Seventh annual RV conference invades Kibbie Dome

By Ruth Snow
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Business: Are we there yet?

Everyone has an interesting and unique story.

"We were 30 days out on our first RV trip, when my wife said, 'call the doctor,'" said John Comiskey of Crofton, Maryland. "We waited until we could retire, and then we said almost every- thing." The Life on Wheels program is part of the University of Idaho's graduate programs. The program offers present and prospective RVers opportunities to learn directly from experts about the vehicle and the RV lifestyle.

Like the majority of people at the conference, Comiskey said he and his wife were in Moscow in June and they may teach others a few things. The program was the brainchild of G. Marshall Maxwell who is an active RV traveler, writer and editor. Maxwell has written articles, published in magazines such as Motor Homes, Trailer Life, and RV Today. "I was invited to continue to create a slide program that would review contempo- rary programming to determine whether it should be added. Instead, Board President Ron Boyd, a former speaker of the Idaho House, will appoint a board subcommittee to determine what kind of content panel members would be expected to cover in public television and what the content should specifically be.

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Floating Green Scramble set for July 14

University of Idaho Vandals Boosters is having a fund-raising golf tournament at the Coeur d’Alene Resort Golf Course on July 14. Cost for the Vandals Floating Green Scramble is $200, which includes green fees, cart, tee fees, range balls, one subscription to the Lakeside Scholarship brochure, and other Vandals golf prizes. The format is a 4-person scramble. Registration is due by 5 p.m. with play beginning at 2 p.m. A portion of all fees goes to fund Vandals athletics. Tickets for the barbecue only are $25. The barbecue begins in 7-9 p.m. at the golf course. For further information or to register, contact Joe Jamieson (208-486-2085), Bob Volzky (208-765-8002) or Randy Hardshak (208-664-9783).

Jeff Pilcher hired as assistant AD for regional sale

Jeff Pilcher has joined the University of Idaho athletic department staff as the regional associate director for regional sales in the Spokane/Coeur d’Alene region.

"It’s a Vandal," Director of Athletics Mike Behn said. "He knows all about Vandal pride, tradition and history."

Pilcher returns to Moscow after two years as the corporate account executive for the NIH’s Phoenix Coyotes. Prior to his tenure with the Coyotes, Pilcher was the director of sales and marketing for the Idaho State Fair— a Continential Basketball Association team, and the sponsorship sales executive for the Spokane Chiefs Hockey Club. He graduated from UI with a bachelor’s degree in communications.

"Jeff is a vital role in an increasingly vibrant marketing area for the University of Idaho and its athletic department," Behn said. "He brings the energy, enthusiasm and background to convey our message in a way that is ever-evolving." Teenager charged with vehicular manslaughter in fatal accident

COEUR D’ALENE (AP) — A 17-year-old man has been charged with three counts of vehicular manslaughter and hit-and-run in a highway accident that killed three people.

The charges filed Wednesday against John David Meridith, 18, of Athol, stem from a crash in which Sherry Darby, 11, her 16-year-old daughter, Kami Darby, and friend Tammy Dobbs, 20, all of Spirit Lake, died on U.S. 93 near Chico.

Kootenai County prosecutors say Meredith tried to pass the Darbys’ vehicle illegally by driving his pickup on the double yellow Darbys were driving to pursue oncoming traffic and cut off with another vehicle.

Meredith also was accused of fleeing after the accident April 25. Witnesses said the driver of the pickup had been repeatedly weaving in and out of traffic.

If convicted, Meredith faces up to 10 years in prison and a $150,000 fine for each count of vehicular manslaughter, plus up to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine for leaving the scene of an accident.

Anthony Price Lane, 17, dies of injury, was driving the car that collided with the Darbys’ sedan. Lane, who suffered a head fracture, has been charged with misdemeanor driving.

Lane’s blood alcohol level was .22, well over the legal limit of .08, but he did not cause the fatalities, deputy prosecutor Lance Haynes said.

Demonstrators protest Supreme Court ruling on boy scouts

BARTLETT (AP) — About 50 people demonstrated outside the Boy Scouts of America’s local headquarters to protest the organization’s policy against gay Scout leaders.

The protestors at the demonstration held signs that read, "Legal indifference is still indifference," and "Stop bullying." The Supreme Court ruled last week that the Boy Scouts can bar homosexuals from serving as scout leaders.

Facing the Scouting to accept gay troop leaders would violate the organization’s right of "expressive association" under the Constitution’s First Amendment, the court ruled.

"I’m sending my Eagle award back to Boy Scout headquarters in Irving, I don’t want one under false pretenses," said the Rev. Kenneth T. Scott of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

South, 54, said he was involved with the Scouts for 15 years. "They’re free to get it if they want," Bob Myron, a spokesman for the local Boy Scout headquarters, said Thursday.

The Mormon church became involved in the case, telling the U.S. Supreme Court that it would withdraw from the Boys Scouts of America, taking more than 45,000 Scouts with it. If Scouting is forced to accept gay scoutmasters.

Teen may have formed theft ring

COEUR D’ALENE (AP) — Police believe hotel employees may have been involved in a holiday season burglary at The Coeur d’Alene Resort.

A laptop computer was taken from one of the hotel rooms last Sunday and later was found in another room where teenagers were pettying, according to police reports.

A guest reported a missing laptop computer to hotel security last week. The next day another computer was reported missing, including $900 in cash, a credit card, a hushpuck with a cellphone and a cellphone. All items had been left in the guest’s locked hotel rooms, reports said.

On Sunday of last week, another guest reported her purse and credit cards stolen.

That day, security officers told they received noise complaints from one of the rooms. They found about 13 teenagers in the room, reports said.

When security officers told the group to leave the room, the teenagers fled.

Police said security officers recognized two of the youths as hotel employees. Police obtained a cell phone, a bag containing children’s clothing, makeup bags with clothing, men’s keys, a resident center key, a "great privilege card" and a pre-paid phone card.

A 16-year-old runaway believed to be involved was arrested, said Lt. Will Rocker of the Coeur d’Alene Police Department.
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"Scary Movie:" 'toilet humor'
based success

By Keith Southern
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Upcoming viewing the movie "Scary Movie," the first thing I thought was how inappropriate it was for the 12-year-olds that had gone into the movie. The second thing I thought was how funny the entire movie was. To thoroughly appreciate the film, one must have seen a few movies. "Scream," "Scream 2," "I Know What You Did Last Summer," "The Blair Witch Project," and many other movies all have numerous allusions throughout the film. The plot of "Scary Movie" basically follows that of "Scream." Like Drew Barrymore in the latter, Cameron Parker plays the ill-fated attractive teenage who gets killed in "Scary Movie." But unlike "Scream," however, "Scary Movie" is filled with jokes, gags, farting, signs pointing to "death" and "sur- vivial," house imploding, and just to make every man happy, Cameron Parker running though quicksilver wearing just a bra and panties.

For those of you who have seen "Scream," "Scary Movie"'s plot is very familiar: after the beautiful blonde is killed, a masked killer goes on a rampaging killing all those associated with an innocent girl (Cindy Campbell, played by Anne Farago). Her boyfriend is the misguided killer, her brother die, etc. Her best friend, Buffy's, death scene is one of the most humorous scenes in the entire movie. Denying that she is actually dead after her own death scene is to make every man laugh, due to the sheer ridiculousness of the entire scene.

The movie also includes a flashback to an "I Know What You Did Last Summer" sequel. Cindy and her five friends are recklessly driving a car, driving, and engaging in sexual activities. Upon waking, some girls, they decide to throw his body off a jet. Pity the "Scream" and "I Know What You Did Last Summer" together, the easier killing spree in "Scary Movie" happens one year after the group's hideous holocaust. Progressing throughout the movie, an allusion to "The Sixth Sense" by the marijuana-lovingarchy, played by Martin Short. The movies also spots a toilet humor that is used to make the jokes of "Thermal's Something About Mary" blow.

Overall, the movie is an antologi- nation that puns for all of its expense trends and successes in Hollywood. Most of the jokes are original and rely mostly on scat "toilet humor." As Mrs. Bretonowski would put it. Furthermore, a large portion of the dialog is taken from the original movies themselves. However, this movie is incredibly funny and definitely worth seeing. Just don't bring the 12-year-old along.

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Your weekly (7/9 - 7/15) Horoscope

By Miss Anne

ARIEST (March 21-April 20)
Be flexible this week and if special plans need to be postponed, don't allow this to affect romantic inclines in the evening. There may be news from someone far away that may end up increasing your income. Your sexual calendar will be busy for some time.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
There may be an obstacle within your personal life which is causing you distress. You are not alone. Although you may tend to take the path of least resistance, it's time to face the problems up front and take care of it once and for all. Your self-confidence will get you farther.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There may be conflict between the job and your leisure life, since both are demanding plenty of time.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 21)
This week will be a mixture of sun and storms. A friend is judging you, and another person seems to be controlling this emotional scene. Don't allow yourself to get cortezional. Your social agenda is quite busy, so make the effort not to overbook yourself. Love is in the air.

LEO (July 22-August 23)
Taking a firm stand this week is not suggested. Instead, use your charm and diplomacy, and possibly a somewhat devious approach. This award may be a bit intriguing and your emotional, so put it on that happy face. If fired, friends look good for finding financial resources.

VIRGO (August 24 - September 22)
Your partner's wishes may be a great advantage this week. Concentrate on important questions and decision about finances. Joint money matters may need some attention and sharing. Bonded knowledge may be better suited for the two.

LIBRA (September 23 - October 22)
It may seem like a rather bland week, but sue the dow pivot on make the contacts that have the potential for producing long range repercussions. Focus on partner- ship, whether in the business or marriage, each must contribute to the success of the whole.

SCORPIO (October 23 - November 22)
Both solitude and creative work, may be rewarding this week. Few challenges will be found in social gain- ings or encounters. Even though situations may arise that may cause you some grief, it will definitely be better for you as you deal with them.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)
An old, crumpled family problem may pop up this week. It will be a rather depressing shadow scene just about everything. Being the facts may help you to ease the tension. Try to keep a love relationship and plan that contemplates. It's the best.

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 19)
This will be the time for a financial gamble or risk of any kind. Although you may be taking a chance on romance. You may be feeling somewhat depleted, ener- gize, but a dear friend will feel a sense on your face. Keep behind the scenes at work.

AQUARIUS (January 20 - February 18)
You are in control and everyone surrounding you know it. Take advantage of your currently winning ways and apply the intensity you had to advancing your career, goals and monetary position. Any financial threats must be dealt with immediately.

PISCES (February 19 - March 20)
The social support that you've been seeking out as important decision is on its way, and possibly from a very surprising source. It may take a few days to work through on your decision though. Your affection for another will catch you off guard.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is a great period for new beginnings. Social opportunities are abundant and friends can help you with your desires.

Keep an eye out for positive outcomes, and everything will turn out fine.

Comics

By Chad Carpenter

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Would you like fries with that? Etiquette 101

By Bob Phillips, Jr. 
Agreement Senior Writer

Well, I finally get a job for the summer, and I’m a stud at a fast food restaurant. And I want to rent your room for the summer. I mean, there is something that you should take for granted. There are rules that should be followed, a script, which should be spoken, and you follow those rules, everyone will be happy, and you’ll probably get your food a little quicker.

First off, the people who work in fast food can be very9 nice, but they still have great career goals for themselves, being a fly cook at McDonald’s. The people who take your orders are actually people, which is a plus. They’re not on automatic machine to make your dining experience, and not a little ghost who live to serve you. They are normal people with social lives and feelings.

Because the person who takes your order is a normal human being, mistakes will be made. Customers change their minds after an order has been placed, the wrong button is pressed, or someone in the assembly line breaks, and things happen. Normal human errors. The cashier does not deserve to be yelled at for making the mistake, nor does the manager need to be苛刻anyone who does, because you didn’t wait on your burgers. Just chalk it up to one of your many little annoyances.

Don’t treat the dining area of your restaurant like you would your own kitchen, with condiments handed over and left out on the counter. Ask for ketchup, and sugar and napkins, have them on your plate if you will. If you do take your plate, then take that tray to the trash.

Don’t waste your paper plate into the garbage, and leave the tray where it belongs, probably on top of the garbage bin.

That said, we are flexible throughout American culture.

First, in clothing, several very pressing questions arise: first, why do some males feel it necessary to wear their black panties... not on their legs, but rolled up on their head? If they were planning to rob a Circle K later that night, I would understand, but for the non-violent, non-committing members of society today, this is as high as the T-shirt shirt.

Also wonder why it is necessary for one hip of every person in this state to be situated slightly above the body, while the other hip is sitting comfortably at normal side-line level. Perhaps a vast number of people have been short at Pic-N-Wall, and are wearing jeans with uneven legs. Perhaps there has been an backlash in people who are unable to regulate their body temperatures to such an extent that they must resort to exposing themselves in such partic- ular fashion in a vain attempt to properly self-vanilla.

I could continue questioning popular fashion, but one other non-voluntary social ill must be addressed before I end this rant. This time, clothing is not the culprit. Stag, and one in ten particular are at fault.

The term is ‘my bad.’ When you hear from everyone you can name pop stars to 22-year-old English majors using this term, it’s a shudder.

One might expect to hear such a phrase emerging from the mouth of a small child. Children who have little experience using language often make such basic mistakes.

Teens and adults, who have been using our language for an extended period of time, ought to be thrown in prison for such graces such as... ‘my bad’ to the language of Shakespeare and Homer.

Allow me to say this bad is not a noun. Bad is an adjective. Look it up in any dictionary.

Everyone from Compton to Washington will agree with you. The term ‘my bad’ implies that by some irrational manipulation of the English language, you have somehow altered the parts of speech so as to become interchangeable. Perhaps someday, we will be able to use them as verbs in our conversations and as the past participle, but until then, ‘my bad’ must remain an adjective.

By this, I am in no way implying that people who dress or speak in such a way is somehow bad. These people have a disease. And like alcoholics and drug abusers, we must treat it as such. I call upon the leaders of the world to create 12-step programs to eliminate these issues. Each time a person is caught in this disease, let our clothes consist of paper bags bound with rope and our speech becomes so incomprehensible that we resort to grunts and whistles to communicate.

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