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Deadly bird flu virus outbreak not imminent, but CDC still worried

CDC chief recognizes concerns, warns against sensationalism

BY JACOB BONNER

WASHINGTON - With bird flu cases spreading rapidly throughout Asia, the executive director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday that while the outbreak might not be as serious as some have suggested, it is still a concern.

"We are not on the brink of an animal flu pandemic," said Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in a press conference held at a National Press Club luncheon.

Gerberding cited several reasons for her cautious optimism: The avian flu virus has not yet been found in humans, and it is still evolving. She said that the bird flu strain is not as lethal as the 1918 pandemic, when an estimated 50 to 100 million people worldwide died.

"We are in a very good position to prevent a pandemic," she said.

Gerberding also pointed out that the virus has not yet shown any signs of being transmitted from person to person.

"The virus is not yet being transmitted from person to person," she said. "The virus is not yet in the respiratory tract of people."
High hate, bias statistics lead community members to act

BY DAVE HICKS

May 8, 2005

John Morse is taking action.

The Pullman-Richland Community College student government president said hate crimes statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation are "pulling the curtain back on what's happening in the community." Morse is planning to hold a community forum next month to discuss the statistics and inform people about hate crimes.

"We may not have a lot of these crimes committed in this area. But we should be prepared for them," Morse said. "This could happen anywhere and not just in Pullman." Morse said the pullman-police department and the FBI are not the only entities keeping track of hate crimes.

"A lot of times we don't know what's happening until we're hit," Morse said. "We all need to be aware and pay attention to what's going on." Morse said students need to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the police.

"We need to take responsibility for our community," Morse said. "We need to be aware of our actions and the actions of others. We need to be proactive and not reactive." Morse said the community forum will be an opportunity for people to come together and discuss the statistics. Morse said the forum will be held at 6 p.m. on May 11 in the College Student Center.

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Secularist movement damaging our society

The secularist movement is moving westward. The movement, which is rife with anti-Christian dogma, has been gaining steam in recent years. The movement's aim is to eliminate religion from all aspects of society, including the home, the workplace, and the government. The secularists believe that religion is a relic of the past and that it has no place in a modern, scientifically-based society. The movement has gained momentum in recent years, as evidenced by the growing number of religious institutions and organizations that are being targeted for closure or restriction. The secularists believe that religion is a source of division and conflict, and they argue that it is important to create a society that is free of religious influence. The movement has also been gaining support from a number of prominent figures, including politicians and media personalities. The secularists believe that religion is a source of stagnation and backwardness, and they argue that a secular society is more progressive and modern. The movement has been met with resistance from religious groups, who see it as a threat to their beliefs and way of life. The struggle between the secularists and their religious opponents is likely to continue for years to come.
Grant brings a fresh cultural perspective to UI

BY CHRISTINA HAUER

University of Idaho students now have an excellent chance to learn about the literature of a culture not often discussed in Idaho. This fall, the UI Library was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for an exhibit that will be a part of the Idaho Humanities Initiative. The exhibit will be titled: "Idaho Stories: Literature and Imagination." It will be on display in the University of Idaho Library in Moscow.

The exhibit will feature a selection of books and literary works from the United States, Europe, and Asia, as well as information about the writers and their works. The exhibit will run from September 1 to December 31, 2005, and is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be located in the Living Room of the Library.

The exhibit will include a variety of literary works, including novels, short stories, and poetry. Some of the featured works include: "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger, and "One Hundred Years of Solitude" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

In addition to the literary works, the exhibit will also feature a selection of photographs and artifacts related to the works and their authors. These include photographs of famous writers, such as Ernest Hemingway and Mark Twain, as well as a selection of works by contemporary authors, such as Harper Lee and Toni Morrison.

The exhibit will provide an excellent opportunity for students and the public to learn more about the literature of the United States, Europe, and Asia. The exhibit will also provide an opportunity for students to explore the cultural diversity of these regions and to learn about the ways in which literature reflects the social, political, and cultural changes that have occurred over time.

The exhibit is supported by a grant from the Idaho Humanities Initiative, a program of the NEH. The Idaho Humanities Initiative is a state-wide program that provides grants to libraries and museums for the acquisition, preservation, and dissemination of cultural and historical materials.

The exhibit is scheduled to run from September 1 to December 31, 2005, and is free and open to the public. The exhibit will be located in the Living Room of the Library. For more information, please contact the University of Idaho Library at 208-885-4511.
The legacy LIVES
Jazz Fest wraps up Saturday night with tribute to Lionel Hampton

Top left: Russian woodwind player Igor Butman performs at Friday’s Jazz Fest concert at the Kibbie Dome.
Top right: Australian James Morrison plays trumpet at Saturday’s Jazz Fest concert at the Kibbie Dome.
Above: Lionel Hampton’s statue looks over the Kibbie Dome.
Left: Jane Monheit sings at Friday’s Jazz Fest concert at the Kibbie Dome.
Far left: Vocalist Lorraine Feather, James Hamilton on drums, and John Clayton on bass perform at Saturday’s Jazz Fest concert in the Kibbie Dome.

Photos by Kentaro Murali
Vandals disappointed with final results

BY JASON LEWIS

The Idaho indoor track and field team competed in the Western Athletic Conference Championships Wednesday through Saturday at Denver, with the men finishing sixth and the women finishing eighth. It started off very well for both, but if anything it helped put us in the right direction for us to go as far as we finished. It was the first time we've found ourselves surrounded by so many other talented athletes. We're happy to have been in the mix, and now we can't wait to see what we can do at the NCAA Championships.

The meet started off very well for both the men and women, with the men starting off with a strong showing in the hammer throw and the women with a strong showing in the discus. The men then went on to win the 4x400 meter relay, while the women won the 4x100 meter relay.

The meet then turned into a bit of a struggle for both the men and women, with neither team able to maintain the strong start. The men struggled in the 3000 meter steeplechase, while the women struggled in the 5000 meter run. The men then went on to lose the 4x400 meter relay, while the women lost the 4x100 meter relay.

The meet ended with the men finishing sixth and the women finishing eighth. It was a strong performance for both teams, and we're happy to have been able to compete at such a high level. We'll look to build on this performance in the NCAA Championships, and we're excited to see what we can do.
**SPORTS**

**SPORTSBRIEFS**

UI Ultimate Frisbee club looking for members

Everyone and anyone in the UI Ultimate Frisbee team have been known to show up to practice. This week, the team is looking for more players to bring the total up to 15 for the upcoming season.

Players do not have to play every day or even on every weekend. Some players do not even practice every week but still have a chance to play. The team will practice at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 16 and at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, with additional practices to be scheduled. For more information or to join, contact Ashley Emmons at 208-744-3045.

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**Vandal Wrap-Up**

Faught's record-setting performance not enough to end Vandal skid

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tilly Faught scored 39 points in the team's loss to Washington on Wednesday, but the Vandals remained winless in the Big West Conference with a 67-62 loss to the team.

The loss pushes the Vandals not only out of the Big West Conference and into the non-conference portion of the season, but also into a 1-12 overall record.

"The game was pretty much in the hands of everyone," said head coach Craig Burtis. "Everyone had a chance to step up and make a difference. I was really pleased with the way we played and the way we fought."

Despite the loss, the Vandals still have a chance to get into the Big West Conference tournament, which begins on March 12.

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**Big West Tournament**

Big West women's basketball honors

The UI women's basketball team finished the season with a 3-1 record in the Big West Conference, and the team is now ranked 21st in the country.

The team has also been honored with the Big West Women's Basketball Honors award, given to the team with the highest cumulative GPA in the conference.

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**Big West Tournament single session tickets on sale now**

The Big West Conference and the Women's Basketball Tournament Committee have announced that tickets for the Big West Women's Basketball Tournament are now on sale.

The tournament will be held at the Mac Nab Arena in Fullerton, Calif., from March 5-7. The tournament will feature the first-round games of the tournament.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.bigwest.org or by calling 1-800-608-3058.

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