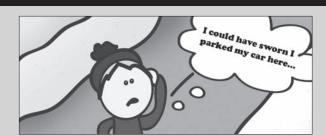
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Brittany Kiser Argonaut

The Food and Drug Administration is prepared to ban the "blackout in a can," popular among university students and may cause consumers to get a little bit "loko."

A Four Loko has an alcohol content of up to 12 percent depending on state regulations, and comes in 23.5 ounce cans for under \$3 each—well within a college student's price range, according to University of Idaho junior Nate Bunker.

One serving of Four Loko is equal to three regular beers, and has four-times the alcohol content of a single beer, according to the FDA.

'The energy drink in it gets people drunker faster without feeling it right away," Bunker said.

According to a recent MSNBC report,

cans of Four Loko.

In the same report, 23 students from Northern New Jersey's Ramapo College were hospitalized after drinking Four Loko.

Presidents of both universities issued a campus-wide ban of Four Loko and other CABs, according to the report.

An emergency ban of alcoholic energy drinks in the state of Washington took effect Nov. 18, following suit of similar bans in Michigan, Utah and Oklahoma.

There are several dangers of mixing alcohol and energy drinks, according to the FDA's fact sheets. For example, when energy drinks are mixed with alcohol, the caffeine might mask the depressant effects of the alcohol. Also, CABs are popular among youth and are regularly consumed by 34 percent of 18 to 24 year olds.

"Four Lokos are mostly marketed towards younger people and women it seems like," Bunker said. "They're fruity, cheap, and easy . . . You can barely tell there's alcohol in them.'

Projects LLC, said they were among four manufacturers to receive warning letters from the FDA. The letters warned that the addition of caffeine to alcoholic beverages is an "unsafe food additive," and was never approved by the FDA.

According to the FDA, Phusion Projects has ceased the production of caffeinated alcoholic beverages and will remove caffeine, guanine and taurine from its product. Four Lokos will no longer be shipped, and should be off retail shelves by

"It's not like we're trying to stay sober when we drink Four Lokos," Bunker said. "Just like everything, they're fine in moderation.'

UI freshman Micaela Iveson said the ban is a positive step, given the lethal combination of energy drinks and alcohol.

"Let's face it, the FDA knows more about what is bad for our bodies than we do," Iveson said. "However, people can still mix alcohol with energy drinks themselves . . . With this ban, the FDA is just making death a little less convenient."



Photo courtesy of Ann Jorgensen

Ann Jorgensen shows Buddy and Junior how to play nice at the new doggy daycare, The Good Pup, located behind Green's Auto Body in Moscow. Jorgensen started her training in 2005.

Pet trainer opens The Good Pup

Sarah Sakai Argonaut

Ann Jorgensen, a current Ph.D student at the University of Idaho, opened The Good Pup, a new dog daycare facility tucked behind Green's Auto Body in Moscow.

"There are people coming in from bigger cities saying 'Where's the doggy daycare?'" Jorgensen said. "I figured it was a niche that needed filling, and who wouldn't want to play with

She started her training in 2005 and did some private training through a vet clinic. She is a certified Pet Dog Trainer, and her associate trainer Nicole is also going through CPDT. Jorgensen said this is important for people to know.

"It's a scary industry," Jorgensen said. "Anyone can call

themselves a dog trainer. She rented out rooms for group obedience classes but soon realized with the demand and scheduling requirements, she

Jorgensen said she started with a business plan. She began asking herself what her customer demographic was and how much money she needed to save to open a facility. Whenever she traveled anywhere, Jorgensen said she'd stop at any dog daycares to observe their strengths and weaknesses.

'I can't stress enough having a business plan. And Quickbooks helps too," Jorgensen said with a smile.

Then she started looking for a facility.

"It took me over a year to find a place that I deemed safe enough," Jorgensen said. "I really didn't want it to be right off the highway.

Jorgensen said while she wasn't worried about her or any of her employees letting a dog loose, the most common time dogs run off is when they are getting out of the car. That has potential to be disastrous if too close to the main highway.

'This is our first experience with daycare," said client Judy Hobart, "but this facility seems to be carefully planned out."

There is more than a half acre of fenced yard, which gives dogs a chance to run and doesn't ruin their potty training, Jorgensen said.

Trefuse to board Brea in a traditional kennel," said client Elaina Newman, "and I am relieved that our small community has a good alternative for when I need to leave town.'

Jorgensen not only offers new doggy daycare, but her business as a pet service specialist includes pet sitting, group training, individual training and specific behavior consulting. She said daycare and pet sitting services peak during the holidays, while training and behavior consulting increases when the

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Book donations for African schools

Summer Christiansen Argonaut

The ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action is preparing to host a Books for Africa drive from Dec. 1-17. Their mission is to get students involved with volunteering and foster a lifelong commitment to service. ASUI is partnering with Better World Books and Books for Africa with the hope of making this a successful project.

The purpose of this drive is to collect unwanted or used books on campus as a fundraiser and service project to support Books for Africa, a nonprofit organization that provides funding for the shipment of books to African schools and com-

"Supporting Books for Africa is a really easy way to donate and support a great cause," said Kyra Maples, intern for ASUI Center for Volunteerism and Social Action.

She said certain areas of Africa report less than 30 percent of adult literacy.

Better World Books is a mission driven organization that collects used books and sells them online to raise money for literacy initiatives around the world. They have provided the bins ASUI will use to collect the books and are also paying the cost of shipping for the books to be sent to Africa.

Maples said she has collected approximately 23 boxes so far and will be collecting the rest during finals week

The ASUI center accepts any type of books except magazines. Book donations can be made at the Student Union Building, Commons, residence halls, Bobs Place and the main bookstore.

If students don't have any books to donate, they

can donate money through the website. Emily Osborn, University of Idaho student, said she enjoys giving to charity organizations and knowing she's helping someone in another country. While she hopes students will use this opportunity to become aware of the difference they can make, she's wary of the idea of volunteering will bring students together.

"I think it depends on the individual student. Once someone feels the need to help out and be aware, I think these projects will be even better," Osborn said.

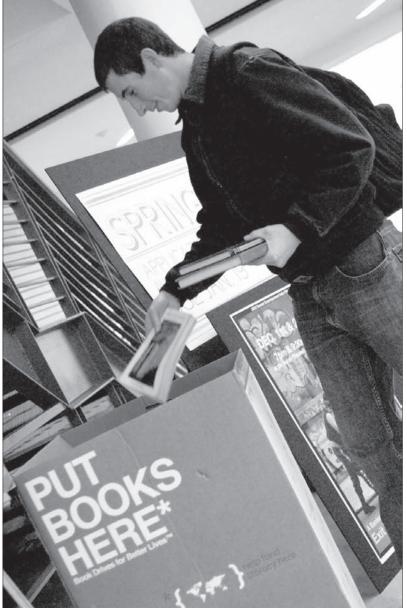


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Andrew Lierman drops books into a donation box near the information desk in the University of Idaho Commons. Students can make book donations several places on campus for the Books for Africa Program, which is being organized by the ASUI Center for Volunteerism & Social Action.

Computer glitch causes payroll error

Kayla Herrmann

Argonaut

A computer glitch in the payroll system Nov. 23 caused many students to receive inaccurate payroll sums deposited into their accounts and then reversed hours later.

The deposit occurred Tuesday, and a majority of the deposits were an incorrect amount.

Lloyd Mues, vice president of finance and administration, said the computer glitch froze the payroll system.

"The glitch ended up freezing our system, and when it finally was unfrozen, inaccurate things were presented and posted. However, we ended up fixing it and it should no longer be a problem," Mues said.

Cretia Bunney, University of Idaho payroll manager, sent an e-mail soon after the incident, apologizing about the situation and informing the accurate paychecks were to be deposited Friday as planned.

Most students were not af-

fected by the mishap. Kendra Roberts, ASUI senator, said her account showed \$100 being deposited and reversed.

"I always have my checks deposited in my bank account and this is the first time anything like this has happened. I eventually received my paycheck on Friday, so I really didn't care," Roberts said.



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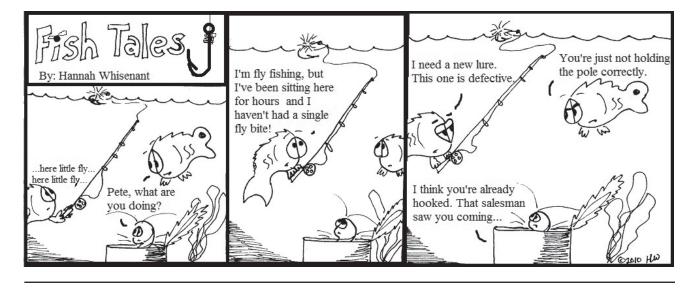
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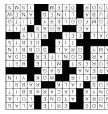
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Tailgaters go green

Emily Reeping Argonaut

As the 2010 football season comes to a close, so does the second annual Tailgate Recycling Program of the University of Idaho Sustainability Center.

Every home football game, tailgaters outside the Kibbie Dome prepare themselves to move inside and watch the Vandals play. However, the UISC is determined to keep the Kibbie Dome parking lots clean and the campus green, so they started the Tailgate Recycling Program, which is completely student run.

Before every game, student volunteers pick up bottles, cans and other recyclable materials left on the ground by tailgaters and recycle them, and they leave clear plastic bags at tailgate sites for tailgaters to dispose of their empty bottles and cans. The student volunteers also set up receptacles throughout the parking lots for the collection of glass, aluminum, plastic and paper to recycle.

The Tailgate Recycling Program was started by a student group as a result of a project management class in the College of Business and Economics.

According to Joe Nickels, UISC sustainability assistant, a total of 74 volunteers collected around 1,500 pounds of recyclable materials between the three home games the Vandals have had. These 1,500 pounds of material include 479 pounds of aluminum and 945 pounds of glass.

In cooperation with Moscow Recycling, the Tailgate Recycling Program is a success because they are able to be sure the materials are recycled and not thrown into a landfill.

"I enjoy working with the students," Nickels said. "The Tailgate Recycling Program is a tangible way to help the university be more sustainable. It's



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Sustainability Center volunteers help pick up and sort aluminum cans and other trash during tailgating at football games. Trash bags are handed out to people during the tailgate to promote a cleaner environment and to help maintain the trash in the lot.

a satisfying method because it's active and physical and you get to see your results."

Katie Tribley, UISC volunteer coordinator, said the program relies solely on the availability and willingness of student volunteers to keep it running. Most of the volunteers for the Tailgate Recycling Program come from the university's environmental science classes as well as from the CORE Discovery classes, both of which require students to get service hours. The program also has help from many students who are simply interested in what the program does for the campus.

"The Tailgate Recycling Program is only successful because of the volunteers who have stood up for the cause of recycling," Tribley said. "A lot of people go and participate in the volunteer opportunity and then come back and do it again because they want to make a difference."

White Tie Improv

Amanda D'Anna Argonaut

"Improv" is about personality, uniqueness, and entertainment. That's what producer Quinn Hatch was in pursuit of when he started UI's White Tie Improv group two years ago.

Hatch is an undergraduate of Washington State University where he started his interest in improv comedy. He then traveled to Las Vegas where he continued doing improvisation, and is working on a graduate degree at UI.

He started UI's White Tie Improv comedy group his freshman year of graduate school so he could continue his ongoing improvisation career and get other students at UI involved with the art of improv. White Tie Improv is a group of students that put on shows about 11 times a semester. The group gets suggestions from the audience and performs scenes that relate to their suggestions. They will also often try to make their scenes themed or rhyme. But their main goal is to get the audience involved and make them laugh.

"I enjoy that every show is completely different and we don't have to work with a script. We have no idea what the show is going to be like and that's the fun of it all," Hatch said

White Tie Improv has 11 shows lined up for this semester. The upcoming shows will be held at the Kiva Theater on Dec. 3 and 4. Admission is \$2 and is open to the public.



Photo Courtesy of Mattie Rydach

Megan Thornton and Timothy Brown practice the art of improvisation. Quinn Hatch started the White Tie Improv group two years ago.

Hunger banquet 'powerful'

Molly Spencer Argonaut

Students who gathered to learn about national poverty and world hunger Nov. 17 in the Student Union Building ballroom were told to choose a card out of a paper bag. The cards were either red, green or blue — the red card represented individuals with low income, green stood for middle class and blue for upper class.

"I thought it was really wellorganized. I think a lot of the students there hadn't thought about how extreme poverty is in the world and how it affects real life," junior, Zack Goytowski said. "The students who were sitting on the floor had a lot of animosity towards the students eating the nice dinner. I think as the night went on the students started understanding that it's our (America's) culture sitting at

Goytowski said an important thing covered was how climate change affects countries suffering from poverty. He believes the Oxfam Hunger Banquet was a powerful experience for students.

"I had a green card, which was middle class, I thought it was pretty significant that the middle class got seemingly dirty rice, beans and water...but when we as Americans think of middle class, we see that as extreme

poverty," freshman Krin Dumond said. "It goes to show how extreme the need is for us to be aware of the hunger."

Freshman Matt Kessler said the banquet opened his eyes to how many people are living in poverty and how the U.S. has multiple opportunities to help the suffering countries, but for some reason aren't doing what they can about the crisis.

"Originally I was sitting with the middle class people but after I volunteered for the presentation I got bumped down to the poor people. I had to sit on the floor and drink dirty water. It opened my eyes to how bad the situation is for the people in poverty," Kessler said.

Millions of lives on the line

Molly Spencer Argonaut

An estimated 15 million children have been orphaned due to AIDS, according to University of Idaho junior Zack Goytowski.

Stories of children affected by AIDS will be used to create awareness and take action in helping those most affected by AIDS globally.

"We're going to take the stories of the children affected by AIDS and make them into necklaces and pass them out in the commons on Wednesday," Goytowski said. "Each student wearing a necklace will pass

their necklace on to the first student to ask them about why they're wearing it."

Goytowski said the hope is that each story will be passed on at least 10 times. If that happens, more than 1,000 students will have a better understanding of how AIDS affects the world. He said nearly 33 million people are living with HIV and AIDS and 2 million are children under the age of 15.

Goytowski said AIDS destabilizes families and entire societies, leaving children without the care and support necessary to grow up, survive and thrive, he said.

The process consists of raise awareness."

four steps: a student will pick a child and read their story in the UI Commons, put the story around their neck on a line, give the story to the first person who asks why they are wearing it and ask them to continue the process.

"I think it's a good way to spread the word. AIDS isn't that common so people don't realize how much of a negative affect it has on families. I think the stories will help make it more personal," freshman Rachel Choi said. "It will only take 20 seconds for people to pass on the stories, so it's an easy way to raise awareness."

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8:31 p.m.—There was report of someone using their vehicle to do donuts in a parking lot on Elm Street.

9:31 p.m.—The reporting person's friend hit a telephone pole near her residence.

9:50 p.m.—A truck slid into a row of three parked cars.

Monday, Nov. 22

10:17 a.m.—Someone who attempted suicide at 5 a.m. was reported to possibly be hitchhiking to Lewiston.

Wednesday, Nov. 24

2:27 p.m.—Someone got bit by a dog with spots.

Thursday, Nov. 25

7:05 p.m.—A female reported that her boyfriend attacked her, hit her and pushed her down.

11:47 p.m.—A male reported harassment. His ex-girlfriend won't stop calling, texting and writing on his Facebook wall.

Friday, Nov. 26

11:36 p.m.—A male reported text messaging harassment. A female was texting him and her boyfriend at the same time and wouldn't stop when asked.

Saturday, Nov. 27

12:38 a.m.—Officer arrested a female for driving while sus-

1:28 p.m.—A female reported that someone stole her gar-

Sunday, Nov. 28

1:57 a.m.—Someone reported a subject trying to steal a sign at the bar at Mingles.

6:09 p.m.—Someone reported they drove off the road and were stuck in a ditch.

8:35 p.m.—Someone reported his/her car was pelted with snowballs driving down Old Greek Row.

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weather gets nicer and dogs are outside more.

"When Fido attacks the neighbor dog, I get called," Jorgensen said.

One new thing that Jorgensen is introducing is overnight stay — she said it is like a big dog slumber party. There are no cages, as she wants it to be a low stress environment, and every dog goes through a twohour screening beforehand, one hour with the owner and one hour without. Jorgensen said her biggest concern is safety and she is proponent of prevention rather than correction.

The hardest part of the whole process was not starting

"I was prepared. I was amped. I took a lot of advice. And we have a lot of people who are really supportive of small businesses and the community," Jorgensen said.

The most challenging thing, she said, is getting owner compliance sometimes.

"Some people want the results without putting any time into it," Jorgensen said.

A lot of what Jorgensen does is training people, she said, and making positive associations.

"I am a positive reinforcement trainer," Jorgensen said. "We consider it archaic to use shock collars and stuff."

For Jorgensen, that distinguishes a good trainer. If they use science and learning theory, they don't need to use the other stuff, and that appeals to many of Jorgensen's clientele.

"Our dog is like our child, so we're really picky about the care that she receives," Newman said. "I ... have put (Ann) at the top of my list of people to consult on all doggy matters."

Jorgensen offers doggy shuttles from Pullman to Moscow for the daycare. It leaves at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 5:30 p.m. She gives special student discounts, game day specials, and free evaluations every Wednesday till the New

"I love animals," Jorgensen said, "and I love to help people make a good bond."

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Cyber bullying campaign

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From Nov. 15-19, a cyber bullying campaign was held by Kyra Maples, member of Center of Volunteerism & Social Action, and Zack Goytowski, senator of ASUI, to create awareness about cyber harassment and its consequences.

"I think we definitely achieved this goal. Even if students didn't sign the pledge, they saw our table and signs constantly throughout the week creating awareness, even if it was on a smaller scale," Maples said.

Both Goytowski and Maples said the campaign went well and for the most part, as planned. They tabled in the UI Commons for three days to provide information on cyber bullying as well as put the word out on Facebook, Maples said.

"My favorite part of the campaign was to see some students really eager and inter-Sales Manager ested in signing the pledge," Maples said. "They genuinely cared about the pledge and took the cause seriously, which is exactly what we were hoping for.'

> Goytowski said the first day of the campaign was successful and about 100

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students signed the pledge. He said only one person went out of their way to say he or she couldn't support the campaign because of personal reasons.

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throughout the week.

"There are no set in stone plans for a campaign next year," Maples said. "I would definitely be open to the possibil-

The pledge for students to voluntarily

Maples said she wishes the goal of 500

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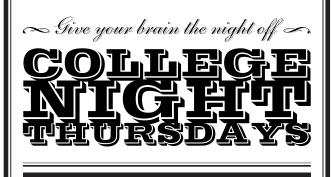
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Bowl hopes dashed

Ilya Pinchuk Argonaut

Like ghosts clad in white, the Vandal players slowly emptied their bench and gradually stuttered onto the field. Some hid their faces in white towels, others wandered aimlessly and others still couldn't find the strength to rise on their feet, sitting lifelessly on the bench or squatting on the wet, muddy field where their dream died.

On a cold, windy and rainy day, Idaho's rollercoaster bowl hopes ended in fitting fashion this weekend, as the Vandals endured the ups and downs of a back-and-forth, and often sloppy, game against Fresno State, ultimately losing 23-20 to the Bulldogs in the final seconds to ensure bowl ineligibility this year.

'That was a long plane ride coming back from Fresno,'' Idaho coach Robb Akey said. "That was a quiet locker room after that football game.'

Just minutes prior, Idaho's bench was ecstatic. Players high-fived each other, smiles were in the air and the sense of victory was at hand as the Vandals answered the call to score the go-ahead touchdown with 2:01 remaining, as running back Deonte' Jackson fought his way into the end zone. The touchdown was Idaho's second of the game, giving the Vandals a 20-16 lead. All Idaho needed was a defense stop and the Vandals' bowl hopes would be alive and well.

"I felt very comfortable and very good about where we were at that point and time," Akey said. "When we took the field, even though we took it at the middle of the field, I had great confidence we could close it out and have the ball back on our offense to take a knee and seal the deal.'

Fresno State, already bowl eligible, had its own plans. The Bulldogs clawed back into Idaho territory, taking advantage of a blunder by Idaho's Trey Farquhar, who booted the kick-off out of bounds at the Bulldogs' 40-yard line on the final drive of the game to score the winning touchdown with 14 seconds of play.

"We knew it wasn't a high-scoring game and we needed to get back in there," said wide reciever Justin Veltung. "We needed one play to get back on top, but unfortunately we weren't able to overcome."

Last season the Vandals had the comeback magical answer, but it wasn't there this time. Enderle found Taylor Elmo on the final play of the game, but the young tight end was tackled out of bounds at the 50-yard line as Fresno State players swarmed the field.

"They finished the last drive of the ballgame," Akey said. "We had a chance to get the guy tackled but we missed the tackle and that put the ball on the one yard line. I'm very disappointed at the outcome of this game and I'm sick to my stomach for this group of seniors that we are not going get them another bowl game."

The final score was not indicative of the lopsided play, especially through the first half. Idaho's defense showed up to play, limiting the Bulldogs to two field goals in the first half despite giving up 247 yards, and Idaho had four forced fumble recoveries, keeping the Vandals in the game.

Idaho's offense, however, could not respond. The first half was the worst of the year for the Vandal offense, as it finished with negative five offensive yards due to some costly sacks on quarterback Nate Enderle and missed passes and running plays, including a sure touchdown reception by wide receiver Eric Greenwood who dropped a pass in the

"This football team fought their tails off — they stayed together," Akey said. "We say it every day, 'Together everyone accomplishes more,' and there were parts in all three phases of the game that could have been executed better."

Both teams began clicking offensively in the second half. Fresno State got on the board first, but Idaho's bench and hopes were electrified by an 84-yard kick-return for a touchdown by Veltung in the fourth quarter.

'We had great special teams and I honestly didn't put any moves into it," Veltung said of his kick-off return. "It was

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File Photo by Nick Groff/Argonaut

Wide receiver Justin Veltung runs the ball fall 2009 against Fresno State in the Kibbie Dome. Veltung had a kick-return for a touchdown against Fresno State Saturday in Fresno, Calif., but the Vandals lost 23-20 in the last 14 seconds of the game. With the loss, the Vandals are eliminated from the post-season bowl games.

Key Stats

Total offensive yards

Fresno State — 371 yards Idaho — 210 yards

Total rushing yards Idaho — 13 Fresno State — 152 yards

Total passing yards

Idaho — 197 Fresno State — 219 yards

Top receivers

Kama Bailey — 4 catches, 24 yards, 1 touchdown Eric Greenwood — 3 catches, 61 yards, 0 touchdowns Taylor Elmo — 2 catches, 33 yards,

Top rushers Deonte' Jackson — 4 carries, 7

0 touchdowns

yards, 1 touchdown Princeton McCarty — 5 carries, 16 yards, 0 touchdowns Kama Bailey — 1 carry, 24 yards, 0 touchdowns

Top passer

Nathan Enderle — 20-35 completions, 197 yards, 1 interception, 0 touchdowns, 6 sacks

Score Center

Nevada 34, Boise State 31

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. The giant of the WAC, the Boise State Broncos, came into their game against Nevada with 24 consecutive wins, an NCAA record. The Broncos had also won 10 straight over Nevada,

and have spent the majority of the season blowing out opponents. A win over Nevada would have given BSU serious hopes at a national championship title game.

Nevada decided otherwise.

The Broncos looked tired and overwhelmed late in the game, when most of their starters are usually busy getting rest on the sidelines, as Nevada took the game to the wire. On the other side of the ball, Nevada was composed and poised, coming back from a 17-point half-time deficit to tie the game.

Ilya Pinchuk The game smells of irony. The loss was sealed by Kyle Brotzman, who leads all active players in career scoring, after the kicker shanked the game-winning field goal short right, and then missed the overtime kick by a country mile.

That left the Broncos watching their national championship hopes sail away with the perfectly-placed field goal by Nevada red shirt freshman kicker Anthony Martinez. Unbeaten no more, by a WAC team no less, the Broncos dropped faster than a stone in the rankings, falling out of the top 10 in the BCS standings.

The dream team, the best team Boise State could field, composed of certainly NFL-bound Titus Young, quarterback Kellen Moore and a host of others can finish only as co-champions of the WAC title assuming a victory in their last game.

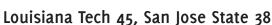
The national championship game: it's been replaced by possible trips to the Humanitarian Bowl or the Kraft End Hunger Bowl.

Hawaii 59, New Mexico State 24

Finding themselves ranked for the first time this season in the AP polls, as well as assuring themselves a piece of the overall WAC title was Hawaii's reward for a blowout victory over the hapless New Mexico State

Aggies Saturday night in Las Cruces. Hawaii rolled up its second consecutive 600-yard offensive performance, never trailing in the game and held NMSU to just 214 yards, most coming late in the game when

Hawaii's starters were taking a breather. Hawaii is assured a piece of the overall WAC title, which it will share with Boise State should the Broncos win next week, as well as Nevada, which needs to defeat Louisiana Tech next week.



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It was a shootout in San Jose as the Spartans, with their season coming close to an end, are still looking for a WAC victory. La Tech would have none of it, as Phillip Livas tied an NCAA school record with his eight career punt-return for a touchdown, and the Techsters blew past the Spartans, who put up their best fight to date in

the third and fourth quarter. La Tech is hunting for bowl eligibility, but will have to play and defeat Nevada next week for their dream to bear fruition. San Jose, 0-7 in the WAC, will simply be happy to earn a victory in their season finale against the Vandals this weekend.

Vandals fall in semi-finals

Kevin Bingaman Argonaut

The Vandal volleyball season ended last Tuesday when the Vandals fell to third ranked Hawaii in the semifinals of the WAC tournament.

The Vandals (14-15, 8-8 WAC) played well in their final match, but powerhouse Hawaii, which had gone on a 40-match winning streak against WAC opponents, proved to be too much for the young Vandal squad, defeating them in straight sets.

Idaho opened up the tournament with a five-set victory over rival Boise State, battling adversity with a slow start. The Vandals came out nervous and looked out of sync, dropping the first set, and the second set wasn't looking any better as the Broncos jumped out to a 16-8 lead. Coach Debbie Buchanan called a timeout that changed the outcome of the match, and Idaho's fortunes.

"I told them that we're better than that," Buchanan said. "We can't allow Boise to dictate how we're going to play. I said, 'It's time to grow up and be the offense that we are and play the game of volleyball.' That's not what they want to hear and that's not what

we want to tell them, but we had to say something to get them going.'

Buchanan's words resonated with the team, as the Vandals stormed back to win the second set 27-25. The rest of the match was a battle royal, with Idaho coming out on top after five sets. For the Vandals, the win was extra sweet. Not only did Idaho beat a bitter in-state rival, but the win was redemption for last season, when the Broncos bounced Idaho out of the tournament.

"Last year's team was in the exact same situation, and folded," Buchanan said. "This team didn't and that was huge. It took us a game and a half to get going, but once we did, we had more confidence and played at a much higher level."

Redshirt freshman Allison Walker continued to lead the Vandals by nabbing her seventh double-double of the season. Senior Kelsey Taylor helped add one more match to her career by pitching in with 15 kills and hitting an impressive .324.

The Vandals' celebration was shortlived when they ran into a brick wall in Hawaii, who swept Idaho in straight sets on Tuesday. Idaho played at a high

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Get Out There

Down to the wire

The end of general whitetail deer season is Dec. 1, and if you're still holding out for that monster buck, it might be time to start thinking about how sad an empty freezer looks.

Holding out for a big buck is honestly the only way to kill one. It's hard to kill a big one when you're skinning a little one — plain and simple.

Sure, every year somebody gets lucky and has a monster pop out in front of them, but don't count on

it. In order to kill a nice deer every year it takes a lot of time and effort scouting and being in the woods. On the average college student's timeframe, it can be hard to find the 20plus hours a week required to locate and pattern a big buck. Taking a mature doe is a great way to make sure there is meat in the freezer all winter, and help the balance of the deer herd as well. No hunter should ever be ashamed to admit that they filled their tag with a doe. There are a lot of people that will be eating their tag instead of venison this year.

Hunting for a doe may not be as hard as putting down a 140-inch buck, but it does have its difficulties. When hunting for a doe, my personal hunting ethics require that the deer be at least 4-yearsold. This gives the deer, buck or doe, time to grow and contribute to the genetics of the deer herd. Also it simply gives them time to get big.

Some hunters choose to take out the 1-and 2-year-old does from the herd because of the knowledge of survival the older deer possess where to hide from the elements, where to get food all year long and, most importantly, how to be a successful mother. Argonaut The point being that

this should allow for the overall survival rate of the deer through the winter to be higher and sustain more deer in the area. However, your personal ethics come into play in regards to doe hunting. One thing is for certain - killing a doe is better for the management of the deer herd than killing immature bucks. By taking bucks that haven't had time to spread their genetics, a hunter is seriously reducing the chances of seeing truly large bucks in the area. Bucks need to be given time to get big to start seeing deer everyone will be jealous of.

So hold off on those small bucks and wait for the big one, but don't forget to fill the freezer if you can't find one.





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University of Idaho guard and post Derisa Taleni goes up for the basket during the game against Eastern Oregon Nov. 13 in Memorial Gym. The women's basketball team went 2-1 at the University of Oregon tournament over Thanksgiving break, defeating Sacramento State and California State Bakersfield while earning their first loss of the season against Oregon. Vandal seniors Yinka Olorunnife and Derisa Taleni were among the five players to earn the all-tournament team honors.

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Western Athletic Conference continues to fall apart

Hawaii has joined the latest school to jump ship from the WAC, as the school has stated it is in final negotiations with the Mountain West Conference to join the ever-growing MWC. Hawaii, the longest-standing member of the WAC, has spent the last 32 years in the conference, but couldn't resist the greener pastures.

With Hawaii out of the picture, the WAC is left with Louisiana Tech, Idaho, New Mexico State and San Jose State as well as newcomers University of Texas, San Antonio, Texas State and non-football member University of Denver

In an uncharacteristic move,

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Hawaii announced its intentions to WAC commissioner Karl Benson not via e-mail or letter, but by announcing it to the world in their own press conference, essentially telling Benson to shove it. With the top four WAC schools, Boise State, Fresno State, Hawaii and Nevada, leaving the conference, it's possible this move will be the final nail in the coffin.

Kaepernick, Moore Manning finalists

The annual Manning Award finalists have been announced

and two WAC members are on the list, as Nevada's effective pistol trigger Colin Kapernick and Boise State's Kellen Moore are among the finalists.

The two premier quarterbacks faced off against each other this past weekend as Kapernick came out on top despite some last-second Hail Mary heroics from Moore.

Moore led the Bronco's to a near-perfect record this season, with wins over Virginia Tech and Oregon State all the while leading the WAC in pass efficiency, passing yards per game, as well as other.

Kaepernick helped lead Nevada to its highest ranking in recent history, including its historic win over Boise State to propel Nevada to No. 14 in the nation.

Hawaii, Utah State NCAA bound

The WAC volleyball tournament is over with Utah's historic victory over Hawaii, but both teams are headed to the NCAA Volleyball tournament as representatives of the WAC. Hawaii finished the season with a spectacular 28-2 record, and will meet Portland State in the first round, while Utah State will take its 24-8 record against California.

The NCAA tournament is familiar territory for the Hawaii Warriors, who make the trip for the seventh consecutive year, while Utah State is making its fourth NCAA appearance in school history.

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RISING ABOVE THE COMPETITION



Kate Kucharzyk | Argonaut

Vandal guard Shawn Henderson takes a shot against the Portland State Vikings Nov. 20 in Memorial Gym. The University of Idaho men's basketball squad endured its first losing streak of the season, suffering losses to Washington State University, Portland State and dropping a 75-33 decision to Montana over Thanksgiving break before recovering against Eastern Washington. Idaho shot 12 percent against Montana, but turned its game around against EWU, shooting a season-high 11 three-pointers and dishing out 21 assists in the victory. Idaho competes in the Basketball Travelers Classic this weekend, playing three games in three days in Moscow. The Vandals take on North Dakota Friday, continue play against Monmouth Saturday and close out the tournament against Eastern Michigan Sunday.

College football top 25

	BCS Poll		l	AP Poll (With AP points)
1.	Auburn	12-0	1.	Oregon	1475
2.	Oregon	11-0	2.	Auburn	1456
3.	TCU	12-0	3.	TCU	1383
4.	Stanford	11-1	4.	Wisconsin	1289
5.	Wisconsin	11-1	5.	Stanford	1283
6.	Ohio State	11-1	6.	Ohio State	1184
7.	Arkansas	10-2	7.	Michigan State	1098
8.	Michigan State	11-1	8.	Arkansas	1094
9.	Oklahoma	10-2	9.	Boise State	908
10.	LSU	10-2	10.	Oklahoma	886
11.	Boise State	10-1	11.	LSU	856
12.	Missouri	10-2	12.	Virginia Tech	761
13.	Nebraska	10-2	13.	Nebraska	740
14.	Oklahoma State	10-2	14.	Nevada	736
15.	Virginia Tech	10-2	15.	Missouri	691
16.	Alabama	9-3	16.	Oklahoma State	599
17.	Nevada	11-1	17.	Alabama	597
18.	Texas A&M	9-3	18.	South Carolina	591
19.	South Carolina	9-3	19.	Texas A&M	582
20.	Utah	10-2	20.	Florida State	356
21.	Florida State	9-3	21.	Utah	249
22.	Mississippi State	8-4	22.	Mississippi State	224
23.	Arizona	7-4	23.	West Virginia	147
24.	West Virginia	8-3	24.	Northern Illinois	130
25.	Northern Illinois	10-2	25.	Hawaii	43

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level throughout the match, and even threatened to be the first WAC team to take a set from Hawaii, but came up short. Buchanan said Hawaii proved why they were ranked third in

'We were playing a great team that doesn't make a lot of errors and plays at a high level," Buchanan said. "That's why they're third in the country."

Idaho was unfortunate to draw Hawaii, but Buchanan said it could have been avoided. Idaho was sitting in third place, but poor play in the last two weeks of the season dropped the Vandals down to fifth.

"We had control of our destiny, but we didn't play our game and put it in everyone else's hands," Buchanan said.

Utah State shocked the WAC world in the championship game of the tournament, when they upset Hawaii in three sets. The shocker ended Hawaii's streak of 10 straight WAC championships, and 62 consecutive sets won.

Senior Kelsey Taylor played her last match against Hawaii and Buchanan said it was an emotional end for the Moscow native.

Buchanan said she was happy with the way her team played in the tournament, and said it was a great learning experience.

"The kids had a great experience," Buchanan said. "They're gaining more and more confidence, and essentially the same team is coming back."



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Vandal middle back Kelsey Taylor, left, and outside hitter and middle back Allison Walker, right, attempt to block the ball spiked by Louisiana Tech middle back Kara Jones during the game Nov. 13 in Memorial Gym. The Vandals lost to Hawaii in the semi-finals of the WAC tournament after defeating in-state rival Boise State in five sets.

Boise kicker becomes target of nasty barbs

Todd Dvorak Associate Press

Dealing with missing two field goals in Boise State's loss to Nevada is difficult enough. Now Boise State kicker Kyle Brotzman is having to endure an endless stream of taunts and barbs on social networking sites.

The senior kicker and leading scorer in school history missed a game-winner from 26 yards with 2 seconds left in regulation then minutes later misfired again from 29 yards out in overtime in the Broncos' 34-31 loss Friday against Nevada.

The loss spoiled the ninth-ranked Broncos' unbeaten season and even bigger hopes of playing in a BCS bowl or possibly even for the national title.

It didn't take long for angry fans to unleash their frustration on Brotzman, who grew up in the

Within hours, the Ada County Sheriff's Department got a report about callers leaving obnoxious, harassing telephone messages with a woman thought to be related to Brotzman.

Then dozens of Facebook pages emerged, some filled with ugly name-calling, jabs and taunts aimed at Brotzman. Supporters responded just as quickly, start-

ing "Bronco Nation Loves Kyle Brotzman" or "We Still Love Kyle Brotzman" pages and posting hundreds of messages of support for the beleaguered kicker. As of Monday afternoon, more than 21,600 people had clicked on the Like button for those pages.

Coach Chris Petersen on Monday tried to deflect criticism away from Brotzman, saying no single person is responsible in a loss like that and that there is plenty of blame to go around.

"Including myself," Petersen said. "There were a lot of other chances to win the game. That was just one of them. That's one that 99 out of 100 times he's going to make.'

One thing is certain: It was a rare moment of futility for Brotzman

During his career, the Lou Groza semifinalist has banged the ball through the uprights more than any other kicker in conference history, surpassing former Hawaii kicker Jason Elam three weeks ago to become the WAC's all-time leading scorer.

His 425 career points make him the leader for scoring among active players in major college football and at one stretch the former walk-on nailed 118

And how can any Bronco fan forget Brotzman's

perfect 30-yard pass to Kyle Efaw on a fake punt that set up the game-winning touchdown in last season's Fiesta Bowl victory over TCU?

"From what I have seen and what little I've heard, I think the fans have been great," Petersen said. "You're always going to have the other side, the other third, that can't do it the way you'd like them to. I don't know if those are BSU fans to tell you the truth."

The Nevada loss isn't the only disappointment facing Bronco fans these days.

On Monday, TCU announced it was bolting the Mountain West Conference to join up with the ACC, following the steps of Utah, bound for the Pac-10, and independent BYU.

Boise State is expected to join the MWC next season, and coaches, administrators, players and fans were eager for an annual date with TCU and the potential rewards of playing a more challenging schedule.

Petersen played down TCU's defection, saying the MWC still remains the best fit for Boise State's

"I have no feeling on that whatsoever," Petersen said about TCU's move. "The only thing I think is we're still going to a better league than we're in right now. And that's no disrespect to anybody."

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all the team — it was blocked perfect, everyone did their job and the hole was bigger than I've ever seen it and I just went right through."

The loss means next week's game against San Jose State will mean little as far as rankings go, but Akey said it means a lot of the team will go out on a high note, sending a senior class that helped turn the program from a single-win team to fighting for bowl eligibility this year.

"What matters to me the most is that this football family takes care of its departing seniors," Akey said. "That whole crew has had a lot to do with helping us turn this program around - I think the coaching staff and the players that are returning have a responsibility to make sure we send these guys out the way that they deserve, and that would be with a win against San Jose State in the dome.

Boise State loss hurts them in more ways than one

Time Dahlberg

time it took the field. The Broncos had to, if they wanted to be considered a serious team that could one day possibly compete for the BCS title.

When the inevitable loss came, it hurt in more ways than the Broncos could count.

No national title game. No BCS bowl. No grudging respect from the big boys in the big conferences.

"I'm at a loss for words," said quarterback Kellen Moore, who suffered only his second loss in 38 games as Boise Śtate's quarterback. "Hopefully we'll learn something from this.3

The first thing the Broncos will learn is that things aren't fair when you're on the outside looking in. But Boise State already knew that even if they ran the table with a second straight undefeated season.

Nevada made sure that wouldn't happen, thanks to a huge second half on State pondered what might have been. For two years, Boise State won every the ground and two missed kicks by a normally reliable kicker.

> "It's one of those games that usually we have been fortunate to pull some things out and this time we just couldn't do it," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said.

A game that the Broncos seemingly had in hand slipped away when normally efficient kicker Kyle Brotzman missed a 26-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in regulation and another from 29 yards in overtime. Nevada's redshirt freshman kicker Anthony Martinez didn't miss his chance in overtime, hitting a 34-varder that touched off a jubilant celebration from a sold out crowd on the Nevada campus.

"It is the greatest victory this university has ever had, I can tell you that," Nevada coach Chris Ault said.

While Nevada celebrated, Boise A day that began with hopes of Auburn or Oregon losing and opening a path to the BCS title game ended with a bitter loss to a team the Broncos had beaten 10 straight times.

In the space of one bad half, the Broncos most likely lost out on playing in any BCS game. On the verge of playing in a big game with a win, they will likely be relegated to the Humanitarian Bowl, played on their own blue field in Boise, or the Fight Hunger Bowl in San

That's good news for TCU, which was at risk of being nudged out of an automatic BCS bid by Boise State even if it completed an unbeaten season on Saturday by beating lowly Mountain West Conference rival New Mexico.

"We have a lot of respect for TCU," Petersen said. "I hope they

win the rest of their games and go as with its punishing running attack. far as they possibly can."

kick right, sending the game into overtime. Nevada won the coin toss and deferred and Brotzman came out to try another field goal, but pulled it left.

"To be honest, I was on a knee on the sideline praying, hoping we'd get another shot," Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick said.

Martinez, a redshirt freshman, came on after Nevada's drive stalled, then calmly stroked the ball down the middle and the celebration began.

The loss for Boise State was the first since the Broncos lost in the 2008 Poinsettia Bowl to TCU, and it came in the most improbable fashion. Boise State built up a 24-7 halftime lead and appeared on its way to a dominating win, but its offense stalled in the third quarter and Nevada began finding the rhythm

Nevada was still down 24-14 enter-Brotzman, who leads all active play- ing the fourth quarter when Rishard ers in career scoring, pushed the short Matthews took the ball 44 yards on an end around to make the game close. Boise State then punted for the fourth time in the second half, and the Wolf Pack drove 93 yards to tie the game on a field goal by Martinez with a 23-yard field goal with 5:14 left.

Moore did his part for Boise State, throwing for 348 yards and two touchdowns. Martin had a big night, too, helping Boise State control the ball in the first half and running for 152 yards and two touchdowns.

In the end, though, it came down to the kickers, and Nevada had the edge on this night.

"One play can never lose a game. I told them one play can win a game but one play cannot lose a game," Petersen said. "Nevada made more plays

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Suck it up, it's for your own good

Those complaining about the Transportation Security Administration's new security procedures — including advanced scanners and pat-downs - should remember who it is TSA is trying to protect.

You.

It's not about comfort, and it's not about convenience. Flying on a plane isn't supposed to be like going to a day spa. Is it fair that all have to be subjected to this much security for the actions of the few? No. Is it fair that because a few jackass students get a little too "inebriated" at football games, all of the University of Idaho

gets painted as a beer fest? No. But the actions of a few often have repercussions on the many, and we deal with the consequences.

The scanners take one to two minutes to step into and complete, and there is no capability for agents looking at the images to save or duplicate them, according to an executive within the company, Rapiscan. Other companies, like the Electronic Privacy Information Center, have faced trouble with saved images on their scanners, but Rapiscan makers have assured passengers there is no capability to replicate the images.

The amount of radiation a person takes in from going through the scanners is equivalent to the amount received after eating a banana. A person would have to walk through the scanners 1,000 times to equal one dental X-ray, according to

If you don't want to get pat down, don't refuse the scanner. If you don't want to use the scanner, then get home the old-fashioned way.

Flying wasn't always so complicated, but neither was driving, once upon a time. There weren't always speed limits, stop signs and traffic lights, but drivers abide by those rules to keep people on the road safe from accidents. Bombs weren't always so complicated either, but their sophistication continues to accelerate. So must the technology put in place to stop them from

Perhaps one day security will no longer be invasive. Perhaps it won't involve measures that make people uncomfortable or embarrassed. But until that day comes, be thankful there is security put in place to protect you while you are 30,000 feet in the air.

Off the Cuff

behind the times.

get out.

Lazy break

I did a whole lot of nothing during break and I loved every second of it. Three more weeks until more nothing.

Time for break yet? It's the final countdown... T-minus two-ish weeks

until winter break and I get

Dear Wells Fargo ATM users: The ATM is not a place to chat with your friends as you get your cash, or to get warm from the cold. Just get your cash and

Quick takes on life from our editors

Behind the times I have recently discovered the awesomeness of the show, 'Modern Family." I'm really sad I've missed a season, and even sadder Hulu only posts five episodes at a time. It makes it very inconvenient for people like me who are

— Kelcie

— Jens



Op/Ed

Improve airline security hands free

News flash: Flying sucks Truthfully, this shouldn't come as surprise to anyone — flying in America

has gone from the preferred method of travel to a thorn-inyour-side affair.

Showing more lack of disregard to travelers, the Transportation Security Administration's newest implementation this season is the full-body scanner or, "nude scanners," as they have been called. This sucker takes a darn-near nude scan and sends it Ilya Pinchuk off to a TSA agent in a room in the hopes of thwarting the next terrorist plan.

Makes photocopying your ass on the office scanner look pretty tame in

God help you if you don't feel like getting blasted with radiation and exposing yourself — the new TSA patdowns give a new meaning to hands-on flight. It just isn't the holiday season without a friendly TSA agent groping your twig and berries.

So why do we travelers put up with potential threats this circus show that supposedly makes

The TSA doesn't exactly have a superb track record when it comes to stopping terror plots. Even with new security, people have gotten onto planes with everything from 12-inch razor blades to loaded clips of ammo.

The TSA has been so successful, in fact, they have stopped a whopping zero terrorist threats. Not a single Argonaut record of TSA thwarting a hijacking or finding a bomb

can be found in the past 10 years. Ordinary passengers alerting security and federal agencies such as the FBI have done more than the TSA will

The root of the problem is the TSA has to consider everyone, from dear 87-year-old grandma in a wheelchair to 11-year-old Timmy to a group of youth soccer or football players as

This system is flawed and the answer is simple, albeit politically incorrect profiling and background checks.

We can assume the aforementioned 84-year old grandmother from Little Rock, Ark., is probably not planning on bringing down a plane full of people, and little Timmy probably isn't looking to blow himself up just as he is hitting puberty. Yet because we have become so sensitive, we must put these people

through unnecessary searches. The dreaded "P-word" is used in airports across the world with great success. The king of this safety technique is a country few would suspect: Israel.

Despite being located in the heart of Israel, under constant threat from insurgents and terrorism, Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel is the safest airport in the world. Ben Gurion services more than 10.9 million people a year and caters to flights from China, Canada, the United

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Mail Box

Correspondence with our readers

Conscious rights

How fortunate we are in the United States to be able to think for ourselves and act according to our own conscience. There are places in the world where personal beliefs are subjugated to the national norm and punishments are enforced when the norm is not upheld. Think: Communism. With communism, a single ethic guides all commerce, medicine, education, politics and most everything in the public sphere. Not in the United States. Conscience Law SB1353 allows Idaho health care providers the ability to act according to their own consciences. That

is a gift. There are those who would say doctors or pharmacists shouldn't have the right to refuse birth control and Plan B to patients if this contradicts their personal ethic — personal beliefs have no place in one's career. This law, though, is upholding a core constitutional principal: Freedom. How? Look at it like this: If personal beliefs have no place in one's career, then a doctor must set aside his or her personal belief system. OK, then what? That doctor will then have to work according to the ethic that is created and imposed upon the medical field. My question is: Who decides that ethic? The government? Most likely. We would then be required to follow the morals and ethics established by the government and punished if we didn't. Tell me, how is that different from communism? Fascism?

If a health care provider doesn't want to provide Plan B, so be it. This is a fundamental principal of living in a country that promises to guarantee our freedom.

> Dominic Middleton Psychology

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to go back home again. And

after this last week, I never realized how amazing home really was. That, and I missed my nice bed. — Madison Ignorance is...

These next two weeks will be painful. But, I am making the decision to deal with them, acknowledge them, and completely pretend that they never happened when break comes.

Snow days?

I hope the winter storm warning predicted for this week brings enough snow for a few snow days like it did in 2008. Those were some of the best days of my college career to date.

– Elizabeth

— Dara

Black Friday

I love Black Friday. Waking up absurdly early when I normally hate the idea of an 8:30 class, grabbing coffee and hunting down the deals I have scoped out the night before is an activity my mom and I have done together for years. This year we didn't, and that's because the sales weren't that great and a lot of places started on Thanksgiving night. Next year it will probably be Black Thanksgiving. FYI to retail stores, this is lame and really kills the sport of Black Friday.

Digging out

The whole point of me leaving Alaska was so I didn't have to dig out my car every other day. My plan has failed miserably.

Slopes

Bring on the snow...it's Schweitzer, Sun Valley and Targhee time.

Sleeping 100 years

This has been the most difficult semester of my college career. If this is preparation for the real world, effing spare me. Sometimes I just want to sleep for the next 100 years like Rip Van Winkle. But for now I will just keep trudging.

— Tanya

Fine Print

Life turns close friends into family

My first stop on the way home for fall break Wednesday was St. Luke's

in Boise. One of my best friends, Trevor, called Sunday to say his wife had just had their daughter. The news caught me by surprise because her due date was seven weeks out still when we had talked just a

few days earlier. Both mother and daughter are doing well, though the little one will have to stay in the hospital for a few weeks until she's

R.J. Taylor

big enough to go home. They named their first born Genesis Tay.

Tay is short for Taylor. I'd never seen a

four-day old baby before. She was so tiny and precious. When holding her I caught a glimpse of her parents watching me watch their Argonaut daughter sleep in

my arms. I had not seen them stand side-by-side like they were since giving the best man speech at their wedding two and a half years earlier.

When I took a picture of Genesis while holding her in my left arm, I noticed the Killed in Action bracelet I wear on the same wrist. The bracelet honors a 19-year-old girl I met two days before she died in Iraq in 2005. On the night of her death, I wanted to be by myself, but not alone, as I tried to come to terms with the harsh reality

I sought refuge in the same friend's room, where he let me cry in peace. He was there when I needed a friend the most, but didn't disturb my thoughts. I sat on his bed and wrote in confusion as I tried to

understand how someone I just met was now lying in a flag-draped coffin. On paper, I questioned everything I had thought about the world and whether or not I had the strength to continue serving in the Army.

The comments received from people I shared my work with from that night led me to believe writing could become more than a hobby and I switched my major from criminal justice to public relations when I came home.

Before I left for Moscow, I made one last stop at St.

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Definitive Four

Winter misery

Technically, winter doesn't begin until the solstice Dec. 22, but it is clear winter has already descended

While the term "Winter Wonderland" gets brandied about quite frequently during this time of year, there is hardly anything wondrous about the average day between December and early March (or **Cheyenne Hollis** in Moscow's case, late May).

The copious amounts of snow and cold weather are the most obvious unpleasantries of the winter months, but are unavoidable. It is the equivalent of complaining the summer has too much sun.

There are those who argue if one does not like the winter in Moscow he or she should simply move to someplace where the winter is more enjoyable. Unfortunately, life is not quite as simple as that.

Winters on the Palouse are not a complete washout but can be definitively miserable for more than one reason but less than five.

Darkness

It seemingly gets dark in the mid-afternoon during the wintertime. It is far too disorientating and makes 6

p.m. feel as if it is time to go to bed. Getting anything productive done is near impossible because it is either dark outside

will be soon. The extra darkness also means vampires and people pretending to be vampires have far too much time to strike. For vampires, wintertime is summertime. After Halloween vampire awareness tends to fall by the wayside but it is in the dark-

ness of winter where Dracula and company thrive.

Stress

Argonaut

During the wintertime most individuals are far too stressed from trivial issues. Between Christmas, New Year's Day, bad weather, taxes and the end of football season, people get wound a bit tightly. Most of this stress is selfinflicted, however.

Everyone starts acting as if the world is close to ending because of some minor issue going a bit astray. Dealing with people during the winter months is somewhat unpleasant because of the stress everyone has placed his or herself

Music

Wintertime is undoubtedly the worst time for music. The music released normally

falls into one of two categories: Bad bands/artists, Hinder and Ne-Yo to name a few, releasing new albums or good acts releasing holiday themed albums or ballads.

Perhaps people would not be so stressed and depressed during the winter if someone bothered releasing an upbeat dance song in the States. It does not even have to be particularly good, just something to break up the monotony of "Jingle Bells" and songs about being dumped, which dominate the music world in the winter.

The person in shorts

No matter how poor the weather conditions happen to be, there will always be some jerk wearing a pair shorts and boasting about how he or she does not find it cold outside. If one has to wear shorts during the middle of winter do so quietly because others do not care.

Better yet, do not wear shorts in the winter since it is a stupid thing to do in the first place. Seeing a person's calves during the middle of a blizzard in January is not an impressive sight.

The best thing to do would be keeping the shorts in the closet until spring when there is no obligation to explain to every person why you chose to wear shorts in the winter.

Retrospect in perspective

Life is all about self development and inner reflection. This allows us to grow and

progress, to try to figure out who we are. Sometimes realizations and self discoveries come to us after significant events. Other times it just takes some reflection to figure out what may have just become obvious.

Thanksgiving break was such an occasion, though perhaps more significant for myself than most other college students, because this was the first Thanksgiving in six years I was able to be home with my family. During the past few years, my Thanksgivings have been spent in either Germany or Iraq, so this break was

something I had been looking

forward to, and so was the

experience of being around

family for a prolonged period

Steve Carter

during a holiday. Aside from gorging on turkey, mashed potatoes and stuffing, I spent a few evenings wandering around my hometown and reflecting on certain events. During the sub-zero nights and holiday crowds, a few events

Perhaps the biggest lesson I had forgotten during the years was the enemy of my

took place and I was able to

look back and make a few

enemy is my friend. This is referring to the Nevada vs. Boise State game that took

place Friday night. Though both of those teams beat my Vandals, I was glued to the TV, watching in anticipation as Boise State would go on to miss two incredibly easy field goals and lose the game in overtime. I was ecstatic the rest Argonaut of the night. My

nally been defeated. by an under-rated team no less. No more cries about Bowl Championship Series contention. No more hearing about a 20-something winning streak. The Nevada Wolf Pack

arch rivals had fi-

The Nevada

less than a

Wolf Pack had

had pulled off something no less than a miracle, and they are forever pulled off my heroes, until they play the something no Vandals next season.

On the same **miracle...** night I ended up coming

across two girls performing in a bar, one on a guitar and one on a banjo. The two were twins and played superbly. It was probably the first time I had sat through such a performance with joy. The twins finished around 1:30 a.m. and began packing their equipment. After saying hello to some old friends I decided to buy them a drink, which they accepted. Here is the lesson though, as told by Frank Kelly Rich in the book "The Modern Drunkard" - rule No. 6. "Buying a strange woman a drink is still cool. Buying all her drinks is dumb." To add a personal touch to this rule – buying hot twins a drink is easily five times as cool.

Drunken behaviors often become disorderly, or more to the point, destructive. When wandering around after last call, it is best not to engage in any kind of activity one cannot live with or speak of in a public manner. If something happens where the memory elicits a slight laugh, then it probably was

> not such a bad idea. If however, the memory strikes regret into your mind, then it was probably best not to have done it. Hopefully it will not ever be repeated.

Some lessons best learned carry no consequences.

Sometimes it is actually the lack of consequence that makes us think the most. Life is a long journey with many roads. Each event changes and shapes us into who we end up being. If we do not learn something along the way, then what's

MAILBOX

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Spread the word better

I attended the Idaho at Washington State University basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 16. Our Vandals fought hard and put up one heck of a fight against a very good PAC-10 opponent and they are to be commended for their efforts. However, The Argonaut sports section and the University of Idaho ticket office and athletics marketing did little to spread the word.

WSU gave the UI ticket office a block of seats to sell for the game. There were no e-mails from UI marketing to students about the game. There were very few Vandals in the crowd. If UI would have shifted focus part way through Boise State University week, which was already sold out, and told the student body there were tickets available, I'm sure UI students would have purchased tickets and shown their support for

Vandal basketball as much as they did last year. Most of these tickets went unsold and were sent back to WSU.

Also, the game was played on the same day The Argonaut was printed. There was no feature story about the rivalry game. The Argonaut should have informed students about this game. There was a feature piece in WSU's Daily Evergreen about the game and how special it is.

This year's game was the 106th consecutive year Idaho and Washington State have competed on the hardwood. It's the oldest rivalry west of the Mississippi.

Idaho students need to be reminded of this awesome fact. The UI athletics marketing department and The Argonaut need to fill that role.

> Chris Riddlemoser Broadcasting and Digital Media

SECURITY

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States, Russia, as well as more than 50 other countries.

No flight has ever been hijacked from this airport and no terrorists have ever been successful in penetrating its security, which consists of a

The security staff, controlled by the government, intelligence gathering and

Those who are deemed low risk — long-standing citizens, children and the elderly, among others — simply walk through a basic security checkpoint of a metal detector. Others deemed to be of higher probability are sent through additional screening.

mented by both uniformed and undercover security personnel at the airport keeping an eye out for trouble.

slice of Swiss cheese, seem archaic and barbarian by

The irony is that profiling happens every day in this country for a simple reason: Humans profile all the time, whether we realize it or do it subconsciously.

If you've ever locked your car door when a scarylooking person passes by or categorized someone on the street or on TV in a stereo-

The current security policies are failing. It's time to stop being so sensitive and attack the problem at its root by using intelligence, alertness and profiling for a safer tomorrow.

simple metal detector. has kept this record squeaky clean by two means: Intense profiling.

Kind of makes our system, which has more holes that a comparison.

type, you've profiled.

Our country's security task force is reactive — a terrorist attack happens and the TSA reacts to stop a similar attack. This is not the way to defend a nation or its people. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 will never happen again, nor will the attempted underwear bombing.

Despite common belief, terrorists are not brain-dead zombies who simply decided to kill people — they are highly organized, intelligent and thorough in their business. They are always looking for new ways to breach

FRIENDS

Luke's to see Genesis again. This time, my twin sister and her husband came with me. The two were headed to McCall to celebrate their first wedding anniversary and also wanted to visit Genesis.

Exactly a year earlier, my friend had watched

me walk my sister down the aisle on her wedding day. Now, the four of us - my sister, her husband, my friend and me — were standing together swooning over his week-old daughter.

Trevor and I have been through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows together. I can no longer refer to him as just a "friend." He's the only brother I've ever had.

R.J. Taylor is a first year University of Idaho

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