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From the mouth of an activist



By Sean C. Hayes
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Last week, an abortion display sparked debate on the Boise State campus, and the community at large. I sat down for a brief interview with Brandi Swindell, the director of Generation Life, noted for her activism on the pro-life issue as well as the recipient of worldwide press for her opposition to condom distribution among athletes at the Olympics.

The following is not intended as a fight or debate, nor as a two-sided objective news story, but as a glimpse into the life of a controversial activist.

Sean Hayes: With the abortion display ending, all in all, how do you think it went?

Brandi Swindell: I think it was a huge success. I so respect the students at Boise State University because they carried themselves in a way that was just so poised and they asked a lot of questions. Many of the students voiced their opposition, but did it in a very controlled way. Students listened to what we had to say. We listened to what they had to say.

I was actually impressed because there was a lot of talk from the administration that it may get way out of hand...and I almost thought it was disrespectful to the students, to think they couldn't handle something like this.

SH: Do any meetings with students, positive, negative or both stand out based on your own encounters or other organizers' discussions with students?

BS: What stands out in my mind was just how students were able to handle this and think about it. There are many people that did thank us for showing it, saying 'we didn't know that this was abortion.'

SH: Did you meet anybody or hear of anybody whose views were definitely changed, well either way, but probably more toward your view...

BS: Yes, that's what we'd remember... We did have a number of students that came up asking us a question that was almost like a statement, you know they'd throw something out there. Again they listened to what we had to say, we listened to them, we got involved in dialogue. They absolutely said, 'I see what you're saying, you're right.'

And so we have a lot of people at first heard what other people were saying that we were being disrespectful to minority groups and that kind of stuff then they sat and talked to us and said 'that's not what you're about at all.'

SH: The equation with genocide was controversial. How would you respond to that just based on the comments you've heard on the Quad?

BS: Well the connection we were trying to make is we believe abortion is the genocide of this generation. If you born after the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision, you have no rights, you have no rights of personhood. Our government has said our generation had no value in the womb, and so we're trying to connect the dots between different times in history that's been done... and what people recognize most of all is the Jewish people during the Holocaust. They were considered unfit and therefore not fully human and they did not have rights of personhood under German law. Our own government said that African Americans...were two-thirds of a person and therefore not fully human, and here in our own country they were not protected by the Constitution.

With abortion, the pre-born were

defined as not being fully human...therefore they had no right to personhood and not protected by the Constitution.

People at first were like 'why are you showing pictures of that,' then when they read the signs and talked to us, they saw the connection we were trying to make and whether they agreed or disagreed they understood that we were not being racist or bigoted but that we love humanity so much that we're fighting for minority rights within the womb.

SH: Was it difficult getting displayed on the Quad? Was it difficult getting approval from the administration?

BS: Yeah. Horrible...we've been working on this project for two years, we were supposed to do it last spring. And we actually set a precedent and paved the way for other groups to embrace freedom of speech here at the university because the policy was ridiculous and very restrictive. And we were told no at the beginning of last year that we could not reserve Quad space. So we were not permitted to do it last year, but we did not give up. We felt it almost entered into an issue of free speech...we were glad that they did honor our freedom of speech...but they're bound by law to do that anyway...so we're lucky we didn't have to take them to court...

SH: What would you have done if they had not changed their policy?

BS: Had they not changed their policy and refused to let us get Quad space myself and the other campus groups involved...I'm not a student but the other students felt that we would have to file a federal lawsuit...we would have taken it that far...Dr. Martin Luther King said 'injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,' and a person may find out why fight this battle here in little Boise.

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New ASBSU leadership: Mathias and Rock

By Matt Neznanski
The Arbiter

Chris Mathias and Ken Rock were elected ASBSU president and vice president in last week's student elections.

Voting was held Wednesday and Thursday on campus and via BroncoWeb.

Mathias and Rock tallied 774 votes, outdistancing Brad Christensen and Aaron Calkins, who had 574 votes.

Faida Muzaliwa and Evangeline Beechler came in third with 203 votes, while write-in candidates Whitney Parker and Zach Mallavia totaled 55 votes.

Mathias will take office on April 23, and said he just wants to get to work.

"We've got a lot to do before finals—get an outline for summer, figure out the budget," he said.

According to ASBSU unofficial results, this semester's election numbers topped 1,600, still only representing 9.4 percent of eligible voters while nearly doubling last spring's 5.25 percent turnout.

Mathias said hard work brought out the vote in this election.

"Some candidates campaigned really hard for this," he said. "We were hard to avoid."

At the same time, Mathias said the Generation Life display may have kept some campaigning from reaching potential voters who were avoiding the quad.

He said the number of hopefuls may also have enticed more people to vote as well.

"Social research shows when more candidates run for office, more people get out and vote," he said.

The race for Arts and Sciences senator was especially close. Winner Jerilyn Grow collected 151 votes trailed closely by James Sherman with 149.

Incumbent senators Jon Frost of Business and Economics, China Veldhouse of Health Sciences, and Sarah Ali of Social Sciences and Public Affairs, were elected following their initial appoint-

ments to Senate.

Ted Gantz won the race in the College of Engineering and incumbent Lee Vander Boegh ran as an unopposed write-in candidate for the Graduate College.

This election marked the first time BroncoWeb was the only method for electing the student body president, vice president and college senators.

A few students reported problems with the BroncoWeb voting process when the system registered them as having voted when they logged on for other reasons.

Amy McKenzie, ASBSU office assistant, said students who reported problems were issued paper ballots.

"Then we checked their student numbers against the records to make sure they voted once," she said.

These ballots only totaled 22 votes in the entire election, though students who had problems may not have reported them.

Hawkins offered record contract extension

By Erin Willis
The Arbiter

Boise State University is set to offer head football coach Dan Hawkins a five-year contract extension.

The deal marks the longest contract ever offered to a BSU coach and would increase Hawkins' annual salary 5 percent to an estimated \$165,000.

"We have been extremely pleased with the work Coach Hawkins has done, and we want to ensure that he is at Boise State as long as possible," said Athletics Director Gene Bleymaier.

In his first year as head coach, replacing Dirk Koetter who left for Arizona State, Hawkins led the Broncos to 8-4, finishing with a second place tie in the Western Athletic Conference and an upset over eighth-ranked Fresno State.

"He had an excellent first year," said Bleymaier, who added that Hawkins' accomplishments helped put BSU on the map.

"When we have nationally televised games such as the Fresno State game last year, it brings tremendous visibility and recognition to Boise State," he said.

Bleymaier said renegotiating the contract now, with two years still left on the original, rewards Hawkins for his achievements and holds promise for things to come.

Hawkins has not seen the particulars of the offer yet, but he anticipates reaching an agreement with the university within the next six weeks.

"I said a long time ago I'd love to be here a long time," he said. "I'd love to be here and see this thing become a top 20 program."

Hawkins also said the contract extension helps in recruiting new players.

"They always want to know how long you're going to be there or want to be there," he said. "I think any time you can have continuity that's always a plus."

Hawkins said other institutions competing for the same players will use a coach's contract length against him. He said players want to know the coach will be there through the athlete's college career.

Hawkins signed 26 new recruits—13 offensive and defensive linemen—for the upcoming season and said he feels good that the new talent, like defensive end Fernando Yanez and defensive lineman Loa Emsley, will be able to keep up the pace set last season.

"There's a lot of athletic ability there. There's a lot of speed there. I really like the fiber of those guys," Hawkins said.

Hawkins also added depth to the quarterback slot, signing two incoming freshman to join with redshirt

freshman Rafe Espinoza and senior backup B.J. Rhode.

Hawkins plans to start junior Ryan Dinwiddie, one of the 16 returning starters, at quarterback after capping last season ranked 10th in the country for total offense. The 6-foot signal caller completed 201 of 322 passes for 3,043 yards and 29 touchdowns.

An injury has left a key position wide open, however.

Punter Keith Schuttler tore his Achilles tendon in practice last week and will be out for six months, leaving the coaches scrambling for a new punter.

"That obviously is a big concern; that's a critical position," Hawkins said. "It's very unfortunate."

Redshirt freshman Sean Steichen and sophomore Jesse Warner will duke it out for Schuttler's replacement.

The 2002 season kicks off Aug. 31 with new turf and a new logo against home-opener University of Idaho, and with big home games against conference teams Hawai'i, Fresno State, Rice, and Louisiana Tech.

Hawkins expects the Broncos to outdo their performance last year.

"Our expectations are to be in post-season," he said.



Photo by Ted Harmon.

Chris Mathias (right) hugs running mate Ken Rock after hearing the election results last Thursday.

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Generation Life accuses BSU of chilling free speech

By Andy Benson
The Arbiter

Generation Life held a press conference last Thursday afternoon charging that Boise State used the Women's Center to coordinate opposition to the display, chilling First Amendment rights in the process. However, university officials said that the Women's Center Advisory Board helped coordinate the counterdisplay, not the Women's Center. The advisory board is a collection of students and faculty who advise the center and is not considered a unit of Boise State.

However, Generation Life Director Brandi Swindell cited an e-mail that circulated last week detailing the vigil and counterdisplay as proof that the Women's Center was involved. The email listed the Center's phone number as a point of contact for questions.

Swindell said that the University's sanction of the counterdisplay sets bad precedent on campus.

"It is almost like tyranny on campus and that is very dangerous," Swindell said.

Patrick Mahoney, Director of Washington D.C. based Christian Defense Coalition, added: "Do we want professors teaching in white sheets? Do we want administrators wearing swastikas?"

Mahoney and Swindell have been critical of the Women's Center all week, saying that the center should be a student organization, not a campus entity.

Mahoney also claimed that the

American Civil Liberties Union agreed with Generation Life's accusations that Boise State violated its position of neutrality.

However, ACLU Executive Director Jack Van Valkenburgh disavowed any support for Generation Life's charges.

"There doesn't seem to be any attempt to discourage political expression," Valkenburgh said. "We don't know all the facts, but the ACLU encourages the full expression of ideas by all campus members."

Mahoney conceded that he didn't know if BSU violated any laws, but added that Generation Life has retained local attorney Ben Milam to investigate further.

In a phone interview, Milam said that Generation Life wants to see what role the university played in the counter-protest.

"The concern is that the administration is not being even handed with the pro-life display," Milam said. "And they would like to further investigate whether their [Generation Life's] concerns are substantiated or if there has been a violation of BSU's policies."

Mahoney also said that he was disappointed that some faculty and staff members wore orange ribbons in opposition to the display. Mahoney said the groups involved in the display will document all cases of professors seen wearing the ribbons.

Generation Life and Milam plan to meet with University President Charles Ruch on April 22 to discuss issues surrounding the display.

Auxiliary Services Director Gregory Blaesing said after the press conference said that the actions of the Women's Center Advisory Board were not inappropriate and that the university encourages discussion on all points of view.

"Our position is that this event is like many other events sponsored by student organizations," Blaesing said. "We cherish the first amendment and will allow other groups to present other points of view."

Blaesing also expressed support for the role of the Women's Center and their advisory board on campus.

"The Women's Center Advisory Board represents perspectives of students and faculty members who choose to get involved," Blaesing said. "We are proud of the Women's Center and we encourage people to get involved."

Melissa Wintrow, Women's Center Coordinator, said the Women's Center doesn't take a position on abortion, contrary to claims by display organizers.

"The Women's Center does not and has never taken a stance on the moral issue of abortion," Wintrow said.

However, Wintrow said the Women's Center objects to the message sent by the display.

"Women are not terrorists, women are not Nazis, and women are not oppressors," Wintrow said. "That display depicts women in a very negative way and that doesn't benefit anyone."



A crowd listens to Les Bock of the Idaho Human Rights Education Center give a speech on the need for tolerance in people's daily lives last Friday. A swastika and a racial slur had been carved into the door of the Idaho Black History museum earlier this week, and more than 100 people turned out to protest the incident.

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Idaho, but this is the exact reason we have first amendment rights is for situations like this. So it would have been like BSU was creating tyranny...It's just very dangerous when the university tries to silence a message.

SH: Do you feel the university or any entity here restricted your rights to free speech while the display was up?

BS: There is a legal term that is called a "chilling" of freedom of speech, when there is pressure from a government group...in this case the BSU administration, and we have found they were involved in organizing the counter demonstration, and we don't mind counter protesters at all, that's the beauty of a university and that creates a better community for dialogue...but we discovered that the university helped administrate that through the Women's Center [see related story page 2], and we were not told 100 percent truth by different people in the BSU administration regarding that.

We know that professors in their classrooms have been wearing ribbons...against our display, but the people on our side were told they couldn't be around our signs. People on staff were told if they came up to see our signs... if they were pro life they'd have take vacation time, but when we went to talk to President Ruch yesterday the first person you see up in the administration area was wearing one of those ribbons, and she was on staff, on duty...

So it creates an atmosphere that is not neutral, that is actually very biased.

SH: Shifting gears, what exactly is the definition of pro-life?

BS: We specifically feel that we are in a culture of death. We have 43 million dead children since the Roe vs. Wade decision, we have a big push for euthanasia, just the dignity of life has gone down for many people in this generation. Many people have done studies attributing that to us being the first generation born after 1973, and we were open prey in our mother's womb so now there's a detachment and a devaluing of our own lives.

Pro-life basically means that we're standing for the dignity of all human life at every stage, at every walk of life. And those who

are truly pro-life stand for human rights for all, the pre-born and the born, any race, gender, creed, any belief system, you must support human rights for all.

SH: What personally motivates you as a pro-life activist, I don't know if you do this for a living...

BS: Yes, I do. I've been involved in the pro-life cause for about five years. I personally have never had an abortion...I was born in 1976 so I was open prey in my mother's womb. My government devalued my life, which I think is horrific. I have seen what abortion does to women personally through friends of mine, in particular a friend of mine got pregnant, decided to have an abortion, and I saw how she was before the abortion and right after the abortion and it absolutely destroyed her. I've found that the majority of women who have abortions regret their decisions to abort.

Then I started thinking, 'well who is behind the abortion industry,' it really didn't seem to be a good thing for women. I just started doing research five years ago and what I found out is absolutely horrific. It's the third largest unregulated industry in the world. Ninety-four percent of women who have abortions regret their decisions to abort. Women aren't told what it does to their bodies, immediately or long-term, or what it does to them emotionally. It's killing an innocent child. I just looked at who was behind the abortion industry and it's just scary and horrific...I'm pro education and there's a lot of propaganda behind abortion, so we just need to educate women and men.

SH: What do you think motivates pro-choice feminists to be activists themselves?

BS: People get involved in the...pro-abortion movements for a lot of different reasons, and that's actually one of the myths that I want to expose is that...people would throw it at me that in order to be a feminist I had to be pro-choice and I started researching that and the original feminists were actually pro-life. Susan B. Anthony called abortion a savage act and something that would reduce women to objects and something that would only

relieve men of their responsibility.

The root behind the abortion industry truly originated behind a Eugenics belief system: Margaret Sanger, who was the founder of Planned Parenthood, applauded Hitler for his population control methods. She believed in forcing women only to have one or two children in America. She started the Negro Project, which was to forcibly sterilize, and to force women to have abortions that were African Americans. She believed that having more than two children was a disgrace, and that bearing a child was a privilege and not a right and that the government could control that. She wanted a supreme, clean mostly Caucasian race. Planned Parenthood is now the number one provider of abortions in the world, they stop at nothing to try to get abortion into every country, not because it's what they need, but it's a way to control population.

It's very strategic for the abortion movement to jump aboard the feminist movement, because they could almost brainwash women into thinking, 'it's our right to kill our children, and it makes us equal or better than men,' which is absolutely a lie...It is not a woman's right to kill her baby.

SH: Going back to definition of pro-life. To be pro-life, must you be a Christian? Must you be a politically conservative?

BS: No way, that is such a misconception. It's actually a distraction that's thrown at us all the time, that you have to be Christian, you have to grow up in a strict, fundamentalist family...No, being pro-life is a human rights issue. You basically have to be human, that's it. It's very barbaric for a society to accept abortion. The way our society's set up right now, every person should be pro-life, because we believe in respecting the dignity of life in so many other issues.

Being pro-life is not a religious issue. There's a group called Atheists for Life, they don't even believe there's a God and they're pro-life. I have friends of mine, even family, that are atheist and are totally pro-life because that's

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Club brings Japanese culture

By Ted Harmon
The Arbiter

Professor Tetsuya Ehara is looking for you.

Ehara, adjunct Japanese language professor and adviser for the new Japan Club of Boise State, is now free to promote the club after initial difficulties with university approval.

According to Student Organizations Program Coordinator Mike Esposito, the person who wrote the original wording of the club's constitution omitted one point about nondiscrimination that both ASBSU and the university require.

"It wasn't that they did anything wrong, they just forgot one little word," Esposito said. "It was no big deal."

After rewording the document, the club gained recognition on April 2.

The Japan Club was created to bring the Japanese language and culture to anyone interested, he said, not just to students enrolled in Japanese language and culture classes.

"Everyone knows Sony, Nissan, and Toyota, but does everyone understand

the Japanese Cultural Fair, Sunday, April 21.

The event, held in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom, is part of the 60th Anniversary Commemoration of Japanese Internment Camps. The Japan Club will be lending some of the labor, acting club president Zeniff Rodriguez said.

"Since it's our first year, we'll be at the sidelines," he said.

Japanese culture?" he asked, "Everyone eats Mexican food, but do they understand Mexico? No."

Ehara started teaching at BSU in January after doing graduate work in college student development and administration at the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse.

During the course of his studies, he discovered that students involved with extra curricular activities have better academic success. They are also more likely to graduate, he said.

In the case of Japanese language study, students have a difficult time building their conversation skills, Ehara said. Students need to continue their practice outside class, he said, but in Boise it's difficult to immerse oneself in the Japanese culture.

The Japan Club will supplement class work to provide a constant learning environment for students, he said.

"This is the place to learn Japanese," Ehara said.

One of the club's first endeavors will be assisting the Japan Society in Idaho at

If you go:

The Japanese Cultural fair is Sunday, April 21 from noon until 5 p.m. in the Student Union Jordan Ballroom

If you are interested in joining the Japan Club of BSU, or volunteering for the fair, email the club's adviser, Professor Tetsuya Ehara, at tehara@boisestate.edu.

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Opinion

It is wrong to equate opposition with compliance

The Bush propaganda machine is kicking into high gear. "Americans for Victory Over Terrorism" (AVOT) is a newly formed group of hard-line neo-conservatives whose goal it will be to silence critics of Bush's militarism. Founded by several ultra-hawks including former CIA director R. James Woolsey; former Reagan Pentagon official Frank Gaffney; and William P. Barr, the attorney general under Bush Sr., the group's self-proclaimed goal is to "take to task those groups and individuals who fundamentally misunderstand the nature of the war we are facing."



Bad capitalist, he martin
By Nate Williams

for the American ideals of freedom and equality or a misunderstanding of those ideals in their practice." The group's \$128,000 ad in the March 10 New York Times attacked those "who are attempting to use this opportunity to promulgate their agenda of 'blame America first.'" The message is pretty straightforward: if your conscience disagrees with Bush's imperialism, you'd better zip it.

Funds to launch the group have been largely provided by Lawrence Kadish, chairman of the Republican Jewish Coalition and a major contributor to the Republican Party (reportedly he's given \$532,000 to the GOP). Their campaign is allegedly designed to expose "threats" that "stem from either a hatred

"axis of evil" metaphor, labeling it "overly simplistic and counter-productive"; Congresswoman Maxine Waters' comment "Some of us, maybe foolishly, gave this President the authority to go after terrorists . . . we didn't know that he, too, was going to go crazy with it"; as well as Robert Kuttner, American

Prospect editor's criticism of "Bush's dismal domestic policies" and "dubious notion of permanent war."

This latest blip on the repression radar screen should come as no surprise to a public already warned that anyone who questions any aspect of Bush's war is an aid and abettor of terrorism. More informal forms of repression have been occurring regularly elsewhere, for example in the Senate. When Tom Daschle commented that Bush "is cloaking the war on terrorism in secrecy," Republican Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott harshly rebuked him stating, "Any sign that we are losing that unity, or crack in support, will be, I think, used against us." It's settled then.

The U.S. public and Congress must unquestioningly support our leader—anything short of absolute acquiescence is to be silenced.

Americans don't need anyone to tell them how dangerous this new form of repression is. A nation founded on democracy has as one of its cornerstones the open and free debate of ideas. Indeed, for being members of the "free market" crowd, these

right-wingers sure are proffering a great deal of state-centered repression and control.

Furthermore, their argument doesn't hold up. How exactly does criticizing Bush's militaristic foreign policy "embolden" our "enemies?" Does Osama bin Laden wait to read what I've written in the Arbiter before he decides whether to move ahead with his plans? Hardly. What's really at stake here is the legitimacy of our President's actions. The real danger is that we critics of Bush's militarism don't "fundamentally misunderstand the nature of the war we are facing," but rather, have hit the nail right on the head.

Labeling opponents of the war "traitors" who "blame America first" is a convenient way of dismissing legitimate criticism and stifling critical thought about our government's actions. Were individuals who opposed Hitler's imperialist militarism "blaming Germany first"? You bet they were—and they should have. The issue isn't who is being blamed. It's whether or not the criticism is valid.

The problem is that Bush and the members of AVOT have an

entirely different conception than the rest of us of what "America" is. For them "America" is Enron; America is the boards of directors and wealthy capitalists who fund their campaigns. America is defense contractors and oil barons and multinational corporations with global empires to protect. For these guys, "the American ideals of freedom and equality" mean freedom for major corporations to undermine democracy, exploit workers, destroy the environment, and use military intervention to expand profits.

It means the freedom for corporations to buy politicians and policies that enable them to globalize their exploitation and rule how they want to (e.g. the WTO). Equality means: if my dad ripped a bunch of people off and then gave me the money when he died I should get to keep it. They claim that critics of this process have a "misunderstanding of those ideals in their practice." Nothing could be further from the truth. Bush's critics understand exactly what his "ideals" look like "in practice"—that's why they oppose them. The sin of Bush's critics is to

believe that freedom and equality should be for average Americans and human beings rather than only for the ultra-wealthy and non-human corporate entities.

If "blaming America first" means pointing out that Enron was an atrocious assault by corporate elites on the lives of working people; or that there were alternative responses to Sept. 11 that wouldn't have murdered thousands of innocent Afghani children, women, and men; or that invading Iraq will also result in thousands of needless deaths in the pursuit of empire; or that the U.S. has an atrocious record of human rights violations and morally unjustifiable militaristic interventions; then I am guilty. And I will continue to be guilty until "America," that is, the America of Enron, Bush, Cheney, and every other bought off politician and corporate lackey stops deserving the criticism they're attempting to silence. Bush's wars are not about protecting democracy or freedom, pursuing justice, or defending liberty. They're about the bottom line for Bush's "America"—profit and empire.

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where the logic is. There's absolute logic in standing for the dignity of all human life. Abortion only hurts women, and it destroys many children.

Many of the passionate people throughout history have been religious. So, you may oftentimes see a lot of passionate pro-lifers that are of a certain faith. For example, Mother Theresa, very passionately involved in the human rights issue and she included abortion. You don't have to be of any faith to be pro-life, it's a human rights issue.

SH: Just for a quick point of clarification, you believe that life begins...

BS: I believe that life begins at fertilization. That's not a belief held just by the pro-life movement, that's a belief held by the scientific community and by doctors, it's in all the medical journals, that a new life is created at the beginning—conception, fertilization. The only debate here is whether life is valuable, and when is it valuable.

SH: But it's not pre-conception...?

BS: No, I believe there's no life until the egg and the sperm meet.

SH: There are some people that wanted me to clarify that. With your activism at the Olympics, some people thought

it ironic that someone pro-life would also oppose birth control. Would you like to explain that, and explain if you oppose all birth control?

BS: Within the sacrament of marriage, and I'm speaking of behalf of myself—people involved in Generation Life can have differing views on that, and that's okay—but Generation Life's view on this, and it differs within the pro-life community so I'm not speaking on behalf of the pro-life community, but no, within the sacrament of marriage different forms of birth control are fine.

I am against the birth control pill because it [causes abortion]. Being pro-life, I'd be a hypocrite to support this. Most people don't realize that the birth control pill has a backup plan. The first two steps are to prevent a baby from being conceived, they're to prevent fertilization. But the third step, or backup plan, is that if a baby is conceived, the lining of the uterine wall becomes thin the baby can't implant. So there's been a baby conceived but it's not allowed to implant, therefore it dies and it's flushed out of the woman's body. So if I'm truthful in what I believe and I believe life begins at fertilization, I'd be a hypocrite to accept the birth con-

rol pill.

As far as condoms go, I was opposing the distribution of condoms during the Olympics because I feel like specifically condoms are being thrown out as a lazy approach and I don't feel there is enough information being distributed with the condoms. They need to hand out literature that explains the different kinds of sexually transmitted diseases. That's what makes people stop when they hear how you can get AIDS, Herpes, HPV...STDs have skyrocketed, they can't even name them all, and women are more susceptible...a lot of them are not spread through bodily fluids, but through skin-to-skin contact, which condoms do not protect.

SH: For a point of clarification, if a person were going to have sex, you're not recommending that condoms not be used in general...

BS: What I'm saying is I think it's playing Russian Roulette when you promote condom use, and promote the myth of safe sex with a condom, because it's not safe. The 3 to 6 percent failure rate that's on the condom package, that's not true, you've got to remember that was done by the condom manufacturers, the reality is up to 12 percent, some stud-

ies say up to 18 percent.

So, I will never be a promoter of condoms, because I think it's a lazy approach. I teach the chastity message, but I'm not saying there should be a ban on condoms. If people want to have dangerous, casual, recreational sex, it's heart-breaking and sad. I'm just going to do my best to educate people, particularly women and minors, that condoms are not that safe. The only 100 percent way not to get an STD is to be chaste until marriage. I can't force everyone to believe what I believe. I wasn't saying that the state of Utah should ban condoms.

SH: How do married couples protect against unwanted pregnancies?

BS: Family planning. It's amazing. It's so sad that women don't know how their bodies work. Natural family planning is a way of gauging your cycle, and you actually pinpoint the days of the month that you are fertile and you abstain from sex those days. And it's healthy, you're not manipulating your body... I mean the birth control pill is so dangerous...the risk of breast cancer goes up when you're on the birth control pill. It's just scary how it messes with your body. [Family planning] is just as effective, in fact, more effective than

the birth control pill, and it's just like the birth control pill because you have to do it every day, take your temperature every day, it takes about two minutes, and you chart your cycle and you can pinpoint the days in which you're fertile. I'm very big into natural things and natural law, I know people who are using it and it does work.

SH: What's the ultimate goal of your pro-life activism?

BS: My ultimate goal would truly believe in human rights for

all, that our nation and our world would respect the dignity of the pre-born and the dignity of women and realize that abortion only hurts women and it destroys innocent children. My hope would be that abortion would come to an end. My hope would be that innocent children would be granted life, and women would no longer be exploited.

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 - Tippy craft
 - Of sound quality
 - A Gershwin
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 - Bar bills
 - Permits
 - Interrupts
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 - Carrier bags
 - End of a sock
 - Etcher's substance
 - Predatory seabirds
 - Cry out loud
 - Sell-out letters
 - Constructed
 - Ethical
 - India-Pakistan region
 - Video recording
 - and crafts
 - Bill's partner?
 - Ms. Gardner
 - Prison knife
 - Emphasizes with slanting letters
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Weekly Horoscope

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Today's Birthday (April 15). Your best investment this year is in your own education. You like to spend money on books anyway. Now, you have an official excuse. You don't have to go back to school, though you can if you want. The education you get on your own might prove to be more valuable.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - "Show me the money!" That's what you'll be saying. Go straight to the bottom line. With this attitude, you should be able to make money and save time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're gaining respect by voicing your well-reasoned philosophy. You could even increase your income. Are you getting a new job?

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Take it slow and easy a little while longer. Do more planning. You'll get the chance to be forceful tomorrow and the next day. Make your decision now. Act on it then.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Confer with friends to complete a tricky assignment. One of you should have the perfect scheme. If not, discuss it more tomorrow with the whole gang.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - If you practiced over the weekend, you're well prepared. If you didn't, you may not perform as well as you know you could. That'd be a pity, because there's a talent scout out there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Be trustworthy and practical now, and you'll get more responsibility soon. You're good at setting priorities. Some of your co-workers aren't. They need you, so stand tall.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're anxious to act, but something is holding you back. Is it unjustified anxiety, or good sense? Probably the latter. There's something to be said for being sure you can pay the bills before incurring them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Make a solid connection with someone you know you can trust. After that's done, it'll be easy to discuss a delicate subject, like who's going to pay for what. You'll both feel better once that's done.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You're still in a take-charge frame of mind. The most disgusting tasks on your list will be easy. Push to finish, because another option appears tomorrow.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - There's a glow left over from this weekend. Enjoy it as you ease into your soon-to-be busy schedule. You can be rigorous tomorrow. Today, eat dessert first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - After getting off to a slow start, you may start to wake up tonight. Is your biological clock askew, or are you finally rested? Either way, don't overdo it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - A preconceived notion topples as you gain knowledge and experience. Something you thought was too difficult gets easy. But the reverse could happen, too, so don't get cocky.

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noon-1:00 FARM DEG

"Good Loving Jam Rock"

1:00-1:30 SIERRA CLUB

Topic: Protecting the Owyhee Canyon lands- Roger Singer

1:30-2:30 JOHN NEMETH & THE THREE JACKS

"Low down Boogie Blues"

2:30-3:00 BOISE PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Topic: Local Sustainable Practices- Catherine Chertudl

3:00-4:00 THE CLUMSY LOVERS

"Raging Celtic Bluegrass Rock"

4:00-4:30 SNAKE RIVER ALLIANCE

Topic: Nuclear Waste In Idaho- Jessica Hlxon

4:30-6:00 MARCUS EATEN AND THE LOBBY

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6:00-6:30 AURORA POWER

Topic: Solar Energy- Mike Leonard

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