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ANALYSIS

U.S. quest for security has unsettled the world

BY MICHAEL HILL
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Two years ago, chances are you didn't know the name of Osama bin Laden, certainly not of his organization, al-Qaida.

You knew little of the Taliban that was ruling Afghanistan with an Islamic iron fist; less of its opponent, the Northern Alliance; nothing of current Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

You knew Saddam Hussein, but he was just one of the pain-in-the-neck figures who popped up on every continent in the globe.

You hadn't heard of the Department of Homeland Security. Or the Patriot Act. Or military tribunals.

You had most likely never watched a Donald Rumsfeld news conference. You had yet to meet Tommy Franks and Paul Bremer and Jessica Lynch.

Most of all, two years ago, you didn't know that a dozen or so people were in the final stages of years of plotting to hijack three jetliners full of people and do what seemed unthinkable even to the most cautious security experts -- use them as weapons on a suicide mission.

Two years ago, the World Trade Center's twin towers dominated Lower Manhattan with a modernist simplicity that seemed destined to last for centuries.

That was two years ago. As the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks arrives Thursday -- with observances greatly toned down from those of a year ago -- there is certainly progress in the international struggle that began that day.

"There has not been another Sept. 11 and that is something we have to take comfort in," says Steven David, an expert on international security issues at the Johns Hopkins University. "After the original attack, there were fears that it would happen again and again. You have to take each day as it comes, but the fact is that we haven't had another."

Shibley Telhami, the Anwar Sadat Professor for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, College Park, agrees: "Something is working in terms of homeland security."

But thinking back on those hours, days and weeks after the

horror of Sept. 11, 2001, there is a feeling something is still wrong.

"The bigger question is how we are doing in getting an international coalition together to fight terror, how we are doing at reducing the motives of people who don't like us," says Telhami, also a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution. "I think at that level one has to say that we are not better off, that in some ways we are worse off."

The problems did not crop up immediately. The initial focus on disrupting al-Qaida operations in Afghanistan receives high marks. The many arrests of top al-Qaida officials in various countries are seen as evidence of real success in this struggle.

"The original operation in Afghanistan was positive," says John Steinbruner, director of the Center for International and Security Studies at the University of Maryland. "It took away al-Qaida's main sanctuary. Systematically organized terrorism was dispersed in that area. But positive is not enough."

Martha Crenshaw, a terrorism expert at Wesleyan University in Connecticut, agrees. "Al-Qaida was hurt badly, but hurt badly does not mean the organization is completely destroyed."

Bin Laden is still at large. And while the United States has remained safe, terrorist attacks connected to al-Qaida continue, the worst a bombing in Bali last October that killed 200, most of them foreign tourists.

What stands out is the contrast between the unanimity of worldwide support for the United States in the days and weeks

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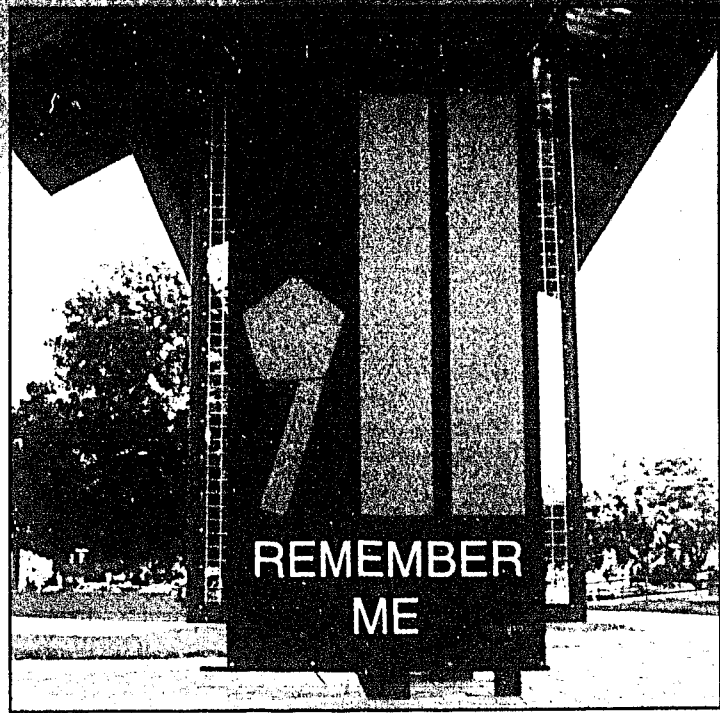


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A banner created by local artist George Dashiell Jr. as a tribute to the victims of Sept. 11, graced the kiosk near Albertson's Library Monday.

Local resident creates 9/11 tribute

BY ANDY BENSON
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The Arbiter

George Dashiell Jr., a local resident, created a tribute to the victims of Sept. 11 that was displayed on the kiosk near Albertson's Library Monday. Since then, the

banner has appeared at the Boise Library on Tuesday, Boise City Hall on Wednesday and is on display at the Capitol Building today.

Dashiell, a play-by-play announcer for the Northwest Nazarene University and American Legion teen baseball, said the banner was created out of his desire to recognize the individuals who lost their lives two years ago.

"I felt that it should be done, I could do it, so I did it."

Dashiell retrieved the names online and set about arranging them within geometric shapes to represent the World Trade Center, Pentagon and the crash site of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

Dashiell said he didn't want to address any political issues with the display, only memorialize those who lost their lives.

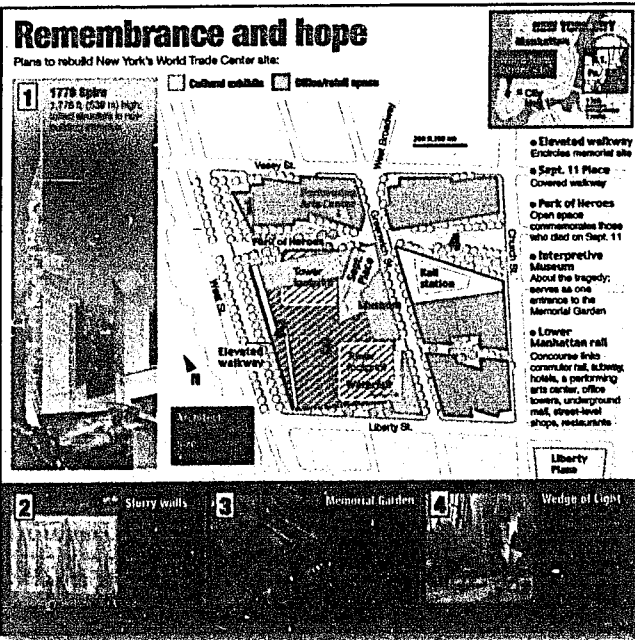
"I started looking at some of the names, and it was interesting to see them on an individual level," Dashiell said.

Former Nampa resident Lt. Cmdr. Ronald James Vauk's name can be seen on the banner in the Pentagon representation. Vauk, who was serving in the Navy, was killed in the Pentagon crash.

"I think we were very lucky," Dashiell said. "We're such a great country and we were able to absorb this much of an impact...We're lucky to be Americans."

"I felt that it should be done, I could do it, so I did it."

— George Dashiell Jr.



KRT GRAPHIC

Boise and the Treasure Valley find themselves at a crossroads

Issues surrounding urban growth and transportation on the minds of many

BY JASON KAUFFMAN
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The Arbiter

Imagine two of many possibilities for Boise's future. On one hand, envision a Boise where regional growth planning has promoted a city with long commutes, stop-and-go traffic, and pollution -- where views of the foothills are nearly non-existent.

Alternatively, envision a Boise where commutes are short, citizens conduct much of their business close to home, and on most days the backdrop of foothills is unimpeded by pollution.

The answer to this question has vexed many of those involved in planning Boise's long-term growth.

Kathleen Lacey, a City of Boise transportation planner, believes Boise is at a point where not acting immediately might negatively influence the community's ability to actively shape its future.

"If we don't begin now we may not get there," she said.

Up front, these issues may seem fairly limited in scope, but the reality is far from



PHOTO BY KRISTA ADAMS/THE ARBITER

Boise's prolific growth rates over the past decade have taxed the area's transportation infrastructure. Not only are the streets and highways being forced to accommodate higher levels of traffic than they were designed for, but the city's public transportation is also in jeopardy.

simple.

For a variety of reasons, Boise is at a critical juncture. A study currently being conducted looks at how Boise moves vehicles, freight, pedestrians and bikes through the downtown area.

Lacey said the Downtown Mobility Study is paying particularly close attention to the

downtown area's "links to Boise State, St. Lukes, State street and all other arterials."

Other issues receiving close attention from Lacey include possibilities of future commuter rail service between Boise and the west end of the Treasure Valley, a shuttle linking BSU and the downtown area, and

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'Campaign for Students' set to begin this fall

BY MONICA PRICE
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The Arbiter

Over the past summer Boise Industrial Foundation made a \$1.5 million donation to Boise State University. The BSU Foundation plans to use this money in its campaign to increase scholarship endowments.

Richard Smith, vice president of university advancement, said the campaign will start soliciting funds this semester.

The university is about to embark on a focused effort to raise funds specifically for academic scholarships.

"It's time for this in the evolution of this university," Smith said.

BSU has been very successful with building the necessary infrastructure, but the scholarship pool is still relatively low.

"We want to be able to recruit and maintain the best and brightest students," Smith said.

The guidelines for future scholarships are in the process of being finalized. Once the details are settled, scholarships will be available to students in all academic departments.

There are a few smaller scholarships in the process, but it could take several years before those plans are complete, Smith said.

Bob Fritsch, BSU Foundation executive director, said the foundation raised over \$5 million by the end of last fiscal year. The foundation's goal is to generate more funds for scholarships.

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Destination: Idaho Wild

Sheep Creek, Boise National Forest

BY JASON KAUFFMAN
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The Arbitron

Sheep Creek is born from alpine headwaters near the heights of Trinity Mountain and drops headlong to join the Middle Fork of the Boise River. This remote stream holds ample opportunities for recreation.

Along a twisting course possessing major elevation differences, Sheep Creek passes through dramatic Idaho backcountry.

For the recreationist traversing these wilds, far reaching views of forested mountainsides and abundant wildlife abound. Opportunities for day hikes and extended trips are limited only by one's imagination, time commitments, and time of year.

Most importantly, one can have all this in an hour-and-a-half drive from Boise.

In its many miles, Sheep Creek and its tributaries flow through a region largely devoid

of roads.

You might ask, so what does this mean for the recreationist? It translates into a quality recreational experience far from the hustle and bustle of everyday urban life.

Having spent many trips journeying through Sheep Creek's upper and lower elevations, I can attest to a general lack of crowds there.

Recreational areas like Sheep Creek -- with their combination of scenery, solitude and easy access from Boise -- can often be hard to find.

For students, or anyone else with similarly busy schedules, spots such as this can be an invaluable resource and a great way to unwind after a stressful week.

The William H. Pogue National Recreational trail, known conversely as Forest Service trail 122, accesses the main stem of Sheep Creek. Side trails branch off into the many canyons that grace these mountains.

Out and back hiking trips with lengths varying from 2-20 miles are possible depending on an

individual's physical shape and desire.

You can access Sheep Creek from Boise following these directions:

-Drive approximately 18 miles west on Highway 21.

-After crossing over the Mores Creek arm of Lucky Peak reservoir turn right onto the Arrowrock road.

-Following the Arrowrock road, also known as FS 268, drive approximately 22 miles before reaching the first bridge over the river.

-Park on your left immediately after crossing the bridge. This is the trailhead for the William H. Pogue National Recreational trail.

A word of caution before you take off; Due to a general lack of roads and other developed services, much of the responsibility for one's own safety is placed upon the individual. Several other words of advice:

-Always go fully outfitted with proper clothing, food and other safety essentials. What these essentials might constitute can depend both on

the weather and topographic conditions.

-Carry up-to-date and accurate maps. Boise National Forest maps can be found at many local outdoor stores as well as Forest Service headquarters and ranger stations.

-Make sure someone you trust knows of your destination and estimated return time.

And finally, treat the land with respect, while keeping in mind the "Leave No Trace" principles—basically, leave it as clean or cleaner than you found it.

Like many people, I moved to Idaho in large part because of the remarkable opportunities available for outdoor recreation. From the remote southwest with its isolated desert canyonlands, to the remote hinterlands known as the central Idaho Rockies, Idaho is blessed with a tremendously diverse landscape. So starting with this issue, The Arbitron will be featuring different opportunities on a weekly basis in our section called "Destination: Idaho Wild." Enjoy.



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after the attacks, and the status of America in the international community today. Some blame the Bush administration for using Sept. 11 to advance its partisan agenda.

"What the Bush administration has done is lump together all of the pet adventures of the (neo-conservative) set under the rubric of the war on terror," says Rashid Khalidi, director of the Middle East Institute at Columbia University. "I don't think they fit there. The worst example is Iraq. It had not a thing to do with the war on terror."

"We are in a much more dangerous situation because of Iraq," he says. "The people who brought us Sept. 11 constitute a danger of manageable proportions if addressed in a sober way. But the energy and attention that should be devoted to these evildoers who are actually attacking the United States and American institutions is, I think, being distracted because of the necessity of the attention paid to Iraq."

The post-Sept. 11 support is a distant memory. "At the United

Nations, the United States had a lot of good will," Telhami recalls. "There was tremendous support for the war in Afghanistan."

"After Sept. 11 nobody was supporting al-Qaida, except maybe the Taliban," Crenshaw says. "Now we are in a situation where the United States is at odds with virtually everybody except Britain and a few other smaller countries. It is a sad situation to be in. The problem is, how do we get back out of it?"

The decision to go to war in Iraq over the objections of most other countries -- traditional allies and enemies of the United States -- was the obvious breaking point. But the seeds were planted earlier.

"Some resentment against America was inevitable," says David. "We are the biggest, strongest power in the world and there will be times that we feel we have to act even if the French and the Russians do not support us. But the Bush people have gone too far. They have made gratuitous insults to the international

community. They have turned their back on international treaties and agreements, when they did not have to do so and they have, I think, created more resentment and hatred of the United States."

Khalidi asserts that the loss of support of U.S. allies over Iraq damages the fight against terror. "The French know more about some of these people than anybody else. You don't alienate them, start pouring Bordeaux down the gutters. They are really important in fighting and uprooting people who have lethal intentions about America. That's true of each of the European countries...."

Telhami agrees that the United States needs international help now more than ever. "When you look at the projection of American power and the resentment it has engendered, today the perception is that the United States is entangled in quagmires and therefore actually less able to project power around the world and more in need of others to bail it out."

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"It's a major focus of ours," Fritsch said.

Over the course of 2002 the foundation doled out \$1.7 million in scholarships.

The Campaign for Students is the main focus of the foundation. Secondary projects include Nursing and Business buildings, Fritsch said.

The foundation is the nonprofit fundraising organization created in 1964 to solely benefit Boise State. The foundation was created to raise money and assistance for academic programs, manage incoming donations and act as an envoy between BSU and its supporters.

The Boise Industrial Foundation was founded in 1958 to promote business in Boise and the surrounding area. Once all assets are gifted over to Boise State, the BIF will dissolve.

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Hispanic Cultural Center opens in Nampa

BY ANNIE BERICAL
News Reporter
The Arbiter

Despite the hot weather, an enthusiastic crowd listened eagerly to nearly a dozen speakers during Saturday's Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho.

The Cultural Center, located in Nampa, features classrooms, a library and lecture hall, conference facilities, a daycare, gift shop, and an art gallery. The Center also houses a not-yet-completed Home Federal Bank branch and a computer lab fully stocked with equipment donated by Hewlett Packard.

The audience faced the new building with its mediterranean color scheme as Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho Director, Jorge Piña addressed the audience following the Pledge of Allegiance spoken in both Spanish and English.

"In justice for all," Piña said. "Those are the most important words in that pledge. In those words we find diversity."

Piña's sister and fellow Cultural Center board member, Alice Whitney spoke following a troupe of Aztec folk dancers. "This building represents a crossroads, and I hope that it will serve as a bridge between cultures," she said.

Hispanic Cultural Center architect, Adam Garcia said of his building, "All the major elements have religious, cultural or artistic significance. We kept cultural iconography in mind."

The building features two 'rivers' that run from the left and right sides of the building and meet in the center at the entrance symbolizing the merging of two cultures. The building has been in various stages of planning for over eight years.

The founder of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho, Ana Maria Schachtell, thanked the Nampa City Council for their part in "...the weaving of a progressive character for this city [Nampa]."

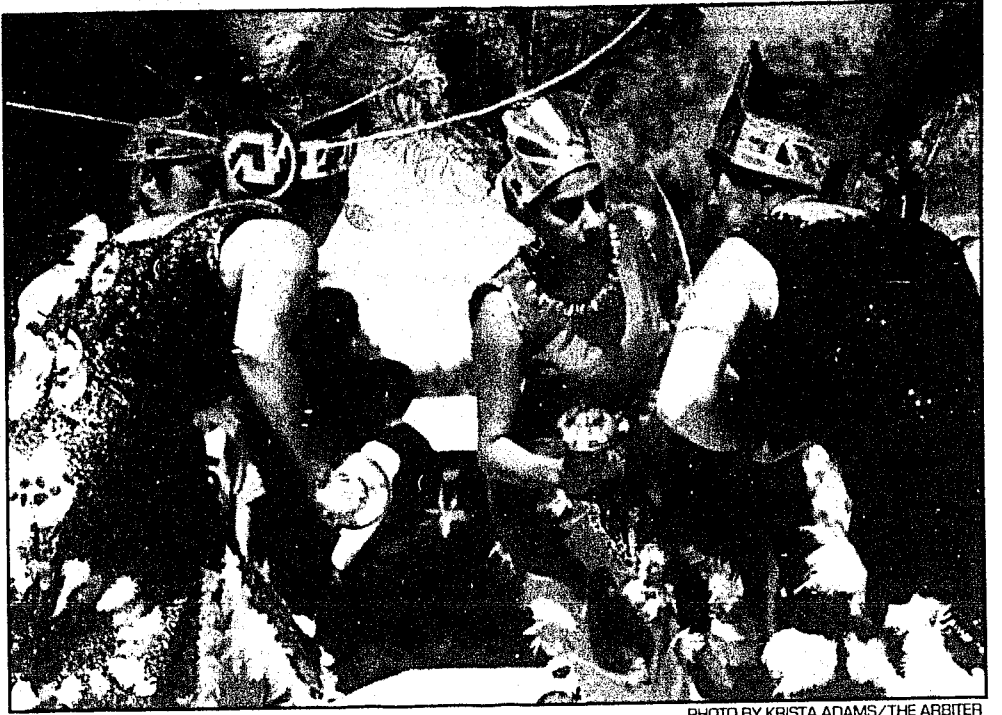
Senators Larry Craig and Mike Crapo were also on hand for the event, although they disappeared shortly after the ribbon cutting.

Larry Craig cited his colleague Sen. Crapo as a driving force behind the new Cultural Center, although the extent of his involvement was not addressed. Both senators thanked Phil Batt for his part in mentoring them in their early days of leadership.

Dana Gioia, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts, spoke briefly about the hardship and isolation endured by his Hispanic ancestors upon their arrival in the United States 104 years ago.

After the ribbon cutting, the multi-ethnic crowd toured the building and enjoyed performances by several groups of traditional dancers and music from the Folklor de Boise Youth Mariachi Group, their trumpets dueling from different corners of the parking lot.

Inside the crowd feasted on free, authentic Mexican food provided by Casa Valdez after viewing the Center's art gallery premiere entitled, "Cuatro Puntos De La Vida." The exhibit featured



A group of Aztec folk dancers celebrate the Grand Opening ceremonies of the new Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho.

PHOTO BY KRISTA ADAMS/THE ARBITER

works by four Hispanic artists: Juliana Arriaran, a ceramic sculptor; Juan Martinez, a metal artist; and Bobby Gaytan and Alma Gomez, visual artists.

The grand opening of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho also hosted a community resource fair with booths from several community associations including the Idaho Migrant Council. Boise State's English Majors Association also took part in the Community Resources Fair in an effort to collect books for the Cultural Center's library

which will open fully stocked next year.

Cultural Center founder Ana Maria Schachtell lead elementary school kids in a conga line and chatted with well-wishers until late in the evening.

On Sept. 13 and 14, the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho will host the fourth annual Fiesta Idaho in Nampa's Lakeview Park. Fiesta Idaho will feature folk art demonstrations, ballet and folkloric companies and theatre for children.

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the elimination of Saturday bus service.

Lacey said the latter possibility has generated significant attention from citizens and government alike.

Public Transportation in Jeopardy

Boise's prolific growth rates over the past decade have taxed the area's transportation infrastructure. Not only are the streets and highways being forced to accommodate higher levels of traffic than they were designed for, but the city's public transportation is also in jeopardy.

Having reached the 200,000 population mark, Boise now finds itself in a funding crisis. Federal dollars for urban areas under this population level, which have helped fund Boise bus systems' operational costs in the past, have now been cut off.

Additionally, Boise recently took a financial hit when Micron Technology disputed the city's assessment of their property values. Boise lost approximately \$2.5 million in tax revenue when Micron won the dispute.

These issues related to funding, along with other minor ones, have caused the City of

Boise and Valleyride to look at an increase in bus fare and the elimination of Saturday service to make up for the loss of funding.

Lacey said time is running out before the Oct. 1 deadline when Saturday bus service will be eliminated without any new funding sources.

"We're still seeking options to eliminating that service," Lacey said.

Getting BSU students, faculty and staff to and from campus in an efficient manner is also on the minds of many.

Lacey believes that it will take a cultural and mental change to affect a change in the way Boise moves such traffic.

"Boise State students, faculty and staff could help by looking at how they get to campus," Lacey said. "The problem will be solved by everyone working together."

Lacey said adequately addressing these issues will not happen overnight.

"Working towards this cultural shift of how we move around may take 25 years."

Boise State administrators have also become interested in the ways in which Boise is charting its growth. With enrollment numbers rising, and parking becoming increasingly congested, these issues have

immediate importance.

Larry Blake, executive director of facilities administration, said BSU is currently working on plans to promote alternative transportation.

"We don't have as great a ridership as we would like. We really want to encourage more use of public transportation," Blake said.

Blake said there's a lot of support for making alternative transportation such as bicycles, walking and public transportation a more viable option.

"We're approaching enrollment of 18,500 students this year. That really taxes our parking system."

Mapping avenues to the future

Many involved in charting Boise's growth are increasingly looking to the past as a guide to the future. In particular, planners are looking to principles laid forth in the concept known as 'Smart Growth'.

Those involved in the Smart Growth movement have begun to highlight effective design qualities found in older, pre-World War II urbanized areas.

Many of these residential areas followed a grid-like pattern of street design. Compared to

what is more commonly seen today, these street patterns allow for a greater dispersal of traffic, thus cutting down on congestion.

Jon Barrett, co-director of Idaho Smart Growth, believes issues that arise in discussions of regional growth not only have an impact on traffic congestion and safety, but also on quality of life and regional economics.

The Idaho chapter of Smart Growth is actively involved with many facets of Boise transportation and growth.

Barrett believes Boise is at a point where it has a window of opportunity to do something right. If Boise delays too long, Barrett feels we may miss this brief window of opportunity.

Years down the road, this could cause problems similar to what other Western cities have encountered. Barrett said problems that arise from improper management and unchecked growth can be extremely difficult to counteract once mistakes have been made.

"We have to take what others are doing and adapt it here," Barrett said. "That involves recognizing where this area is politically and culturally."

Many of those involved in regional transportation and growth issues, including

Barrett, promote similar visions. Their strategies for how Boise can improve its quality of life and cut down on congestion include:

-Above all, keep those neighborhoods where planning has worked, pleasant to live, recreate and work in.

-Find ways to redevelop and reinvest into the many vacant commercial properties.

-Change city policies that promote urban sprawl and the use of single occupancy vehicles.

-Promote development principles that preserve the quality of life.

-Preserve the spur line that exists in the Boise and Treasure Valley area for future commuter rail service.

Barrett argues that skilled workers want to live in places that have a high quality of life.

"It's in our economic interest to protect the quality of life," Barrett said. "If you attract the employees the employers will follow."

Idaho Smart Growth has recently facilitated an online discussion that addresses these issues of growth in the Treasure Valley. This discussion is open to anyone. Information on this and other similar issues can be found by calling Idaho Smart Growth or accessing their website at www.idahosmartgrowth.org.

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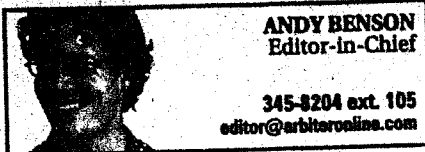
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Arnold Schwarzenegger is the Republican frontrunner in California's recall election. His impressive name recognition coupled with Gray Davis' overwhelming unpopularity may prove sufficient for Republicans to gain control of the most coveted gubernatorial office in the Union. In an old magazine interview, Schwarzenegger admitted to being involved in certain acts of sexual misconduct—most notably the confession of his involvement in a gang-bang. In the past ten years the Republican Party has presented itself as the last political bastion of virtuous character. Character is a vital prerequisite for any public office, but are Republicans truly dedicated to the issue of character? How does this revelation affect Schwarzenegger's affiliation with the GOP? Surprisingly, it doesn't.

How can the party that impeached Clinton for sexual misconduct dismiss Schwarzenegger's past sexual indiscretions? Clinton's administration adopted many policies that traditionally had distinguished Republican congressmen from the president. Thus, Republicans introduced a new issue to produce a divergence: character. The issue became so publicized that the sickened American public were determined not to elect another "Slick Willy."

Now we have a recall race in California instigated by an independently wealthy Republican congressman, Darrell Issa, three months after Davis was re-elected. Schwarzenegger's name recognition pushed Issa to the sidelines. Schwarzenegger is lacking in virtuous

character; yet, the Republicans have allowed him to represent the party. This leads me to suspect that the GOP is more interested in winning and undermining offices fairly won by Democrats than producing and upholding a coherent argument for the necessity of a virtuous character. Regardless of Republican motives behind character attacks and political usurpation, an important question is posed to the American public: Is it necessary to consider a candidate's character before electing her/him into public office?

"Character is a vital prerequisite for any public office, but are Republicans truly dedicated to the issue of character?"

When character is discussed as a public problem rather than a private one many people become suspicious for two reasons. First, some proponents of character reform are members of the religious right. Secondly, character reform is considered contradictory to presuppositions of the Enlightenment. Therefore, character has become a pejorative term associated with compliance, subservience, or a right wing conspiracy to undermine the cultural revolution of the 1960's. Can the Republic withstand the depletion of a virtuous citizenry?

The best answer can be found researching the political intentions of the founding fathers. In the Federalist Papers, Madison revealed his hope of a citizenry that would have "sufficient virtue" to sustain the feasibility of republican government. Following such, if the founders had relied heavily upon the supposition that the American citizenry possessed a virtuous character then the depletion of such is a public problem. Many of the founders, like people of today, felt that legislating virtue would risk endangering our civil liberties. Yet, character is and can be shaped and supported within the social networks of our society. Most importantly, the American people have the capacity to elect leaders of sufficient character.

In his defense, Schwarzenegger suggested that he did not live his life to be a politician. Why must public officials bear the burden of being more virtuous than the constituency they represent? Because public officials create public policy. The United States' government intervention in issues concerning the well-being and lifestyle of its people inherently suggests that the government suspects a deficiency of character in its citizenry. If public officials are to establish and reform institutions for the betterment of the people, it is necessary that they maintain a virtuous disposition.

It is not a prerogative of the GOP to discredit Schwarzenegger. Lately, it has been evident that the Republicans will do anything to win and have forgotten why they wanted to win in the first place. Therefore, many Republican leaders lack the sufficient character they staunchly proselytized in the impeachment of Clinton and the election of George W. Bush.

IN TECHNICOLOR

BY JUSTIN HURST
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It seems that we, as Americans, have a chronic problem with color. First it was a problem with red, even though indigenous Americans didn't really possess that stereotypical skin tone. Then it was a black dilemma, even though it was white people who had the problem. After the Chinese slaved and died to build the Wild West and were no longer needed, the color yellow became an issue, culminating in the Chinese Exclusion Act. Yellow continued to be a problem color through WWII, only transferred from Chinese to Japanese-Americans. After WWII, when the USSR challenged U.S. hegemony and polarized the global power structure, red again became the hated color of the day, but this time it was associated with communism, not skin color.

During the first years of slavery in Virginia, white peasants and indentured servants shared many common struggles with black slaves. Indeed, it was not uncommon for collaborative uprisings against the white, land-owning elite. Poor white and black intermingling became such a threat that lawmakers had to enact laws forbidding it, in order to fabricate a racism that wouldn't otherwise exist. After years and years of passing laws segregating black people and granting meager concessions to poor white peasants, color consciousness became solidified and racism became very institutionalized, exemplified in the unambiguous wording of our Constitution denying black people real citizenship, the right to vote, own property, or hold public office.

Abraham Lincoln said this in 1858, during his campaign: "I will say, then, that I am not, nor have ever been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races; that I am not, nor have ever been, in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor qualifying

them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people..."

"And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."

In 1803, after 12 years of violent revolution and subsequent economic paralysis, Haiti gained its independence from France, which was bogged down in its own revolution. Yielding to pressure from France, the U.S. banned and continues to ban trade with Haiti, the first independent government run by black people. That half of the island (the Dominican Republic occupies the other) never recovered and is today the poorest country in the western hemisphere. In the rest of Latin America, during the late 18th century, territories were under complete control of European viceroys and they virtually remain that way to the present. Countless successions of uprisings, rebellions, and revolutions, like that of Zapata's in Mexico, against the ruling white minority only stimulated temporary euphoria. Most of the democratic replacement governments have been thwarted by U.S. corporate avarice via proxy wars.

When the time came for Cubans -- comprised mostly of black and mixed peoples -- to rise up against the U.S.-friendly, mafioso dictator, Fulgencio Batista, the U.S. was predictably alarmed. Before Fidel Castro -- who had popular support -- marched into Havana in 1959, U.S. businesses controlled most of Cuba's agriculture, sugar and oil industry, as well as public railways, mines, and cattle ranches. The Cuban exiles in Miami, who have been trying to depose Castro since the embarrassing Bay of Pigs debacle, are overwhelmingly white, former land and business-owning supporters of Batista.

Winston Churchill once remarked about Cuba in 1896 that, "A grave danger represents itself. Two-

of the insurgents of the field are negroes. These men...would, in the event of success, demand a predominant share in the government of the country...the result being, after years of fighting, another black republic."

While the West has preached self-determination for all, it has denied that very right to people of color. The U.S. did not fear the spread of communism; it most of all feared the spread of dark-skinned sovereignty, like that of Haiti.

The Clash summed it up best in their song, Washington Bullets:

*And in the Bay of Pigs in 1961,
Havana fought the playboy in the Cuban sun,
For Castro is a color,
Is a redder than red,
Those Washington bullets want Castro dead
For Castro is the color...*

...that will earn you a spray of lead

In Venezuela, the democratically elected president, Hugo Chavez was removed (kidnapped) for undermining ExxonMobil's profit interests by raising oil export taxes to pay for food, housing, and education for Venezuela's poor majority. Though his supporters quickly reinstated him, his Indian blood and dark skin seems to have somehow legitimized the short-lived (one day) coup. If the Prime Minister of Sweden had encountered a similar fate, war would have been declared.

In our own country, we have a color-coded alert system to inform us how likely it is each day for a bearded terrorist to kill us. The government (and Bill O'Reilly) wants to exercise racial profiling in airports, even though most Muslims are Asian, and ignoring the fact that there is a preponderance of fanatical, white, Christian terrorism. Yes, our country does have a problem with color. History has been like a kaleidoscope, in that Americans have not been able to choose which color to hate more. The only certainty is that it will never be white.



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I want into the ladies room please:

An exploration of China Blue's Women's restroom offers a paradise of feminine hygiene and stylish bartenders

BY JASON BRIGHT
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The Arbitrer

When I first walked into China Blue, it was a Wednesday afternoon. I entered through the Main Street door, pursuing the establishment's phone number. It was not in the phone book I had and I could find little information on the Web. So there I stood, bashful, in an abandoned club, a club mysterious and elusive in all its qualities. There, on the couch, a man, a big man, lounged, staring lazily at me.

He looked at me like he had seen men four times my size walk in with pistols before, so there was absolutely nothing I could do to rile him. I looked at him. He looked at me. I asked for the phone number. He gave it to me. I turned to leave and he explained the dress code: No hats (I was wearing a black baseball cap), no T-shirts (I was wearing a red T-shirt), no jeans or cargos (I was wearing green cargo's), and no tennis shoes (Ha, thought I, here I stand in sandals). Despite my small and incredibly insignificant yet intense psychological victory over the giant, I did not gloat, but politely thanked the man for his time and made my way out of the club.

So now the problem became attire. If I am going out on a weekend night, I typically find myself at the prestigious NeuroLux. Because the NeuroLux does not have such a strict dress policy (I believe you just have to have clothes on to enter), most of my shopping is done at The Record Exchange or Hastings, so I was unfit for an evening at China Blue. God bless Ross for their low-low prices and adequate selection of fancy clothing. I will not lie, I am fashion challenged, but thanks to my girlfriend an 'outfit' was put together. I cannot ever remember owning anything called an 'outfit' before, so I was feeling aesthetically elevated and I owed it all to China Blue.

Steffen Taylor, a good friend, my girlfriend Linzy, and I piled into a car Saturday night about 9 pm and set out for the club. We parked, and sauntered with poise toward our destination. I felt like swinging a pocket watch on a chain. Next time, I'll have a pocket watch on a chain. All was well until I saw the doormen -- large, brutish men hand selected for their stoic faces and overly developed pectoral muscles and square jaws. Their words said 'Hi, nice to meet you,' but their demeanor said, 'watch your step, pal, or I'll rough you up in the alley.' When they asked for I.D. I almost ran off. It seemed I was Frodo Baggins attempting to enter the Black Gates in the Two Towers. We pushed through, unlike that sissy hobbit.

The music struck me first. Literally. Twice, when I ventured too near the main speakers, I was knocked

down by the bass-line. The entire dance-arena seemed perpetuated by Night at the Roxbury. Retro music, the songs once played solely for the purpose of ingraining themselves into your head and never leaving, were fitfully combined with Techno dance. Once, when I was speaking with the owner Ted, Barry Manilou pounded on the turntables. Ted told me that the music was as such because he wanted something to dance to and yet something that could dispel generation

a wall of novelty alcohol displaying exotic bottles from around the world. In one from the Far East (apologies, I could not read the bottle), a lizard is preserved in alcohol, and I'll bet that lizard is the sorriest drunk in the establishment.

Call me simple-minded, but the tables are my favorite part of the experience. They are made of black concrete, but in the center are lights. Like most of the furniture, they are classy yet practical. Tables on the

dog, though I have no proof). Ted reassured us that, despite the ability to see down, it was hazy and nondescript when looking up. We took his word for it, and avoided standing directly below them.

On the second floor there are fish tanks with filtered blue lighting directly behind. Ted spoke of many mishaps regarding the tanks. Leaks that cost thousands in damage. An installation process that caused a chain reaction of destruction from

made our way to our respective restrooms. The men's room is set up around a pillar where an attendant sits and provides condiments like complimentary cologne and fresh, pre-torn hand towels. I was surprised to discover that I did not feel like I was going to contract Syphilis in the men's room. How refreshing. That room was cleaner than the one in my house, and had far less insects; in fact I did not see one.

Linzy met us both outside of the ladies room a good while later, bearing exotic tales of a fifth bar. A world of feminine hygiene and hip bartenders existed inside. She was toting a glass of champagne. The portal to this intoxicating secret world laid directly behind the small blue sign marked 'Ladies.' I had to get in. Steffen and I began to formulate a plan. One of us would put on a baseball hat in the middle of the dance floor, and thus be form-tackled by all of the sentinels; meanwhile, the other would slink by that dastardly sign and into the euphoria known simply as 'the ladies room.' I argued that he should be the diversion, especially since I was actually writing this and not him. Unfortunately, neither of us had a hat and security was still watching us. It seemed they had been during the entire exploratory process. Allow me to make something very clear about China Blue security. Eminem, the one and only Slim Shady, goes around "pistol whipping" motherf#@ bouncers 6'2". Ok, that's all well and good in Detroit, but I'm afraid Mr. Shady would have a pretty difficult time pistol-whipping anybody at China Blue. The bouncers at China Blue would have escorted Mr. Shady into the alley and given him a spanking. Probably with a belt. Steffen and I are not prone to pistol whipping anyone, in fact I've never done it, as shocking as that may sound, so we decided we would behave ourselves and leave the antics to the fish and dancers.

It just so happened that the night of our escapade the BSU football team played some other football team, ISU or something, and so the go-go dancers were clad in BSU football uniforms. There were even male dancers, who were shaking their 'money-makers' better than most of the female talent. Tsk, tsk, ladies, shown up by the boys.

Overall, the experience was very positive and comfortable. Early on in the evening there was a fair amount of tension, especially on the faces of most pleasure seekers. But as the club began to fill and people started to relax, the atmosphere became conducive to its purpose. Fun. Often the best way to describe something is to explain what it is not. I believe the anti-thesis of China Blue is probably Blumac's.



The ladies room in the new club China Blue hosts a full champagne bar

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gaps. Something that would please patrons of all ages. Well, at least it was something to dance to, anyway. If you're into that sort of activity, I tend to stand in the corner and do my best to look uncomfortably comfortable; I feel I am above the peasant form of entertainment called dancing (OK, in all honesty I have the coordination of a yak and dance like Mango from SNL).

After we all agreed that dancing was out of the question, we set off to explore the enormous facility. It's all very posh, with couches of black synthetic leather and chairs and stools made of the same. One corner must be unofficially labeled 'the love-making center,' because it's one large bed of black fake cow skin with a Red Bull insignia plastered on the wall behind it. Yeah, Red Bull, need I say more? Not for sleeping.

Near the main bar, which is an illumination of blue light, there is

second floor are crafted of polished steel and everything, especially for a club that draws hordes of people who are out for a night of drinking, was immaculately clean. In all actuality, I do not believe anyone could negatively criticize the interior design of China Blue. There is no overly gaudy artwork on the walls and ample open space for creative movement, including those movements of poor drunken-folk who improperly navigate the multiple levels.

I was particularly impressed by the plexi-glass walkways on the second floor, as well as the star of plexi-glass imbedded in the dance floor. Linzy noted that if you were to stand beneath the walkways, you could probably see up female patron's skirts. Steffen and I decided that we would ask Ted about it, rather than discover the visibility factor firsthand (I suspect Steffen probably snuck a peak anyway, the

second floor all the way through the basement. All problems aside, the tanks were incredible and were a great form of soothing entertainment. For all of those activists out there, those who feel a club is no place for animals, turn your attention from China Blue and focus on the poop-flinging chimpanzee caged in a bar somewhere in Nampa. The fish are a classy addition to a classy place.

The unfortunate part about all of the visually stimulating things in China Blue is that to get close to the really fun stuff you need a VIP pass, a pass which costs \$1000 per year. For example, there is an off limits section of the club strictly for VIP patrons which is surrounded by reflective glass and bouncers, and includes a private bar (one of four), as well as a pool table and a myriad of televisions.

All of this exploring began to challenge our bladders, and so we

the notorious B.A.G.



Which way to the three-way?

Dear B.A.G.,

I have been dating a girl for about six months and I really like her but I find myself attracted to a friend of hers. Sometimes her friend and I flirt and it seems like it could become more than just flirting. Plus, the two of them are always playing around in a kind of sexual way. I've been trying to figure out how I can get with both of them at the same time. What can I do to make this happen?

Two Heads are Better Than One,
In Boise

Dear THABTO,

In your case two heads are clearly not better than one, as one of your heads has taken control of the other. You must bear in mind that not all women are Madonna

nor are they Christina Aguilera or whatever her name is. Just because you get a soft-on watching two women kiss on MTV does not mean that you will become the meat on a chick sandwich.

If you value your relationship with your current girlfriend you will keep your desires to yourself. The initial group sex action might be fun, but it could place both you and your girlfriend in an uncomfortable situation. If she does this for you, would you be willing to share your girlfriend with another man? I thought not. Which brings us to the paradox of the situation.

Two women with one man and we think the man is a stud. Conversely, two men with one woman and we think the woman is a slut. Unfair as it may be, the fact remains, men expect women to do things that the man would never do. Until you can say that you are willing to do the same for her and

mean it, you should leave the orgies to the professionals.

Your ego can't handle the competition. Go pick up a magazine or a movie. Run home and rub one out. Call up your girlfriend and take her out and treat her with some respect. There are billions of women in the world and for some reason this one doesn't think that you suck. Treasure these times. They may not last.

Notoriously,
The B.A.G.

Questions for The Notorious B.A.G. may be sent to notoriousbag69@yahoo.com

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Broncos travel to Kibbie Dome for state showdown

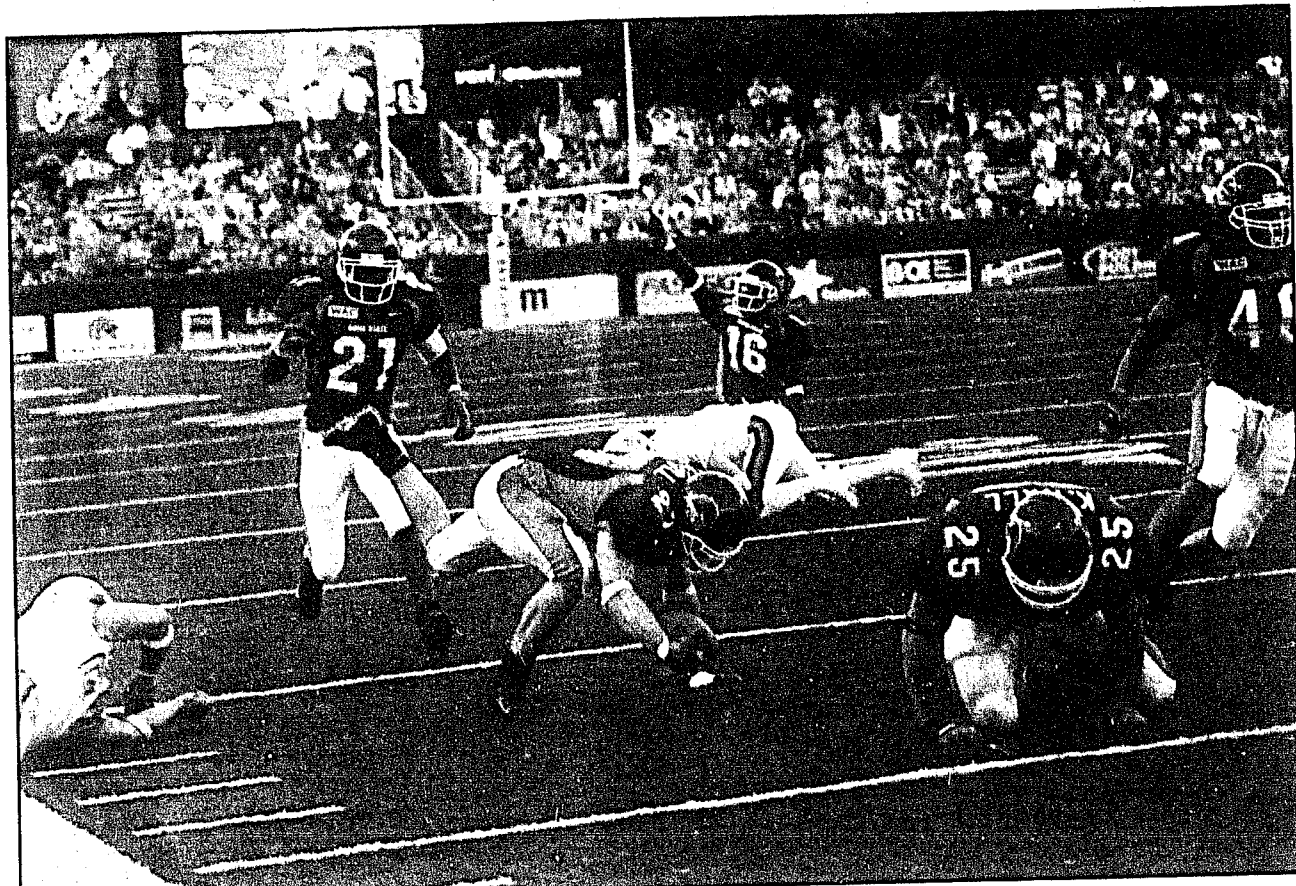
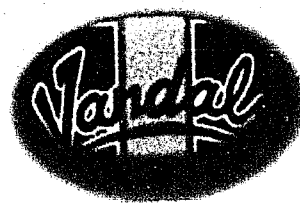
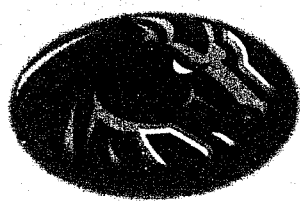


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Before Saturday night's shutout, the Broncos had not held a team scoreless since a 59-0 win over North Texas in 2000. Boise State allowed just 152 total yards, including a short six rushing yards and only 10 first downs.

BY JESSE DAY
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The Arbitrator

The Boise State football team is traveling to Moscow, Idaho this week to face long-time rival Idaho Vandals for the second game of the Bronco season.

The Broncos are coming off a 62-0 victory over the I-AA Idaho State Bengals last Saturday. The BSU offense racked up 587 total yards against the Bengals, while the defense held Idaho State to a dismal 152 yards for the game. Coach Dan Hawkins said he was very pleased with the performance of his Bronco team.

"We thoroughly dominated every aspect of the game, we set up great field position and

dominated, just dominated," Hawkins said.

In contrast, the Idaho Vandals started with another difficult season, going 0-2 with a very ugly loss against Eastern Washington on Saturday 8-5. Idaho, which is still looking for their first touchdown of the season, has some major questions about how they are going to handle this Bronco defense. Idaho head coach Tom Cable said his team looks to make some major adjustments against the Broncos.

"We are struggling offensively right now, but I would look for better play from our wide-outs because of our system, they have to make plays," Cable said.

Over the years the BSU football team has been 14-17-01 against Idaho since their first meeting in 1971. Such a large game for both

teams means anything can happen.

Still, over the last couple of years the Vandals have not been much of a threat. Idaho's last win against the Broncos came in 1998 with a final score of 36-35 in overtime, leaving the Vandals with only one out of six wins as of late.

Historically, the Boise State vs. Idaho game has been one of the biggest games of the year. The game is a huge media draw, and produces substantial fan turnout. Three of the top five attendance records at Bronco stadium have been set in games against Idaho.

This year the Broncos won't play in the cozy confines of Bronco Stadium. The teams face off in the newly renovated Kibbie Dome, which is one of the only advantages for the struggling Vandal team.

Coach Dan Hawkins said the Kibbie Dome is going to present a new set of challenges for the Bronco team which they have not experienced in the recent past against Idaho. "Whenever you go into a new stadium it offers new paradigms, and it's the same there. It'll be an indoor facility, it'll be indoor turf, different curvature on the field, different noise level. I am sure it will be packed and they will be getting after us," Hawkins said.

Coach Tom Cable believes that because of the rivalry, playing at home is going to be a big factor in this game.

"This is our first time playing BSU in the dome so it's very important [to the team]," Cable said.

DOWNTIME WITH DANAKA

Mo Sapp: Keepin' it real

BY DANAKA OLIVER
Sports Writer
The Arbitrator

Q: When are you going to get a car playa? You've been hoofin' it for quite a while.

I'm getting a car in December. Until then everybody else is gonna have to keep on giving me rides like they've been giving me.

Q: What's up with the players here, taking Hondas and slapping rims on them that are worth more than their whole ride?

A note to everybody: Our scholastic checks are still not that big. So just cuz they got rims, it don't mean we getting a lot of money. The rims were Bowl gifts (joke).

Q: Describe hell? Being in Boise from the Bay area?

Hell is a summer practice in Boise, on the blue turf, runnin' decks when it's 105 degrees. And all your friends just called you to tell you that they're about to float the river.

Q: Females in college football... good for Title IX or just good for the locker room?

Definitely good for the locker room. It might make us more "excited" to go to practice.

As long as women workout that's a good thing. They can have Title IX, Title X, Title XI...

Q: Is it true that the lineman don't have the best, umm... hygiene habits?

Being a lineman, I have to say that the lineman have the best hygiene habits. Everybody else stinks.

Q: Who's in the worst need of a pedicure on your team? Some of these guys have got to have some pretty crusty dawgs.

The worst feet I have ever seen before in my life have left the team... Quintin Mikell. He's left the team now but I'm quite sure that those feet will leave a lingering impression on all the trainers that had to tape

those ankles.

Q: Boxers or briefs? Please don't say commando.

How you gonna ask me a question and not expect me to keep it real.

Q: Do you think professors cut the athletes some serious slack at BSU or crack down on you fellas?

I think they treat us as regular people but hold us to a higher standard because they know people are going to look at us.

Q: You've got the same last name as NFL great Warren Sapp. Would you rather have his ability or his bank account?

I'd rather have his bank account personally. Eventually you can't play anymore, but if you had that much money you could do some things with it.

Q: Ryan Dinwiddie, team leader or problem player?

Team leader. I think Ryan has matured a lot and come a long way from when he was younger. He takes time with younger players. His head isn't huge like you'd expect it to be.

Q: The Olsen twins cute kids or almost legal?

Either way, just keep them away from R. Kelly.

Q: If you were stuck on a deserted island and could only have three things with you, what would they be? Your teammates are getting witty and saying a boat. That's not an option.

I don't want a boat. Leave me on the island. Make sure

I got enough food - that includes sugar for Koolaid water, and Stacey Dash. (Deon from Clueless).

Q: Your team captain Wes Nurse said if he could, have dinner with anyone, past or present, it'd be Jesus. How about you?

Jesus would be tight, he'd keep the party going. Remember, he turned water into wine.

But if I could pick somebody else I would want to meet my first ancestor that came to America so I could figure out how the hell we got here.

Q: If you could kick anybody's ass who would it be?

bin Laden.

Q: I heard you got down with the basketball team's Bryan Defares. Football players got beef with the hoopsters or you just don't like people from Holland?

Man, sometimes things just happen. They may have been mistakes, they might not have been. Couldn't be avoided.

Q: So you're okay with the Dutch?

Ya, I don't have a problem with the Dutch.

Q: Let's talk baseball. You're from Oakland, why are the A's so solid in the second half of the season?

Teamwork. They don't have a lot of big egos. Not a lot of superstars. Just a lot of guys who want to go out and get it done and have fun.

Q: You think they'll get it done this year or give up the AL West like a cheap ho to the Mariners?

Oh they'll get it done. Oakland ain't putting out no \$2 fluzies. And we ain't givin' out no freebies, especially to the Mariners.

Q: Your lady of choice? Just one or 31 flavors?

No comment. But my phone # is 440-6869 and

my e-mail address is mosapp@hotmail.com, Holla!

Q: Tall girls or vertically challenged?

Variety is good.

Q: Like 31 flavors?

No, not like 31 flavors. I would say it's what's on the inside that matters but that's bull. If you look good, you look good whether you're tall or short. If you look bad you're just ugly.

Q: Sadly, one day you might become a father. If you have a daughter, would you let her date a football player?

Hell no. I want my daughter to be a lesbian so she don't have to deal with nasty little boys. If she had to date a guy, I'd want her to date a golfer.

Q: If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be, or did God already render you perfect?

I think I'd want to be taller. I'm still 6' but I feel short. At least the coaches try to make me feel taller in the program.

Q: Speaking of the program it lists Tim Gilligan as 5'9". I call BS. Maybe in heels.

Hey, Tim's 5'9". We gotta give him the benefit of the doubt.

Q: What's your best experience from playing ball at Boise State?

I think all my experiences here have shaped me into the person that I am. I sometimes think about what would have happened if I went to a different school. I'm glad I didn't because I wouldn't be who I am. I wouldn't be Mo Sapp.

Q: The football player from Oakland who is indifferent to Dutch hoopsters?

I'm just the football player from Oakland who is different.

Q: You won't give me that one? How about those A's?



Mo Sapp # 97

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Broncos close in on USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll

BY MAX CORBET
Courtesy of Bronco Athletics

Following an opening season 62-0 victory over Idaho State University, the Boise State University football team has moved to within two spots of cracking the top 25 for the first time this year in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll.

The Broncos received 67 points in the coaches poll to move from No. 34 to No. 27. The University of Virginia is ranked just ahead of Boise State with 71 points. Texas A&M University holds the 25th spot with 120 points.

Boise State's move in the Associated Press Top 25 poll was smaller as the Broncos moved just one spot from No. 38 to No. 37 with 16 points. The Broncos had 11 points in last week's media poll. The University of Oklahoma remains No. 1 in both polls with the Sooners receiving 1,543 points and 41 first place votes in the coaches poll, and

1,549 points and 47 first place votes in the AP rankings. The University of Miami, Ohio State University, and Southern California round out the top four in both polls.

Boise State finished the 2002 season ranked 12th in the USA Today/ESPN rankings, and 15th in the AP poll. The Broncos started the 2003 season receiving votes in both top 25 polls.

Boise State is also the top ranked team among the WAC schools. The University of Hawai'i is tied for No. 37 and Fresno State is tied for 46th in the coaches poll, while Hawai'i is the only other WAC team ranked in the AP poll with tie at No. 42.

The Broncos (1-0) are back in action Saturday in another in-state rival game at the University of Idaho. Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m. (PT), in Moscow, Idaho. The game will be broadcast in the Boise area by KBCI-TV.



Now Boise State University President Bob Kustra cheered on the Broncos in Saturday's pounding of Idaho State 62-0



BY MAURICE SAPP
Sports Commentary
The Arbitrator

Well, well, well. Looks like all of you Bronco haters and doubters have put your foot in your mouth once again. We beat Idaho State 62 to nothing. That against any team is an amazing achievement. Now before this game I do recall a cocky Idaho State team saying how they were going to come up to Boise and lay us down on the blue. It looks like there was a change of plans. The only thing that got layed down on the blue was ISU's ego.

We came out strong in our first outing. Our running game was clicking and our passing game was on point. We went over 500 yards of total offense. More importantly, all of our players got a chance to play, which means our young guys have a chance to gain valuable experience. We experienced a lot of this last year; getting ahead, the younger guys getting in. This could be part of the reason that we are so good this year.

Now, back to the critics. You are dying to say that we only beat a division I-AA team and that doesn't prove anything. Anybody could have beaten them. I will give you the benefit of the doubt. You are partially right.

I guess the real test won't come in this upcoming game either, considering we play a Vandal team that's been receiving some severe butt whoopins. In fact, the team they just lost to is a I-AA team. We are playing an Idaho team that got shutout in their season opener against Washington St. and lost to a weak Eastern Washington team over the weekend. We are playing a team that is still in search of the end zone in 2003. That's right, they have yet to score a TD this season. That's eight quarters their offense has essentially been shutdown.

Our first test will come in our third game of the season, when the team travels to Corvallis to take on Oregon St. Then Broncoland and the nation will see what we're really made of. Not to jump too far ahead, but just to give you a little preview of the upcoming battle vs. the Beavers, there are a few things that you need to keep in mind. First, Oregon St. just lost to our WAC rivals Fresno St. Second, let us not forget that Fresno St. is yet to beat us in our short two-year history of playing. On any given day, any team can win. But take a timeout and do the math. Look at what's right in front of you. As far as teams go, we match up pretty well. We are a blue-collar team that works for our respect, which is ever so often hard to come by. Then again, look at the most recent polls. We're definitely gaining ground.

We do value our loyal fans, but we do need all of the support we can get. So, in case you were wondering. We are accepting applications for bandwagon members. If you want to jump on, you're late. But you'll be considered.

BCS improvements will take time

BY CHRIS DUFRESNE
The Los Angeles Times
LAT-WP news service

rhetoric up?" Cowen said after the meeting. "The point at this stage is to come together. Don't do anything that is divisive now. We're coming together."

The issues are many and complex. The non-BCS conferences feel the BCS represents a monopoly and is exclusionary.

The BCS comprises 62 schools from the Pacific 10, Big Ten, Big 12, Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Big East conferences, plus Notre Dame. It was formed in 1998 as a way to create a No. 1 vs. No. 2 national-title game.

A non-BCS school can earn access to one of four lucrative BCS games -- Rose, Fiesta, Orange or Sugar -- by finishing sixth or higher in the final BCS standings.

Since 1998, no team from a non-BCS conference has played in a major bowl. Tulane came closest in 1998, finishing 10th

in the standings. Before the BCS, however, major bowls made their own deals and there was no automatic access.

The BCS also shares revenue with the other conferences that they did not receive before 1998.

The non-BCS conferences, though, want a larger slice of the financial pie. Last year, the 63 BCS schools shared \$104 million in television and bowl revenue while the non-BCS schools shared \$5 million.

The non-BCS conferences would prefer an all-inclusive playoff when the BCS contract expires after the 2005 season, but that option is highly unlikely.

The two sides appear headed toward a protracted, nuance-filled compromise.

The BCS could, for example, loosen the automatic bid requirement from a top-six ranking to top eight. The BCS could add a fifth major bowl game that would feature a non-BCS conference champion.

"We would be insane not to at least think about options as all the contracts that form the BCS are now going to be up for renewal," Perlman said.

"We have to have a sense about where we want to go. If we can make it better, we'll make it better."

Any new BCS deal, however, would have to be attractive to the television networks and bowl games that sponsor college football.

"We don't have our head in clouds," Cowen said of the economic realities "... Is it attractive to the networks, is it attractive to the bowls, is it attractive to the fans? Any kind of resolution has to meet those tests."



Change is coming in college football, but if Monday's meeting of 11 college presidents is any indication, it's going to take time and it may be tedious.

"It's tricky," University of Nebraska chancellor Harvey Perlman said of the process. "It's hard to put these things together."

Presidents representing the six bowl championship series conferences that control major college football organized Monday's meeting with the leaders of the five non-BCS conferences playing Division I-A football in the hope of resolving serious issues that face the sport.

The 11 school presidents met for four hours at a Chicago airport hotel in what was generally described as a first step in a long process toward a civil resolution.

No proclamations were made and no scrolls were unfurled.

The two sides will meet again Nov. 16 in New Orleans.

The rhetoric that inspired the summit was significantly toned down. Only months ago, Tulane President Scott Cowen called the BCS a cartel and said he would prefer it be disbanded.

The non-BCS cause had threatened litigation as a last resort, but Cowen's tone Monday was more conciliatory.

"What is the point at this stage to keep that

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The Arbiter HOROSCOPES

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Sept. 11).
You're very smart this year, but you don't have to solve all the problems yourself. What seems like a hopeless situation to you could be child's play to someone else. Get the best help you can afford. 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 5 - The indecisiveness that's plagued you is beginning to give way. In its place you'll find steely determination. The hard work is making you stronger.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 7 - You're a good one for planning, so do that now, even if you're under some pressure. Just because somebody else didn't plan, that doesn't mean you shouldn't. Be cool.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 6 - The task may seem overwhelming, but don't give up hope. There are people you've helped in the past who are ready to help you now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 6 - Your schedule may be in shambles, with quick thinking now required. Continue to be cautious with the actions you take. Impulsiveness could lead to trouble.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 6 - If you've done what you can within the parameters you've set, start looking outside that box. The answer is obviously there.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is a 6 - You need to concentrate on financial matters for a while. You're good at number-crunching, but it still requires time. If you can keep everything in balance, you should do all right.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 6 - If you're having trouble deciding between one thing and the other, share your dilemma with a straight-shooting friend. What's hopeless to you may be simple to someone who is less involved.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 7 - There are at least a couple of ways to make sure financial ends meet. One is to go without something, and the other is to make more money. The latter is a viable option now.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 - You'll soon discover that you have a strong ally on your side. You may still face a tough confrontation, but you're not alone anymore.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 - You'd like to avoid a messy situation if you could. Unfortunately, the only way to the other side is straight through it. You'll feel better once you clean it up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is a 5 - You're about to come up with a new burst of energy. Good thing you've been resting up.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
Today is a 6 - You know which side your bread is buttered on. If you show your resourcefulness and enthusiasm instead of your wrath, you might earn a bonus.

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ACROSS
1 Garbage can emanations
6 Wolf's wail
10 Beatnik abodes
14 "The Lion King" hero
15 Europe's neighbor
16 Kimono sashes
17 Stalin's predecessor
18 Base on balls
19 Animal hide
20 Yes, to Yves
21 Christmas song
24 Come down in buckets
26 Lamb piece
27 Certification of a will
30 Rich and Worth
34 Reveal
35 Length units
38 Mine output
39 Opposite of aweater
40 Eagle's abode
41 Declare frankly
42 Light brown
43 Map on a map
44 Expunge
45 Scope
47 Contained
49 City in Tuscany
52 Leathernecks' org.
53 Drinking fountain on a ship
57 Not at work
60 Tempo
61 One in debt
62 Clarinetist Shaw
64 Eye lewdly
65 Potpie veggies
66 Connecting rooms
67 White Sox, e.g.
68 Ms. Bombick
69 Beer stimulant

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2 God of France
3 All-powerful
4 Slogger's stat
5 Captain of Puerto Rico
6 Actress Goldie
7 Plains tribe
8 Smith and Clark
9 Erie shore
10 Olive's beau
11 Cain's brother
12 Pickling herb
13 Mach toppers
22 NYC subway line
23 Saloons
25 Hautboy
27 Metal coat
28 Kick back rooms
29 Peepers
31 Maritime province
32 Irregularly notched
33 Stitched
36 Exist
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46 High regard
48 Crackpot
50 More recent
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