a page and a half of potential recruits.

'I'm excited," said team member Amber Zieske. "It's more than I expected."

Zieske said that rugby was one of the few full contact sports for women where the rules were similar to the men's.

'It's not super-intense, but we play hard when we need to," she said.

The team currently has about 20 members and competes with teams across the

Torres said that the group travels and competes in battles with other groups.

He said that they get mixed reactions

"Some people are more concerned with looking cool," he said. "They are ready to heckle until they pick up a sword to try it."

Torres said that they once challenged a heckler to a duel and were not bothered by him again.

"Our prime minister totally leveled the guy," he said.

Torres said that the game teaches players life skills.

"Being conciliatory is something this game teaches," he said. "It takes character ... being big enough to say 'you got me.""

Other groups, such as the UI Climbing Club, take advantage of the university's location and facilities

Club member Mitchell Odom said they were able to use the Student Recreation Center to explore various styles of climbing, such as rope climbing, bouldering and ice climbing.

He also said the club went on frequent climbing trips that are partially financed by the university. According to Odom, members received discounts on climbing gear from various companies.

"It's a very, very good deal, very mini-mal for what you get out of it," Odom said. 'It's good for all skill levels.'

The biggest event for the climbing club, Odom said, is the Palouse Climbing Festival that takes place in April.

Students who chose to continue

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# Accounts manager eagerly works with students

#### Cyrilla Waston Argonaut

Sitting in her swivel chair with her hands resting gen-tly on the desk, Debbie Kolstad sat on the edge of her seat as she described a typical day as the manager of the Student Accounts office

her job is to make sure everything in students' accounts are within This week: Debbie Kolstad reason and to make things more student friendly.

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She began in March and said the office is responsible for tasks such as cashiering, putting tuition fees on student accounts and billing.

Kolstad was a resident assistant for two years while at Fitchburg State College

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earning her bachelor's de-gree in psychology and master's degree in business and administration. She said her favorite part

of her current job is working with the students and that it is student focused.

"Even though something

may be more work for us, if it helps the students, we'll do it," Kolstad said She said her

job is "a little bit of planning and a little bit

of reaction." She wants to see how the process of everything this semester works without any large changes and then improvements for make spring semester.

Ali Frederiksen, a customer service representative .

for student accounts said, "She has tried hard to support us and likes to know how we do things before she gives her input.

Frederiksen said she's glad Kolstad is here.

"It's a good fit," Frederiksén said.

Some of her previous work includes working at a private school. Kolstad said the students are different compared to public schools. The students who attended the private school had more money and rarely struggled. She said she relates better

to the students who work a full-time job and are full-time students, so she has worked primarily at public colleges and universities.

Kolstad has worked as a resident director at four different colleges and universities across the country within

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a nine-year period. "I loved being an RA'and working with student hous-ing and student affairs," she said. "I like the energy of working around college students.'

Senior Financial Special-ist Connie Wambeke said Kolstad deals with severalstudents who have special circumstances with their student account.

Growing up in Mendon, Mass. with a population of about 4,000, Kolstad said it was similar to Grangeville or Craigmont with only a single traffic light in the center of town. She has a younger sister who works and lives in Mendon.

Kolstad now lives in Clarkston, WA, with her husband of seven years and their 3-year-old son, Keith. Brian Kolstad, her husband,



Nick Groff/Argonaut Sophomore Kori Roy, a music theory major, left, talks to Student Accounts Manager Debbie Kolstad in the Student Union Building Ballroom Monday afternoon.

### teaches graphic design Lew-is Clark State College.

She said this job was a natural progression from her a bike, watch movies, hang previous jobs. She worked as a resident director and for several large corporations

like Warner Bros.

In her spare time, Kolstad said she likes to walk or ride out with friends, cook, explore new places and take long road trips.

Kolstad said Campus

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Let us know what you think about these changes at

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Reminder: the Household Goods Exchange and Bike Loan Programs will be closed this Sunday for Labor Day weekend



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Alternative Service **Breaks** 

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## Science program gets new leader

#### Lianna Shepherd Argonaut

When Rebecca Cosens, the associate professor at the College of Law, began working as the head of the search committee to find the new director of the Environmental Science Program, she said she was looking for someone who could take the program to the next level.

"In terms of basis things, we were looking for someone who could build the program up and who really understood the importance of interdisciplinary studies," she said. After a two year national search, Stephen Mulkey was

After a two year national search, Stephen Mulkey was selected and Cosens said she feels confident about the coming years. "He has shown that he has

"He has shown that he has the skills necessary," she said. "Then there's his energy and enthusiasm. It's contagious."

Mulkey said the nature of the University of Idaho's environmental science program differs from other universities he has belonged to.

"It's very interconnected here," he said. "Environmental science is campus wide. It's woven into so many parts of the campus — technical, societal, legal. It was the reason I was first interested in this program."

interested in this program." Mulkey's career shows that he has experience incorporating interdisciplinary studies into the study of environmental science.

While still an assistant professor, Mulkey and colleagues created a graduate program for students from developing counties, which led to the creation of the International Center for Tropical Ecology. Founded in conjunction with

Founded in conjunction with the Missouri Botanical Garden, the center helped fund a doctoral program and attracted some of the best and brightest Latin American students to study ecosystems in the tropics.

After 11 years in St. Louis, Mulkey moved to the University of Florida in Gainesville, where he became faculty in the Botany Department and would later become director of research for the School of Natural Resources and Environment.

"The truth is that I don't like the heat, I don't react to it well," he said. "I know that's strange considering I've studied tropical conditions and lived in so many hot places, but I'm from Oregon and I'm looking forward to some northwest weather."

While at the University of Florida, Mulkey's job was to facilitate the development of interdisciplinary research — a role he will fill again at UI's Environmental Science Program. Although the Gainesville campus boasts more than five times as many students as UI, the enrollment in the UI program is proportionally much higher than in the equivalent program in Florida.

"Most programs of this type, and I mean nationally, struggle to find a place in their university and survive," Mulkey said. "They usually piggyback onto an existing program. This program has a sense of synthesis that I want to build on."

As time passes, Mulkey said he wants to train students who can talk science to the scientists and to the legislator at the same time.

Margrit von Braun the associate dean of the college of graduate studies and the supervisor for environmental sciences, said the environmental science program was started in 1993. Since it's conception, it has served as the guinea pig for the university's interdisciplinary studies, she said

"Programs evolve, they may start one way, but it's important that they don't become stagnant," von Braun said. "I think what's really exciting here is that Stephen will offer a fresh approach and an understanding that environmental science ties into so many factors of living."

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# OMA barbecue welcomes freshmen to campus

#### Lianna Shepherd Argonaut

Daisy Aguilera-Gonzalez, a freshman from Homedale, ID, joined the College Assistance Migrant Program after hearing how beneficial it was to her cousin. "He said it really helped him

"He said it really helped him out in school," Aguilera-Gonzalez said. " It was important to have somewhere to go and to have people to talk to."

Accompanied by 34 other CAMP members, she attended the Office of Multicultural Affairs annual barbecue on Saturday at the Shattuck Amphitheater and said she was glad to be exposed to the other reasources available to her.

"It's nice to see so many different groups together and to meet people," she said. "I really respect their mission and how they want to make people feel included. I like the idea of trying to get everyone together."

According to Leathia Botello, program coordinator for multicultural affairs, compared to last year, this year's event was better attended. She marked it as a good sign and a step in the right direction for the organization.

"Sometimes (minorities) feel that we're in a fishbowl, like we're supposed to represent every member of our own group," she said. "It's important that we come together and support each other so everyone knows they aren't alone or isolated ... we're here to support our students in whatever way possible."

dents in whatever way possible." Botello has been at UI for 14 years. She graduated in 1999 with a degree in psychology and was hired that summer. She said she believes her own experiences provide her with insight into the issues and needs of students across the campus' cultural spectrum.

"Many of our students come from predominantly white communities, and it's important that they're exposed to new cultural experiences," Botello said. "As they enter the workplace it's important to know how to work with people



Lianna Shepherd/Argonaut The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted a barbecue for the freshmen at the Shattuck Amphitheater on Saturday.

from varying backgrounds and ultimately one of the goals of the university is to create future leaders. This is a part of leadership."

Also present at the event was newly appointed UI President Steven Daley-Laursen who said one of his main objectives at the university is to promote an atmosphere of cultural diversity "on both the philosophical and practical level."

"It's my hope that we can fundamentally understand each other's differences and respect each other's beliefs. That's the philosophical level," he said. "Practically, I hope we can enable every individual to believe with pride that they belong."

Daley-Laursen spoke on the importance of creating a "supportive climate," a phrase later repeated by Bruce Pittman, vice provost of student affairs, who said the leadership was willing to work with the students to create "a equitable climate."

periences,<sup>7</sup> Botello said. "As they enter the workplace it's important to know how to work with people and community, brought the issue of "cultural climate" up last year. "It's not just about bringing

"It's not just about bringing people here and walking away," he said. "There has to be a cultural climate where they feel excepted, otherwise they won't stay."

Botello said she agrees student retention is improved when students feel they fit in with the community.

"No one intentionally drives a student out, but it can happen when people don't feel that they are properly appreciated," she said. "One of our main purposes is to give students a home, and we do that by allowing them ways to feel involved."

OMA offers three main types of programming: Greek houses, academic and professional organizations and cultural clubs.

"So pretty much whatever you're interested in we offer a nitch for you," Botellc said.

for you," Botello said. OMA is located at the Teaching and Learning Center room 230 and interested students can learn more about it at www.uidaho. edu/oma.





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# Student represents at convention

#### Lianna Shepherd Argonaut

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Graduate student Richard Hill drops his usually steady eyes and shyly begins to wring his hands as he thinks over the previous question. He chuckles lightly, fidgets and throws out his arms in a gesture of surrender.

"I had no idea when I heard Barack Obama speak in 2004 that four years later I'd be involved in all this," he said.

A graduate student of neuroscience, this week Hill will serve as one of 13 representatives for Latah County at the Democratic National Convention.

Hill, who was born in Chicago, has followed the career of Obama adamantly for years and was excited when he first heard the senator was running for president. Although he said he usually doesn't hold himself with one particular party, he traditionally votes as a Democrat and feels particular fervor about Obama.

"I look at him and I'm thinking 'This is the one," he said. "I just started talking to different people about him, getting people registered to vote ... Mostly I love discus-sion groups, there's something about getting people together and getting them talk-

ing that's right up my alley." Hill said he thought his volunteer work would be the extent of his involvement outside of voting in November. He attended the local caucus unsure of how many people would be in attendance. Although he said he knew Latah to be Idaho's most liberal county, he thought there would be a larger divide between Clinton and Obama supporters.

'I came in and started wading through all these people trying to get to the Obama side," he said. " It wasn't until I got to the sign that I realized what I'd been walking through had been in support of Sen. Obama.'

At the caucus, a friend of Hill's nominated him to be a representative. Two of his professors were present and they encouraged him to accept.

"Sometimes people see things in you that you just don't see in yourself, " he said

Sue Ritter, a professor at Washington State University, was one of Hill's teachers who supported him as a candidate. She said she has taught at WSU since 1975 and has known a lot of students, but Hill stood

out to her as exemplary. "He is a thoughtful person who thinks broadly about his own life and the lives of others," she said. "I think his perspective is unusual and that would make him a great representative."

Along with technology and educa-tion, Hill cares deeply about the subject of healthcare — an issue that has a personal meaning.

He said his sister has been fighting with multiple sclerosis and was first diagnosed after finishing law school. She had no health insurance.

"Some doctors were great, but some were difficult," Hill said. "One reception-ist didn't want to make her an appointment because she was uninsured. The doctor told



Courtesy photo Graduate student Richard Hill speaks with Neuroscience Program Director Richard Wells, left.

her to make the appointment anyway."

Although he has his own important issues, Hill said that after talking to some of the people he will be representing, the mul-tiple points of views he's been exposed to have resonated with him.

"Everyone has a unique experience and when they are willing to share them with me, it gives me a feeling of responsibility," Hill said.

Ritter said it was Hill's ability to empathize with the situation of others that led her to believe he would best represent the people and she encourages anyone who can to become involved in the political process.

Everyone has a certain level of influence whether they know it or not," she said. "It's better to know you have it and use it as best you can."

## Democrats seek peace in convention opener

#### David Espo Associated Press

Denver - Democrats opened their national convention on Monday, seeking peace in the family as they pursue victory in the fall for Barack Obama and his historic quest for the White House.

An appearance by the ail-ing, aging Sen, Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and a primetime speech by Obama's wife, Michelle, headlined the convention's first night.

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In excerpts released in advance, the would-be first lady said she and her husband were raised with solid American values: "that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do, that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them." The convention's open- close one, unexpectedly so ing gavel fell with Obama given a widespread desire Senate.

and Hillary Rodham Clinton still struggling to work out the choreography for the formal roll call of the states that will make him a 47-year-old senator bidding to become the first black president — the party nominee.

"There is no doubt in anyone's mind that this is Barack Obama's convention," the former first lady told reporters. And yet, shesaid, some of her delegates "feel an obligation to the people who sent them here" and would vote for her.

As the delegates took their seats in the Pepsi Center, Obama campaigned in lowa, the first in a string of swing states he is visiting en route to Colorado. He arranged to watch his wife's speech on television later from Kansas City, then speak briefly to the convention via a TV screen.

polls Public opinion nade the race with Re-

for change in an era of economic uncertainty, continuing conflict in Iraq and poor approval ratings for GOP President Bush.

Obama delivers his acceptance speech on Thurs-day at a football stadium, before a crowd likely to total 75,000 or more. Then he and Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, his vice presidential running mate, depart for the fall campaign -

If the opening night's convention program had a feel-good quality, not so the intensifying campaign out-side the hall.

Obama shipped a new commercial that used humor to depict McCain as an extension of the Bush administration, the latest in a series of negative advertisements by both sides.

While the White House is the biggest prize of the election year, prominent Democrats expressed optimism in Associated Press interviews

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# Astronaut takes pit stop at NASC

#### **Rubell Dingman** Argonaut

NASA astronaut John Herrington stopped on his 4,000-mile bike ride to speak at the Native American Student Center at the University of Idaho.

Herrington, a member of the Chickasaw nation, is riding a bicycle 4,000 miles from Cape Flattery, Wash., to Cape Canaveral, Fla., with stops at schools along the way. He uploads his route onto his blog, where he asks a math or science question at the end of every day.

"My goal is for kids to go out and be curious," Herrington said.

Herrington doesn't ask for answers to the questions he asks in his blog, but points out that he is showing a practical application of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math to kids.

Due to lack of motivation, Herrington dropped out of college. While working as a mountain climber for a survey crew, he realized how all the math that he had learned in school was applicable to real life. He was inspired to return to school and complete a degree in applied mathematics from the University of Colorado in 1983.

Herrington then joined the Navy for 22 years, where he became a test pilot and attended the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, graduating with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1995. He was accepted into the NASA program in 1996.

"I grew up around the time of the Apollo program and always dreamed of going to space," Herrington said.

Herrington became the first American Indian in space when he accepted a job as a Mission Specialist to the International Space Station on the STS-113 Endeavour in 2002. He retired from NASA in 2005.

to help teachers show their students how math and science is applicable in the real world," Herrington said. "I figured they might listen to an astronaut."

The Native American Tribal Liaison, Arthur Taylor, invited Herrington to campus. Herrington's visit to the NASC was put together in about

two weeks as Taylor had heard from the Nez Perce tribal staff that Herrington was planning to stop in Lapwai, Idaho.

I saw it as an opportunity to educate the campus on his accomplishments and partner together to enhance opportunities for native students in the STEM fields," Taylor said.

"I was looking for something Taylor is not the only one who challenging to do, and I wanted wants to create opportunities

for American Indian students. Herrington has plans to start a prep school for American Indian students located in South Dakota. The school would focus on the STEM fields and bring in students starting in the eighth grade.

"I want to avoid a reference to boarding schools, because that's not what it is

I want to bring kids in for an op-portunity to reach their potential," Herrington said.

Herrington is teaming up with Stacy Phelps, who started the Gear-up program in South Dakota. Gear-up is an Upward Bound Program in the College of Mines for American Indian Students and has 16 years of success with the students.

"He has pride in his heritage and wants to give Native children an example and encouragement to dream their own future," Taylor said.

Herrington's bicycle route travels through Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. There are scheduled stops in each state to encourage students to reach their potential.

Herrington started his ride on Aug. 13, took seven days to cross the state of Washington and plans to get to Florida in about three months.

"I plan on going to Disneyland for a conference and seeing NASA when I finish my trek across the country," Herrington said.

For information on Herrington and his 4,000-mile trek across the country, visit his Web site at www. rocketrek.com.

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using AirVandal can do so with no additional setup. This was made available mainly for users of certain video game systems, including the Wii and Xbox, which are not compatible with the new WPA system.

"We didn't want to shut anyone out," Lanham said.

Those who wish to setup Air-VandalGold on their own can do so at www.support.uidaho.edu/ wireless.

Freshman Nick Gallegos said he hauled his laptop to the ITS Help Desk after being prompted for a domain name he was not aware of.

John Powers, parent of an incoming Vandal, said he found himself unable to complete the connectivity setup on his own after also being asked for a domain name.

"Rather than lugging their PCs here, an RA should be running around helping people," he said

after having spent 10 minutes in line.

For individuals who encounter this issue, ITS Help Desk Service Coordinator Darren Kearney said the domain name is prompted but not actually needed Users can leave that field blank.

Kearney said ITS is attempting to be as comprehensive as possible in assisting each student. Students who come to the Help Desk for wireless issues also leave knowing all other important aspects of their computer use are taken care of, including Novell account access and e-mail setup.

"We don't want people having to come back two or three times," Kearney said.

A campus-wide e-mail was sent to faculty, staff and students Aug. 6 to announce AirVandalGold availability. Lanham said another e-mail will be sent further into the academic year.

As of last Friday, 342 students were surfing the Web wirelessly on AirVandalGold. Another 465 are still using the old system, but Lanham said he expects that number to continually decrease.

## School nurses in short supply

#### **Associated Press**

Idaho's student-to-school nurse ratio ranks 42nd in the nation with a single nurse per 2,368 students, according to the National Association of School Nurses

Some nurses say they are stretched thin for halting the spread of disease within schools, conducting vision and hearing screenings, leading sexual education classes, overseeing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid classes for staff and organizing blood drives.

The national average is one nurse per 1,151 students. In neighboring Washington, it's one per 1,060 students.

Idaho needs more medical personnel in its public schools, said JoAnn Blout, who represents the national association's state affiliate of the National Association of School Nurses.

She said school nurses play a

key role in intercepting students who may bring contagious diseases to class, connecting 'students who have special needs with medical services and pro-viding some health care to children without insurance.

"We are kind of what you call a first line of defense," Blout, a school nurse in the Meridian School District near Boise, told the Lewiston Tribune. "There are many districts ... that are very small and have no school nurses at all."

The Cassia County School District doesn't have its own nurse but has contracted with the South Central Public Health District for 200 hours of service annually, the equivalent of five weeks of full-time work.

Students average 2 1/2 minutes of nurse time annually, compared with the recommended ne hour and 40 minutes.

Lewiston's public schools contract for nursing services through the North Central District Health Department for nurses to work at each of the district's 11 schools for several hours at least once a week. Those services fail to meet the national association's standards.

(Lewiston schools) are getting minimal services, but there are many school districts that are n'arty school districts that aren't getting the minimal ser-vices," said Dianne Waldemar-son, the health district's division administrator. "We're not in the buildings long enough to pro-vide these kinds of corriges " vide those kinds of services.

The Idaho State Department of Education doesn't require school districts to provide nurs-es but offers financial aid to the districts that budget for one, said Melissa McGrath, an agency spokeswoman. School districts can receive state reimbursements. based on a nurse's level of experience and education, but additional compensation depends on each district, McGrath said.



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#### Loca/BRIEFS

#### **Candidates** give acceptance speech live

Democrats and Republicans will have their Presidential Candidate's acceptance speech aired live at the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. with each speech schedule to begin at 7p.m.

Sen. Barack Obama will give his live speech from Denver on Thursday. Sen. John McCain will give his speech on Sept. 4th from St. Paul, MN. The KPAC is located at 508 S. Main St. in Moscow. Both events are free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted and refreshments will be available.

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#### Nader to be on Idaho's 2008 ballot

#### Supporters of independent presidential hopeful Ralph Loca/CALENDAR Nader gathered nearly 7,000 signatures in Idaho, enough Today to put him on the ballot in

November in a state where

he captured less than one per-

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Volunteers for Nader, who

candidate four years ago.

Walk a mile in her shoes Commons Plaza 11 p.m. to 2 p.m.

**PCIE Pumpkin Patch workday** PCEI Nature Center 1040 Rodeo Drive 3 p.m.

Johnny Walker Comedy Show SUB Ballroom 8 p.m.

#### *Police*LOG

#### August 18

3:17 p.m. Nez Perce Dr. Caller reported an abandoned vehicle.

Corner of 8:14 p.m. Sixth St. and Elm St. - Officer responded to a report of a tree in the roadway.

8:54 p.m. Old TKE House — Officers responded to report of two suspicious people in the shadows of the old house.

9:54 p.m. University Ave. — Officers responded to report of people in the area who may be causing damage to property.

#### August 19

12:54 a.m. Elm St. - Officers warned a male for excessive noise.

9:12 p.m. Elm St. - Excessively loud music reportedly coming from either SAE or ATO house.

9:14 p.m. Perimeter Dr.

Wednesday

PB & J sandwiches St. Augustine's Catholic Center 11 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Gay-Straight Alliance meeting Women's Center 8:15 p.m.

#### Thursday

**MMBB** Seminar Life Sciences South Building, Room 277 12:30 p.m.

> son to Gritman but patient refused.

p.m. Student Health Center --- Report of several vehicles and approximately 200 people blocking the road.

11:26 p.m. West Sixth St. — Report of four to five males in a black pickup truck drinking alcohol. Vehicle was gone when officers arrived,

#### August 22

4:31 a.m. West Sixth St. - Officers responded to report of gasoline being siphoned from a vehicle.

12:55 p.m. Wallace -Female trapped in elevator car. She was able to escape.

1:31 p.m. Paradise Creek St. — Caller told someone in a car to turn around since the road was closed, but the driver laughed at the caller and drove on the road anyway. 1:58 p.m. College of

Education bldg. — Caller

would like to speak with officers about a student making threats toward

staff members. 2:31 p.m. UI Administration bldg. — Caller reported between 20 and 30 males trampling new turf.

#### August 23

12:55 p.m. Beta Theta Pi — Officers responded to loud music and verbally warned several people. 7:58 p.m. Delta Delta Delta - Caller reported that her phone was stolen sometime last night.

#### August 24

10:54 a.m. West Sixth St. - Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident. No injuries were reported

11:44 p.m. Wallace ----Police and EMS responded to report of an alcohol overdose. Patient was transported to Gritman. -Greg Connolly

Study links preterm births,

Washington — Infec-

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ger role in premature PLoS One, the online journal of the Public Library of Science.

"We don't think any organisms belong in the amniotic sac," said Stanford

University vid Relman, the study's senior au-thor. "You'd belong in have to prethe sume there's something amniotic wrong." sac." More than half a million babies David a year are RELMAN born prema-Microbiologist ture, before

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the women's water broke, to ensure the tests didn't detect postlabor germs. Ultimately included were 166 women, 113 of whom delivered prematurely. Some 15

percent of the women harbored bacteria or

#### Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008

**Retirement Party for Judd Kidd** Idaho Commons Aurora Room 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Student Organization Officer Training

Commons Horizon Room 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Welcome back barbecue St. Augustine's Catholic Center 6 p.m.

Presidential candidate acceptance speech, Barack Obama Kenworthy Performing Arts Center 7 p.m.

- Caller reported a male trying to flag down a vehicle for assistance but was 8:41 too nervous to stop.

#### August 20

1:56 p.m. Student Union **Building** — Caller said that the bus stop next to St. Augustine's Catholic Church has been widened and that people are using it like a parking lot.

#### August 21

7:25 a.m. West Sixth St. Officer responded to report of a stolen bicycle.

10:58 a.m. Deakin Ave. Officers responded to report of stolen computers.

parking zone.

8:27 p.m. Paradise Creek

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# St. — Âmbulance attempt-

#### Lauren Neegaard **Associated Press**

birth than doctors have thought, says a new study that found almost one in seven women in preterm labor harbored bacteria or fungi in their

It's a small study, and microbioloit doesn't prove that the gist Dr. Da-

But Monday's research used specialized molecular testing to uncover microbes that ordinary methods miss, and thus uncovered more women with simmering infections than previously estimated.

The more heavily infected the amniotic flu-

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woman was to deliver a younger, sicker baby, researchers reported in

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completion of 37 weeks

of pregnancy. It's a toll that has steadily risen for two decades, yet doctors don't know the cause of most preterm births or how to prevent them. Every extra week in the womb helps. Those born before 32 weeks face the greatest risk of death or devastating disabilities, but even babies born a few weeks early can face serious problems.

Certain infections, such as vaginal or urinary tract infections, are known to raise the risk of premature birth, presumably by causing inflammation that in turn triggers labor.

But how much of a role infections play, especially those that don't cause outward symptoms, has been a key question, said Dr. Michael Katz of the March of Dimes, who wasn't part of the new study.

So the Stanford team tried a new approach.

They turned to samples of amniotic fluid saved from women who had gone into preterm labor at a Detroit hospital between 1998 and 2002. Doctors at the time tried standard tests to detect infection, and saved the leftover fluid for research.

This time around, Relman and research fellow Dr. Dan DiGiulio used more sophisticated testing known as PCR to find and reproduce bits of genetic material from

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#### fungi, and those who

did all delivered prematurely. Adding the PCR tests found 56 percent more infected women than standard testing alone detected.

Even that is likely an underestimate, the researchers concluded, because they were using samples so old that the DNA in them had begun degrading.

The standard tests were especially likely to miss infections in women whose babies were born extremely premature, before 25 weeks.

And there was a surprising variety of germs: 17 bacterial species including one never-before-seen type — and one fungus.

"It's a very, very imwportant first step," the March of Dimes' Katz said of the research. But, 'there are still many hurdles.'

Next researchers will have to prove if harboring these germs really predicts who will go into preterm labor. Relman's team, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, now is studying 2,000 women who get routine amniocentesis in their second trimester, to try to answer that.

If so, then the questions become where those germs originate, whether there's a less invasive way to find who's at risk, and if there's any treatment that might help.

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# **Border fence** design blasted as cause of flooding

#### Arthur H. Rotstein **Associated Press**

Tucson, Ariz. — Flooding caused by a border security fence in southwestern Arizona shows the structure is being built too quickly and without regard for the environment, critics say.

Debris and water backed up at the fence during a storm July 12, leading to flooding at the port of entry at Lukeville and Sonoyta, Mexico, and at the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.

One of the reasons for it was the debris that accumulated on the fence itself," said Lee Baiza, superintendent of the monument, a lush desert tract overseen by the National Park Service.

Environmental groups have criti-cized how the Army Corps of Engineers and federal contractors have designed and built a range of fencing and vehicle barriers along the Arizona-Mexico border.

In particular, they've denounced Homeland Defense Secretary Michael Chertoff's waiver of environmental laws to hasten construction of the 670 miles of fences and other barriers planned by year's end along the nearly 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

Much of the pedestrian fencing on the Arizona border consists of 10-footwide and 15-foot-tall steel-mesh panels, some featuring wide horizontal grates at the bottom to let water and sediment flow through.

While the Bush administration may claim it's taking environmental impacts of the border wall into consideration, building wire mesh fences across washes prone to debris-lad-en floods is fundamentally flawed," Robin Silver, a spokesman for the Center for Biological Diversity, said in a statement.

Defenders of Wildlife spokesman Matt Clark said what happened at Organ Pipe validates the warnings voiced to Homeland Security before construction started.

"It doesn't take an expert hydrolo- problem," he said.

gist to anticipate the potential for these walls to become like dams," Clark said.

He noted that in flash floods, water and debris accumulate very rapidly and the flow can change directions quickly, create gullies and cause even more erosion.

Chertoff has invoked his waiver authority three times in Arizona, but federal officials maintain he has ordered Customs and Border Protection and Border Patrol officials to adhere to environmental requirements.

"We are still required to follow every environmental rule, regulation and policy," said Robert Gilbert, chief of the Border Patrol's Tucson sector.

A recent report produced by the Organ Pipe monument's staff concluded that the pedestrian fence failed to meet water-runoff standards set by the Army Corps or the Border Patrol's final environmental assessment.

The July 12 storm dumped as much as 2 inches of rain in about 90 minutes. Pools formed up to 7 feet deep, and flows several hundred feet wide eroded areas along patrol roads. The waters even scoured some fence and vehicle barrier foundations.

'The monument had suggested that they take into consideration everything that can happen with a weather event," particularly an ac-cumulation of debris, Baiza said. "We had a concern that this was going to happen."

The fence designers are being asked to come back and study the drainages again to come up with alternatives, said Baiza, the monument superintendent.

In Washington, Barry Morrissey, Customs and Border Protection spokesman, said engineers will talk with Park Service officials to discuss the findings and recommendations.

We are anxious to look at the information contained in the report and then sit down and look at what adjustments might be made to correct the



Lianna Shepherd/ Argonaut

students get soaked participating in an obstacle course at Satur-day's Recreation Fair that took place outside of the Student Recreation Center. The activity forced players to build a tent, face manufactured rapids, climb a wall and ski to the finish line as a team.

## Texas students pack book bags; teachers pack heat

#### Angela K. Brown Associated Press

Harrold, Texas — Along with normal first-day jitters and excitement, students in this tiny district started school Monday wondering which teachers might be toting firearms.

"It was kind of awkward knowing that some teachers were carrying guns," said Adam Lira, 17, a senior. "I don't feel like they should be, 'cause we already have locked doors and cameras. But I didn't feel threatened by it.

Several parents said they had no idea that school employees were allowed to carry concealed guns on campus until recent publicity about the school board's policy, ap-proved quietly last fall. They

said they were upset that the rural community near the Oklahoma border had not

While some parents said they felt their children were safer, others opposed the plan, which might be a first nationally.

"As far as I'm concerned, teachers were trained to educate my children - not carry a gun. Even police officers need years of training in hos-tage situations," said Traci McKay, whose three children are among the 110 students in the redbrick Harrold school. "I don't want my child looking over her shoulder wondering

who's carrying a gun." But Harrold Superintendent David Thweatt said the board approved the policy in an October open meeting that had been publicized. He said the decision was made after nearly two years of researching the best school security options at the school, just off a busy highway and 30 minutes away from the sheriff's office.

When you outlaw guns in a certain area, the only people who follow that are law-abiding citizens, and everybody else ignores it," Thweatt said. He declined to say how

many employees carry guns but said the board based on his or her personality and reaction to a crisis first must approve each one. In addition to training required for a state concealed weapons license, they also must be trained to handle crisis intervention and hostage situations.



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# Post-Musharraf ruling coalition splits

#### Asif Shahzad **Associated Press**

The ruling coalition that just a week ago drove U.S. ally Pervez Musharraf from the presidency broke apart Monday, throwing Pakistan into political turmoil just as it faces an increasingly difficult fight against Islamic militants.

The collapse of the fragile alliance threw more power to Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated ex-leader Benazir Bhutto and a corruptiontainted former polo player who now becomes the front-runner to replace Musharraf.

Fulfilling a threat he made last week, former prime minister Nawaz Sharif pulled his party out of the coalition after a dispute with Zardari over whether to restore the chief justice of the Supreme Court, Iftikhar Moĥammed Chaudry, who was ousted by Musharraf.

There was concern within Bhutto's party, the Pakistan People's Party, that such a restoration would lead to the prosecution of Musharraf and perhaps even Zardari - and that a fight would weaken the government's ability to fight militants.

Sharif's withdrawal will cost Zardari and the PPP their majority in parliament. Zardari is expected to rally support from allies and form a new government with the help of small parties.

If he does that and wins the presidency Sept. 6 in a vote by lawmak-

ers, as he is on course to do, Zardari would add to his powers and be in a position to create a more stable government. Sharif told reporters he would play a "constructive" role in the opposition but has already pledged to run a retired judge against Zardari next month. The gov-

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fuel prices that are slowing economic growth.

Zardari's party moved almost immediately to calm U.S. fears that Pakistan's new civilian rulers are paying too little attention to Islamic militants, banning the Pakistani Taliban group that claims to be behind a string of suicide bombings.

The United States has been carefully watching

the alliance unravel since or Tehrik-e-Taliban Paki-Musharraf, a former army chief and a stalwart supporter of the war on terror, who resigned after nine contentious years in power to avoid impeachment. Before her death, Bhutto had sought to convince the Americans that a civilian government run by her par-

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face up to 10 years in prison. The Pakistan Taliban will also have its bank accounts and assets frozen.

Hours earlier, the government had rejected a Taliban cease-fire offer in the Bajur border region, where an army offensive has reportedly killed hundreds in recent weeks and prompted more than 200,000 others to flee.

The Pakistani Taliban,

stan, is an umbrella group of militants along the rug-ged Afghan border set up last year. Its leadership is formally separate from the Taliban movement that was swept from power in Afghanistan in 2001.

Some of its members are believed to help recruit, arm and train volunteers for the insurgency against government and NATO troops in Afghanistan. Al-Qaida operatives perhaps even Osama bin Laden or al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahri have found refuge in the areas it controls.

The ban also bars Pakistanis from offering money or other support to the Pakistani Taliban, or handing out its propaganda. The government may also offer rewards for the arrests of its leaders.

The militants called the ban meaningless. "We are neither registered nor do we have any bank ac-counts," said Muslim Khan, one of its spokes-men. "We are slaves to no men. one."

U.S. State Department spokesman Robert Wood said the breakup of the coalition was "very much an internal Pakistani matter" that wouldn't affect Pakistani-U.S. cooperation against extremism.

Some analysts said it might even strengthen that cooperation by giving civilian democrats more power over the army, which U.S. and Afghan officials have accused of secretly assisting militants.

seems to have secured the ousted ex-general, enough support from opposition and independent lawmakers to secure the presidency for Zardari and shore up its parliamentary majority, avoiding the need for new elections. If Zardari secures the

presidency, he will become one of the most powerful civilian leaders in Pakıstan's 61-year history. The head of state holds the power to dismiss Parliament and appoint army chiefs, and Zardari's loyal, hand-picked prime minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, remains in office.

Zardari has already curried favor with both the army and the United States by easing Mushar-raf from office without a fuss.

Zardari appealed to Sharif to rejoin the coalition and said the judges would be restored "very soon." But he also said his party could govern without him.

"We hope that (Sharif) will not cause us any pain, nor that we will cause any pain to him," Zardari told state-run television.

Musharraf imposed emergency rule and purged the Supreme Court in November to halt legal challenges to his continued rule. The moved deepened his unpopularity and helped his enemies to victory in February parliamentary elections, a platform they used to drive him out with the threat of impeachment.

Bringing back the judges could open the door to The People's Party new legal action against five guards were killed.

including treason charges sought by Sharif — a move that would dismay the army and Washington.

Analysts say Zardari may also fear that the judges might reopen cor-ruption charges against him dating back to his wife's turns in government.

A Swiss prosecutor said Monday he had dropped money laundering charges against Zardari because an 11-year investigation had turned up too little evidence. Pakistani authorities dropped a string of graft cases against Zardari earlier this year.

Mehmood Shah, a former government official in the troubled northwest, said the ban probably marked the end of government's efforts to talk peace with hardcore militants.

He said the U.S. government could help by reining in crossborder strikes on militant targets because it made the government in Islamabad look weak.

"If the government is showing resolve, they should be encouraged," he said. "If Pakistan fails to overcome this problem, the whole world will have failed."

 Violence continued to flare Monday. Eight were killed in a pre-dawn rocket-and-bomb strike on the home of provincial lawmaker Waqar Ahmed Khan in Swat, police and the politician said. His brother, two nephews and

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# **Board denial puts** students at risk

Guink before Vandal football games whether or not the Idaho State Board of Education wants to admit it.

ASUI President Garrett Holbrook said the state board of education "ignored reality" when it denied a request by ASUI and the University of Idaho administration to allow students to have their own beer garden at football

tailgating events. The board said that allowing students to drink in the Kibbie Dome parking lot before games would be an endorsement of student drinking.

The proposed beer garden, which has been in development for two years, would have provided a regulated environment where students aged 21 and up would be able to drink up until the point of the game, when they would walk to

the Kibbie Dome from the parking lot. Holbrook said the

proposal included areas for concerts and food, so students would not just be consuming alcohol.

The alternatives - drinking at home or a bar and then driving to the game — have potentially lifethreatening consequences for both students and the community.

Some students dead-set on drinking before games may decide against attending altogether, Holbrook said.

Steven Daley-Laursen, UI president, and Lloyd Mues, vice president for finance and administration, accompanied Holbrook when he made his proposal to the state board. "I'm very happy to say that they stood up for (the students)," Holbrook said.

tors know that students will drink whether or not they are provided an authorized area to do so, and by advocating a regulated area, administrators are looking out for the safety of students. UI alumni have a beer

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garden at tailgating events, but forcing students and alumni to mingle before games is an unappealing prospect for both groups.

Holbrook said students tend to be loud and raucous before games, something that high-end donors in the alumni area might not appreciate.

One can't blame the state board for discouraging excessive alcohol consumption, but forcing students to hide off-campus to drink before football games is irresponsible and shows a lack of understanding of the university's pre-game tradi-tions and culture. — HB

University administra-

#### Off the**CUFF**

Quick takes on life from our editors

#### Taking advantage

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008

I was sitting on the Tower Lawn watch-ing the comedy show during Palousafest when I realized I have wasted my college time by not taking advantage of the fun things the university brings for the students. I am a super senior in my last semester and have vowed to attend every athletic function, student lecture and drinking function that I can.

#### Bring on the heels

I am not a big supporter of high heels because they are unnatural and slightly satanic. But if you throw men in women's shoes, how can I show the least bit of resistance?

— Alexis

— Kevin

#### — Sydney Surgeon General's warning

A Chinese medical study released Monday said people who consistently burn incense in their homes are 80 percent more likely to get lung cancer. This means that even the most rooted hemp-garnished, organic green tea chugging Earth children are at risk for the same disease that kills thousands of smokers annually. It just goes to show: there are too many things that can kill you to spend all your time stressing about college. Chill out. Enjoy yourself. And if it makes you feel better, put out your roommate's incense.

even to pick up their Social Security checks and we're discussing bathroom breaks. I expected to hear the rules on recess conduct. We should be able to show up if we want, when we want and use the toilet whenever the hell we want.

#### Killin' me softly

Today I experienced the death of a close friend. The casualty? The Caesar salads in the food court of the Idaho Commons. As I was handed a much smaller baby bowl of lettuce with minimal salad dressing and five croutons, a part of me shriveled up and died. I don't know how to mourn this tragic loss. The shock is too much to bear.

#### Christina Not the best decision

I saw a video clip the other day where a Fox News reporter mingled with protesters outside the Democratic National Convention. The protesters were to the left of the Democratic platform.

After the first uncensored f-bombs, the reporter -- looking like a Young Republican asked the protesters to not swear. This prompted them to begin chanting, "F--- Fox News." It took five seconds for the anchor to cut away.

Thanks, Fox News, for demonstrating

# 'Obama VP drama' holds CNN hostage

When Sen. Barack Obama's cam-paign said he would be announcing his vice presidential pick via text message, it assured those who signed up that their phones would be the first to know — not CNN, not The New York Times and certainly not those pesky bloggers.

Of course, it wasn't just Obama supporters who signed up for the text message, but also journalists who wanted to get a jump on the competition. ČNN anchors — already criticized for their purported ob-session with Obama — didn't do themselves or their viewers any favors on Friday.

The comedic news blog 23/6 (tagline: "Some of the news, most of the time") compiled a priceless montage of CNN's most pathetic moments from that day. Unfortunately, the have

drama" filled the airwaves.

For those who already signed up for Obama's text message, it became obvious that CNN didn't have a better source. Anchors kept saying things like, "I'm watching my BlackBerry," as

if they were paid to do product placement for the soon-to-be-upstaged-by-Googleand-Apple smart-phone manufacturer. At one point, Roberts even told a female co-anchor to "show me your BlackBerry," later holding his own phone up to the camera-to announce that he'd been watching it all morning.

Shouldn't he have been watching for other news? It shouldn't be the anchor's responsibility to check his phone

for a text message that everyone in the CNN office would eived. Don't they have

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#### Missing an organ

So, I'd been having mysterious nausea all summer. Finally I decided to give in and go to the doctor. She blithely told me I had at least 20 gallstones and needed immediate surgery. So, I got the offending organ removed. The result? A hefty prescription for hydrocodone. Thanks, doc. — Lulu

#### **Doctors and tardies?**

Why did I suffer through a day of syl-labus week discussing tardies and doctor's notes? I'm sitting in a classroom full of students who are old enough to vote, drink or

now not to be a journalist

— Holly

— Rob

#### You made my day

This is just a shout out to all the people I saw today helping the freshmen as they tried to make their way around campus. It's nice to see random acts of kindness.

#### Lianna

#### James Dean all the way

My car is absolutely falling to pieces, and it's time to get a new one. This hit me when it started pouring down rain today, and I tried to turn on my windshield wiper (just one — the passenger side wiper hasn't worked for about a year now) and it just flopped a little bit and didn't move again. This piled onto an engine that shudders and dies occasionally, a starter that habitually breaks and excessively high gas prices, has convinced me I need a motorcycle. I'm thinking a Suzuki Boulevard.

— Jake

clips aren't in chronological order, but by watching CNN's clock in the lower right screen, it's depressing to see just how early on Friday the text message watch began.

CNN's clock read 6 a.m. EDT Friday (that's 3 a.m. in Moscow), and John Roberts and the other anchors were "still waiting" for the announcement. When the clock read 7:23 a.m. CDT (5:23 a.m. here), Roberts declared, as if it were news, "We still haven't gotten the announcement yet."

That non-news was CNN's top story of the day, reiterated over and over as if nothing else was happening in the world. In CNN's view, just that nothing — was worth discussing. As the day wore on, CNN's "still

waiting" catch-phrase turned into something way more amusing and totally blown out of proportion. Repeated almost as much as a Bush Administration talking point, CNN's "Obama VP

for that sort of thing? At 3:02 a.m. PDT — just after midnight at CNN HQ in Atlanta — Roberts interrupted his guest with breaking news coming from his phone, which he again held up for the world to see.

"I just got a note from them," he said, getting everyone's hopes up. "Eh, it's just a public schedule." His guest got the same message and was similarly disappointed, as was whatever handful of viewers happened to be awake and paying attention at that time.

I was sitting in a restaurant with a group on Friday night, telling them about Obama's pledge to text message his choice and how I still hadn't received anything despite signing up two weeks ago.

About five minutes later my phone (not a BlackBerry) buzzed. It was CNN

#### See CNN, page A10

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## **BEYOND THE SHEETS** Start the year off right

For many of you, this year is your first chance to be away from your parents. You are now experiencing independence in

a whole new way. You are free to make your own decisions (keeping in mind that home is a phone call away). I certainly

hope you decide to experience sex when you have made the informed, responsible decision to do so. Sex is a wonderful, healthy form of expression, but it also merits deep consid-

eration and should not be taken lightly. For those of you choos-

ing to engage in sexual encounters, here are some words of advice to keep in mind.

Sex is always an option never a requirement. It does not matter how much was spent on dinner or what the other person is wearing. If the other person says "no," that is precisely what it means. 'No" is not playing hard to get. Without verbal consent, sex should not occur. You absolutely do not need to give into peer pressure or the perceived notion that "everyone else is doing it." Nobody is in charge of your sexual experience except for you.

Sex is supposed to be fun. It feels good, it is enjoyable and it should be pleasurable to all individuals involved. If it hurts or is not enjoyable, you do not need to continue. You can stop and try again another time. Stopping with an agreement to continue

another time adds to the anticipation and can make it more enjoyable later. Always be prepared.

Men, if you are going to a party, before you leave the house, put some condoms down the front of your pants. That way when you take your pants off, the condoms will fall out, you will see them and

**Chris Bidiman** be more likely to Sex Columnist arg-opinion@ uidaho.edu

use them. Do not store the condoms in your wallet. Women, a

female condom exists. You can insert it before you leave the house, and then if you decide to have sex later that evening, you are already prepared (it can be worn inside the body for up to eight hours). In both cases the condom must be thrown away at the end of the night, regardless of if it was used because your body heat will deteriorate the material.

Alcohol and sex do not mix. If you are going to a party, decide if you want to get drunk or have sex before you leave the house. You should not do both for different reasons

With a high level of intoxication, you are not go-ing to enjoy the experience (and you may not even remember it). Decisionmaking abilities are rendered nearly useless. You will make poor decisions, and you will regret them. The best way to avoid that is to make a decision in the beginning of the evening to do one activity and not the other.

Know your body. If you are going to have sex,

you should feel maximum pleasure. The only way to optimize your experience is to tell your partner what feels good to you, and the only way to know that is to explore it yourself. Solo sexual exploration is safe and healthy and will enhance your personal knowledge of your body.

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Being open-minded to different sexual experiences should be mandatory. There are endless ways to enjoy the experience, and there are a few wrong ways (no sexual assault, child molestation, sex with animals or sex with individuals who do not have the mental capacities to make adult, informed decisions). Allow yourself to experience different sensations. and try different things as long as there is informed consent between both you and your partner.

If you want to be in a committed relationship, then you should be. The notion that sexual promiscuity is something to strive for to enhance reputation is antiquated. If you want to have sex with multiple partners, be wise about it. Always use protection, and get regular tests for sexually transmitted infections. If you want to enjoy sex with only one or two partners, that is equally great.

Have fun, be safe, and experience all you can.

Do you have a question for Chris? Send it to arg-opin-ion@uidaho.edu. His degree is in school and community health with an emphasis in STI and HIV prevention and treatment.

He has worked in an adult store for four years and is happy to answer any questions that readers have.

# How to make that refund check last

#### **Andy Smith**

The Daily Athenaeum, West Virginia University

So, you got your refund check and feel like you deserve a Wii. Oh, and you need a new computer.

Oh, and don't forgot about the pony. Stop right there. Let's think about this for a second.

What can you do with your refund check that will not have you immediately out of cash or eventually regretful? How can you live throughout the semester in the cheapest fashion?

Now, usually I would say taking financial advice from me is sort of like asking Sen. John McCain which "American Pie" was his favorite of the series.

However, I have made enough mistakes in my college career to know what not to do after receiving that first bit of money in the semester.

So, now, I will present you with these tips on how to save money during the semester:

Do not go on an immediate shopping spree.

If you receive a refund check or any kind of large sum of money, the first temptation is to go crazy and get that big screen television you've been wanting so that you can finally see "50 First Dates" the way it is supposed to be seen.

#### CNN from page A9

with the breaking news that Obama chose Sen. Joe Biden to be his running mate. This was about 1 a.m. EDT Satur-

CNN had wasted more than 24 hours discussing the absence of news at a time when there wasn't any absence whatsoever — CNN just didn't want to report on anything else.

There was nothing to be said until Obama made the announcement, but CNN still baited its viewers with the promise of "any minute now" throughout the day.

I still haven't received Obama's official text message. So many people signed up to get the message that the

My advice would be to fight the urges. Put it in a bank account and forget it's there. Actually buy your textbooks this semester. Whatever you do, think about having this PS3 when the only game you can afford to play on it is "Super Monkey Ball 3."

Walk everywhere.

Be a smart grocery shopper. Shopping can be a challenge.

We have all fallen prey to the seduction of a \$1 double cheeseburger (which are very cheap until you have to pay for coronary surgery).

But, fear not, there are rewards for settling for ramen noodles or spaghetti (mostly financial, not health-related).

Shopping smart goes beyond even settling on the typical college food (mac 'n' cheese, ramen noodles, bread from a bakery's trashcan).

Just pay attention to the deals. This does not mean buy anything that's on sale. There has to be a reason that they are getting rid of those Philly Cheesesteak Pringles.

However, do look for the sales that seem affordable and, most importantly, edible.

We've been told that this is the time of our lives when we can live the craziest.

But, why not grow up? What can't we just be responsible?

sending service was overloaded.

Insistent that its followers didn't need to follow the mainstream media to get campaign news, the campaign's experiment in reliance on under-developed technology (wireless networks) was a failure.

Those who wanted the news when it broke had no choice but to turn to CNN, despite CNN's own failure to adequately report other news happening throughout the world that day.

Journalists should do their jobs and do their own reporting instead of waiting for the news to come to them.

When Sen. John McCain announces his vice presidential pick, it should be less of a technological fiasco. No one is expecting any kind of innovation from that campaign.

I never thought I would say it, but I'm thankful for that.





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It's only fair

Women's Center celebrates Women's Equality Day

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008

#### Megan Broyles Argonaut

Stilettos, pumps, wedges, sling-backs and sandals — these are styles men generally don't give much thought to, much less plan on wearing. But today, men and high heels get acquainted.

> The Women's Center, along with Brothers Empowered Against Rape and Men Today Men Tomorrow will host a new way to look at the objectification of women and the meaning of equality.

> The "Walk in her shoes" event will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in front of the Idaho Commons. Members of the hosting organizations will be present to answer questions and supply information. Instituted by U.S. Representative Bella Abzug



Photo illustration by Jake Barber

and established by President Jimmy Carter in 1971, Women's Equality Day commemorates the 72-year struggle leading to the 19th Amendment that give women the right to vote in 1920. Now reaching past celebrating voting rights, the nationally recognized equality day honors the continuing efforts across the country for equal opportunity. In this spirit of expanding awareness

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of inequality, the men of campus and the community are invited to walk in a woman's shoes literally.

Lysa Salsbury, coordinator for the Women's Center, opened bags of high-heeled treasures on the floor of her office. These shoes will be worn through an obstacle course consisting of rough terrain turly gravel and stairs for a start in front of the Commons by only men.

"These objectify women," Salsbury said placing a pair of brown pumps on the floor. "They affect posture and how we walk. Many people don't realize how much of an impact they have." The event is intended to increase

Joe

Conti

B.E.A.R member

The event is intended to increase understanding and awareness of the sexual objectification of women. It is also intended to highlight what women are pressured to endure from the fashion industry and media outlets, as well as highlight the increased risk of assault women face due to their gender "Our bodies are not really our own,"

Salsbury said. "They are always on display. (This event) helps people realize objectification exists."

The Women's Center originally wanted to require registration and fees from the men wishing to trot in the footwear, but decided not to for several reasons, the main one being timing. "It will be on the secPage B1

"It will be on the second day of school," Salsbury said.

In lieu of the original plan, the center will require a waiver in case any injuries occur due to unfamiliar footwear.

"I'm happy to have the B.E.A.R. name associated with this event,"

said Joe Conti, a B.E.A.R. member. "I feel that men need to make the effort to step out of their comfort zone and experience what women deal with every day. What better way to do this than take the most basic human movement. We don't have to think about walking for the most part. Most men will be shocked to find walking as women do is pretty hard and frustrating."

# **Music in translation**

Professor asks students to represent music in design

#### Alexiss Turner Argonaut

If there's one thing Randy Teal won't tell a student, it's that they are wrong.

it's that they are wrong. As an art and architecture assistant professor for the University of Idaho for the last three years, Western education ideals of right and wrong have not been a part of his classroom. But music is a different story.

Every architectural design evokes a mood whether it is a busy street or a glorified mansion, he said. Teal has been using music to set the mood, quite literally, for his students' design projects throughout his teaching career.

Teal assigns his design projects along with a specific song and requires that the finished product emanate the same mood as the song.

He prefers the music be instrumental so students can work through the music without being hung up on lyrical content.

"You have to let that mood resonate with you



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Senior Andrew Carman

be a struggle.

A painting of the music of John Lee Hooker by Randy Teal.

and respond," he said.

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Teal said his main goal is to get students thinking intuitively without representing the obvious. For students with a predisposed Courtesy photo

project in his architecture 151 class, "Introduction to the Built Environment." Teal asked students to represent their mood on paper See MUSIC, page B2

### COMEDY NIGHT



Stand-up comedian Johnny Walker will perform at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Building Ballroom. The show is free. Walker performed on more than 50 college campuses last year and is a comedy club regular in his home city of Los Angeles, CA.

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# Local jazz with global perspective

#### **Kevin Otzenberger** Argonaut

Over the tops of lattes and beers a dozen conversations shot around the crowd of about 30 people at Bucer's Pub on Friday night. While some were con-

sumed in their rowdy weekend talk, many were content to sit back, relax and absorb the smooth melodies Cadenza Collective was pouring out from under a single blue spot light at the front of the pub.

Cadenza Collective is a four-piece Moscow jazz band made up of University of Idaho music majors. The members are Navin Chettri (drums), Erik Blume (sax), Andrew Rose (bass) and Jack Lee (guitar).

While the band members are all active in jazz projects through the university, they hope to maintain the creative impartiality of Cadenza by keeping it independent.

"We could sign up for credits, but we just want to do our own thing on our own time," Blume said. "We all do other ensembles, and this is kind of our one unassociated project."

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after hearing a snippet of a song. Carman said his experience was relatively painless.

"It took a little to catch on," Carman said. "Once I understood why he does that, it made perfect sense. You make a product as your experience. Everyone's is unique.

Carman, too, found that Teal was not looking for a specific answer.

Cadenza has only recently started playing in Moscow with its current members. The band is a long-time project for Chettri, who moved to the U.S. for the first time when he started school at UI last fall.

Chettri, a native of Ne-pal, started the band in his home country and has since re-started it with Moscow musicians that he met through the university music program.

"We were called Cadenza and we started calling it 'Collective' because so many musicians would come and go. It gave us that space," Chettri said. The band believes that its appeal comes

from cultural exposure as musicians.

"The thing I really like about this group is that we always try to do something that hasn't always been done," Rose said. "We try to incorporate a lot of world beats and other influences.'

Such influences can be detected in Chettri's minute-long wincing drum solos. The improvised bursts can be stylistically intriguing, revealing a nearly Latin taste.

While the group takes the time to explore the

Collective musical realm outside of typical American club jazz, they are also transitionally

tight. "A lot of people don't think about it when they're in a band — that they really need to listen to each other — and the guys do a great job of that," said Lee, who played his first show with Cadenza on Friday.

Chettri said he has personally recorded four or five CDs and produced many other originals. "I like any kind of mu-

sic, as long as it has something to say and it moves me and has some reality to it," Chettri said. "Whether it's rock or punk or jazz or other music, I don't care."

Chettri is also involved as a director for an annual jazz festival in Katmandu, Nepal and will be traveling there in October to participate. The event brings in artists from France, Cuba, Brazil and England among other countries.

The first Katmandu festival was in 2002, after Chettri traveled to a jazz event in Australia. He said that he was inspired by the energy.

The current Cadenza lineup has been playing together since December 2007, minus the group's original trumpet player. In



Jake Barber/Argonaut The local band Cadenza Collective plays at Bucer's on Friday evening. The band includes Navin Chettri, left, Erik Blume, second to left, Andrew Rose, second to right, and Jack Lee.

February, the group won the college combo compe-tition in the Lionel Hamp-International Jazz ton Festival. Cadenza has no immediate plans for the 2008 Festival.

"The Hampton Festival seems far away right now," Blume said.

Blume, a fifth-year senior, was invited into Cadenza through a chance meeting with Chettri, who overheard him practic-ing last fall. Since then, the group has snowballed members, and each one

has became increasingly involved with the overall Cadenza project. This summer, Blume traveled to Nepal with Chettri to play with some of Cadenza's older, more distant members.

Since the band started, it has not played outside of Moscow but has performed at banquets, fes-tivals and several Main street venues, including One World Cafe and Buc-

"There's definitely a fu-ture for Cadenza. Once we're

out of college, we're all going to be doing music profes-sionally," Chettri said.

In the meantime, the members are more focused on school than Cadenza's professional aspirations.

"We're just trying to build a crowd in Mos-cow," Rose said. "It's hard for this kind of music to reach people sometimes because it's a little different than what they're used to, but once they come to accept it they seem to like it."

"The form or image that you are producing is and should be an outgrowth of your experience at that moment," Carman said.

"The answer is what you make it." Teal said most of his grading is based

on the process students use to create their models, not necessarily the final product. "If you try to get it right on the first try,

you will destroy it," he said. Students do not have to write an essay

to justify their design. Teal said having a requirement like this would discount many finished pieces.

"Śtudents shouldn't have to put logic

back on (a project) to preserve its worth," he said.

Students are required to present their finished work to the rest of the class. During this portion of the class Teal is looking to see that students don't try to defend their pieces, but point out the persuasive parts of their model in order to help other students create their own moods or relationships with the product.

"(A product) is compelling in a num-ber of ways," Teal said. "It should resonate with you - not identically, but in another way.'

Junior Greg Nakata said he had never expected his studio class to be run quite the way Teal did. He said he entered the class with open ears and an open mind and was still frustrated in the beginning.

"I saw myself asking too many questions. Then I just let it happen," he said.

Nakata said he learned to take instructions as they came to him without overthinking his next step. He said once he started to let loose, all other aspects fell into place.

"It became second nature for me," he said.



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**INTERVIEW: THROW ME THE STATUE** KUOI KUOINER

# A man, a band, a bedroom

a slightly modified for-

To perform at Neumo's, inside the Capitol Hill Block Party, Throw Me the Statue had to go about twenty blocks south. The band is currently on Bloomington, IN's Secretly Canadian and is based in Seattle's Central District. Earlier this year, they accompanied their amazingly great labelmate, Jens Lek-

man, on tour. I got a chance to talk with the lead musician behind the project, Scott Reitherman, and his friend Aaron Goldman inside a Capitol Hill café.

MK: Throw Me the Statue is mentioned in the same breath as Scott, a lot of the time, but there were six other

guys on the stage with you tonight. There was even more setting up with the three keyboards, a couple glockenspiels, several guitars, bassist and three horn players. How much of the album is Scott?

Reitherman: We had some friends play on the record. Aaron played on the record-Aaron and I actually went to high school together in California. And, yeah, on the record it's mostly me playing a lot of the stuff, overdubbing parts. But live, obviously that's im-

possible to try and pull off. So for a while now it's been a band. I think that sort of storyline is maybe easy for people to write about, or talk about, mentioning only my name in the course of writing a paragraph-long blurb about our band. But I hope that starts to become less and less pres-ent, especially with the

next record. It'll certainly be more of a band after that.

> MK: So you started your own label, and the album came out on it. but that was a homebrew type operation, right? How did that end up getting worked onto Secretly Canadian, the best label in the uni-

verse?

Marcus Kellis

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Reitherman: We're super happy to be with those guys. They do a re-ally good thing, and they have a really artist-friendly, transparent operation, which we feel super lucky to have been included in. So I put out the record on the label I run, Basker-ville Hill, and about two or three months after we released Moonbeams in the summer of last year we started talking with them. Then they picked us up, and released it in

mat—we just scraped a couple of songs off the record—in February of this year. That's kind of how it went down. It was pretty surprising and awesome to have that shift and be able to just focus on doing the music, and not going down to the post office every day to mail out cop-ies of your own CD and stuff. That is also a really fun and gratifying thing to do-mail people records and write messages on the envelopes—but it's really wonderful to also be able to just be in the band for a little while and focus on pulling off the music and the live act.

MK: The first sound on the album "Moonbeams" is the unum vision to the second do you go about realizing the instrumentation? Is there a battle for ground between the different parts?

Reitherman: There's definitely the pursuit of trying to make this happy, interesting marriage between organic instruments, like acoustic, nylon guitars and drums, with drum machines from old Yamaha and Casio keyboards, the sounds that come with the keyboards—trying to make that all exist together in a way that's cool. It's the

stuff I've been interested in doing for a while, so finally making "Moon-beams" happen was a logical progression of what I was interested in, the aesthetics of old keyboards and guitars. I think there's also-what I hope, I guess, that peo-ple might find nice about that is the humble quality of not using a bunch of expensive instruments to make musical ideas play out the way that you hope they would. Obviously if you performed all the parts on our record with high-end equipment, it would've sounded markedly different. It wouldn't necessarily be representative of where I'm coming from, so using those tools at your disposal is the most natural way to do it. And I tried to make that a' deliberate move, also, in using some of the drum machine sounds that you hear on the record, be-cause that's the way that I write the songs. I play a pop/rock beat on the keyboard, and start playing along with a guitar in my room, so it seemed like the most natural way to record it and fuse that with other instruments and make it layered. But

To read the special, ex-tended edition of this interview, check the KUOI Music Director blog at http:// music.kuoi.org.

it starts there, for me.



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concept is getting old (the fifth sequel of one film) the movie kicks off with filming in Vietnam. "Tropic Thunder" direc-  $\star \star \star \star (of 5)$ 

Writer, tor and actor Ben Ben Stiller Stiller's latest film Now playing features three stars

Jordan Gray

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views and (sadly) commercials when they hit the theater to

catch the newest movie. Some

people use this as a buffer zone when they arrive late.

Viewers have come to expect at least 15 minutes of pre-

with enormous egos (Stiller, Jack Black and Robert Downey Jr.), a rapper with a merchandising empire (Brandon T. Jackson), and the only actor who's actually read the script and the book it was based on (Jay Baruchel). Together, these five are thrown into a jungle rigged with cameras with only a copy of the script and their intrepid director (Steve Coogan). But when the director takes a misstep, the actors head off to finish filming the greatest war movie ever on their own.

Stiller plays Tugg Speed-man, an action star whose career is headed in a downward spiral. Trying to get back in the limelight, he plays a mentally retarded person in "Simple Jack" (which is named the worst movie in history), attempts to adopt a child and supports a conservation program for pandas, which causes him to lose most of his sanity when he accidentally kills one

Robert Downey Jr. manages to stir up some interesting controversy by playing an Australian actor playing a black man. Or as he phrased it, "I'm just a dude playing a dude pretending to be another dude.

Jack Black's character is addicted to heroin, which plays into the plot when heroin manufacturers capture Stiller's character. The others, includ-ing a detoxing Black tied to a water buffalo, ride to his res-

cue using the plan in the book the movie is based on.

A star-studded cast of cameos is what really makes the film. Matthew McCon-aughey is brilliant as Speedman's agent. When the heroin manufacturers call to negotiate Speed-man's release, Mc-Conaughey mistakes them for a rival talent agency and threatens accordingly. them Nick Nolte shows up as "Four-Leaf" Tay-

back, who wrote the book "Tropic Thunder" and encourages the production team to dump the actors in the woods in order to get them to show real emotion. And Danny McBride (who some may recognize from his recent role as Red in "Pineapple Express") is perfect for the role of the overzealous explosives coordinator.

But this review would not be complete without mentioning the biggest cameo of all: Tom Cruise. Yes, with his couch jumping antics on "Oprah" and his film bomb "Lions for Lambs," some thought that Cruise would never recover. But he's taken that crazy persona and channeled it into Les Grossman, the most repulsive executive head to grace screens. When not using colorful invec-tives to insult his employees, he's rocking the gold chains and hairy chest look, calling everyone a "playa.'

Complete with a ton of laughs, this is the best fake/ true war story to see.



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'Breaking Dawn' is

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what would happen in the end. Would

Bella Swan live happily ever after with

her vampire boyfriend Edward Cul-

len, or would she run off with her re-bellious werewolf best friend Jacob

Black? Would she too become a vam-

pire? Would she end up alone, or with

a dog? Earlier this month the fans got

the answer to their questions when "Breaking Dawn," the highly antici-

pated fourth and final installment of

Stephenie Meyer's "Twilight Saga,"

Fans all over the world wondered

lame

was released.

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# A waste of an ensemble cast

#### **Marcus Kellis** Argonaut

The best films about music are uplifting without being saccharine, are engaging without being overly familiar and work because they reflect truth about music and about life. "The Rocker" is like a flaccid "School of Rock," without recognizable tunes. It namedrops YouTube in that sterile, managerial fashion of the worst corporate cultural co-opting. It is mediocrity across 102 minutes.

Rainn Wilson, most famously Dwight Schrute of "The Office," plays his character Robert "Fish" Fishman with all the grace of his unbearable convenience store employee in "Juno." In the film, Wilson was a drummer for an '80s hair metal band called Vesuvius, alongside Fred Armisen, Will Arnett, and Bradley Cooper.

When the band is approached for a major-label deal, the A&R rep-resentative demands they drop Wilson in favor the label's presi-

dent's son. Wilson's former group makes it big, while Wilson ends up working essentially his job in "The Office" for twenty years. After a breakdown, he's fired, moves in with his sister, and then joins his nephew's band. The band is propelled to superstardom, then has to open for Wilson's \*(of 5) Rainn Wilson old band, and everyone Now playing learns a valuable lesson.

The plot is strictly paintby-numbers, offering no investment in the characters' lives nor any reason for their success. The

emo penned by brooding band-leader Teddy Geiger, and the film suffers that familiar problem of having the interior art be terrible

art, lauded inside the film as groundbreaking, made successful inside the film by fiat. I'm on record as be-lieving "Arrested De-velopment" was and shall be the best show ever produced, but its costar Will Arnett is— as has become a trend dramatically underused (see also his films "Let's Go to Prison," "RV," and "The Brothers Solomon." Or don't see them.) Fred Armis-

en, a highlight of recent seasons of "SNL," gets just as little screen time. Aziz Ahasari of "The Huteens' band, A.D.D., is mediocre man Giant's" Aziz Ansari shines for his single scene, provoking Wilson to a job-ending rage after Ansari insistently plays the new Vesuvius album one desk over. "Superbad" actress Emma Stone remains very cute while Christina Applegate essentially reprises her empowered role from "Anchorman." The film also features young actor Josh Gad, who seems to have been cast as an affordable (or available) Jonah Hill.

The Rocker" made me sad. It wasn't meant to be a sad film, and the ending is just as uplifting as director Peter Cattaneo's earlier film "The Full Monty." The jokes were essentially funny jokes in the same vein as any Judd Apatow gig. But somehow all the jokes were delivered in the least funny manner possible, and I was only infrequently moved to laughter. It's hardly worth watching at any price.

## Stars of song, sport to top Olympic closing show

'The Rocker'

#### **David Crary** Associated Press

BEIJING — A Spanish tenor, a British soccer star and a throng of kung-fu fighters were among the scheduled closing-ceremony attractions Sunday night as China concludes its first Ölympics and hands over the role of Summer Games to London.

Fireworks are planned at 18 locations across the vast city, and a packed house of more than 90,000 will be on hand in the National Outdoor Stadium for the ceremony itself.

Its creators have promised a more lighthearted show than the opening ceremony Aug. 8, which focused heavily on Chinese history. Highlights for the closing included a duet by tenor Placido Domingo and Chinese soprano Song Žuying, as well as a display by several hundred kung fu practitioners from a martial arts school.

"It's going to be different from the opening ceremony, which was burdened with heavy responsibility to show Chinese culture to the world," one of the directors, Miao Pei, told China's Southern Metropolis News

Film director Zhang Yimou, in charge of both the opening and closing ceremonies, said the dramatic highlight of the finale will be the extinguishing of the Olympic flame atop the stadium. But details were not released in advance --- rehearsals were conducted in secret on a college campus.

London, host of the 2012 Olympics, will take over part way through the ceremony for an eight-minute show that will

feature a red double-decker London bus driving into the stadium and converting into a stage.

Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page and British singing sensation Leona Lewis will perform, and soccer icon David Beckham will kick a ball into a crowd of onlookers. They will be celebrating not only London's upcoming role as host, but also a breakthrough performance here in China by British athletes, completing their country's best Olympics in a century.

"We will not compete with the (Chinese) ceremony," said London 2012 organizer Bill Morrie. "It will be simple, youthful, athletic, loud and proud like London, entertaining and fun."

Among those in attendance will be British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and London's mayor, Boris Johnson, who will receive the Olympic flag from Beijing Mayor Go Jinlong.

China invested more than \$40 billion in the games, which it viewed as a chance to show the world its dramatic economic progress.

Even with a day of competition remaining, China had clinched first place in the gold medal standings, and logistics during the games ran smoothly. Questions remained, however, about the Chinese authorities' tough stance on press freedom and political protest - it blocked access to numerous politically edged Web sites during the Olympics, issued no permits for use of designated protest zones" and detained demonstrators at unauthorized protests that did take place sporadically.



"Breaking The story left much to be desired, and it Dawn" lacked the emotion \*\*\*(of 5)

that made the first Stephenie novels such a hit. Swan, the main Meyer

character, was made to look more

like a whiny and insecure 19-year-old than ever, and I began to have serious doubts about the "perfect" Cullen. For the first time, I actually found myself rooting for Black, the character I've openly despised for more than 1,500 pages. That was until he decided he was in love with Swan and Cullen's half vampire, half human love child.

It was seriously messed up. This novel didn't ruin the story that is "Twilight," but it certainly didn't end in a way that fit. Instead of going out with a bang, it was more of a soft thud leaving some readers dissatisfied and wanting more. It's like wanting a huge ice cream sundae but getting one measly generic orange Popsicle instead.

Black needed a better happy ending. Cullen needed to man up.

In all reality Swan still needed to learn how to breathe, speak and function like a proper human being. And I'm going to just put it out there and say it: Swan and Cullen's honeymoon was a disaster. It was pages of unresolved sexual tension with cryptic passages ending with "...". Are we kidding? Give me some Anne Rice, please. All these little things rolled up into one big, annoying novel any die-hard "Twilight" fan should have problems with.

Am I being too critical? Probably, but I spent all summer falling in love with something that ended up having

a bland and boring ending. In a way, the book actually seems rushed and unfinished. I don't know how my perfect ending would go but it would not have gone the way "Breaking Dawn" did. If you're looking into the series, definitely read the first book. If you want more, go ahead and read books two and three. Just a warning though, book four may be a little rough.

Matthews, Crow kick off Democratic convention in Denver

#### **Ryan Pearson Associated Press**

MORRISON, Colo. - Singing at the Democratic convention, Sheryl Crow dedicated her song "Strong Enough" to Barack Obama and then added a twist to the lyrics for the occasion.

"Are you strong enough to be my man, or my president?' Crow sang to her party's nominee and his newly announced running mate.

Dave Matthews and Sug-

arland's Jennifer Nettles also sang at the kickoff concert Sunday night at Red Rocks Amphitheater outside Denver. The national convention was to begin in earnest Monday at the Pepsi Center following Obama's weekend announce-ment of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden as his vice presidential

running mate. 'What I'm hearing from Sen. Obama is a lot like what we heard from Robert Kennedy," Crow told the crowd between tunes. "No matter

what campaign ad we see or how it's spun, hope is important. It's what this country was based on.

She told The Associated beforehand that she Press hadn't been swayed from speaking out for Obama by the candidate's "celebrity."

'That tag that Sen. Obama's been given is a campaign ploy, obviously, by the Re-publican party," said Crow. "I don't see him hanging out. I have yet to see him at any celebrity events."

Matthews, playing with Tim Reynolds, was less pointed with his commentary, while Nettles played up the night's theme of environmentalism. Denver's mayor has worked with ho-Denver's tels, restaurants and organizers to make the convention a green event.

This is the first time that a political convention of any sort has been surrounded with the awareness of environmental issues," Nettles told The AP before playing. "So that feels like it's on the cutting edge."





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### Michael Phelps to write new book

#### **Associated Press**

NEW YORK - Olympic superstar Michael Phelps will write a book telling the story behind his historic eight gold medal swims just in time for the holiday season, Free Press, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, announced Friday.

In "Built to Succeed," Phelps will also cover his philosophy on training and competition, as well as his life being raised by a single mother and coping with an atten-tion-deficit disorder, the publisher said.

The book is scheduled to be released in December

Phelps, 23, became the winningest Olympian ever at this summer's Beijing games, winning eight golds to add to six previous Olympic first-place victories. He holds seven world records.

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# 'Thunder' pulls in \$16.3M, holds off 'House Bunny'

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## Why don't TV stars like to watch television?

#### **Frazier Moore Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Stage actors love theater. Film actors see movies. Musicians dig concerts by their fellow musicians. But TV performers just don't seem to catch much TV, according to an unofficial survey spanning years of interviews I've had with them.

Let me stress the not-at-all-scien-tific nature of this poll. Among the scads of TV stars I've talked to, I never made a point of grilling them on their TV consumption. I don't recall how often it came up.

But over time I started to realize (and marvel) that, out of everyone who did address the issue with me, fewer than a dozen of them copped to being TV fans.

The rest: well, they don't shun just the programs they appear in. They don't watch TV, period. Or so they claim

Why would they blind themselves

to the truth (TV's vision of the truth, anyway, which they're all part of)?

They're busy. They have to be up early and they work late. Those are explanations I've been handed.

Besides, after spending so much time in the candy factory (I'm para-phrasing here) they just don't have a sweet tooth anymore.

Some stars make a rare exception to the no-TV rule. Maybe they watch cable news, maybe ESPN. Who knows? Maybe they're sneaking a peek at the Olympics. Maybe the smart comedy of the moment ("The Office," or, before that, "Seinfeld.") or the fashionable drama (early in its run, I'd often hear "ER," and then, for a number of years, "The Sopranos"). Or maybe an admitted guilty pleasure like "The Amazing Race" or

Project Runway." . Beyond that, it seems, they shut their eyes to what's on TV, at least when it's on. For them, apparently, watching TV is akin to slumming; offputtingly exotic; or, unaccountably, none of their business.

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Of course, being a selective viewer isn't bad. The average American logs 4 and 1/2 hours of TV per day, a sum that should set off the get-a-life alarm.

But many TV stars insist that catching up with even a program they confess to liking is more trouble than it's worth. They claim to never be around a TV when that show is on the air. They seem to have never heard of TiVo.

I've been hearing this kind of thing from TV-averse TV stars since long before anybody ever heard of TiVo. I think it reflects the stigma that TV has been saddled with since birth — a stigma TV will still be stuck with when its convergence with the Web is fully consummated, and the term "television" is retired to the same place as "the wireless" and "gramophone.

Society brands people who are gung-ho about TV as mentally chal-lenged, hopeless nerds or cursed with too much time on their hands.

# Breaking the fast with a bite of date

#### Donna Abu-Nasr Associated Press

 It's a simple tradition centuries old and honored by millions: a bite of date taken at sundown.

said to have begun with the Prophet Muhammad around the seventh century. Today, it often is used to end the daily fast during Ramadan, Islam's holy month during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.

That tradition has transformed the date into a massive industry in the Middle East. In Saudi Arabia alone, more than 21 million palm trees pro-duce 884,000 tons of dates a year, making the king-dom one of the largest date producers.

Those dates are eaten fresh, dried and in any number of treats. Gourmet date shops sell datefilled chocolates, date mustard, date syrup and date bars.

Visit any home or office in the kingdom and you invariably will see a small plate heaped with dates on a coffee table. The sweetness of the fruit balances the bitter taste of the cardamom-scented coffee served to guests in small cups. Date baskets, contain-

ing different varieties of the fruit, date cookies and date juice, are commongifts. Dates also feature in many desserts, where the fruit is the most prominent ingredient.

In Lebanon, the dates are turned into a paste that fills cookies served at the feast of Eid al-Fitr (marking the end of Ramadan) and the Feast of Sacrifice, the most important Muslim holiday,

which falls less than three months after Ramadan.

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These date paste cookies are from Sana Ahmed Khashoggi, a 52-year-old Saudi woman who as a teen learned the recipe from her grandmother. Khashoggi makes the cookies during Rama-dan, as well as other family celebrations. They are a specialty of the western Hijaz region of Saudi Arabia.

Start to finish: 45 minutes

Makes 36 cookies

- 1 pound dates, pitted
- 1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup ghee (clarified butter)

1 cup whole-wheat flour

1/2 teaspoon cardamom

1/2 cup chopped mixed nuts (such as almonds and cashews)

In a food processor, combine the dates and 1 tablespoon of butter. Pulse until the fruit is well mashed and resembles a paste. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, melt the ghee. As it melts, sprinkle in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture turns light brown, about 5 minutes.

Add the cardamom and reserved date paste. Reduce heat to low and cook, stirring frequently, until the mixture is fully combined. Mix in the nuts.

Remove the pan from the heat and let stand until cool enough to handle. Using your hands, pinch off 1-tablespoon pieces and roll the mixture into balls. Place the balls in paper muffins cups.

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Vandals lose in overtime

#### Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2008

#### **QuickHITS**

#### **Did You Know?**

•The University of Idaho basketball team's 2008-09 schedule has been released. The team will be playing 30 regular-season games, which ties for the most

Played in school history. ●UI added diving to the athletic program. The Van-dals hired QiongJie Huang to the staff. Huang grew up in China and trained at the renowned Chinese Diving Institute.

#### Vandals by the Numbers

Number of regular season games the men's basketball team plays in the 2008-09 season.

> Number of true freshmen starting for the soccer team.

Number of teams UI men's basketball team will compete against that advanced to at least the second round in the NCAA tournament. The Vandals take on Michigan State and Gonzaga on the road and Washington State comes to the Cowan Spectrum.

Number of times UI football team plays Washington State this season. The Vandals have played WSU the last 10 years.

#### Vandals to Watch

**Haley Larsen** Volleyball



Larsen was named to the 2008 Western Athletic Conference Preseason all-WAC volleyball team. She ended the 2007 season ranked seventh on Idaho's all-time career records list for kills.

**Jennifer Hull** 

#### Jaimee Myers Argonaut

The Idaho Vandals soccer team experienced the same outcome as last season's match against Cal State-Bakersfield in this season's opener. Bakers-

field's Veronica Ramos scored the winning goal in the second minute, to end the double overtime. and we Last fall, the Vandals played a matched up against the Roadrunners at Guy Wicks Pete Field where

SHOWLER they lost when Soccer coach Cal State-Bakersfield made a strike from 40 yards end-

ing the game immediately. This week the game was

played in Bakersfield, Calif. and the Vandal women played the first half as if they were a little hesitant and a bit on their heels. They did not show the drive and determination to win that was proven during practice the previous week.

"It was a game of two halves," Idaho coach Peter Showler said. "In the first half, we were second to every ball and we played a little rushed. Then in the second half, we were the dominant team — we won every tackle and every header.'

A whole different team set foot on the field for the

second half. "After the first 45 (minutes), the girls stepped up and took control," Showler said. "They've set the stan-dard, now the just have to do it at the first whistle." Sophomore Jennifer Eu-

genio scored her first career "In the first goal with 51 half we were seconds left in the match to second to every ball little rushed."

drive the game into overtime. During overtime, se-nior Nicole nior McAllister made a strike on goal, but fell short when

the ball nailed the top cross bar and then bounced out of bounds, leav-

ing the Vandals to bring their best defense for the remainder of the overtime.

"Mac hit a cheeky little chip and it went off the bar, then hit the line and unfortunately bounced out," Showler said. Four freshmen, Liz Boy-

den, Danielle Raczykowski, Shelby Moriguchi and Danielle Hayward, all earned starting positions for the Vandals this season. Liz Boyden started as goalkeeper and played the entire game with four saves and had two goals allowed.

Idaho is now 0-1 on the season and was the Vandal's third time taking a season opening game into overtime.

File photo Kelsey Manning chases the ball during a 2007 soccer game against the University of Nevada.

# WAC football is second best in the west

Nobody could argue that the Western Athletic Conference is the most recognizable conference in the west other than the Pac-10.

The conference has never been better following consecutive trips to the Bowl Championship Series by Boise State and Hawai'i. Only three non-BCS schools have ever qualified, and two are from the WAC.

Not too shabby.

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The formula you ask? If you look at how Boise State

and Hawai'i earned their BCS births, you can clearly see two common factors. One is that they both went undefeated. The other is that they didn't play anyone with national prestige.

The only chance a WAC team or any other non-BCS program has to get into the BCS is to run the table and hope there are rewer than two o undefeated teams in the grams qualified for trips arg-sports@uidaho. country. to Bowl games. edu For Fresno State to After dissecting the qualify for the BCS this season, they will obviously have to go undefeated and I don't see how that could be possible

win the league this season without much competition from other schools. I beg to differ and feel this league will be more competitive one through nine than in past seasons where we basically saw Boise State crush everyone.

Here are a couple teams that have a chance to be better than originally predicted:

New Mexico State — Here is a team that passes the ball as well as any in the land. Coach Hal Mumme and his spread offense (which is similar to lawa

predicted Fresno or Boise State to State and their top 'passer, rusher win the league this season with- and receiver have returned. They'll put points on the board this season and could play solid defense. Definitely a sleeper down in Reno.

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Idaho — Relax, I'm not doing this as a "homer" pick at all. Idaho is the only team in this conference that returns everyone on offense. Defensively, sure, they lost their entire linebacker corps as well as "The Judge," Stanly Franks at corner. That said, the Idaho defense will rely on a strong pass rush to go with the top safety tandem in the WAC with Shiloh Keo and Virdell Larkins roaming around making plays. I'm not expecting them to make a serious run at a bowl game or anything — they are still rebuild-ing. However, I'm not expecting to see fans bolting for the exits at halftime. Idaho will be competitive this season as long as it can rely on its offense to score touchdowns instead of field goals and get off the field after third down defensively. I feel Vandal fans will be pleasantly surprised with this season's team. One thing fans across the country won't be able to say about the WAC this season is that its schools didn't play anybody. If you want to see a big-time upset by a WAC



Hull led the Vandals with six goals in 2007. She started in 16 games and took a teamhigh 49 shots with 26 on goal.

> Shiloh Keo Football

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After dissecting the upcoming season, I am greatly looking forward to follow-ing another WAC campaign.

There isn't an athletic director or coach in this conference that doesn't expect another chance at earning a BCS bid.

Everyone is hyping up Fresno. State this season to be the frontrunner not only to win the WAC, but also make a run at a BCS game. I highly disagree.

There is a formula in place to get a BCS trip from this conference that I don't believe Fresno State is following.

Here is a list of games this season that Fresno must win this season if

they plan on making the BCS: At Rutgers, at home against Wisconsin, at UCLA and at Boise State (where they've never won).

I hope you don't think Fresno can win all those games. If so,

you'll be disappointed. Let's forget about the BCS for a second and focus on WAC play. The national pundits have either chance to contend in the WAC this season. Quarterback Chase Holbrook completed 70 percent of his passes while throwing for 3,866 yards last season and returns for his senior season. NMSU can move the ball on any defense in this league. Its only problem is on the other side of the ball. This defense flat-out stunk last season allowing 36.2 points per game. If the defense cleans itself up a bit, watch out for the Aggies.

Nevada — Coming off three consecutive seasons ending in bowl games, Nevada isn't getting any publicity this season as a team that could contend for the WAC title. They should. They hired a new defensive coordinator from Oregon

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Keo earned second-team all-WAC in 2007 as a safety and punt returner. He was chosen as the winner of Idaho's John Friesz Award as the team's Most Valuable Player in 2007.

#### Vandals in Action

UI's volleyball team travels to Middle Tennessee State Friday.

UI's football team takes on the University of Arizona Saturday in Tucson in the season opener.

Gonzaga travels to Mos-cow for UI soccenteam's second game of the season at 3 p.m. at Guy Wicks Field.

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One year ago, the Min-nesota Twins had 63 wins, just as many losses and was six and a half games behind Cleveland and an ice cube's chance in hell of seeing October.

After finishing the 2007 season 17 games behind Cleveland with a sub .500 record, they traded ace pitcher Johan Santana and lost seven-time Gold-Glove outfielder Torii Hunter to free agency.

What a way to greet 2008.

Now in late August Minnesota is half a game ahead of the White Sox and eleven games ahead of the team that most analysts guaranteed would win the American central, the Detroit Tigers.

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of the matter is the Twins are consistently finding ways to win, and they're doing it with a patchwork team. The Twins only

have solid everyday players at a couple of positions. Joe Nathan is one of the best closers in the Majors, Justin Morneau is a stud and Joe Mayer has established himself

catching for your team over anyone else,

Morneau and Mauer lead the team in nearly ev-It isn't money that we ery offensive category that played in around 60 games,

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have to thank for this, nor · matters. Aside from them, is it plentiful star power or an easy schedule. The fact the team is filled in by an ever-changing lineup that doesn't try and

Minnesota Twins trade pitcher and get good results

do too much at the plate. While they're not hitting for power, they're scoring runs.

What is truly remarkable about this Twins team is that they are on pace to have the highest batting average with runners in scoring po-sition, .318, in the last 40 years. Every hitter on this

as the guy that you want team excels at getting up catching for your team over to the plate and knocking in runs.

Players like Denard Span and Alexi Casilla have only

but they're batting .300 and have driven in a combined 65 runs. Outfielder Delmon Young only has eight home runs, yet he has 131 hits in 119 games. Shortstop Brendan Harris and designated hitter Jason Kubel may only be batting around .270, but both have an on-base percentage of around .330. In fact, nearly every player on the Twins roster has an OBP over .300. The team average is ahead of powerhouses like the Angels and

Rays. Like the offense, the Twins' starting rotation is ever changing. Only Nick Blackburn and Livan Hernandez have enough in-nings in the books to qualify them for the ERA title, and Hernandez isn't even on the team anymore. By

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fostering young talent in the minor leagues, general manager Bill Smith has cre-

ated a solid pitching staff. Reliever turned starter Glen Perkins has an 11 – 3 record with a 3.90 ERA, and these wins have come against teams like the Angels, Yankees, White Sox and Rangers. Another reliever turned starter, Blackburn, is 9-7 with a 3.71 ERA.

Fostering minor league talent is no new thing for the Twins, who have brought up stars like Santana, David Ortiz, Kent Hrbek, Chuck Knoblauch, and Nathan.

Another key to their success is that Smith is not afraid to make changes. Take Livan Hernandez for

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Fishing for Harden dominates; memories **Associated Press** 

The sound of a swift running stream on a cool spring morning, the breeze gently blowing and the fisherman waiting patiently with anticipation for the first bite of the day. Sometimes I wonder

whether there is a more transcendental experience in the world than fishing.

Such experiences can be relaxing. They can be fun. And they can be some of the most memorable times in a person's life.

As an avid, yet amateur angler, I estimate that most humans rarely achieve this state of nirvana in the fishing world. However, that is all part of the fun.

The memories that are made on the way to achieving greatness or achieving nothing at all are priceless.

I can remember some of the first times I went fishing. There was opening morning of fishing season on a small lake in eastern Washington with my Grandpa Ted. As my memories serve me, we always caught gobs of fish. Actually, we didn't even have to try, as they just jumped into the boat. That may be a stretch, but also part of the art of fishing.

To be a true fisherman, one must be able to "spin good yarn". I think there's still a picture hanging on my Grandma's wall of a crudely drawn (even for a second grader) lake showing exactly where the fish were, each labeled by species.

My drawing was so detailed it even included the "secret spot" often referred to as the honey hole where we damaged the fish population. My Grandpa never seemed to get used to me telling where the hole was and would tease me often. I did just reveal the best fishing spot in the western United States.

As I go on about the good things to come from fishing, I want to make one thing perfectly clear: It's not all sunshine, lollipops and warm cuddly kittens.

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Even the best fisherman knows frustration --- snagging a line on a tree, a boat motor that won't start, dropping a pair of sunglasses in the water just to see them slowly sink into darkness never to be found again.

On certain days I have found it easier to just give up and go. home, but I rarely do. As my blood pressure rises with every missed bite or lost lure, I can't help but think the next cast will

change everything and I will have yet another story to tell and picture

to take. This summer I was reunited with friends from my hometown and fishing adventures began almost immedi-ately. For us, it was the summer of improvements. We started with Levi Johnstone a boat that most would consider unsafe. I knew

arg-sports@uidaho. we were in for trouble when my friend broke out the gasket builder. Our motor was two oars and

my friend, a 300-pound football player.

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Ímagine four people weigh-ing a minimum of 200 pounds each in a leaky 14-foot boat with a maximum capacity of 500 pounds. It must have been quite the sight for any passerby. Adding to the effect of our craziness was my other friend who suddenly grabbed an empty Gato-rade bottle and frantically bailed water over the side of the boat.

Nonetheless, the inaugural run of our summer fishing was a success. We boated 30-some fish during the weekend and managed to laugh the entire time even though at times the prospect of drowning seemed imminent.

As our trips became more consistent we found new ways to fix the leaks in the boat and even produced two new motors that we salvaged from a shop near my house. The motors would only run for short periods of time before quitting altogether but all this just added to the fun.

Éven if you're not an expert fisherman, take a six-pack and head on down to the nearest stream, lake or reservoir.

While the lunker might not be waiting to be caught that day, maybe a smaller fish will, and that might just be good enough for a person to feel that uncommon transcendence. Just remember, if the big one does get away, there is always a bigger one waiting on the other side of the pond.

# Hardy lifts Brewers

The Brewers' hired hand kept Milwaukee in the game, and J.J. Hardy came through with a hit in extra innings for the win. The Cubs' big acquisition? He

made sure no extra innings were needed.

Rich Harden gave up just two hits and matched a career high with 11 strikeouts, helping Chicago to a 6-1 rout of the lowly Washington Nationals on Sunday that kept the NL Central-leading Cubs 4½ games ahead of the hard-

charging Brewers. CC Sabathia got a no-decision instead of a victory for a change, but the Brewers wound up with their 23rd win in their last-at bat and ninth series sweep this season after a 4-3, 12-inning victory over Pittsburgh.

The Cubs and Brewers will meet six times next month, including the final three games of the season. But first, Milwaukee has two games this week against St. Louis, which beat Atlanta 6-3 on Sunday to remain 31/2 games back of the Brewers in the wildcard race.

"Obviously, everyone knows they are two big games," said Mike Cameron, who homered and finished 5-for-5 for Milwaukee. 'They've played pretty good baseball, too. Two good teams playing

good baseball. Somebody's got to win and somebody's got to lose."

In other NL games Sunday, it was: Houston 6, New York 4 in 10 innings; Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 2 in 11 innings; Florida 5, Arizona 2; Colorado 4, Cincinnati 3 in 12 innings; and San Francisco 7, San Diego 4.

Pirates reliever Jason Davis (1-4) walked the Brewers' Rickie Weeks with one out in the 12th inning. Weeks stole second moments later, setting the stage for Hardy, who drove the next pitch just over the infield for the winner.

"I was planning on swinging at that fastball, but I saw Rickie take off, so I figured I'd take it, let him get to second, scoring position," Hardy said. "Split-finger, I think he hung it a little bit and it found a hole for me."

It was a bitter end for the Pirates, who loaded the bases with no outs in the 12th off Brewers reliever Carlos Villanueva with a single by Ryan Doumit and two walks.

Villanueva was yanked for Guillermo Mota, and Mota (4-5) forced Brandon Moss to fly out to shallow center field, struck out Chris Gomez and got Luis Rivas to ground out to end the inning.

You just had the feeling getting out of that jam right there, we were going to win the ball game

Hawaii — at Florida, Aug. 30, at

Oregon State, Sept. 13 New Mexico State — at Ne-

in the bottom half of the inning," Brewers manager Ned Yost said.

There was never a feeling that the Cubs wouldn't win after they scored three runs in the second inning against the Nationals, especially the way Harden was pitch-

ing. He improved to 4-1 with a 1.47 ERA since his July 8 trade from Oakland, and has racked up double-digit strikeouts five times for Chicago after doing it just twice in 89 career starts for the A's.

"I don't know," Harden said. "I think definitely you have to give a lot of credit to (catcher Geovany) Soto. We've been working pretty well together. I'm comfortable with him behind the plate. I think a lot of it is mixing up pitches, keeping them guessing." Jason Bergmann (2-10) gave up

four runs, four hits and four walks for Washington, but the Cubs (80-50) took advantage of three home runs to move 30 games over .500.

Mark DeRosa became the first Cubs player to homer in four straight games since Fred McGriff did it in September 2001, and outfielder Kosuke Fukudome showed signs of ending his hitting funk when he drove a pinch-hit homer to right in the eighth. "We really rode the long ball

today," Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

go winless in each of these pos-sible upset contests. However, all

the league needs is one win to an-

nounce itself as a quality non-BCS

for WAC football and its fans. Foot-

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team over a BCS school, here is a list of possible shockers:

Fresno State — at Rutgers, Sept. 1, vs. Wisconsin, Sept 13, at UCLA, Sept. 27

Boise State — at Oregon, Sept. 20

Nevada — vs. Texas Tech, Sept.

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example. Smith dolled out a five million dollar contract to him during the offseason since he expected him to anchor the rotation after the departure of Santana. After posting a 10 – 8 rebraska, Sept. 13 (Ballgame's pick) San Jose State — at Nebraska, Sept 6 (nice non-conference schedule, Huskers)

6, at Missouri, Sept. 13

Idaho — at Arizona, Aug. 30, at San Diego State, Sept. 27

**Utah State** — at Oregon, Sept. 6 There is a chance the WAC will

is a 10 game winner cut in July by a con-tending team? These are the kinds of moves that make or break the career of a general manager.

Since being cut, Hernandez is 1 - 2 with a 15.32 ERA for Colorado, who picked him up. Liriano is 4 - 0 with a 1.48 ERA since being called up from the mi-

nor leagues. Everything is going right for the Twins in July and August when it really matters. A 21 - 12 record since the

All-Star break places them amongst the best in the league. In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year, with Adam Everett and Pat Neshek injured, Mike Lamb playing like it's little league and a pitching rotation with everyone under the age of 27, these Twins have found a way to shine.

La-Tech — at Kansas, Sept. 6

cord with a 5.48 ERA, he

This was a risky move for any team in contention. How often

was cut to make room for Francisco Liriano.



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## \$1.1B Tiger Woods Dubai course plan 'on track'

#### Adam Schreck Associated Press

Dubai, United Arab Emirates - Tiger Woods is already the world's top-ranked golfer and highest paid athlete. And if all goes according to plan, he'll soon be sporting his biggest trophy yet: a luxury golf course hewn from the sands of the Arabian desert.

The ambitious project, touted as the first course in the world designed by the 2008 U.S. Open champion, remains a work in progress on the outskirts of this Middle Eastern boomtown - much like the rapidly growing city itself.

But the project's chief said Monday that the first phase of the development, which among other unlikely features promises 5 million square feet of locally grown grass and more than 30,000 full-grown imported trees, is on target for completion sometime in the last three months of 2009.

"Our schedule is currently on track," Abdulla Al Gurg said in an interview with The Associated Press.

However, Gurg did leave the Dubaibased developer Tatweer some wiggle room in case the city's notorious work delays snag one of its most high-profile projects, adding: "Our key criteria is adherence to excellence."

Tatweer is a division of Dubai Hold-ing, which is owned by the emirate and its ruler, Sheik Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. The golf course project, known as The Tiger Woods Dubai, will be part of a massive theme-park complex known as Dubailand the company is building on barren desert along the edge of the city.

Gurg said the company is spending 4

billion dirhams - about \$1.09 billion - to build the course and the surrounding housing development.

He wouldn't say how much Woods was being paid.

Gurg spoke following an event to showcase the project at a glitzy beachfront hotel just down the road from a man-made marina surrounded by dozens of skyscrapers, many still under construction.

Full-page ads in Emirates newspapers have been trying to entice local buyers to consider one of the 197 so-called palaces, mansions and villas that will flank the course

The project's first stage will consist of the 18-hole, par 72 course itself, as well as a golf academy and a driving range. A hotel and most of the gated housing community should be finished by the second or third quarter of 2010, Gurg said.

On Monday, Woods paid his first visit to the construction site since a June knee surgery sidelined him for the rest of the 2008 season. He said he didn't know when he

might return to play next year. "It's frustrating for me," he said when asked about the injury. Woods didn't rule out defending his title as Dubai Desert Classic champion, adding that he plans to "be hitting golf balls at the beginning of the year.'

Despite its dry, desert climate — tem-peratures on Monday hovered around 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or 38 degrees Celsius Dubai is rapidly becoming a major golfing destination.

The city, which is banking on tourism to diversify its economy, each year hosts the Dubai Desert Classic and Dubai Ladies Masters.

#### Sports BRIEFS

#### Horseback riding lessons for people with disabilities

The Palouse Area Therapeutic Horsemanship is a program for people with physical, mental and emotional disabilities. The sessions will begin this fall Sept. 16.

The first 5-week ses-

sion will run from Sept. 16 through Oct. 16 and the second session starts Oct. 28 and ends Dec. 4. PATH added two new classes this fall that will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The program is always looking for new volunteers. No experience is necessary but volunteers must be 14 years or older.

Volunteers must also attend the orientation meeting Sept. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Animal Disease Biotechnology Facility room 1002. A training session will follow Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the stable.

For more information about volunteering, or if you, or someone you know, would like to participate as a rider contact Sue Jacobson at 509-335-7347 or sjacobson@vetmed.wsu.edu.

For more information on the PATH program please visit out website at: www. vetmed.wsu.edu/deptspppp/PATH.asp.

# No delay for OJ

#### Ken Ritter Associated Press

Las Vegas — A judge on Monday rejected a request by a co-defendant of O.J. Simpson to delay their upcoming trial on charges of armed robbery

and kidnapping. A lawyer for Clarence "C.J." Stewart had asked Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass to put off the Sept. 8 trial until the Nevada Supreme Court considers Stewart's request for a separate trial.

Stewart's lawyers argue that it will be impossible for him to get a fair trial because most of the focus will be on Simpson,

an NFL Hall of Fame player, actor and advertising pitchman who was acquitted in 1995 of charges that he murdered his ex-wife and her friend.

A hearing date on the fair trial issue has not been set. Stewart lawyer Robert Lucherini said he also would appeal the decision to not delay the trial. The trial is expected to last at least five weeks.

Stewart and Simpson face felony charges of kidnapping, armed rob-bery and assault with a deadly weapon stemming from a confrontation with two sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas casino hotel room last September.

They are the last two defendants in the case. Four men who accompanied Simpson and Stewart accepted plea deals and agreed to testify against Simpson.

A kidnapping convic-tion carries the possibility of life in prison with the possibility of parole, and a robbery conviction would mean mandatory prison time.

Simpson maintains that he went to the hotel room to retrieve items stolen that had been from him, that he didn't ask anyone to bring guns and that he didn't know anyone in the room was armed.

## Iraq soccer sells out crowd

#### **Khalid Mohammed** Associated Press

Baghdad — Tens of thousands of Baghdad soccer fans cheered on their club in the top league's final game, the largest sports crowd the city has seen since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

The Baghdad club, al-Zawraa, lost 0-1 in overtime Sunday to a team from Irbil in northern Iraq. But the game was not marred by crowd violence or a terrorist attack, a sign that security forces are asserting more control in the capital.

In the past five years of war and sectarian killings, large gatherings would have been considered too dangerous tempting targets for suicide bombers and other attackers.

However, the government helped ensure a large turnout Sunday, apparently to show that security is improving in the city of six million. The Transportation Ministry said it provided free buses to the Shaab stadium in eastern Baghdad, the city's largest with a capacity of 50,000 spectators.

Senior government and security officials attended, including the Cabinet

spokesman.

Spectators were searched at the entrance to the stadium, sniffer dogs patrolled the grounds and several dozen helmeted riot police with shields lined the field.

A few dozen Irbil fans, dressed in their team's yellow jerseys, stood out in the crowd. Some bottles flew in their direction, but they did not react and there were no reports of injuries.

Al-Zawraa supporters taunted the team from Irbil, capital of the self-governing Kurdish region known for its dairy products, with choice rhymes.

You know how to make yogurt, but you don't know anything about soccer," the crowd chanted.

After Irbil scored in overtime, its fans left the stadium before the end of the game. The Irbil players danced in a circle on the field to celebrate the victory.

A shared passion for soccer occasionally bridges the ethnic and religious divisions in post-war Iraq. The whole na-tion cheered in 2007 when Iraq's national team won the Asian Cup for the first time, beating continental powerhouse Saudi Arabia in the final 1-0.





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# PGA Tour meets 'Caddyshack'

#### **John Nicholson Associated Press**

Paramus, N.J. - The FedEx Cup playoffs opened with a 'Caddyshack" moment.

While stately Ridgewood Country Club will certainly never be confused with fictitious Bushwood, a gopher — or was it a mole? — made a cameo appearance Sunday on the final hole of Vijay Singh's playoff victory in The Barclays.

After Singh topped Sergio Garcia's 27-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole with a 26-footer, the furry critter entered the scene on the 577-yard, par-5 17th.

First, Garcia uncharacteristically hooked his drive into the left rough. Then, with Singh in the fairway, Garcia's second shot stopped behind a huge tree in the right rough. Singh then hit a 267-yard approach onto the green, about 20 feet long and

right. "I got stymied behind the tree and I got lucky because I got a drop because of some gopher mole there and he was burrow-

holes or whatever it was," Gar-cia said. "It wasn't where my ball was, but like about 5 or 6 feet left. It was actually moving. You could see the grass going up and down. It was

actually there and we were trying to find it, but we couldn't."

Able to get a clear path to the green, Garcia advanced the ball near the front of the green about 30 feet from the hole and nearly holed his chip. Singh then rolled his 20-foot eagle putt within inches for a tap-in birdie.

"I wasn't really concerned about him," Singh said. "I just wanted to know why he got

a drop, there was obviously a lutely enjoyed this golf course."

ing at that moment, you could see him popping out. ... I was really focused on what I was do-

"I got stymied behind the tree and I got lucky because I got a drop because of some gopher. holes or whatever it was." Sergio

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ing." The 45-year-old Fijian closed with a 1-under 70 to match Gar-(70) and Keycia (70) and Kev-Sutherland in (68) at 8-under 276 on the A.W. Tillinghast-de-signed Ridgewood course, the first-time site

after 41 seasons at Westchester Country Club. "It's a great golf course," said Singh, the 1993, 1995 and 2006 winner at Westchester. "Westchester was a good golf course. This tops Westchester. Every single player

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of second-place Garcia. Singh also earned \$1.26 million for his 33rd PGA Tour victory.

Singh and Garcia, a two-time Westchester champion who won The Players Championship in May in a playoff with Paul Goydos, had the large crowd around the 18th green roaring with the birdie exchange on the first extra hole.

"I think he was surprised to make his," Singh said. "I was surprised to see it go in and he was even more surprised to see mine go in."

Singh and Garcia high-fived each other after Singh holed his putt.

"He's a good friend of mine," Singh said. "It's hard to see your friend not win, especially if he's playing against you, but some-body has to win."

Sutherland was on the back fringe in three when Garcia and

Singh holed out. "I really am happy with how I played and, obviously, disappointed I wasn't able to play a little bit better in the playoff," said Sutherland, third in the standings. "I've got to forget about that and think about the other 72 holes.

Third-round leader Kevin Streelman (72), Ben Curtis (68) and Mathew Goggin (67) tied for fourth at 7 under, and Martin Laird (67), Justin Leonard (67), Nicholas Thompson (67), Mike Weir (72) and Paul Casey (72) followed at 6 under.

Garcia reached 8 under with a tap-in birdie on'17, and missed a chance to get to 9 under on 18 when he pulled a 16-footer. Singh, playing in the final group, reached 8 under with a two-putt birdie on 17, and also missed a 16-foot birdie try on 18. "It was a tough day. It wasn't

easy to get close to the hole, so birdie was difficult to come by," Singh said. "It was drying out really, really a lot, and you've got to play almost conservative on some holes.

"But it was a great playoff, though. I enjoyed that." Phil Mickelson shot a 68 to tie

for 19th at 4 under. He dropped from third to fourth in the points standings entering his Deutsche Bank title defense.

'I was a good round and it gives me some momentum to carry over," he said.

Steve Stricker, three strokes ahead after a second-round 64 and four in front at 12 under after 10 holes Saturday, had a 71 to join Mickelson at 4 under. The winner last year at Westchester, Stricker shot a 77 in the third round.

Kenny Perry, second in the standings behind the sidelined Tiger Woods entering the week, had weekend rounds of 72 and 76 to tie for 48th at even par. A three-time winner this season, Perry dropped to seventh in the points race.

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## Olympic champs Nadal, Dementieva win at U.S. Open

#### **Ben Walker Associated Press**

New York — Olympic champions Rafael Nadal and Elena Dementieva showed their mettle at the U.S. Open, overcoming early challenges to win Monday in the start? of what's expected to be a wide-open tournament.

Former champs Lindsay Davenport and Svetlana Kuznetsova also opened with straight-sets victories. Many of the stars like to hurry through the first round — it takes seven wins for the title, and any rest is welcome.

Playing for the first time as the world No. 1, Nadal swatted his very first shot

Phau. The Wimbledon and French Open champ was two points from dropping the first set when he surged and, despite needing to bandage a nasty blister, won 7-6 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (4).

"I didn't play with normal intensity," Nadal said. "Probably I'm a little bit. tired.'

Asked whether he was more worn down mentally, physically or emotionally from Beijing, he said: "I think it is a little bit of everything.'

Nadal got a stiffer test from the German qualifier than many anticipated, and shook his head near the end of a match that lasted nearly 3 hours.

Dementieva looked

Henin has retired and Maria Sharapova is out with an injured shoulder.

Six different women have won the U.S. Open in the last seven years, and Dementieva is seeking her first major championship. To her, the Olympic singles title counts.

"The biggest goal for the year was Beijing," she said. "In Russia, if you stop anyone in the street and ask what is a Grand Slam, I don't think many people can tell you. But everyone knows the Olympic Games. There is nothing

bigger." During a quick stopmom and drop off her gold medal, she found out

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gold while taking the final four games to defeat Akgul Amanmuradova 6-4, 7-5. The fifth-seeded Russian was glad to win quickly and give her mind and body a break.

"It's very hard not to think about the Olympic Games," Dementieva said. "Very difficult to refocus. I mean, all my thinking is there in Beijing.

Tenth-seeded Anna Chakvetadze was the top player to lose, beaten by Ekateria Makarova 1-6, 6-2, 6-3 in a matchup of Russians.

James Blake and Jelena Jankovic led the lineup of Monday night matches.

Roger Federer, bidding for his fifth straight U.S. Open title, was scheduled to begin Tuesday, as were No. 1 Ana Ivanovic and the Williams sisters.

The final Grand Slam event of the season figured to be a scramble on both sides.

Nadal seems like the natural favorite, yet has never gone beyond the quarterfinals in five previous tries at Flushing Meadows. The 22-year-old Spanish dynamo took a while to find his rhythm against Phau, whose spirited play made him a crowd favorite.

Fans at Arthur Ashe Stadium, often quiet during early daytime sessions, cheered when Phau dived for a shot, rolled over on his back and chased a return.

The women's draw is even more tricky, now that champion Justine 2007

much the win meant.

"People just come to me and say, 'Oh, I'm happy for you. You're always losing in the final. It's so great that you finally win some-

thing big," she said. Dementieva put together a win over Amanmuradova. Her opponent from Uzbekistan served for the second set ahead 5-3, but Dementieva still had enough energy. "I don't know what is

best, to be a little bit tired but very comfortable and very positive, or to be fresh and not play in the Olym-pic Games," she said.

Li Na, who beat Venus Williams in Beijing, beat No. 24 Shahar Peer of Israel 2-6, 6-0, 6-1. The No. 23-seeded Davenport defeated Aleksandra Wozniak of Canada, 6-4, 6-2 and No. 3 Kuznetsova beat Zhang Shuai of China 6-4, 6-2.

No. 12 Marion Bartoli of France, No. 14 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus and No. 15 Patty Schnyer of Switzerland also won.

On the men's side, fourth-seeded David Ferrer of Spain beat Martin Vassallo Arguello of Argentina 7-6 (1), 6-2, 6-2 and No. 6 Andy Murray of Britain beat Sergio Roitman of

Argentina, 6-3, 6-4, 6-0. Also winning were No. David Nalbandian of Argentina, No. 10 Stanislas Wawrinka and No. 16 Gilles Simon of France. The No. 29-seeded Juan Monaco of Argentina lost to Kei Nishikori of Japan 6-2, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

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#### **Brian Mahoney** Associated Press

Beijing – The 2008 Olympic celebrations were barely under way and Jerry Colangelo was already thinking about work.

They forgot this was a sixyear commitment," USA Basketball's managing director said at the press conference following the United States Olympic team's 118-107 victory against Spain on Sunday in the gold-medal game.

Colangelo was joking, but he raises serious questions.

How many of the best players on this team will be back for the 2012 Olympics and does USA Basketball continue to require a three-year commitment from them?

These players have served the time Colangelo required of them for the 2008 Games and are now free to enjoy their summers.

But if the U.S. wants to stay on top after fighting so hard to get back there, Colangelo — or whomever replaces him — better hope some players are serious about playing again and willing to make another long-term commitment.

The Americans can no longer afford to send anyone but their best and expect to win.

A team with Kobe Bryant, Le-Bron James, Dwyane Wade and a number of other NBA superstars who had been together for three years was barely enough to get it done in the gold-medal game against a Spain team that won't be going away. Put injured point guard Jose Calderon back on the court, and give young phenom Ricky Rubio a little more experience, and the Spanish have to feel good about their chances to defend their world championship in two years.

The Americans were unchallenged in their first two competitions with NBA players, starting with the Dream Team in 1992. But by 2000, that dominance was

gone, with the U.S. barely hanging on for a two-point victory over Lithuania in the semifinals of the Sydney Games. It was lost for good early in the decade, when the Americans lost three times on home soil in the 2002 worlds and three more times two years later in Athens.

Those teams that lost were filled with second-

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and third-choices, after numerous players pulled out or simply declined the invitation to put on the USA jerseys. The group of players Colangelo selected gave their word and never thought about ditching their commitments.

"I think this right here will be contagious and it will rub off on a lot of peo-ple," point ground point guard Chris Paul said. "I think guys will see how much fun we had and be like, 'Man I want to be a part of that."

Paul has already said he'll be in London in 2012 if asked. So did Dwight Howard, Chris Bosh and Carlos Boozer. Carmelo Anthony, who played in Athens, said he would be open to considering a third Olympics.

"We're going to talk about the future going forward," Colangelo said. "But the good news is this ... unsolicited, five or six of these guys have already said they want to be part of what we do going forward. But, we have plenty of time to sort through it. They need some time off. They really do."

The Americans earned that break in 2009, with their gold medal here giving them an automatic berth into the 2010 world championships in Turkey. That gives them time to sort through a number of questions.

The first decision probably comes from Colangelo, who won't say yet if he will stay in the position he used to create the national team structure that USA Basketball never had. He said he has some wishes, but hasn't given any hints as to what those will be.

And what about the threeyear commitment, do you curtail that?

After that comes the coach, and the Americans proved how important that was when George Karl and Larry Brown couldn't get along with their players in 2002 and '04. Mike Krzyzewski would surely get to stay if he wanted, but at 61 and having already served on 11 USA coaching staffs, he may be ready to pass the reigns onto Olympic basketball player someone else

Then will come decisions on the

players. Colangelo's roster already includes more than 20 other players beyond those who were here, including young stars such as Kevin Durant and Greg Oden, so the U.S. seems set for the future.

If those star-caliber players keep suiting up, count on the Americans always being the favorite to win gold. If they stop, the rest of the world will catch right up again — maybe not by 2012, but quite possibly by 2016.

Luckily for the Americans, the problem of finding guys who want to play seems to be gone.

"I think we've had so much fun together," Bosh said. "This has been an incredible experience from the day we had our first meeting. So I think we're all just going to get together one day and see what's next.'

## British, German activists deported from China

#### Audra Ang Associated Press

Beijing - China on Monday deported a British woman and a German man who took part in a protest during the Olympic Games, officials said, hours after eight American activists were sent home during the closing ceremony.

Mandie McKeown and Florien Norbu Gyanatshang were put on flights to Frankfurt in the morning, said officials from the British Embassy in Beijing and the Foreign Ministry in Berlin. No other details were given.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who attended Sunday's closing ceremony, had urged Chinese authorities to release the woman.

McKeown, 41, and Gyanat-shang, 30, were part of a group of four who last week unfurled a Tibetan flag and shouted "Free Tibet" south of the National Stadium, one of the main Olympics venues. The group, which also included Americans Jeremy Wells and John Watterberg, was taken away by security agents. Wells and Watterberg were

among eight Americans who were sent home late Sunday, after the U.S. government expressed disappointment that the Olympics did not bring more "openness and tolerance" in China.

The U.S. criticism came at the end of 17 days of Olympic competition that generally went smoothly for Chinese organizers nervous about security and protests.

China's Foreign Ministry in a statement Monday said, "The protesters participated in 'Tibet independence' activities and that is against China's law."

The statement said China hoped "the relevant countries will teach their citizens to abide and respect China's laws."

No rallies were held throughout the entire Olympics in three parks designated as protest

zones — Chinese officials declined to issue permits to 77 applicants and detained some of them. A series of small illegal demonstrations - largely staged by foreign activists were held near Olympic venues and at Beijing landmarks.

The foreigners mostly unveiled "Free Tibet" banners before being seized by security officials, hustled into cars and taken away to be put on flights out of China.

A handful of journalists trying to cover the protests were roughed up by authorities then released. There were also tensions with the media over China restricting access to the Internet.

Beijing had promised the media freedom to report the games and announced the protest parks in an effort to address criticism that China should not have been awarded the games because of its human rights record and tight controls on internal dissent.

In his wrap up news conference Sunday, International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said the games had helped to open up China.

But Rogge also said the IOC "found it unusual" that none of applications lodged to hold protests during the games succeeded.

He said IOC officials discussed with games organizers the case of two elderly Chinese women who were ordered to spend a year in a labor camp after applying to protest, though the women were still at home under surveillance. The IOC was told it was a matter of Chinese law.

In the first week of the games, several foreign protesters were put on flights out of the country within days of being detained. But in the final week, at least 10 foreigners were ordered detained for 10 days under rules that allow officials to hold them without charge for up to 14 days.

# 9-year-old boy told he's too good to pitch

#### **By John Christoffersen Associated Press**

New Haven, Conn. - Nineyear-old Jericho Scott is a good baseball player — too good, it turns out.

The right-hander has a fastball that tops out at about 40 mph. He throws so hard that the Youth Baseball League of New Haven told his coach that the boy could not pitch any more. When Jericho took the mound anyway last week, the opposing team forfeited the game, packed its gear and left, his coach said. **Öfficials for the three-year-old** league, which has eight teams and about 100 players, said they will disband Jericho's team, redistributing its players among other squads, and offered to refund \$50 sign-up fees to anyone who asks for it. They say Jer-icho's coach, Wilfred Vidro, has resigned.

a protest at the league's field on

Saturday urging the league to let Jericho pitch.

'He's never hurt any one," Vidro said. "He's on target all the time. How can

and the team refuses to dis- he turned down an invitation to band. Players and parents held join the defending league cham-

> "He is a very skilled player, a very hard thrower. There

pion, which is sponsored by an

employer of one of the league's administrators. Jericho in-stead joined a

team sponsored by Will Power Fitness. The

good at and stick with it. I'd rather he spend all his time on the baseball field than idolizing someone standing on the street corner.'

League attorney Peter Noble says the only factor in banning Jericho from the mound is his pitches are just too fast.

"He is a very skilled player, a very hard thrower," Noble said. "There are a lot of begin-

next game on Aug. 16. But when he took the mound Wednesday, the other team walked off and a forfeit was called.

League officials say Jericho's mother became irate, threatening them and vowing to get the league shut down. "I have never seen behavior

of a parent like the behavior Jericho's mother exhibited Wednesday night," Noble said

But Vidro says he didn't quit

you punish a kid for being too good?"

The controversy bothers Jericho, who says he misses

pitching. "I feel sad," he said. "I feel like it's all my fault nobody could play."

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coach and parents said the boy is Scott. "The whole objective in being unfairly targeted because

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team was 8-0 and on its way to the playoffs Jericho when banned from pitching. "I think it's

discouraging when you're telling a 9-year-old you're too good at some-thing," said his mother, Nicole bola objective in

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ners. This is not a high-powered league. This is a developmental league whose main purpose is to promote the sport.'

Noble acknowledged that Jericho had not beaned any batters in the co-ed league of 8- to 10-year-olds, but said parents expressed safety concerns.

"Facing that kind of speed" is frighteneing for beginning players, Noble said.

League officials say they first told Vidro that the boy could not pitch after a game on Aug. 13. Jericho played second base the

Scott denies threatening any one, but said she did call the police.

League officials suggested that Jericho play other positions, or pitch against older players or in a different league.

Local attorney John Williams was planning to meet with Jer-icho's parents Monday to discuss legal options. "You don't have to be learned

in the law to know in your heart that it's wrong," he said. "Now you have to be punished because you excel at something?

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