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## Massage it in

Vandal Massage joins with SHIP to ease the pain of students

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

This is only the second year of the Gritman massage program at the University of Idaho, but for the first time the clinic is joining with the student health program to provide medical services to the campus community.

Paul Weston, the massage therapy coordinator for Gritman, said that the outpost located in the Student Recreation Center, now offers medical massage for all students covered by Student Health Insurance Program.

"It will have to be an actual medical condition," Weston said. "There is a process in place for students to go through before we'll begin but it's nice that we can now offer this option."

Last year Vandal Massage was introduced on campus and Weston said the response was slow but has been growing steadily.

"I think a lot of it is a recognition thing," he said. "The more we're out there I think the more people we'll see. It's still early in the semester and I've noticed an increase already."

With student interest beginning to peak in the program, Weston said Vandal Massage will now place a greater emphasis on reaching out to faculty and staff. He said he plans to be at many faculty and staff oriented events in the future to increase recognition among "a more mature crowd."

Mary Eagen-Poch, a licensed massage practitioner, recently started at UI after previously working at Washington State University. She said she has noticed different responses to massage depending on the generation.

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## 'Hey you guys'

Rubell Dingman  
Argonaut

"You guys" is a phrase that has become a common way to greet a group of friends, but to the Women's Center, it's a cause they want to draw attention to.

Most people would argue that "you guys" is just a general term that includes both men and women. However, the Women's Center argues it is a generic "male" term that makes women invisible by lumping them into a group with men.

"The 'male' is so ingrained in our society that when people say 'guys' most people picture men, not a group of men and women or just women," said Traci Craig, professor of psychology and communications at the University of Idaho.

According to Craig, in 1937 the New York Bar Association did not allow women into its events and clubs because their constitution had "he" when referring to attorneys, which they determined to mean that women should not be allowed because they weren't mentioned.

Later this was established to be a general term to include all attorneys in the New York Bar Association, but it shows how general language can be sexist.

The Women's Center is trying to raise awareness of sexist language on campus.

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Traci  
CRAIG  
Psychology professor

## North Idaho gets new interim director of academic programs

Greg Connolly  
Argonaut

Erik Anderson, the former director of educational communications for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, has been appointed the new interim director of academic programs in northern Idaho.

Anderson's new position involves developing different academic programs for the Coeur d'Alene campus, as well as collaborating with local colleges such as North Idaho College and Lewis-Clark State College.

Anderson also helps manage day-to-day operations of the Coeur d'Alene branch campus. He is serving under Larry Branen, the associate president for northern Idaho.

Anderson is in charge of distance and distributive education.

"Distance and distributive education offers courses from a distance via telecommunications," he said. As the program is already in place, Anderson said he plans to expand it.

He will be overseeing e-Extension programs.

"E-Extension is a non-credit, community education program for the public," Anderson said.

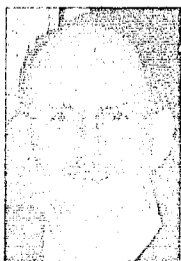
While the program is still in the develop-

mental stage, he said is hopeful that they can implement the program in north Idaho.

With his new appointment, Anderson said he has big plans for North Idaho over the next several years.

"There's a proposal for an 'education corridor,' a joint facility with UI, NIC, Boise State University, Idaho State University and LCSC," he said.

The facility would bring those colleges together in offering different education programs at one location in Coeur d'Alene.



Erik  
Anderson

The Coeur d'Alene campus is working on bringing in gradu-

ate students from NIC. Since UI offers graduate programs for education, psychology and family and consumer sciences where as NIC cannot, the plan is to integrate graduate students into UI programs so they can earn their degrees there, Anderson said.

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Erik  
ANDERSON  
Academic programs  
interim director

LCSC is integrating its students as well, but for different areas of study.

As part of his goals, Anderson said he is hoping to see the proposed branch campus in Sandpoint come to fruition. The project is currently on hold due to funding issues.

He has been instrumental in the past regarding the implementation of several different online and video programs at both the local and national levels.

There is also some potential to collaborate with the Spokane branch of Washington State University, although nothing has been done yet, Anderson said.

He graduated from UI in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in communications. After earning his master's degree, also in communications, at the University of Wisconsin, he came back to UI and worked in the Boise office for a year.

Anderson came back to school and earned his doctorate in adult education from UI and had been the director of educational communications from 2001 to 2003.

"It's damaging to women to refer to things as male," said Heather Grasser, Interim Director of the Women's Center.

Grasser argues that if "you guys" was truly an inclusive term then it wouldn't be a big deal to greet a class with "hey girls" rather than "hey guys." Yet referring to a group as "girls" is an insult to the men in that group.

What is interesting, Craig points out, is that children do not respond to "you guys" as an inclusive term.

"If you announce to an elementary class, 'okay guys line up,' the boys will line up, not the girls," she said. "Another example would be if your 15-year-old daughter or sister said that she was going to Spokane with a group of guys, you'd think men not a mixed group."

Reactions to this knowledge vary. Some women simply brush it off as a turn of phrase and others ask that people not refer to them as "guys."

"We understand that some women don't mind, but we do want to open up the conversation," Grasser said.

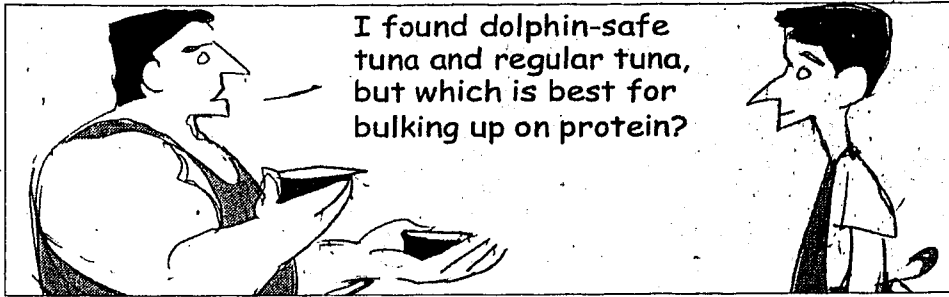
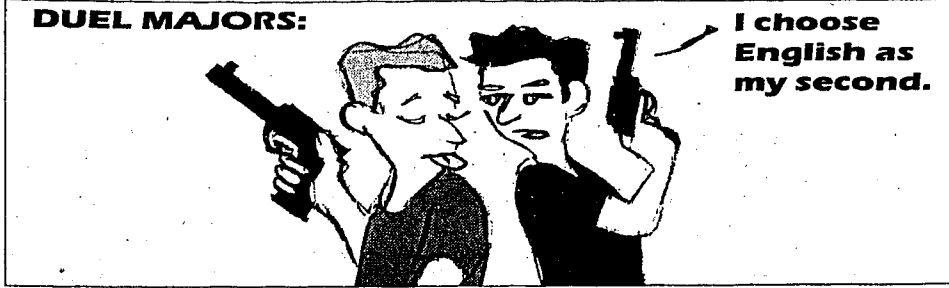
The biggest argument usually presented by people for the use of "you guys" is that those against it are just being politically correct.

"We're not trying to PC about it, simply trying to raise awareness that the phrase can be replaced with more inclusive terms such as 'y'all,'" Grasser said. "Being PC limits people's ability to communicate."

For more information on this topic, visit the Women's Center located in Memorial Gym 109.

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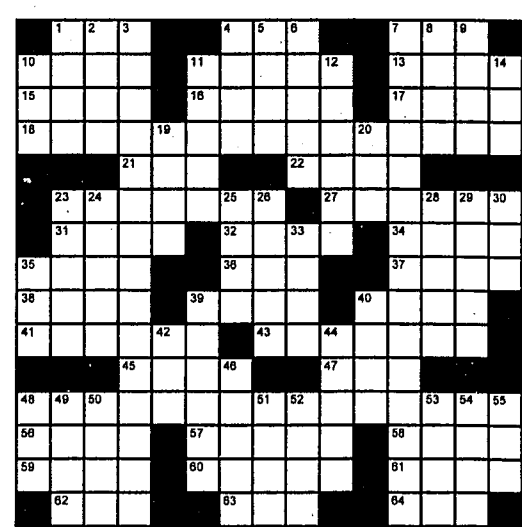
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Crossword

- Across**
- Cigar future
  - Sharp curve
  - ... knows?
  - Samoan capital
  - Genulfected
  - Present
  - Actor Bruce or Laura
  - Daisylike flower
  - Persia
  - Dry runs of a play
  - Sheep
  - Beer measure
  - Equilibrium
  - Natural gift
  - Flair
  - Minerals
  - Collar type
  - Ireland
  - Extinct N.Z. flightless bird
  - Filmed
  - Want
  - Heels
  - Solar disk
  - Peril
  - Ugliness
  - Harvest
  - Dignitary (Abbr.)
  - Down with the flu bug
  - Beef or pork
  - Sea duck
  - Oleaginous
  - Shaft
  - Lamentably
  - Bear dipper
  - Distant (Pref.)
  - Parcel of land
  - North Dakota indian
- Down**
- Copycat
  - Patriarch
  - Grimm characters
  - Noun suffix
  - Osiris' evil brother
  - Catch some Z's
  - Political campaign circuit
  - Wife of Zeus
  - Spoken
  - Append
  - Actress Allen or Black
  - Attributes
  - Printer's marks
  - Aquatic bird
  - Genetic material (Abbr.)
  - Bib. town near Jerusalem
  - UFO occupant
  - Medical condition
  - Decay
  - Anesthetic
  - Not anybody (2 wds.)
  - Explosive (Abbr.)
  - Effortless
  - Finish
  - Packing boxes
  - Orient
  - Always (Poet.)
  - Each and
  - Medical bottle
  - Kill Bill's Thurman
  - Succeeding
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  - Taro root
  - Raised mark on the skin
  - Employ
  - Other
  - Swedish shag rug



Sudoku

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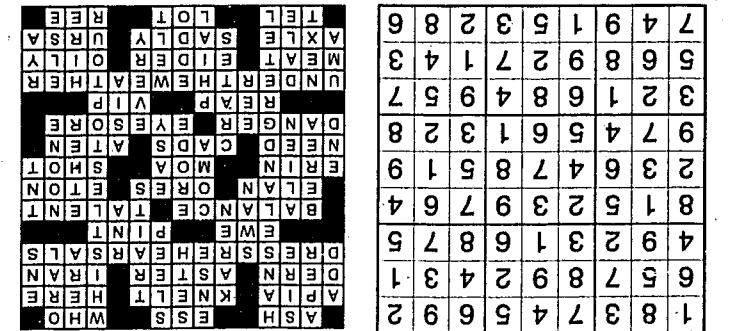
In the Sept. 3 edition, the article "New restaurants, lounges move into Moscow," the soon-to-open Smokey Mountain Pizza is not the franchise's first location outside the Treasure Valley. There are several locations around the Northwest. Also, the new Starbucks Coffee in the Eastside Mall Safeway store is not the only coffee venue on the east side of Moscow.

Jayson Bird's name was spelled wrong in the Sports section article "Quick Hits."

In the Aug. 26 edition, the article "OMA barbeque welcomes freshmen to campus," Bruce Pitman's names was misspelled.

The Argonaut is sorry for any confusion.

Solutions



# Geography takes on climate change

Lianna Shepherd  
Argonaut

Karen Humes, a geography professor at the University of Idaho and the acting department chair, said her discipline is the Rodney Dangerfield of physical sciences.

"We are so misunderstood," she said. "Most Americans think of geography as finding capital cities and looking at maps. There's so much more to it than that."

She described geography as the study of the interaction between human beings and their physical environment.

In an effort to achieve geography's main purpose UI has gradually emphasized climate change within the department. Humes said that it's natural for geography to take on climate change because it is, "... one of the clearest examples of man's effect on his own space."

She said the department's approach is three pronged. It included gathering resources, giving students the tools to make changes on the state and federal level and con-



Von Walden, from the University of Idaho geography faculty, helps install solar panels on Plaine Morte Glacier in Swiss Alps. The geography department has changed to have an emphasis on global the climate change.

ducting research to help in the understanding of climate change.

"Dr. Von Walden and I have a small grant to look at trying to predict the impacts of climate change on the run-off of Idaho streams," Humes said.

The regions water de-

pends on springtime snow-melt. According to Humes, the snow pack should be examined as reservoirs and climate change affects the pace that the water is made available.

"We've developed a certain industry based on the pattern of our water sup-

ply," she said. "Together with researchers across campus we're working to develop a better understanding of water resources so we can help the state."

Many of the department's professors are involved in research proj-

ects analyzing the effects of climate change across the globe.

Walden spent time in Switzerland stationed at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne. He was helping to conduct experiments on the surface energy balance in the Swiss Alps.

Vladimir Aizen is a leading U.S. scientist in studying climate, glaciers and water resources in Central Asia, while Harley Johansen conducted National Science Foundation-sponsored research on foreign investment adaptation and survival in ex-Soviet Baltic countries and Russia.

"We get a lot of students who become interested in this field after finding out all the travel opportunities it makes available to them," Humes said. "But even locally, I've see some fascinating research."

A prime example is professor Jeff Hickey who said as far back as he can remember, he has loved being outdoors.

"It's a big part of why I love research," he said. "You can really get a lot out of being in the field

and experiencing the world around us."

Since 2004 Hickey has been involved with a project studying Bark Beetles, an insect with the capacity to decimate forests when concentrated in large numbers.

"Recent warming's across the globe have promoted outbreaks," he said. "The beetles have killed so many trees that it reduces the carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere."

Hickey said he hopes his research can eventually be used to predict how future climate changes will affect the environment.

As both a teacher and a researcher, Hickey said he feels operating in both capacities makes him stronger in his field.

"It makes for a better classroom experience when I can talk to my students about things I've seen and done, rather than things I've just read about," he said. "That applies in the field as well. There are angles or questions that have come up in the classroom that help me later when I'm analyzing data."

# Process for recycling nuclear waste developed

Scott MacDonald  
Argonaut

Representatives from the University of Idaho and nuclear vendor AREVA signed an agreement to share technologies discovered at the university, on Aug. 20.

The technology developed by UI chemistry professor Chien Wai removes uranium from contaminated materials used in the process of manufacturing nuclear fuel for plants, according to a UI press release.

The process used to remove caffeine from coffee beans inspired the technology. A supercritical fluid, a substance that has properties of both a solid and a liquid when raised to a certain temperature and pressure, is used to accomplish this.

Carbon dioxide dissolves materials in nuclear ash (formed by burning the

contaminated materials), leaving behind only the uranium. The carbon dioxide then evaporates when returned to normal pressure.

A purification process co-developed with AREVA engineer Sydney Kogler follows Wai's process. The two processes allow for uranium to be extracted, recovered and reused.

"It's a way to treat it in an environmentally friendly way and make profit," Wai said.

"It's just like recycling. Carbon dioxide is the secondary waste, which is why it's so beautiful.

Wai was quick to point out that while the process uses carbon dioxide, it

doesn't produce it. "(After the process) it's ash now, just ash. It's not nuclear ash," Wai said.

The recovered uranium is compressed into pellets and shipped to plants for use.

An estimated 10 percent of the weight of nuclear ash is enriched uranium. A pound of it is worth approximately \$900.

A nuclear fuel fabrication plant in Richland, Wash., is the future site of a nuclear waste-recycling center, which is expected to be operational next year. The first test of the technology will be on 32 tons of incinerator ash.

Wai described the development as something, "... very good for the university and Idaho."

"We developed it right here in this building (Renfrew Hall). We patented it here," he said. "We came up with something no one else has."

The process will go global, which means the university will receive royalties, Wai said. According to AREVA's Web site, www.

areva.com, the company has manufacturing facilities in 43 countries around the world.

"It shows that a lot of good things are going on here, even though we are a smaller university," he said.

Wai said he thinks the process will have an effect on the energy crisis in America.

"Think about the power struggle in the U.S. between

using offshore resources and nuclear power," he said. "A major concern of nuclear power is waste disposal."

When he spoke of the issue of nuclear waste, Wai had an optimistic outlook.

"We have a difficult problem, but I see opportunities," he said. "Opportunity is everywhere, it's important to be sensitive and pay attention. This is our Manhattan Project."

**"We came up with something no one else has."**

Chien Wai  
UI Chemistry Professor

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# National Merit Scholars double

Cyrilla Watson  
Argonaut

The University of Idaho now hosts more National Merit Scholars than any other university in the northwest.

The National Merit Scholarship is one way to recognize top students, said Dan Davenport, director of admissions and student financial aid services.

The scholarship is based on high SAT scores, excellent academic grades, an essay and a recommendation from a high school principal.

In 2007, 14 National Merit Scholars attended UI, but numbers show at least 26 for the 2008-09 academic year. The number of students can't be confirmed until the tenth day of classes, Davenport said.

"These top academic students see UI as a legitimate university and a top academic place," he said. "With these students choosing us, UI can say we are a top academic university."

UI is the only university in the northwest that gives National Merit Finalists a scholarship. If students decide they want the scholarship, they become scholars. The university has four or five additional students who are National Merit Finalists, but did not accept the scholarship.

The only other way a National Merit Finalist can become a scholar is if a company sponsors them.

"There is something to be said about having more (scholars) than anywhere else," Davenport said.

However, Davenport said bigger is not always better. Having the right number of students per teacher is important.

"UI is looking to right-size rather than get bigger," Davenport said. "To some schools bigger is better, but to UI, the right size is important."

With the increase in National Merit Scholars enrolled at UI, there has been an increase in the Go Idaho scholarship and in the leadership scholarship, Davenport said.

In comparison to

other schools, UI had more scholars than other Idaho institutions. Albertson College has had seven, Boise State University has had one and Idaho State University has had one. From 2000 to 2007 UI has had 81 National Merit Scholars. Davenport said out of 15 National Merit Finalist in 2007, 14 of them came to UI. The other one went to Brigham Young University-Idaho.

The scholarship pays for tuition, room and board, books and other fees.

National Merit Final-

ists can choose any university in the country, Davenport said.

"UI is a destination for Merit Scholars," he said. "More students are looking at UI."

Scholar Alyssa Creason said she chose UI primarily because it paid for school and the campus is beautiful. Creason, an English major, said she leads a life that is focused on academia.

"It's nice to be intelligent enough to get the grades that I do," she said. "I am an academic person."



Jake Barber/Argonaut  
English major Alyssa Creason is one of at least 26 National Merit Scholars at the University of Idaho this year.

## CampusCALENDAR

**Friday**  
Memorial Gym  
UI volleyball vs. WSU  
7 p.m.  
Memorial Gym

**Sunday**  
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1:30 p.m.  
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**Monday**  
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**Saturday**  
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### Huckleberries up for grabs

The Sierra Club and Friends of the Clearwater are hosting their Grandmother Mountain Huckleberry Hike Saturday.

Participants will explore Grandmother Mountain and pick ripe huckleberries.

Bring hiking gear, lunch, water and containers for the huckleberries. Participants will meet at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Rosauers sign.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Friends of the Clearwater at 882-9755.

### UI, local church host yard sale

Collected items from University of Idaho residence halls and Greek houses will be sold at a yard sale put on by the group Reuse Made Easy and St. Mark's Episcopal Church today and Saturday.

Items include household goods, clothing, small appliances and furniture. They will be sold from 3 to 6 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is located at 111 S. Jefferson.

Any remaining items will be donated to the Salvation Army or Goodwill.

For more information or to volunteer, contact the church office at 882-2022 or stmark@moscow.com.

### UI students Paint the Palouse

The University of Idaho's Paint the Palouse will be Saturday. Seven local houses will be painted by students and other volunteers.

Paint the Palouse is an annual event created by University Housing. The houses that will be painted were chosen based on need and ability.

The event is a way for students to give back to the community and meet people.

Volunteers will begin painting at 7:30 a.m. and will finish when all seven houses are completed.

For more information, contact Tina Deines at tdeines@uidaho.edu or 885-7883.



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# Palin attended five colleges in six years

Nicholas K. Geranios  
Associated Press

SPOKANE — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin attended five colleges in six years before graduating from the University of Idaho in 1987.

Federal privacy laws prohibit the schools from disclosing her grades, and none of the schools contacted by The Associated Press could say why she transferred. There was no indication any of them were contacted as part of the background investigation of Palin by presidential candidate John McCain's campaign. "Our office was not contacted by anyone," said Tania Thompson, spokeswoman for the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Palin, the governor of Alaska, was born in Idaho. Her family moved when she was only a few months old to Alaska, where she was raised.

She began college at Hawaii Pacific University, a private, nonsectarian school in Honolulu. She attended only as a freshman during the fall of 1982, school spokeswoman Crystale Lopez said.

Then known as Sarah Louise Heath, she was in the business administration program as a full-time student, Lopez said.

"We're trying to track down someone who knew

her," Lopez added.

From Hawaii Pacific, Palin transferred to North Idaho College, a two-year school in Coeur d'Alene, about 30 miles east of Spokane. She attended the college as a general studies major for two semesters, in spring 1983 and fall 1983, spokeswoman Stacy Hudson said.

"We were not able to track down club affiliations or anything," Hudson said.

The school identified one of her professors but he did not remember her, Hudson said.

Prior to her selection by McCain, the North Idaho College Alumni Association notified Palin in June she would be the recipient of its 2008-2009 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award.

From North Idaho College, Palin transferred 70 miles south to the University of Idaho, the state's flagship institution. She majored in journalism with an emphasis in broadcast news. She attended Idaho, whose mascot is the Vandals, from fall 1984 to spring 1985.

She then returned to

Alaska to attend Matanuska-Susitna College in Palmer in fall 1985.

Then she returned to Idaho, for spring 1986, fall 1986 and spring 1987, when she graduated. Despite her journalism degree, she does not appear to have worked for the college newspaper or campus television station, school officials said. She

worked briefly as a sportscaster for KTUU in Anchorage after she graduated college.

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The University of Idaho is taking advantage of Palin's nomination. A prominent photograph of her is featured on the school's Web site.

## LOOKIN' TO TRAVEL



Study abroad advisor Mary Ellen Brewick, left, talks to a student about opportunities to study in different countries at the Study Abroad Fair in front of the Commons on Thursday. Jake Barber/Argonaut

## FEMA to reimburse hurricane evacuees

Kevin McGill  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The federal government says it will pay the hotel expenses of some of the nearly 2 million people who fled their homes ahead of Hurricane Gustav, but exactly who will be eligible for assistance and how much it will cost taxpayers was uncertain.

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency planned a telephone news conference Thursday to answer questions.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Wednesday in Baton Rouge that FEMA would pay hotel costs "to make sure that people don't feel economic pressure to return home prematurely, before it's safe."

He said FEMA would pay hotels directly, so it was unclear whether those who had already paid for rooms and checked out would be eligible for reimbursement.

With two other hurricanes threatening the East Coast, the decision to pay

for hotels could make it easier to evacuate residents during the next disaster. But doing so would also burden the agency with huge expenses.

The news that hotel costs might be reimbursed came too late for people

who have been sleeping at public shelters, such as those in a convention center in Birmingham, Ala. Some of those evacuees said they would have preferred a hotel if they had known FEMA money would be available.

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# Soldier suicide rate may set record again

Pauline Jelinek  
Associated Press

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As of the end of August, there were 62 confirmed suicides among active duty soldiers and Guard and Reserve troops called to active duty, officials said. Another 31 deaths appear to be suicides but are still being investigated.

If all are confirmed, that means that the number for 2008 could eclipse the 115 of last year — and the rate per 100,000 could surpass that of the civilian population, Col. Eddie Stephens, deputy director of human resources policy, said at a Pentagon news conference.

"Army leaders are fully aware that repeated deployments have led to increased distress and anxiety for both soldiers and their families," Army Secretary Pete Geren said.

"The Army is committed to ensuring that all soldiers and their families receive the behavioral health care they need," he said in a statement distributed at the press conference on National Suicide Prevention Week starting Sunday.

"Installations and units across the Army have been directed to redouble their efforts in awareness and prevention training and soldier care and support services," Stephens said.

To try to stem the continually growing number of suicides, the Army already has been increasing the number of staff psychiatrists and other mental health staff as well as chaplains and bolstering programs both at home and at the battlefronts. Officials also are about to issue a new interactive video for troops and will be adding a new program on resilience to basic training

starting in January, said Brig. Gen. Rhonda L. Cornum, an assistant Army surgeon general.

"There are no simple problems and there are no simple solutions," Cornum said. "There is no program that has been shown to be truly effective at preventing suicides ... Success will be the sum of a number of smaller steps."

As officials have said before, Cornum said the main factors in soldier suicides continues to be problems with their personal relationships, legal and financial issues, work problems and the repeated deployments and longer tour lengths prompted by an Afghan war entering its eighth year and Iraq campaign in its sixth.

The Army has come under unprecedented stress as the main force in the two largely ground wars

Of the confirmed deaths so far this year, three soldiers were in the Army Reserves and four in the Army National Guard.

If the overall numbers continue through December as they have been, Stephens said, they would eclipse the 115 of 2007, 102 in 2006, 87 in 2005 and 67 in 2004.

The rate per 100,000 soldiers also has been rising and could be surpassed. It was 18.1 per 100,000 last year — the highest since the Army started keeping record in 1980. That compared to a rate of 17.5 in 2006 and 9.8 in 2002 — the first full year after the start of the war in Afghanistan.

The rate for 2008 has not been calculated, officials said, but if the trend holds, it would surpass the demographically adjusted rate of 19.5 per 100,000 for the civilian population, Stephens said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the suicide rate for U.S. society overall was about 11 per 100,000 in 2004, the latest year for which the agency has figures.

# Publisher rips condom coupon from book

Associated Press

BOISE — A coupon book publisher says it removed coupons for a condom shop after administrators at Boise

State University threatened to dump the booklets being handed out on campus.

The flare-up centers around a coupon for The O!Zone Condom Shop

in Boise.

Store owner Caryn Thompson says she is stunned the coupons were pulled, especially since they've been included in

booklets handed out to students during the last seven semesters.

But Boise State officials say they received complaints about the coupons this week, and then simply shared those concerns to Kansas-based Brooks Publishing.

But CEO Jeff Brooks tells KTVB-TV a different story, contending the university threatened to dump the booklets. Instead, Brooks says he hired workers to rip out the coupons before giving them to students.

Boise State officials say they prefer to distribute the coupons through health services.

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## MESSAGE from page A1

"I find that most students are fine with being touched," she said. "They know what's coming and they're ready for it. But with older people it's a little too unfamiliar."

Eagen-Poch said that massages are about feeling at ease,

"If you're not comfortable then it's kind of pointless."

Trisha Thornquist, another LMP, said she traditionally explains to her clients what she is doing as she does it to ease them into the process.

"Some people just have weird feelings about it," Thornquist said. "Everybody has their own comfort level and I just try to listen to them and respect that."

Both Thornquist and Eagen-

Poch were hired at WSU after graduating from the Moscow School of Massage where Weston was one of their instructors.

Since they have both worked primarily on college campuses Thornquist said they have continuously seen similar problems.

"It's mostly in the upper back and neck," Thornquist said. "It usually comes from sitting hunched over a laptop or computer."

Weston said he sees the effect of "unfortunate posture," everywhere but primarily in younger people.

"I once saw a young man who I could have sworn was Shaggy from Scooby-Doo," he said. "His head and neck came around the corner before the rest of him did... a lot of it comes from posture that's just atrocious."

All three of the practitioners


recommended stretching while working and paying close attention to how the body is positioned when using an electronic device, both while sitting and standing.

"Mostly we're just trying to let people know we're here and we want to help," Weston said.

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## OurVIEW

# Palouse has plenty of volunteer options

The Palouse is a relatively small area, but that means services to help the needy are not as easy to come by and not funded as much as their big-city counterparts.

The University of Idaho has made headlines with its Alternative Service Break, in which students spend their time between semesters overseas or in another part of the United States. Participants this year will help finish a youth center in Peru and build an orphanage in Romania.

It's obvious UI is attended by no shortage of conscientious, forward thinking individuals willing to donate their time and money to causes greater than their own busy lives.

Why not take that enthusiasm and use it to help people locally?

Students will meet 7:30 a.m. Saturday to paint seven homes in need of a fresh coat as part of University Housing's annual Paint the Palouse event. These students will sacrifice one day of their weekend to give back to the community before attending the UI football game later in the day.

Whether it's helping an elderly neigh-

bor with his or her yard work or walking homeless dogs at the humane society, there are countless ways students can improve Moscow and the Palouse without the time investment needed to travel.

Even on a small budget or busy schedule, it's important to recognize and thank those who do serve. Volunteers, for example, staff the Moscow Fire Department. Those men and women have no paid obligation to save a home from fire or transport an accident victim to the hospital, but they do so anyway, and too many take their services for granted.

The same could be said about blood donors, poll workers and even volunteers who help at the university's annual Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. Students and community members who choose to serve in the military make an even greater sacrifice.

Whatever the cause, working for free or donating money in times of economic uncertainty — with the goal of putting others first — is a true indication of a person's character.

— HB

## Off theCUFF

Quick takes on life from our editors

### Just a little optimism

Good luck, Vandal Football. Have a great season.

— Lianna

### Flying high

I love anything having to do with air-travel — airports, airplanes, flight attendants and free peanuts. But my love does not displace the almost overwhelming anxiety I get before a flight. The night before flying anywhere I will not sleep, or I will wake up at 4 a.m. and think I've missed my flight. But that's not a deal breaker. It's a love-hate relationship that I'm down with.

— Sydney

### Not quite ready

I feel badly for Bristol Palin, but I feel even worse for her new fiancée, Levi Johnston. He's a high school hockey player who likes to "hang out with the boys, do some fishing, shoot some s\*\*\* and just chillin'." I guess, according to his MySpace. Not only that, his profile explicitly says, "I don't want kids. He sounds like an average 18-year-old male, and I'm sure "shotgun wedding" wasn't on his list of "s\*\*\*" worth shooting.

— Holly

### Play the game (of love)

This is a desperate plea to anyone who has ever been even closely associated with the UI football team. For the love of all that is good in the world — including, but not limited to — money, world peace, Carlos Santana and homemade bread, PLEASE WIN THIS GAME. As someone from Pocatello, I'd like nothing more than to see ISU decimated and wiped from the football planet.

— Christina

### Not my son

For those who are wondering: I am NOT Sarah Palin's daughters baby's daddy. People have been expressing some concern recently and while the name is close, I assure all interested parties I have never been to Alaska.

— Levi

## Recipe for success

I think it's ironic that the energizing Barack Obama's running mate is the wistful old Joe Biden, and the wrinkled John McCain has chosen to run with superstar Sarah Palin. I like to think of the candidates' personality combinations as recipe ingredients. Obama and Biden are like apple pie — a sweet, enticing filling with a little crust around the edges. McCain and Palin are like red wine — succulent grapes mixed with 80-year-old booze.

— Kevin

## I'm volunteering?

I joined Key Club in high school not knowing what it was and dropped out when I heard you had to have X number of hours a month of community service. I started walking dogs at the humane society because I missed my animals at home and before I knew it I was volunteering. Just find something you like to do and somehow you can make a difference to someone else.

— Alexis

## Howling at the Moon

So I spent last weekend at the Wolf Education and Research Center in Winchester, and it was a really cool experience. I've been there before, but the resident Sawtooth wolf pack was down to only three wolves, and they were pretty shy. This time there was a new wolf pack there (The Owyhee pack) who came right up to the fence. It was awesome to see wolves so close. If you are into wildlife, I definitely recommend making the trip.

— Jake

## Nice weather must stay

I'm glad the weather got nice again. I hope it stays warmer longer than last year, because snow shouldn't arrive too soon. Most of my college memories include snow, which is a testament to the cold Moscow weather. You'd think after living in North Idaho for 20 years I would like the snow by now.

— Lulu

# Palin a great choice, but not for everybody

If Sen. John McCain's intent in choosing Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate was to surprise us, then it worked, at least for me. I was shocked when I saw the announcement. I had heard of Alaska's young and photogenic governor, but I never took her very seriously as a potential running mate for McCain. I guess now I should re-evaluate my position.

After the initial shock, I was pretty impressed with McCain's bold choice, as I think many people were. Despite not being well known (yet), Palin brings a lot to McCain's candidacy. For starters, she brings the average age on the Republican ticket down, and now McCain's candidacy is more youthful. Is that a good reason to vote for somebody? No, but that won't

stop it from influencing many people's decisions.

Secondly, Palin will help bring in the support of the Republican base, which McCain has been struggling to win over. She supports gun rights, is a fiscal conservative, opposes same-sex marriage and is strongly pro-life. McCain definitely needs someone who is seen as strong on these issues.

Third, she makes the McCain campaign historic, which is very valuable in this race, and she appeals to women, perhaps even former Hillary supporters.

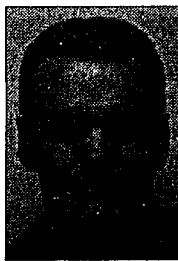
What's very important is, even though Palin and McCain are different in so many ways, she still reinforces his image. She is known as a maverick who fights corruption and waste and isn't afraid to be at odds

with her own party. This is important because it is exactly what Sen. Biden doesn't do for Sen. Obama. Obama needs somebody on the ticket with him who brings experience, but the problem is that choosing such a long-time veteran of Washington for his running mate puts a damper on his message of chain and new politics.

Of course, despite Palin's qualities, she is not perfect. Although she does bring some energy credentials, she doesn't help McCain much on the economy, and more importantly, she does not have much experience. Of course, the same can be said of Obama, but this will make it more difficult for McCain to draw a contrast between the two campaigns in experience and national security issues.

Having said that, I don't know what more we can expect. Where are you supposed

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## MailBOX

### Offensive Sklar Brothers sucked fun from Palousafest

I attended Palousafest on Aug. 23 with my two teenagers. My oldest is considering attending the University of Idaho next fall. We really enjoyed the stands, the plentiful information and the free food. We had planned to stay for the entertainment part of the fest and were looking forward to listening to the comedians.

Unfortunately, we had to leave after the show had just started because the f-word was used frequently during the first five minutes. To be honest, I was shocked that a show like

this was a public event at the university. I was even more disappointed to see the Sklar Brothers' picture on the front page of your paper last week.

The president states on his Web site, "... makes Idaho a better place to study, to work, to live and visit." Well, on Aug. 23 that was clearly not accomplished, which is unfortunate, because a lot of new students did make a great effort to let the university shine and to make new students feel welcome.

— Heike Suggs

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# Election includes contemporary feminism

Katie Engelhart  
Cornell Daily Sun, Cornell University

Feminism is dead. It all started when I watched an astonishing documentary about a pregnant Austrian man. The poignant piece detailed the novel scientific procedure that enables men to be implanted with embryos and carry them to term. The message of this magnum opus: say goodbye to the concept of gender as we know it.

OK, so it wasn't a cinematographic masterpiece. And I may have used the term "documentary" loosely.

In fact, I was speaking of 1994's "Junior," a perky family comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Though the performance of Mr. Maria Shriver left something to be desired, the medically inconceivable, 109-minute plotline sure made me giggle. But that's because I laugh when I'm nervous. In fact, I was overwhelmed by a potent sense of frustration.

Screw you, anatomy. My grandmother/whatever, a monkey-like creature I'll call Agnes, was a child-bearer. All her daughters and their daughters since have been the same. And now, that beautiful, life-generating potential is stored within me. But I still can't help thinking there's something unfair about it.

Women of all backgrounds, regardless of their tastes and intentions, are united in a daily, communal struggle against one painfully undeniable fact: we are womb-laden creatures.

If we aren't already mothers, we're potential mothers. Without being asked whether we actually plan

on poppin' 'em out, we're viewed as maternity-leave takers, mommy-track pursuers and family-comes-first liabilities. They tiptoe around the hazy hodgepodge of hormones I apparently have bubbling to the surface at every moment; they anticipate an attack of the elusive PMS monster.

Yeah, lady. Your breasts are a burden. But that idea probably makes you uncomfortable, right? Sure, the fact that I have mammary glands probably means I will earn less money doing the same job as my brother.

Maybe feminism's not dead. But it sure has changed. Our mothers' feminism was visible. It was loud, and it got ugly. Off came the bras and the make-up; out came the leg hair and the lesbians.

But we've come a long way from our boycotting forbearers. Our generation has embraced a "Sex and the City" feminism. It's not that we can't handle strong women. In fact, they're status quo. But being a strong woman today means working hard, caring for the family and doing it all with manicured nails and a hair-do.

"Feminists" used to just be gals fighting for equal opportunity. Really, female and feminist should go hand in hand. Instead, "feminist" has become another f-word. It's an insult, hurled without a scintilla of hesitation at women who show more strength than we're used to. And the strong women out there? They've become wary of each other, fearful of the reaction that displays of gender solidarity could provoke.

A lot of these struggles came to the fore during Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential run. If American women

voiced support for Hillary, critics reduced it to apolitical, gendered calculations. (She wears lipstick. I wear lipstick. Me vote Hillary.) If American women didn't like Hillary, it was dismissed as some deeply psychological women-hating-women feline bickering.

And when Lady C finally fell, women pounced on the chance to endow her campaign with a feminist legacy.

The hype has gone up again since Gov. Sarah Palin's vice presidential nomination. Palin thrust herself onto the national stage with a Hillary-esque speech about the glass ceiling. But there's really nothing about Palin's record to suggest that she has any kind of uniquely female agenda.

Her nomination — and the claims about its importance — is a slap in the face to women, especially Hillary supporters. The suggestion that women would be so blind-sighted by Palin's stilettos that they would overlook her blatant lack of political experience is offensive.

Sure, she has a disabled child who, the Republicans like to remind us, she might have aborted — and didn't. So? In the end, no number of un-aborted Palin babies is going to convince me that Lady Alaska's on my side.

It blows my mind that a country that envisions itself as the vanguard of "progress" pats itself on the back just for having a chick almost make it to the DNC. But maybe that's just part of the new trend of congratulating ourselves on mediocre accomplishments, like having fifth-graders who can read.

I have hunch that the Terminator had these great social concerns in mind when he signed on to do a film about a pregnant man.

## Lies my rush chair told me

Scott Green  
Daily Illini, University of Illinois

Whether to join a fraternity is one of the biggest life-defining decisions a new student can make. That's why it's very important you do not commit to a house until you have given it careful thought, by which I mean, "consumed 12 Jell-O shots."

Your first job is to decide if fraternity life is really for you. Do you enjoy morning regattas, afternoon serenades and evening snifters of brandy? Then you should definitely join a house, though I recommend you do so in 1915.

You should definitely go through rush to determine which house is for you. While they all rush differently, there are common threads. For example, each fraternity elects a "house rush chair."

His qualification for this is that he wasn't elected for "house social chair" but still needed to pad his resume. The rush chair's job is to take you to his room

during rush parties and tell you, in a completely serious tone to connote that he means business, that you have the most beautiful eyes he has ever seen.

No, wait, that is what he would tell a girl, if he were able to get one. What he tells you is that everyone in the house has informed him that you are a great person, a class act, one of the guys, the sort of person who would have no problem coming up with \$9,000 in annual dues.

Then he tells you a little about what pledging will be like. Although all the other houses on campus haze, he tells you, his doesn't. One option is to ask for advice from friends who have decided not to rush. They will snidely tell you that joining a fraternity is the same thing as buying friends.

Being in a house is going to take patience, social tenacity, street smarts, a high tolerance for alcohol and most importantly, a black magic marker. Because first chance you find, you're getting your revenge.

## I'm a smoker, not a leper

Looking around campus on a Friday night (or even on a Wednesday), it's obvious drunk people are everywhere. Greek Row is littered with parties, the residence halls are filled with more parties and people are continually venturing off campus to party a little more. Didn't anybody ever tell them to take it easy on a weekday?

Rarely does anyone criticize the heavy drinking that goes on here at the University of Idaho. However, it seems like if you're a smoker, you can't go outside and walk 25 feet away from any building in order to inhale your tar without getting at least five dirty looks and/or three anti-smoking comments from people on their way to consume their weight in beer.

I was walking out of Bob's — I left to smoke a cigarette. Someone I had met 30 seconds earlier decided to reinforce the idea that grade-school health hammered into my brain: smoking is pretty bad for you. I said I knew the risks, was down to four cigarettes a day and that I was working on quitting (which I am, however long that may take).

"That's like saying, 'I know hitting myself in the head with a bat is bad for me, but I only do it four times a day,'" he retorted.

My answer to this clown, who has decided it is his personal mission to keep people from smoking, has multiple parts. I don't know if he drinks or not, but for every beer he might down during an evening of partying, isn't

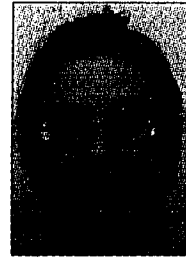
it roughly equivalent to a blow to the head, as my cigarettes may seem?

I'm currently being treated for manic-depression. I've been advised by my doctor and my therapist to avoid quitting smoking in the near future because it could stress me out and trigger my symptoms. Has he ever heard of tackling one problem at a time?

Other smokers have told me of their dissatisfaction with the way they are treated. I have my own excuses for the dirty looks: maybe it's because I look like I'm underage, maybe they don't like the T-shirt I'm wearing, maybe they're allergic to cigarette smoke, maybe they had a relative that died because of smoking. All seem to be valid reasons for giving a dirty look.

Even so, if you are going to give me the evil eye, please don't do it on your way home from a party. Don't do it with a can of beer in your hand. Don't accost me as I'm walking down the hall and ask me how I can smoke, and then giggle with your friend when I leave. Don't do it with a crack pipe in one hand and a heroin needle in the other. Don't be a hypocrite.

Every cigarette I have could potentially be the one that kills me. However, the next drink you have at a party could give you alcohol poisoning. Cigarettes give you lung cancer and emphysema over long periods of time. Alcohol, when used long-term, gives you cirrhosis and liver cancer. Choose wisely and think before you criticize us.



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to find a young, dynamic Washington outsider who also has decades of experience in Washington? Nobody can be everything, and in this case I will say tentatively that McCain made a good choice. It could possibly be a brilliant choice, but considering how little we know about Palin and how little we've seen of her, who knows what could come of this?

My initial response to seeing her on the ticket was I almost wanted to vote for McCain, but we'll have to wait and see about that, too.

In all, Palin seems like a great running mate, but she's not just a politician; she's also the mother of five, including a baby who is less than a year old. Is it really a good thing for her to be devoting all her time and energy to the campaign and possibly the office of vice president?

McCain said in his announcement that Palin is exactly who this country needs. Maybe that's true, but even if it is, do we need her more than her children do?

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## Rockin' the lot

Moscow Food Co-op celebrates 35 years of service with a party in the parking lot



Amberly Beckman  
Argonaut

Before Eric Gilbert, Lisa Simpson and Cameron Bouiss were the Idaho indie rock band Finn Riggins, they were Vandals — and Gilbert worked at the Moscow Food Co-op.

The University of Idaho alumni indie rockers will be returning to Moscow to play at the Co-op Parking Lot Party Sunday.

The Co-op will be celebrating 35 years in Moscow with food and live music from artists Ben Walden, Dan Maher, Low Red Land, Finn Riggins and a spoken word artist.

For Finn Riggins, the concert is a homecoming.

"We're super excited to be back," said Gilbert, who sings and plays guitar and accordion for the band.

They are stopping by Moscow while on a tour through the country. The tour will take them to the east coast, back to Idaho, and then to Kenya.

When Gilbert attended UI, he helped the Co-op plan similar gatherings. He was a long-time cashier for the Co-op.

Finn Riggins describes their music as experimental indie rock.

"It's a good introduction to what we do," Gilbert said. "We're fun. Fun rock."

Finn Riggins will also play at John's Alley Monday at 10 p.m.

### Playing green

The goal of this year's annual Co-op parking lot party is to be completely waste-free.

All biodegradable materials from the event will be put into the store's commercial composter called the "Co-op Earth Tub." The compost, (which the store produces from their retained product year-round) will be donated to the Moscow community garden on C St.

The Co-op has rented plates from the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, which will be washed and reused. The dishware will be transported to the event by electric cars to cut down on carbon emissions.

Anyone walking or riding bicycles to the event will receive a free piece of cake, said Co-op general manager Kenna Eaton.

Other food will be available for purchase, including meats and veggie burgers. Non-alcoholic beverages, beer and wine will also be on sale.

The all-ages event will feature activities for kids and adults, including painting boards. The boards will be displayed in the Co-op windows in October.

There will be a raffle for official Co-op members, a group of more than 5,000 people. Prizes include a \$100 gift certificate to the Co-op, as well as 35 bowls of soup from the deli.

The event will serve as the Co-op's annual members' meeting.

Memberships are open to the public and cost \$10. They give the member discounts as well as a vote on the board of

### Co-op parking lot party schedule:

Bands scheduled to play:

4 - 4:40 p.m. Ben Walden (Moscow)

4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Dan Maher (Pullman)

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Spoken word performance/ Board Meeting/ Children's activities

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Low Red Land (San Francisco)

7:30 - 7:45 p.m. Family friendly relay teams

7:45 - 9 p.m. (ish) Finn Riggins (Hailey, Idaho)

directors. Memberships will be on sale at the event on Sunday.

"The music is fun and the food will be good," Eaton said.

## The Nuart closes down Main St. for a day of jams

Meagan Robertson  
Argonaut

Last year the Nuart Theater in downtown Moscow tried something new.

In an attempt to inform the public about what the establishment had to offer, they decided to close down Main St. and have a rock festival. The event, the Nuart Block Party, had free music, cheap food and fun for the community.

Main St. will be blocked off once again for the second annual Nuart Block Party Sunday. Featuring seven live music acts, \$1 cheeseburgers and hot dogs, a balloon animal-making clown and a bounce house for children. The event will run from 2-10 p.m. and admission is free.

Eric Engerbretson, manager of the Nuart Theater, said last year they had about 2,000 people visit throughout the course of the event, with some flying

in from out of town.

"Last year a fan flew in from Texas to see a band and we had eight fly in from Portland," he said.

Engerbretson said he's excited for this year's block party because people now know what it is and what to expect.

"People don't do a whole lot of word-of-mouth when they don't know what something is," he said. "Last year everyone had such a blast and now there's going to be a lot more word of mouth and people telling their friends about it. There will be people coming from Spokane, Lewiston and Clarkston, Post Falls — people will come from all over."

He said that the only changes between this year's block party and last year's are the music acts.

"It's a music lover's festival," he said. The music starts at two and doesn't stop until ten," he said.

### join the PARTY

Main St. will be blocked off for the Nuart Block Party from 2-10 p.m. Sunday. There will be seven live music acts, \$1 cheeseburgers and hot dogs, a balloon animal-making clown and a bounce house for children. Admission is free.

This year's talent includes a live performance from Engerbretson, as well as Modern Dissent, Rocks Will Cry, Byword, Cayerio, Bryan Duncan and the NohoSoul Band and the headlining act, The Afters.

Bryan Duncan, who has been to Moscow before and has performed at the University of Idaho in the past, said he's excited to perform in the area again.



Bryan Duncan and The NohoSoul Band are one of several groups performing at the Nuart Block Party on Sunday.

"You don't forget Idaho," Duncan said. "Especially Moscow."

Bryan Duncan and the

NohoSoul Band is made up of Duncan, his keyboard, drums and guitar players from Seattle and his bass

player from Nashville, Tenn. Duncan describes his

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# Palouse Project explained

## Artists to discuss their current exhibit at Prichard Art Gallery

Andrew Priest  
Argonaut

The latest challenge for the Prichard Art Gallery: jamming the rolling fields and nostalgic buildings that define the Palouse into its showroom.

Acclaimed Seattle-based architect Robert Zimmer and photographer Lara Swimmer are the creators of the exhibition called the "Palouse Project," made exclusively for the Prichard Gallery. Zimmer and Swimmer will be in Moscow to give a lecture on their work tonight.

The two artists will talk about their work "Lara Swimmer and Robert Zimmer: Topographies in Built and Natural Landscapes," at 5 p.m. tonight on the University of Idaho campus in Renfrew Hall, Room 111.

Zimmer is a University of Idaho alumnus, and the exhibition was first thought up several years ago when he came to Moscow to lecture about the Seattle Central Library, which he helped to design. Gallery art director and UI instructor, Roger Rowley approached Zimmer and asked if he wanted to put something together for the gallery.

"There are a lot of photographs of the Palouse, certainly by people that live here and are familiar with the region. On the other hand, you get very far

away and no one knows what the Palouse is, no one understands this," Rowley said.

Zimmer spent a year traveling the Palouse with his wife Swimmer, capturing thousands of images of life in every season.

The images resulting from that trip have been compiled and collaged into a portrait of how the region looks and lives now.

"If you looked at all of those photographs, you'd see some ... kind of elevated view of all of [the Palouse region's] rolling hills," Rowley said.

Along with the artists' input, the effort is a collaboration between many people who hope to capture the rare and individual features of the Palouse through explorations of imagery and architecture.

"They both have very strong, overlapping interests," Rowley said. "And yet, very different parts of architectural projects is what they focus on."

Rowley shaped an entire class around the project last year, and his students' work went into the gallery alongside the artists'.

One example is a custom, "Palousean" curved partition used to further illustrate and play with the collaborative architectural efforts of Zimmer, Swimmer and Rowley's students.

The exhibition itself has been open since June to more than 1,200 visitors. At that time, Zimmer and Swimmer said in a UI press release that: "One of our objectives is to share our work both individually and as partners. This exhibit is a collective view of a collaborative

documentation process culminating in a graphic display of the Palouse - from geological formations and human history to ecological and technological concerns - through the four seasons."

Rowley believes the exhibit is unique because of all of the coop-

**"They both have very strong, overlapping interests, and yet very different parts of architectural projects is what they focus on."**

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**ROWLEY**  
Gallery Art Director



Jake Barber/Argonaut

Architecture tools are on display in front of the work of Robert Zimmer at the Prichard Art Gallery. Lara Swimmer and Robert Zimmer will be there to discuss their exhibit "Lara Swimmer and Robert Zimmer: Topographies in Built and Natural Landscapes" today at 5 p.m.

eration between the artists and UI students. "What they've done here is unique in both the process they used and the results that they've gotten," Rowley said.

### Local/CALENDAR

#### Friday

5 p.m. — Artists Robert Zimmer and Lara Swimmer talk about Prichard Exhibit "Palouse Project" in Renfrew Hall, room 111, UI Campus

5-7 p.m. — Croft and Woodland Family Book Arts & Craft exhibit opening from 5-7 p.m. at City of Moscow Third Street Gallery

8-10 p.m. — Steev Turner's vibes-centered jazz band, Interstate Groove, from 8-11 p.m. at Bucer's Pub

10 p.m. — The Ian McFeron Band at 10 p.m. at John's Alley

#### Saturday

All Day — Chalk of the Town (Main St. closed for sidewalk chalk art all day)

All Day — Folk musician Mark Holt at Moscow Chamber of Commerce throughout

Chalk of the Town event

8-10:30 p.m. — Natalie Rose (R&B/Soul) at Bucer's Pub

#### Sunday

2-10 p.m. — Nuart Block Party featuring The Afters

4-9 p.m. — Co-op Parking Lot Party featuring Finn Riggins

10 p.m. — The Ian McFeron Band at John's Alley Tavern

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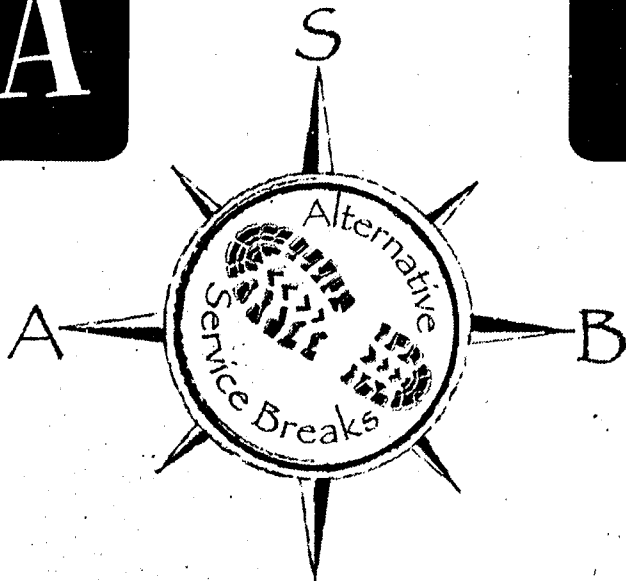
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# The Game got lucky

Megan Broyles  
Argonaut

If name-dropping were an event in Beijing this summer, rapper The Game would have been a serious contender for the gold.



The Game

"LAX"

★★★ (of 5)

Geffen Records  
Aug. 26, 2008

The Game doesn't limit himself to the track listing. He also compliments Kanye West in a few rhymes and mentions his favorite brands of liquor, cars and which team's hat he's wearing. The Game — once Jay-

ceon Taylor, a Washington State University basketball player kicked out of the school for drug possession — lets listeners into what he wants everyone to know about his facially-tattooed life. From a life of Impalas, handguns and drug deals to being shot and comatose, The Game wants you to take him seriously.

Southern rap giants Lil Wayne and Ludacris plus Wu-Tang alumina Raekwon and West Coast rap classic Ice Cube lend to The Game's gangsta persona.

Common, Keyshia Cole and Latoya Williams come in at intervals to bring a

small amount of creativity and light into the otherwise dramatically dangerous sound of LAX.

Nas and Blink-182's Travis Barker wrap the album up, showing how creatively The Game can work with different styles. The Game wants you to know he's good.

It all seems like too much. This whole album, from The Game's literal obsession with Tupac and The Notorious B.I.G., to casually donning Kanye West's facial expressions: "Then I see my sons and put on that Kanye smile," is Jayceon Taylor proving to America that he knows rap.

It's a fairly good bragging piece, flanked by two theatrical prayers to Jesus. All the bases are covered. The Game even goes as far as

saying "I think B.I.G. would have liked me ... 'cause I'm real hip-hop... I don't want to be a part of rap as it's declining. I should have been part of hip-hop in the 90s... Would you want to exist with [Ice] Cube and B.I.G. as your peers or Soulja Boy and Chingy?" Okay, The Game, you're a serious rapper. We get it.

Who knows if it's getting a little help from friends that makes The Game sell? 50 Cent has been credited with a number of The Game's radio hits. In the end, there are a few good tracks on LAX because The Game can put together a good song with a good hook. Lil Wayne's synthesized chorus in "My Life" will stick in the short-term memories of listeners like white on rice or The Game on the Dodgers.

# "Bones" back in action

Jordan Gray  
Argonaut

Wednesday night marked the return of Temperance "Bones" Brennan, Seeley Booth and the staff of the Jeffersonian to television screens.



"Bones"

The show's premiere was a 2-hour special titled "Yanks in the UK." With stunning visuals of London landmarks and two juicy murders, the series started its fourth season with style.

Highlights of the episode included the introduction of Angela's (Michaela Conlin) husband, Booth (David Boreanaz) driving a Mini Cooper the wrong way through the streets of London and the introduction of the English versions of Booth and Bones. The episode also reveals that the show will be maintaining its high production and story values while building up character relationships for the projected 22-episode season. There is no word whether this season

will have an overarching storyline linking the entire season together as last season did with the Gormogon serial killer.

The entire main cast has returned for this year's production.

Fans who were shocked by last year's season finale will be pleased to hear that Dr. Zack Addy (Eric Millegan) will be returning for episodes throughout season four, though his role will be slightly different now that he is behind bars.

Those looking for romantic connections can look forward to the results of Angela's divorce, her relationship with Hodgins (T.J. Thyne) and the continuing chemistry between the show's leads, Booth and Brennan (Emily Deschanel).

It is still Brennan's enduring social awkwardness, the forensic skills of her team and their willingness to find the victim's faces and murderers of each set of bones they come across that makes it a pleasure to watch.

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music as soul music with influences from The Spinners, James Brown, The Temptations and Gladys Knight, as well as Maroon 5 and Jamiroquai. At the show, he said Engerbretson may jam with them and they might be joined by a couple of local horn players. He said he's looking forward to seeing the different artists and bands featured in Moscow that may be at the show.

"There's a lot of local talent to see in Moscow," Duncan said. "I'm kind of old school and always looking forward to seeing who's doing what."

"The ones who are new to it always have that passion. You can hear it. I've heard some bands that just aren't good musicians, but they've sold it on passion. You don't sell passion short."

Mark Millheim, who helped with last year's event, is working with Engerbretson on this year's block party and said the event is a fun environment where the artists will come hang out.

"There's no fence between the fans and the stage and you're right there up against the stage. Usually before and after each performance the acts will be out at a signing table on the street," he said. "After we tear everything down they'll usually come hang out with you."

Engerbretson said he's excited to see the event come together after working on it for the past six months. "The best part is the middle of the day when the largest crowd is there and I think to myself, 'Wow, everyone came,'" he said.

# Michael Moore to release new film online for free

Jake Coyle  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Inspired by Neil Young and Radiohead, Michael Moore will release his new film online and for free.

The film, "Slacker Uprising," follows Moore's 62-city tour during the 2004 election to rally young voters. It will be available for three weeks as a free download to North American residents, beginning Sept. 23. An official announcement of the film is planned for Friday.

Moore said he considered releasing "Slacker Uprising" theatrically as "Michael Moore's Big Election Year Movie" as he did

with 2004's "Fahrenheit 9/11," which was highly critical of president Bush.

Instead, Moore opted for a symbol of gratitude to his fans as he approaches the 20th anniversary of his first film, 1989's "Roger & Me."

"I thought it'd be a nice way to celebrate my 20th year of doing this," Moore said. "And also help get out the vote for November. I've been thinking about what I want to do to help with the election this year."

The 97-minute "Slacker Uprising" will be the first major film to be released in such a way. Last December "Jackass 2.5" was streamed online and for

free, but that was only a collection of left over material from "Jackass 2." Companies like ClickStar, which Morgan Freeman co-founded, have made films still in theaters — such as 2006's "10 Items or Less" — digitally available for purchase or rental.

Experimentation in distribution has been more common in the music industry, where the Internet has significantly damaged traditional business models. Moore took notice when Radiohead last year released their seventh album, "In Rainbows," online with optional pricing. In 2006, Neil Young streamed his anti-war album "Living With War"

for free before its standard release — now a more common practice.

If history is any measure, "Slacker Uprising" could have made a decent sum in theaters. His last two films, "Sicko" (\$24 million) and "Fahrenheit 9/11" (\$119 million) are

two of the three highest grossing documentaries ever.

Moore said that "Slacker Uprising" cost about \$2 million to make and that he will end up paying about \$1 million out of his pocket. Neither he nor the distributor, Brave New

Films, plan to profit from the release.

The director's last film, "Sicko," leaked online and was downloaded illegally in large numbers. He says this download, offered by BlipTV, will be high-resolution and far better than "YouTube quality."

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# 'Peanuts' animator dies

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Bill Melendez, the animator who gave life to Snoopy, Charlie Brown and other "Peanuts" characters in scores of movies and TV specials, has died. He was 91.

Melendez died of natural causes Tuesday at St. John's Health Center, according to publicist Amy Goldsmith.

Melendez's nearly seven decades as a professional animator began in 1938 when he was hired by Walt Disney Studios and worked on Mickey Mouse cartoons and classic animated features, such as "Pinocchio" and "Fantasia."

He went on to animate TV specials such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and was the voice of Snoopy, who never spoke intelligible words but issued expressive howls, sighs and sobs.

Melendez was born in 1916 in Hermosillo in the Mexican state of Sonora. He moved with his family to Arizona in 1928 and then to Los Angeles in the 1930s, attending the Chouinard Art Institute.

Melendez took part in a strike that led to the unionization of Disney artists in 1941, and later moved to Warner Bros., where he worked on Bugs Bunny, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck shorts.

In 1948, Melendez left Warner Bros. and over the next 15 years

worked as a director and producer on more than 1,000 commercials and movies for United Productions of America, Playhouse Pictures and John Sutherland Productions.

At UPA, he helped animate "Gerald McBoing-Boing," which won the 1951 Academy Award for best cartoon short.

Melendez met "Peanuts" creator Charles M. Schulz in 1959 while creating Ford Motor Co. TV commercials featuring Peanuts characters.

The two became friends and Melendez became the only person Schulz authorized to animate his characters.

Melendez founded his own

production company in 1964 and with his partner Lee Mendelson went on to produce, direct or animate some 70 "Peanuts" TV specials, four movies and hundreds of commercials.

The first special was 1965's "A Charlie Brown Christmas." The show reportedly worried CBS because it broke so much new ground for a cartoon: It lacked a laugh track, used real children as voice actors, had a jazz score and included a scene in which Linus recited lines from the New Testament.

However, the show was a ratings success and has gone on to become a Christmastime perennial.

Melendez created Emmy-winning specials based on the cartoon characters Cathy and Garfield, and was involved in animated versions of the Babar the elephant books and the C.S. Lewis book, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe."

He also was co-nominee for an Academy Award in 1971 for the music for "A Boy Named Charlie Brown."

In all, his productions earned some 19 Emmy nominations, including six awards.

Melendez is survived by his wife Helen; sons Steven Melendez and (Ret.) Navy Rear Adm. Rodrigo Melendez, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## Library of Congress to honor Stevie Wonder

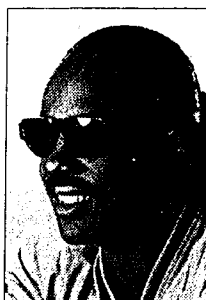
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Library of Congress will honor Stevie Wonder with its second Gershwin Prize for Popular Song.

Librarian of Congress James Billington, who announced the prize Tuesday, noted that the prize honors an artist whose work transcends musical styles to bring diverse listeners together and foster mutual understanding. It recognizes a musician's

lifetime of work.

Wonder, 58, will receive the award on Feb. 23, 2009. The first Gershwin Prize was awarded in 2007 to Paul Simon.



Stevie Wonder

Self-taught on piano, harmonica and other instruments, Steveland Morris was just 12 when he first wowed national TV audiences on shows like Dick Clark's "American Bandstand."

He was "Little Stevie Wonder" back then, a name he said someone at Motown

Records — he can't remember exactly who — came up with.

From his earliest days as a prodigy covering Bob Dylan's "Blowin' in the Wind" through such songs of his own as "You Are the Sunshine of My Life," "My Cherie Amour" and "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours," his music has sought to uplift and inform as well as entertain.

Among his albums: "Talking Book," "Innervisions," "Fulfillingness First Finale" and "Songs in the Key of Life," the last of which included his classic single "Love in Need of Love Today."

## Top 5 entertainment lists

Associated Press

### Television

1. "America's Got Talent," NBC.
  2. "Deal Or No Deal," (Monday), NBC.
  3. "America's Got Talent," (Wednesday), NBC.
  4. "Two And A Half Men," CBS.
  5. "60 Minutes," CBS.
- (From Nielsen Media Research)

### FILM

1. "Tropic Thunder," Paramount.
  2. "Babylon A.D.," Fox.
  3. "The Dark Knight," Warner Bros.
  4. "The House Bunny," Sony.
  5. "Traitor," Overture Films.
- (From Media By Numbers LLC)

### ALBUMS

1. "All Hope is Gone," Slipknot. Roadrunner.
2. "LAX," The Game. Geffen/IGA.
3. "Rock n Roll Jesus," Kid Rock. Top Dog/

- Atlantic/AG.
4. "A Little Bit Longer," Jonas Brothers. Hollywood.
  5. "Mamma Mia!," Soundtrack. Decca.
- (From Billboard magazine)

### CONCERT TOURS

1. Kenny Chesney.
  2. Coldplay.
  3. Neil Diamond.
  4. The Police.
  5. Dave Matthews Band.
- (From Pollstar)

### DVD SALES

1. "Camp Rock," Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
  2. "Street Kings," 20th Century Fox.
  3. "Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert," Buena Vista Home Entertainment.
  4. "The Scorpion King 2: Rise of a Warrior," Universal Studios Home Video.
  5. "Dexter: The Second Season," Paramount Home Entertainment.
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## QuickHITS

### Vandals in action

● Idaho soccer hosts the Governor's Cup on Guy Wicks Field this weekend. Idaho will play at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

● Vandal volleyball hosts the Idaho Classic this weekend. Idaho plays Washington State at 7 p.m. on Friday, and Eastern Washington at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be held in Memorial Gym.

● Idaho Football hosts its first home game of the season against Idaho State. Kickoff will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the Kibbie Dome.

### Vandals to watch

Adam Korby  
Football



Senior center Adam Korby has never not started in a Vandal football game during his career at the University of Idaho. Look for Korby in the middle of Idaho's offensive line this Saturday.

Anna McKinney  
Volleyball



Last season Anna McKinney held the highest hitting percentage of any Vandal volleyball player.

Melissa Canite  
Soccer



Last season Canite was voted player of the year by her Idaho soccer teammates. Look for Canite in the Governor's Cup this weekend.

### Vandals by the numbers

**11** Number of consecutive losses by Idaho football.

**16,000** Number of seats in the Kibbie Dome.

**1929** First time the Vandals played against Idaho State.

**27** Number of points scored in the Vandals victory against Idaho State in 2006.

**37** Number of times the University of Idaho and Idaho State University have played.

### Did you know...

● Idaho leads the series with Idaho State 26-11. The last time the Vandals fell to the Bengals was in 1995 (21-26).

● Idaho volleyball coach Debbie Buchanan attended St. Maries High School where she led her volleyball team to two state championships.

## FOOTBALL

# Idaho hopes to rebound

Levi Johnstone  
Argonaut

One week after its 70-0 defeat at the hands of Washington State, the University of Idaho football team will try to right the ship against the Idaho State University Bengals Saturday.

The Vandals (0-1 overall) hope to rebound from a performance that left many fans shaking their heads. Idaho coach Robb Akey said the team has spent the week preparing for the game and feels the players are prepared.

"That was the most disheartening thing to me in regards to Saturday," Akey said. "How many times we talked during the course of our training camp — we've seen things executed better and I liked the way things were going. Obviously, I didn't like anything about Saturday night."

The Bengals (0-1) played the first game of their season last week, getting throttled by Boise State 49-7.

The Vandals and ISU have played a total of 37 games against each other since 1929, with Idaho on the winning end of the series 26-11.

The last time the Bengals and Vandals squared off the game resulted in a victory for the Vandals 27-24. During that game, Idaho's Jayson Bird rushed for 53 yards and no touchdowns on 14 carries. Bird, who graduated from UI, is now playing for the Bengals.

"It will be strange to see him

in that scenario," Akey said. "I'm used to seeing him around here. There's a young man, he busted his tail when he was here at the University of Idaho."

Bird's younger brother Rayce currently plays for the UI.

Akey said he's not overlooking the Bengals and that he has been impressed with several aspects of their team.

"They're playing hard," Akey said. "They're playing hard on defense. They're doing a number of different things on offense. They keep you on your toes."

The Vandals, who racked up 112 yards of total offense in last week's season opener, will look for more production this week. Akey said the mistakes were all on video and he feels the errors have been corrected and that many of those mistakes were due in part to a young team.

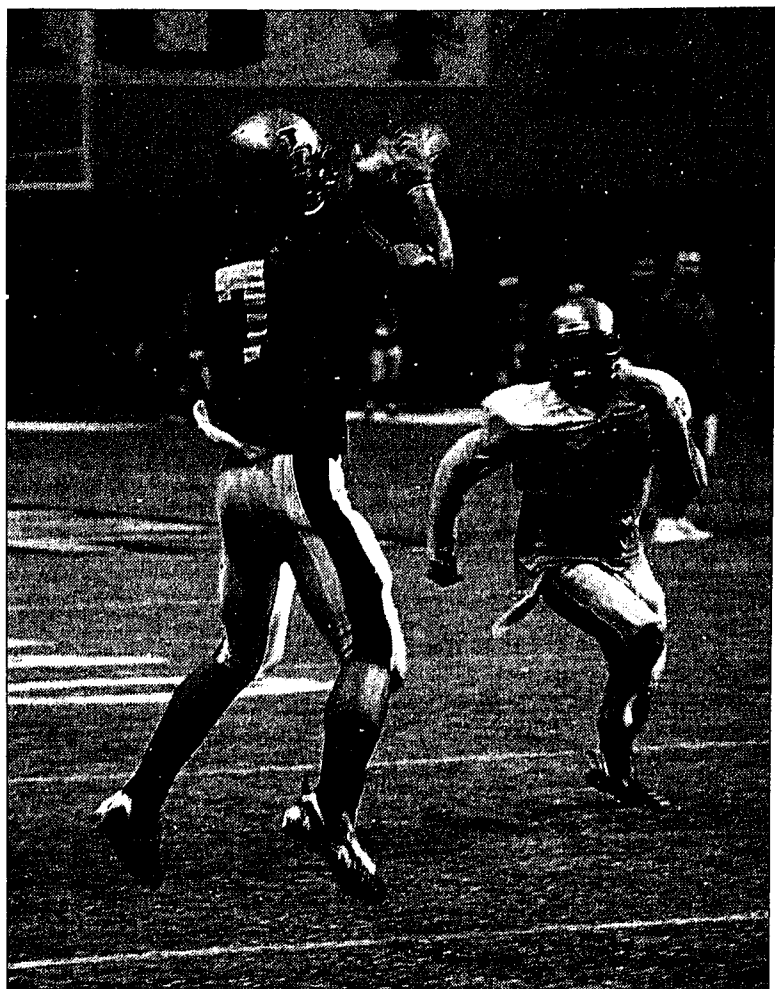
"We saw youngsters revert back to old habits," Akey said. "We're still getting new habits built."

The coaches and team are excited to be back in Moscow for the home opener.

"I can't wait to be home and get in the dome and get this place loud and rockin'," Akey said. "I'd like to believe we will get every student there."

Akey said that fans can expect to see a different team on the field this weekend and the team hopes to get the bad taste left in its mouth from last weekend out.

The Vandals play ISU at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kibbie Dome.



Nick Groff/Argonaut  
Vandal freshman wider receiver, Preston Davis from Las Vegas, catches the football and awaits a tackle from senior defensive back, Breyon Williams on Wednesday.

## From dome to dome

Scott Stone  
Argonaut

As the Vandals prepare for their home opener on Saturday, they welcome back a University of Idaho alum, former running back and teammate Jayson Bird.

Bird left for Pocatello following his graduation from UI last year and found a spot on the Idaho State roster with one more year of eligibility.

The NCAA approved Bird's eligibility to play for the Bengals this year due to a provision in the rules stating that an athlete may drop down from a Football Bowl Subdivision program to a Football Championship Subdivision program with one year of eligibility left. For this to happen, the student must graduate from his or her current school and enroll in a graduate program at the new institution. The graduate program cannot be offered at the students' original institution.

In Bird's case, he left for Idaho State to enroll in dental school.

"I'm very excited that the waiver passed so now I have an opportunity

to play my last year of football at a university that has always been close to home, and for a football team I've always respected," Bird said following the NCAA's approval in July. "This is a great opportunity for me and I'm looking forward to the season."

Bird has nothing against the Vandals and is excited to get back and see his old teammates, he said.

"I have a lot of good friends that are still up there that I maintain close contact with," Bird said. "There may be a little trash talking, but mostly it's just fun. I had a good relationship with my teammates up there so there are no hard feelings."

The feeling is mutual coming from Idaho coach Robb Akey and running back Deonte Jackson. They agreed that there are no hard feelings toward Bird's decision.

"I don't have any hate toward what he did," Jackson said. "I feel it was a business move more than anything and

I can respect his decision and respect what he did."

Jackson is hoping he'll get a chance to hang out with Bird while he's in town.

"I definitely want to see him before the game and after the game," Jackson said. "If they're still in town, I'll take him out and help him celebrate my victory."

Since Bird's transfer, the Vandals have added to their running game and now have four back-up running backs to replace him. Akey said his transfer didn't hurt or help the team. They've moved on and built a quality running game without him, he said.

"He retired early and elected to move on and we made moves to make sure we filled the running back position," Akey said.

Akey added that he was proud of Bird for graduating from UI and did what he needed to do to get into the dental program.



Jayson Bird

## DIARY OF A FANTASY GEEK

# Predicting the NFL future in 2008

Predicting what's going to happen in the NFL is impossible. Honestly, how many people had the Giants winning it all last season?

Not me. I predicted a Colts vs. Saints Super Bowl last season and was wrong in both conferences.

Even though fans and experts are proven wrong consistently each season, they still come up with reasons as to which teams and players will do well.

As the 2008 season begins this weekend we can all try to figure out what will happen.

Here is a divisional breakdown for the season:

**AFC East** — OK, this is something everybody should know. The Patriots will continue to dominate this division as long as Tom Brady stays healthy. After the Patriots, the Jets will be the next strongest contender and may steal a wild card birth. This will probably be one of the lamest divisions

in the league this season as the Bills and Dolphins continue to rebuild their teams.

**Projected order of finish:**  
Patriots 13-3  
Jets 9-7 (wild card)  
Bills 6-10  
Dolphins 4-12

**AFC North** — This has been one of the most competitive divisions in the league over the last five seasons. This year, not so much. The Ravens will be down due to starting rookie QB Joe Flacco. The Bengals still haven't corrected their defensive woes but will be able to put points on the board with Carson Palmer. The Steelers are still the Steelers and will continue to be a formidable opponent for anyone. The Browns are coming off a magical 10-6 season in which they failed to make the playoffs. With practically every one back, I expect Cleveland to contend again. It isn't likely any team in this division will win a playoff game this year.

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**Projected order of finish:**

Steelers 11-5  
Browns 9-7  
Bengals 6-10  
Ravens 5-11

**AFC South** — Since the NFL went to the eight division format in 2002, the Colts have won this division every season. People are again high on the Jaguars to not only contend but possibly pass the Colts, taking the crown. I'm still not buying the Jaguars over the Colts until Peyton Manning is in his late-thirties. This will be the toughest division in the AFC this season. Last year the Colts, Jaguars and Titans each qualified for the playoffs from this division and the Texans finished last at 8-8. The Titans may take a step back this season as the Texans and Jaguars continued to improve.

**Projected order of finish:**

Colts 12-4  
Jaguars 10-6 (wild card)  
Texans 8-8  
Titans 7-9

**AFC West** — This division will go through a down season. The Raiders and Chiefs are clearly rebuilding and shouldn't contend

for anything other than a top five pick in next year's draft. The Broncos are in the third season of the Jay Cutler era and coach Mike Shanahan will probably be on the hot-seat if the team doesn't play in January. The Chargers, despite key injuries to Antonio Gates and Shawn Merriman still look like the team to beat out west this season.

**Projected order of finish:**

Chargers 11-5  
Broncos 9-7  
Raiders 6-10  
Chiefs 3-13

**NFC East** — The toughest division in the NFL this season will be the NFC east. From top to bottom, all four teams are playoff worthy. That said, I feel the Cowboys will win the title once again. This season the Cowboys are going to be the headline-stealing team of the NFL. They will have one of their best regular seasons in team history with the load of talent they've gathered. I expect the Giants, Redskins and Eagles all to be solid franchises who will battle it

# Pitchers will save the Cubs

I hope that Ted Lilly, Ryan Dempster and Jason Marquis can pitch their hearts out this September. If not the Chicago Cubs are really in trouble.

Staff ace Carlos 'Big Z' Zambrano was pulled from Tuesday's loss against the Houston Astros with arm trouble. This came after his start was pushed back two days. He was reporting fatigue in his pitching arm.

Zambrano has been the anchor of this rotation for years. He's pitched over 200 innings each year between 2003 and 2007. He was on pace to do that again in 2008 before this happened and he's won 89 games between then and now.

His arm is invaluable to the team and will be impossible to replace. Without him, the Cubs have a void at the No. 1 spot in

their rotation.

With Rich Harden already being skipped on his start this week, the news of Zambrano's loss is catastrophic for the Cubbies. Harden claims that he is doing just fine, but an unexplained drop in his velocity over his last couple of starts has left Cubs management willing to take no chances.

When Harden is pitching, he is one of the best pitchers in the game. While his career has been sidetracked by copious injuries he still strikes fear into the hearts of most batters he faces. This year he is 9-2 with a 1.99 ERA after throwing 131 innings.

Harden has only played in a whopping 58 games since 2005. His last full season came in 2004 when he went 11-7 with a 3.99

ERA. Those are pretty impressive numbers for a 22-year-old. Most starting pitchers don't start reliably posting decent numbers until they're 24 or 25.

The Cubs knew what they were getting when they dealt for Harden, which is why they're playing it so safe with him. On the other hand, Zambrano has been a pillar for them, starting over 30 games each year since 2003.

After Zambrano and Harden, Dempster is the brightest star the Cubs have in their rotation. This year he's gone 15-5 with a 2.95 ERA. Only Tim Lincecum, Jake Peavy and Johan Santana have a lower earned run average in the National League.

Dempster has played for three teams in his 10-year career and worked as both a starter and closer. He replaced LaTroy Hawkins as the closer for the Cubs in 2004 after Tommy John Surgery, and accumulated 87 saves between

then and 2007. He began this year in the starting rotation and Kerry Wood was later named closer after finally returning from his prolific list of injuries.

Dempster's lightning transition from relief work to starting is a godsend to the Cubs. Without his arm, they would have five to eight wins less than they have right now which would put them in a virtual tie with Milwaukee for first place in the NL Central.

The Cubs' rotation is rounded out with Ted Lilly and Jason Marquis. Lilly has been in the majors for nine years now, pitching for the Expos, Yankees, Athletics, Blue Jays and Cubs. He's put up good numbers as a number three or four starter the last two years.

Having a number three or four starter like Lilly is very valuable for a team in contention. He's seen the postseason three separate occasions and has won at least ten games every year since 2003.

Marquis, the number five starter, is another well-traveled player having pitched for the Braves, Cardinals and Cubs. He's also seen the postseason, and has won at least 12 games each year between 2004 and 2007.

He is clearly the weak spot in the rotation. His ERA is hovering between 4.5 and five, and he's walking more batters than he should.

The Cubs have a wonderful starting rotation when they're healthy. Each player has several years of experience and all of them have at least seen the post season. They're veteran pitchers and have already proven themselves at the major league level time and time again. If their rotation stays healthy, and this whole thing with Big Z and Harden is just a scare, then the Cubs are a force to be reckoned with. If not, there are two gaping holes in their rotation which could easily make this a 100-year drought.



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## The sky's the limit for campus recreation

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University of Idaho students migrate to Moscow for nine months out of the year. Homework, books and tests can pile on but when there's free time many students ask, "What is there to do in Moscow, Idaho?"

Some students may settle for cheap beer and ping pong balls, but Outdoor Program Coordinator Mike Beiser offers hundreds of answers to the commonly asked question.

Beiser would tell students to try free falling from a plane. He and the Outdoor Program may tell them to backcountry ski, surf the Oregon Coast or climb one of the northwest's tallest indoor climbing walls.

Students may find themselves in a social rut and a

whitewater kayaking trip with new people and experiences could be the ticket to keeping them afloat come mid-semester.

The UI Outdoor Program offers trips each weekend during the month of September including a tandem sky-diving jump with a certified instructor. The jump is the first in the history of the Outdoor Program.

"I always say the sky's the limit," Beiser said. "We have a well developed outdoor program and we try to create a lot of options."

Dropping from the sky isn't a typical option for students but the Outdoor Program is dedicated to equipping, instructing and transporting students to the outdoors.

Beiser, who returned from a three-day raft trip this

week, said the program offers different events, because they are each learning experiences on many different levels.

"Students may forget their calculus equations," Beiser said, "but they'll never forget the river trip they went on."

In between free falling one weekend and class four rapids the next, students can take advantage of over 20 intramural sports during the fall semester.

"You can be 17-years-old or 50 and everyone will have a great time," said Director of Intramural Sports Butch Fealy. "It's just going out, playing and having a good time."

Fealy said students are missing out on a great college experience if they pass up intramurals. From football to billiards, dodge ball to golf, UI intramurals are offered to every living group, organi-

zation, undergraduate and graduate student.

Fealy emphasized the fun of competition, exercise and social networking of intramurals.

"Outside of school, you'll really have to seek it," Fealy said.

The intramural season started Saturday, but has yet to peak in numbers.

"We'll have 600 people out here in a couple weeks," Fealy said.

Gordon Gresch directed the first formal program of club sports at UI. Going into its 11th year, Gresch has seen the program grow from nine clubs to 32.

"If there isn't an activity currently offered, they come to me and we'll get it started," Gresch said.

The club sports program at UI is student-to-student with

Gresch acting as an adviser and director of the program. Students showing interest can go into the Student Recreation Center office where Gresch will put them in touch with students in the sports.

Aside from intramurals, club sports are typically more competitive and stem from students' experience in high school.

"The No. 1 thing is being able to play your sport at a high level against other universities," Gresch said.

Secondly, he said students get the chance to represent UI while competing in their sport.

"Thirdly, it puts you in touch with people with similar interests in your new life," Gresch said.

With the fields and courts packed with competition, students can also seek recre-

ation at the SRC.

One of the best maintained facilities on campus, the SRC offers an array of wellness classes from yoga to weights starting at 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. every weekday.

Fitness Manager Peg Hamlett and the SRC will offer the Health and Fitness Fair Oct. 23 from 9 am to 2 pm.

Hamlett said the SRC is heavily loaded with new personal trainers, new classes and new equipment.

Beiser often asks new employees to pick a day at random and discover what is offered throughout campus. He said employees come back with almost 300-plus events each day ranging from plays, speakers, movies, organizations, clubs and recreation.

"College is more than just academics," Beiser said. "It's about lifestyles."

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# Volleyball prepares for Idaho Classic

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The University of Idaho's volleyball team is preparing to host its first home games of the season at the Idaho Classic tournament this weekend. Idaho plays its first match against Washington State at 7 p.m. tonight.

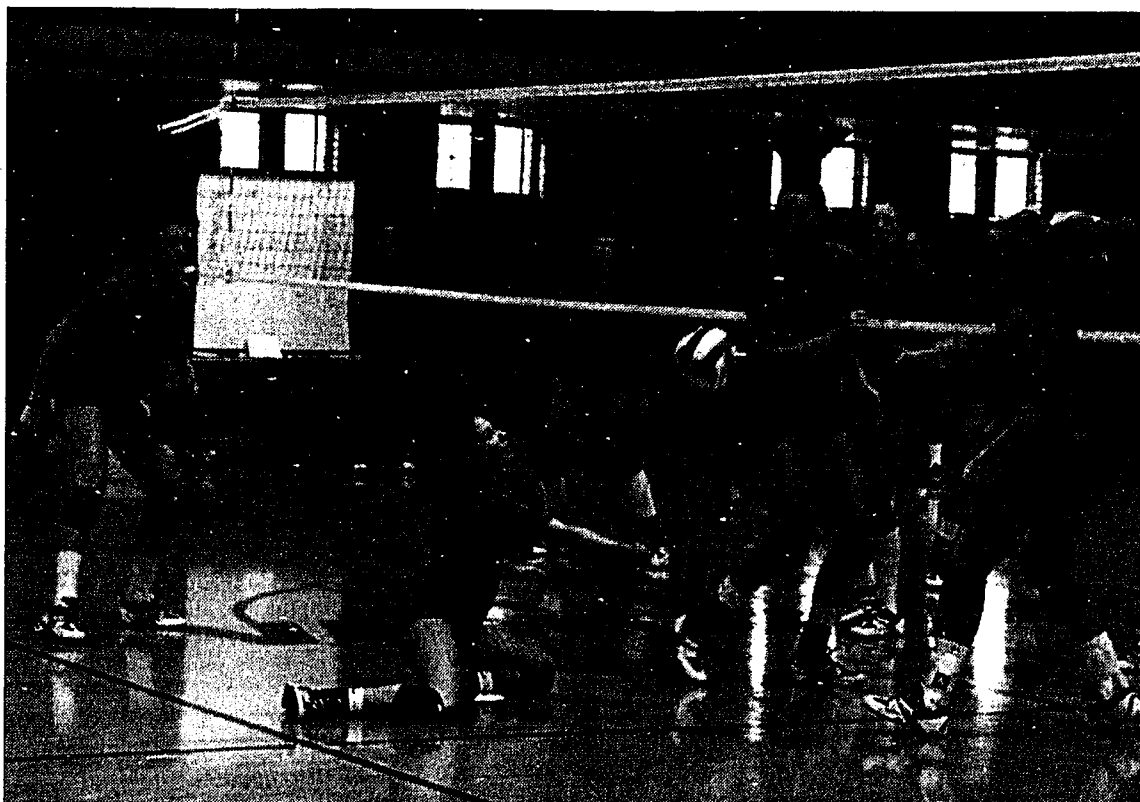
Other teams in attendance at the tournament include Eastern Washington and Notre Dame.

"Eastern Washington and Washington State both have new coaches so their system will probably be a little different and it will be important to get a look at that," Idaho coach Debbie Buchanan said. All the teams coming in had great opening weekends.

"We need to make sure we focus on what we do and getting better on our side of the ball so we can learn how to defend other teams," she said.

The Vandals started off their season last weekend in the Middle Tennessee State tournament where they dropped their first game to Middle Tennessee, and rallied with two wins against South Dakota State and Southeast Missouri State.

"The weekend went well," Buchanan said. "We are 2-1 and our loss was to a really great team. It's always nice to play op-



The University of Idaho volleyball team practices in Memorial Gym on Wednesday.

Jake Barber/Argonaut

ponents and be exposed." "Right now we need to work more on spreading the offense and getting our middle more involved earlier," Buchanan said. "We need to be more consistent

and reduce our errors." Haley Larsen led Idaho through all matches with 21 kills against Southeast Missouri and five service aces against South Dakota State.

Larsen, who was ranked seventh in the nation last season in kills per game (5.39) and was voted to the All-Western Athletic Conference preseason team for the second consecutive season

this year, was voted WAC Player of the Week for her performance. This is the third time in her career that Larsen has earned this honor.

The Vandal team, which lost none of its lineup from last season, has big ambitions for this season.

Though Buchanan's goals are not statistically oriented, she said she feels if they are met, it would result in a solid record.

"Our goal is to make sure we are a defensive oriented team," she said. "We have to play defense, we have to pass and we have to block balls. Those are things we were not good at last year and we have to get back to that in order to compete in the WAC."

Idaho holds a 52-33 record for games played in Memorial Gym while under the direction of Buchanan who joined the Vandals in 2000. Buchanan is the longest tenured coach in the history of Idaho volleyball.

This year's Idaho Classic marks the second consecutive year of the tournament since it restarted last year after being shutdown in 1997.

Idaho will play a second game against Eastern Washington at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and a third with Notre Dame at 7 p.m. on Saturday. All games will be played in Memorial Gym.

## NFL from page B5

out this season for wild card births. It's tough to say how they will finish due to the fact that the teams will beat each other up trying to make the playoffs.

### Projected order of finish:

- Cowboys 14-2
- Redskins 10-6 (wild card)
- Giants 10-6
- Eagles 8-8

**NFC North** — This division is up for grabs for one reason — Brett Favre is gone. With Favre, I think the Packers would have run away with the division and won 12 games or more in the process. Without him, the Packers will fight for the division title with three other teams. I don't see a wild card team coming out of this division. Watch out for the Vikings as long as their quarterback play is above average. The Bears are loaded with question marks this season and the Lions will probably still be the Lions.

### Projected order of finish:

- Vikings 10-6
- Packers 8-8
- Bears 6-10
- Lions 5-11

**NFC South** — This division has had a different champion each of the last four seasons and is always very competitive. Excluding the Falcons who are rebuilding with Matt Ryan, I think every other squad could win this division in 2008. The Saints will look to rebound from a disappointing 2007

season. The Panthers will try to rebuild their running game and hope Jake Delhomme has something left in the tank. The Buccaneers won this division last season and will again be a difficult opponent with Jon Gruden running things. I'm curious how this division will play out.

### Projected order of finish:

- Saints 11-5
- Panthers 10-6 (wild card)
- Buccaneers 9-7
- Falcons 4-12

**NFC West** — The Seahawks have dominated the worst division in NFL history over the last four seasons, winning the last four titles. Each year, we all hear about the up-and-coming Cardinals and this season is no different. I've already heard a few experts say that this is the Cardinals year. I'm not drinking that Kool-aid just yet. I think the Seahawks have at least one more season to hang a banner. Next season I expect the Cardinals, Rams and 49'ers to all improve on their 2008 performance. I'm not hot-trot on the Seahawks this season and think they'll struggle due to a horrid receiving corps and soft running game. This could be the first time in NFL history where a team under .500 wins a division title.

### Projected order of finish:

- Seahawks 9-7
- Cardinals 7-9
- Rams 5-11
- 49ers 5-11

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## Storms delays golf tourney

Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — When the fans came out to watch Tiger Woods, there was no tournament. Arnold Palmer once played in a tournament, but fans couldn't get to the golf course.

St. Louis added yet another chapter to its dreary decade of golf history when the first round of the BMW Championship was washed out by storms that dumped 3 inches of rain on Bellerive Country Club.

"We do know how to deal with adversity," said Jerry Ritter, the general chairman of the BMW Championship and a Bellerive member who has seen his share of it.

Dozens of players were at Bellerive getting ready for the American Express Championship the morning of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. It was the first big event in St. Louis since the 1992 PGA Championship. Woods was playing in St. Louis for the first time in his career, but he only got in a practice round before the event was canceled.

Three years later, the U.S. Senior Open came to town, and rain washed out the second round Friday. At least they got in the tournament, with Peter Jacobsen going 36 holes on a creaky hip Sunday to win.

Palmer made his only appearance in the Boone Valley Classic on the Senior PGA Tour in 2000, and the King can draw a big gallery anywhere. But storms that week caused such a problem with traffic that fans couldn't get to Boone Valley.

The silver lining? Palmer returned four years later for the Senior Open, and with the cut pushed back to Saturday because of the rain, they at least saw him on the weekend.

And it's not like the BMW Championship, the third stop in the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup, is a complete wash. The first round was postponed until Friday, with 36 holes on Saturday to get back on schedule.

The rain relented Thursday afternoon, giving tournament crews about 18 hours to get the course ready. It helps that Bellerive recent-

ly installed a new drainage system, which couldn't stop the downpour.

"It's underwater," said Sluger White, vice president of rules and competition for the PGA Tour. "It's as bad as I've seen in a long time."

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# Idaho hosts Governor's Cup

**Jaime Myers**  
Argonaut

The Governor's Cup, an Idaho tradition where all three universities from the state come together to play soccer, will be held in Moscow this weekend.

The tournament began in 1998. It was held for five years, before taking a three year break, and has been back in action for the last four years.

It's a good way to take a break from the regular conference games and gain some "bragging rights" and even win a trophy, coach Pete Showler said.

The tournament rotates its location each year among Pocatello, Boise and Moscow.

The results from each in-state game count toward the team's record. However, UI and Boise

State will not be competing against one another this weekend because they are scheduled to compete in a conference game later in the season.

With Boise State, Idaho State and Seattle University traveling to Moscow to play, there will be many soccer fans in the community this weekend.

After bouncing back from a difficult 1-3 loss against the Gonzaga Bulldogs last week, Showler and his team have come together in order to stress the importance of winning games for the rest of the season.

"We as coaches reiterated a sense of urgency," Showler said. "We are playing some strong, athletic and physical teams (this weekend). We all know the consequences."

Assistant coach Katie Schoe-

ne said she felt the team had let themselves down with their result last week.

The Vandals stepped onto the field for a completely different second half game against the Bulldogs.

Schoene said Vandal pride showed through in that second half to prove to themselves, as well as the crowd, that they could play at a much higher level and contend with the Bulldogs.

"It was not a stellar first half; we all had really mixed feelings," goal-keeping coach Stephanie Beall said. "But at the same time there is hope because the second half proved we can play where we need to be."

All three coaches stressed the importance of teamwork in order to win the games in the future and move on from the loss.

"We need to play our strengths, not what the other team dictates," Showler said.

SU was recently bumped up to the Division I level. It is giving the women motivation to play SU, because across the nation they were known as a strong "powerhouse" at the former Division II level, Showler said.

Along with SU, Idaho State is expected to be a competitive match.

"ISU is in a different conference than us," Showler said. "They have beat us the last two years and won the Governor's cup the last two years as well. It's even more motivation to win."

Showler said the motivation is there, and all they need now is to come out on top with two solid wins against Idaho State

and Seattle University.

UI will be competing against SU today and ISU on Sunday at Guy Wick's Field.

Boise State will be playing against SU and ISU this weekend.

On Oct. 19 the Vandals will have their biggest rival of the year as they host the Broncos at Guy Wick's Field.

Last year ended with a 5-2 loss for the Vandals. They hope to make this the season that ends the losing streak against the Broncos.

"We want to win for the first time since I have been coaching here," Showler said.

"We have a more complete squad. We have more depth, which allows us to be a little more solid, making us excited for the opportunity to play them."



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## Federal number leads to sex hot line

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WASHINGTON — People calling a federal phone number to order duck stamps are instead greeted by a phone-sex line, due to a printing error the government says would be too expensive to correct.

The carrier card for the duck stamp transposes two numbers, so instead of listing 1-800-782-6724, it lists 1-800-872-6724. The first number spells out 1-800-STAMP24, while the second number spells out 1-800-TRAMP24.

People calling that second number are welcomed by "Intimate Connections" and enticed by a husky female voice to "talk only to the girls that turn you on," for \$1.99 a minute.

Duck stamps, which cost \$15 a piece, are required to hunt migratory waterfowl. The government uses nearly all the revenue to purchase waterfowl habitat for the National Wildlife Refuge System. In 2006-2007, the latest figures available, duck stamp purchases brought in nearly \$22 million.

This year's stamps, which feature a pair of northern pintail ducks, went on sale July 1 and are good through June 30 of next year. The error will not be corrected until next year's duck stamps.

The Fish and Wildlife Service, which administers the program, printed about 3.5 million duck stamps attached to cards with the wrong number. An agency spokeswoman, Rachel Levin, said it would cost \$300,000 to reprint them.

"I don't know that it would be worth it to do a reprint," she said Thursday. "That's a lot of money we can be using for wildlife conservation. With all of the needs for conservation, it doesn't make sense to divert money away from an important cause." For those people who like to dial by letter, the card does include the proper 1-800-STAMP24.

"As best we know, it was a typographical error that was not caught," Levin said, stressing that the stamps are still valid.

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