

Elsewhere

Students Rally Against Policy

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — Chanting "What do we want? Beer! When do we want it? Now!" approximately 800 to 1,000 University of Pennsylvania students gathered on the university's College Green on Tuesday to protest recent decisions made by the administration regarding the school's alcohol policy. The crowd, composed mostly of undergraduates, was there to express their disapproval of the new temporary restrictions that ban alcohol at registered undergraduate events. Protest organizers set up a keg full of root beer and played the Beastie Boys song "Fight for Your Right."

— Daily Pennsylvanian

Bottled Water Companies Sued

BERKELEY — In response to a recent study on the purity of bottled water, the Environmental Law Foundation filed a lawsuit last Monday against eight bottled water companies for violating state health standards. In a study of 103 brands of bottled water, the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) has alleged that eight California bottled water companies may be selling water that is not as pure as advertised. The Environmental Law Foundation named Crystal Geyser, Alhambra, Apollinaris, Safeway, Lucky, Ralph's, Vittel and Volvic in the lawsuit. In addition, the NRDC found that one-third of the brands of bottled water tested contained high levels of harmful contaminants that exceed state health standards.

— Daily Californian

Bill Requires Disclosure

BOSTON, Mass. — If passed, a new bill being considered by Congress would require all colleges and universities to make public the results of the research they conduct that is supported by federal funds. Senator Richard Shelby (R-Ala.) authored the proposal, which would require that publicly funded research be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The bill excludes classified information, medical files and personal privacy issues, which are areas not covered by the act.

— The Daily Free Press

Spoken...

"It's hard to please everyone, but we've pleased over 4,000 people tonight and that's a very good feeling."

— Snehal Naik

A.S. Commissioner of Programming
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Crush-O-Rama

Psychotherapist Mary describes her first big crush, the pain it brought and the close friendship which evolved from it

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Power Bar Classic

The Tritons toughed-out a late-winter storm as they tied for third place in this weekend's nine team round-robin softball invitational

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This week, UCSD students will choose the new school of Associated Students officers. The *Guardian* editorial board interviewed the candidates for the nine executive positions. On page 10, the special election guide presents our recommendations.

Students First! Faces Complaints

DECISIONS: A.S.

Election Committee will hold hearings this week

By Vincent Gagnani
Senior Staff Writer

The A.S. Elections Committee will be holding hearings early this week to address complaints filed against the Students First! slate. Elections manager David Fitzgerald said that the hearings will probably be closed to the public.

Last Friday, representatives of Student Run Television (SRTV) — Roosevelt Sophomores Shaheen Haji, Brad Root and Brian Wikner, a *Guardian* employee — filed a complaint against Students First! which charges Students First! members with political intimidation. The students named on the complaint are junior senator candidate Tim Kuruvilla, senior senator candidate Justin Boggs and sophomore senator candidates Josh Ebrahemyoon and Jessica Williams.

Wikner, host of the SRTV show, "RealPolitiks," said that he and Root placed a satirical sign in the window of their Argo Hall suite on the evening of March 30 stating "DON'T VOTE." Wikner said that after placing the sign in their window, members of the Students First! slate, including Kuruvilla, Boggs and Ebrahemyoon, entered the suite and asked them to remove the sign.

Haji, also a host of "RealPolitiks," was present during the incident and said that the Students First! members tried to persuade Wikner and Root to remove the sign.

"They walked in here," Haji said. "They asked us to take it down. They thought their constituency was unintelligent enough to see the sign and not vote. They were extremely obnoxious."

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UCSD Tops UC Schools in Federal Funding

RESEARCH: UCSD received \$316.1 million from public sources

By Lily Korman
Guardian Reporter

UCSD's Office of Contract and Grant Administration recently stated in their annual report that UCSD has received the most funding overall from the federal government of any school in the UC System for the 1997-'98 fiscal year. During the

fiscal year of 1997-'98, UCSD was awarded \$400.6 million for research and clinical studies, of which with \$316.1 million are from federal sources.

"In its short history, UCSD has emerged as a national research leader, and the latest increase in research funding awarded to the campus goes further to underscore that," said Richard Attiyeh, UCSD vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies. "While other campuses may have more

faculty, the substantial raise in the amount of funding speaks to the excellence and reflects the high quality of the faculty at UCSD."

Attiyeh also said that research funding is not only beneficial for faculty research but for student educational purposes as well.

"The increase in funding adds a lot to the educational experience for both undergraduates and graduates because there is funding for research assistants and more opportunities to participate in research

activities," Attiyeh said.

Major funding awards for all types of research in 1997 to 1998 include a \$22 million award from the National Science Foundation for the National Partnership for Advanced Computational Infrastructure at UCSD's San Diego Supercomputer Center, a \$10.5 million National Science Foundation award to Scripps Institution of Oceanography and a \$7.8 million award from the National Oceanic

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MTV's Campus Invasion Hits UCSD

FUN: Day-long events culminated in a concert featuring Sugar Ray

By Ki-Min Sung
Senior Staff Writer

MTV kicked off its one-month MTV Campus Invasion tour at UCSD last Friday. Beginning with booths and an acoustic performance by David Garza during the day, the event ended with a RIMAC Arena-filling concert in which Orgy and Sugar Ray performed.

"We're excited that so many people came out," A.S. Production Manager Steve Evans said. "This tour came around and was a good attempt for us to give something back to the university."

Approximately 4,500 attendees, 200 people shy of RIMAC Arena's 4,700 maximum capacity, filled RIMAC Arena to see Orgy and Sugar Ray for the evening concert.

"It's hard to please everyone, but we've pleased over 4,000 people tonight and that's a very good feeling," A.S. Programmer Snehal Naik said.

Members of Sugar Ray's band said they felt the crowd's excitement at RIMAC.

"I thought the crowd was pretty energetic and pretty loud," bass guitarist Murphy Karges said. "They were very enthusiastic and they were into it. A lot of times when the crowd is into it, it helps us to have a better show."

UCSD students agreed with Karges about the success of the

show. "It was good and it was a lot of fun for a lot of people," Laura Matisoff said.

Some students said that the success of the concert was attributable to the popularity of the bands.

"I thought they put on a pretty good show," Niroshi Dissanayake said. "I think it was good because I think most people would recognize at least one song off the radio so they were interested in coming to the concert."

Karges also said that touring with their friends in Orgy made the tour more fun.

"We're happy to be on [tour] because we've known Orgy and Jay and Bobby and those guys from the band for a while and it's just great to be on tour with some friends that you can share a whole month with," Karges said. "It helps when you get along with the other band and we're very, very happy that they decided to come along."

Sugar Ray will be touring with MTV and Orgy until May, stopping at different colleges throughout the United States. Afterward, Sugar Ray and Orgy will tour in Europe and Asia for one month and then begin their two-month tour with the Goo Goo Dolls in July.

Throughout Sugar Ray's and Orgy's one-month tour through the United States, MTV will set up its MTV Campus Invasion Daytime Village on all of the campuses the bands visit.

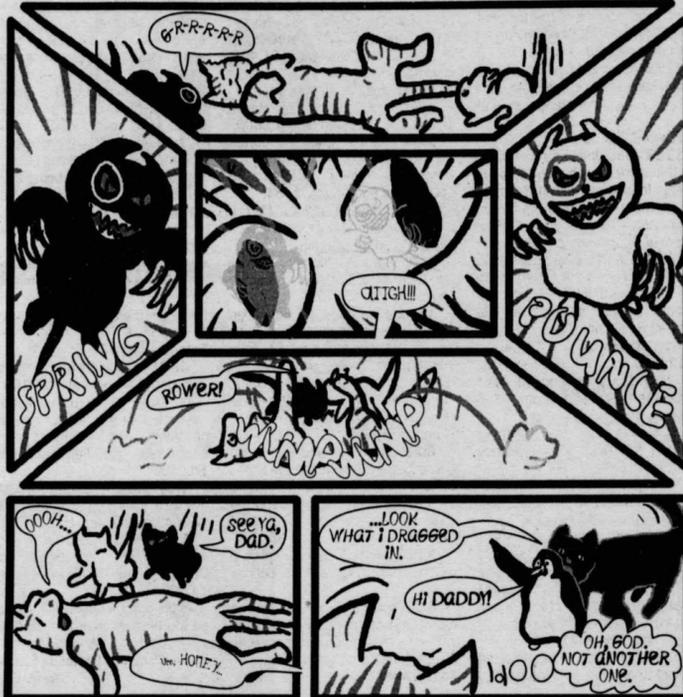
In the village that was located on Warren Field, sponsors set up booths. One of the most frequented

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ETCETERA...

OF A FEATHER

BY JOHN BARBER



BRIEFLY...

Art Exhibition to Begin This Week

"New Voices, New Visions: 23 Contemporary Artists" will be on view April 9 through May 29 in the University Art Gallery. A reception for the artists and curators will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Art Gallery. This event is free and open to the public.

"New Voices, New Visions" features the work of artists nominated by six guest curators from the San Diego area. Artists chosen for the exhibition include Daniel Aksten, Juan Carlos Alom, Ben Anderson, Eve Aschheim, Radcliffe Bailey, Jeff Brouws, Derrick Buisch, Jim Campbell, Brett Cook-Dizney, Stephane Couturier, Kim Crider, Carlos Estrada-Vega, Tristin Lowe, Mariko Mori, Marie Navarre, Han Nguyen, Michael Norton and Martin Whist.

Featured work includes photography, painting, sculpture, installations and video art, and ranges from figurative to abstract, analytical to whimsical. The artists represented examine technology, the resurgence of abstraction, environmental issues, gender, cultural identity, the urban landscape, fantasy and documentation.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, call 534-2107.

Real Estate Wheeler-Dealer Will Visit UCSD on April 7

Takeover specialist Samuel Zell — a Chicago resident who has amassed nearly a billion dollars through real-estate fortune purchasing and then turning distressed companies into profit — will discuss real estate in the 21st century at a breakfast meeting of the UCSD Economics Roundtable in the Faculty Club on April 7. A question and answer session will follow his talk.

Zell is the founder and chairman of the board of Equity Group Investments, Inc. an entrepreneurial real estate investment firm based in Chicago. Zell also

owns a radio company called Jacor, the Chart House restaurants and cruise ships.

Registration for the 7:30 a.m. roundtable costs \$50 per person and includes a continental breakfast. For more information, call 822-0510.

Film Maker to Screen Two Films April 8 as a Regents' Lecturer

Pratibha Parmar, internationally acclaimed British-Indian film maker, will visit the Department of Literature as a Regents' Lecturer from April 5 through April 9. She will screen two of her films beginning at 4 p.m. on April 8 in the Visual Arts Facility Performance Space. This event is free.

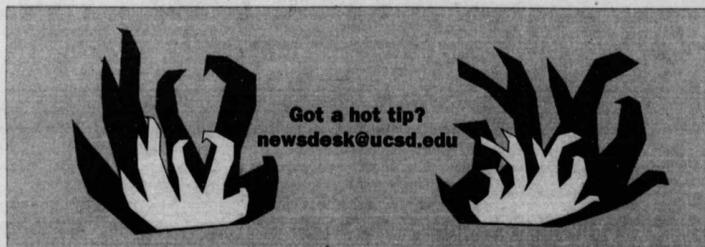
Her film "The Righteous Babes" is a 50-minute documentary arguing that feminism is very much alive in popular culture through the music of significant female artists. "Brimful of Asia" is a 24-minute documentary about the explosion of second-generation Asian talent in the mainstream British culture and features musicians, fashion designers and writers.

Parmar is a highly profiled film maker within the international community of lesbian and gay culture. During her visit, she will also spend time with classes and meet with graduate students.

For more information, call 534-4618.

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology to Visit UCSD

Representatives of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology will be at UCSD on Wednesday, April 7 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Gardner Room at the Robinson Complex at IR/PS. The university officials are visiting UCSD to discuss how Hong Kong University of Science and Technology can work with UCSD for their mutual benefit. The presentation will be held in English. For more information, call 534-1957.



LIGHTS & SIRENS

Lights & Sirens is a selection of entries compiled from the log book of the UCSD Police Department.

Sunday, March 28
12:50 p.m.: A 30-year-old male non-affiliate was ordered off campus for 7 days for trespassing at EBU2.

Monday, March 29
12:52 a.m.: Units and San Diego Fire Department responded to a 19-year-old female affiliate at Goldberg Hall 5th floor suffering from unconsciousness. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.
10:20 p.m.: An employee filed a report concerning the confiscation of a false identification from a 19-year-old female student at the Marshall Residence Halls.

Tuesday, March 30
12:58 p.m.: Units and San Diego Fire Department responded to a vehicle fire at Gilman Dr near the VA Hospital.
1:00 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a briefcase from EBU2. Loss: \$110.
4:30 p.m.: A staff member reported burglary to the third floor of TPCS. Loss: \$800.
7:29 p.m.: Units and paramedics responded to a 47-year-old male non-affiliate suffering breathing difficulty at Mesa Housing Office. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

Wednesday, March 31
9:30 a.m.: Students reported burglary to a green '88 Mercedes, a

black '87 Mercedes, a green '95 Ford Escort, a gold '87 Nissan Pulsar, and a red '89 Toyota Supra in Lot 102. Damages: \$1,400. Loss: \$565.

11:47 a.m.: A student reported vandalism to a black '95 Honda Civic in Lot 102. Damage: \$1,000. Loss: \$565.

1:30 p.m.: A student reported the theft of two wallets from the women's locker room at Canyonview Pool. Loss: \$184.

3:58 p.m.: An officer filed a report concerning a disturbance on the East Parking shuttle.

6:24 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a backpack from the bookstore. Loss: \$105.

11:41 p.m.: Units and San Diego Police Department responded to an 18-year-old female student complaining of ankle pain at the Marshall Residence Halls. Transported to Scripps Memorial Hospital by paramedics.

Thursday, April 1
6:22 a.m.: Units and San Diego Police Department responded to a vehicle fire in Lot 603.

9:30 a.m.: A student reported vandalism to a black '98 Ford Explorer in Lot 502. Loss: \$500.

12:30 p.m.: An employee filed a report concerning a lost cellular phone.

6:56 p.m.: An officer filed a report concerning misuse of a fire extinguisher in Challenger Hall. Housing Maintenance notified.

Friday, April 2

8:18 a.m.: A 19-year-old female student aggravated an existing ankle injury after slipping off crutches at H&SS. Subject refused treatment.

11:11 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a cellular phone from Center Hall. Loss: \$200.

1:40 p.m.: Officers detained a 31-year-old male non-affiliate at Thornton Hospital for being a danger to himself. Transported to Mercy Hospital by paramedics.

4:48 p.m.: An officer filed a report concerning a disturbance at Student Center B outreach office.

4:55 p.m.: A staff member reported the theft of a backpack from Muir Biology Building 2nd floor. Loss: \$350.

Saturday, April 3
10:25 a.m.: Officers arrested a 45-year-old non-affiliate at 4100 La Jolla Village Dr. for an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for removing shopping carts from store premises. Cited and Released. Bail: \$5,000.

5:50 p.m.: A student reported the theft of a cellular phone at the International Center. Loss: \$150.

5:55 p.m.: A non-affiliate reported the theft of electronics from Galathea Hall 3rd floor. Loss: \$4,968.

8:05 p.m.: A non-affiliate reported the theft of cash from Galbraith Hall 3rd floor. Loss: \$20.

— Compiled by Leena Shankar, News Editor

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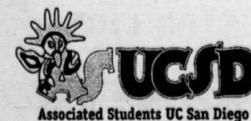
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ELECTION: "Realpolitiks" hosts filed complaints

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Kuruville said that he and fellow Students First! members were very polite in asking Haji, Root and Wikner to remove the sign.

"I don't think we were obnoxious," Kuruville said. "I think we were being a little bit too nice."

Haji said that the following day, Students First! presidential candidate and current vice president finance, Pat Ru, gave Root and Wikner a letter of apology for how members of his

slate had acted the day before.

Ru said that his apology note, regarding only the incident on the night of the 30th, was a matter of politeness that did not imply any wrongdoing.

"We're not saying we harassed them, just that [Students First! members] were obnoxious," Ru said. "They didn't do anything wrong."

In the letter, Ru said that Students First! members spoke in a "rude way" on the night before and Ru called their actions "inappropriate."

Haji, Root and Wikner also stated in the complaint that on the afternoon of the 31st, at around 2 p.m., Haji was approached by Kuruville, Boggs and sophomore

senator candidate Jessica Williams as she boarded the Argo Hall elevator.

Haji said that Boggs told her that he had spoken to the KSDT General Manager and that Haji's show, "RealPolitiks" was going to be canceled unless the "DON'T VOTE" sign was removed.

Kuruville, who said he witnessed part of the conversation between Haji and Boggs, said that Boggs was very polite to Haji.

"Justin was just talking in a calm tone," Kuruville said. "He was speaking to her as he would speak to one of his friends. I heard something about the TV show being mentioned."

Graham Beck, general manager of Student Cable

Works, said that Ru and Commissioner of Services and Enterprises Kasey Crawford talked to him last week about the possible removal of Root and Wikner's "DON'T VOTE" sign.

Beck said that because the sign was not a promotion for "RealPolitiks" or SRTV, he cannot ask Root and Wikner to remove the sign. He added that no Students First! member has asked him to cancel the show "RealPolitiks."

In their complaint, Haji, Root and Wikner petitioned that Boggs and others responsible be reprimanded for their actions.

"We hope that the election committee will look into this and repress

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ELECTION:
Ru said Students First! did no wrong

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mand those responsible by removing them from the ballot," the complaint stated. "Political intimidation of a student run media in response to the expression of the First Amendment's freedom of speech goes against everything a candidate or party should represent."

Ru said that the false allegations were aimed to discredit his slate. "We feel that it is an attempt to take cheap shots at Students First! for whatever reason they may have," Ru said. "From our perspective, we feel we did no wrong. We know the elections committee will do a good job convening on this issue and we will respect their decision."

MONEY:
Attiyeh said UCSD is a top university

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and Atmospheric Administration to Scripps.

Attiyeh said that the process of receiving funding is competitive and tedious. The federal agency reviews proposals submitted by faculty and determines the quality and feasibility of the proposal. He said only the best proposals are funded.

"It must be understood that in getting the research awards and funding, we are winning a competition," Attiyeh said.

TOUR: Students learned about skin damage and music

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booths was the Neutrogena House of Style booth. Students stood in lines to have a photograph of their face with a UV camera taken and analyzed for sun damage. Students then received a consultation on skin care and cosmetic color matching, in addition to some Neutrogena skin care samples.

"They told me that I had major sun damage and needed to see a dermatologist," Cathryn Cade said. "They're informing me about things that I need to check out that I never noticed before. They emphasized the sun products and to be aware of the skin."

Another popular booth gave students a chance to DJ with tips from DJ JS One. On five sets of turntables, students were taught how to scratch records and mix music.

"It's pretty fun but it was a lot harder than I thought," Nick Olney said.

Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) also sponsored a booth with 1-800 COLLECT that worked together to raise awareness on campus and to gather information for a survey of UCSD students. Students were asked questions on issues such as gun control. Self-defense tactics were also demonstrated by RAINN to educate and encourage enrollment in self-defense classes on campus.

"What they're basically trying to do is to educate and let people know about self-defense and rape and how often it occurs and ways to prevent it," Meena Haidari said.

Best Buy also sponsored the New Music Virtual Video booth where students could view new music videos on a virtual headset.

GUARDIAN FEATURES

Part two of the Mary Higgins Chronicles: Diary of a Freshman.
In this installment, Mary explores unrequited love in an angst ridden relationship, that eventually blossoms into an everlasting friendship.



MARY HIGGINS' **psycho therapy**



When I unearthed my diary from freshman year almost a month ago; I expected I would find gushing entries about dormitory life, classes and homesickness. These elements were present, of course, yet all were dwarfed by the large quantity of pages I'd enthusiastically devoted to "The New And Exciting World of College Guys" ... actually, to one guy in particular. The story I'm going to tell you is about my first college crush, which had a significant impact on my life.

The first time I ever saw him, his dark eyes sparkled with mischief and his head was tilted back in throaty laughter. His name was Sam. I thought to myself, "He looks like trouble."

And they say there's no such thing as woman's intuition.

That was almost five summers ago at Warren college orientation; we wound up in the same square-dancing group. I don't want to go on and on about how attractive I thought he was so I'll leave it at this: his presence took the sting out of square dancing and made me glad that I hadn't spent the night protesting this ridiculous pastime in my dorm room.

Soon orientation was over. I got on the plane, flew back to San Jose, forgot about Sam, and dove into a short-lived but interesting romance with a badly-behaved Mormon from my high school.

Well, maybe I didn't completely forget about Sam. September rolled around and I discovered that Sam was living just downstairs from me with a friend of mine. When the friend introduced us, I perked up and said, "Oh, we've already met! I was your 'allemande left!'"

Sam stared at me blankly and said, "Oh yeah. What's up?"

Despite the obvious fact that he had no clue who I was, I quickly forgave him and I started spending a lot of time down in that suite. (Here's an interesting aside: if you look up the "plan" for my e-mail account, it says that I lived at "Suite 308, 24-7." This was Sam's suite, not mine — Sam's roommate hacked into my e-mail account freshman year and changed my plan just to be funny.)

That quarter Sam grew on me in a major way. Looking back at my diary, I realize that by Thanksgiving I was hooked.

Nov. 27, 1994: Thanksgiving [weekend] was everything I'd hoped it would be, but I'm excited to go back to S.D. again and see my friends ... especially a certain dark-haired, attractive babe on the third floor. Yes, I am speaking of none other than Sam, the man who currently rocks my world.

I flirted, I teased, I hinted. I waited months for Sam to finally notice me. I paid close attention to everything he did, looking for hopeful signs. And he did seem to be warming up to me.

March 25, 1995: Lately he's been more affectionate. Like, he'll nudge my foot with his toe or something stupid like that. He'll tickle my feet through my socks instead of just yanking them out from under me. That's a joke between us. A couple months ago, when all of us were standing around in the hallway, Sam noticed that the toes of my socks were bagging out slightly. So the dummy just reached down and yanked them, pulling my feet right out from under me! I fell on my ass in front of everyone. I was so mad at him. He just stood there laughing his head off like a fool.

That was how I learned where the expression "head over heels" came from. I noticed there were other cute guys at UCSD, but none of them could compare to Sam. His effervescent charm and casual flirting drove me crazy, to the point where it stopped being fun and games and started to closely resemble torture.

"I have to tell him!" I said to my friend Wilma late one miserable night.

Saying that and doing that were two different things, however. What if he laughed at me? What if he got mad? Worse yet, what if the confession caused embarrassment and discomfort between us that would permanently ruin our friendship?

Blurted out my feelings seemed too risky. Instead I turned up the heat by flirting more openly, pumping his friends for information and everything else short of moving into his dorm room. Still, he remained a mystery.

I held out until May. May 1 to be exact — almost 11 months since I'd first laid eyes on him. Up in my suite, Wilma psyched me up with a motivation.

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Nicholas Runco/Guardian

HOROSCOPES

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

You've got a massive dose of spring fever today, most likely. You would just as soon chuck everything and take off for the woods. If you've got a job you care about, of course, that's not a very good idea. On the other hand, Thursday and Friday should be good for finding a new job this week. (7)

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

The urge to splurge is strong today, and you might be feeling resistant, just on general principles. If the deal is really good, go for it. An opportunity like this might not come again for quite some time. Don't let anybody push you into anything, however. You can tell the difference. (6)

GEMINI

May 21 - June 21

Initial opposition leads to a team effort, which should prove to be successful. Looks like everything ends well, but perhaps not in the way you envisioned. Be open-minded and ready to move quickly. (8)

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

Your mind is quick and you have plenty of good support from people who love you. But you're also up against a major adversary right now. This other person wants to order you around, and you're finding it hard to comply. If it's for your own good, maybe you should surrender instead. Trust only those who are trustworthy. (8)

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

Something that looks very good for you could look kind of threatening to a person you care a lot about. Although you've pretty much made up your mind, consult this person for advice, and heed the directive to be cautious. It will make you even more successful. Let those who you love and care about who know how much they mean to you. Take advantage of the feeling that you have, and make it work in your relationship. (8)

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You could make a very good deal today, and take care. Although you might find a good bargain, this item

may not be quite what you expected. Examine it carefully before you get home, so you will know what, if anything, you'll need to fix. (5)

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

This day should be very interesting. Get over your resistance to following another person's orders and you could learn quite a lot. Learning how to play a new game could lead to lots of new friends. Follow a strong leader, and enjoy it. (6)

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You could experience a major transformation today in the way you view money. For example, you may generally think of yourself as a poor kid, but today realize that you're fabulously wealthy, compared to somebody else. Satisfaction is a matter of viewpoint, so today, shift yours to a more comfortable position. (4)

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

This ought to be a beautiful day for you, and it is also a good day to start new and better habits. Remember all those resolutions you made around the first of the

year? Well, why not put them into effect right now, while you're in an excellent mood? Get rid of the stuff that causes stress, for starters. (6)

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

There's a lot going on today, but you can keep a low profile. Figure out which way the wind is blowing before you decide how to set your sails. Is that too many metaphors for one paragraph? Just play it cautious until you see who's in control. (8)

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your friends are the spark of your life and your inspiration today, so let them know how much you appreciate them. The people you love the most are the ones most likely to be taken for granted, except for today, of course. Go ahead and get emotional about it. They'll love it. (6)

PISCES

Feb. 19 - March 20

You can amass quite a fortune today and tomorrow if you play your cards right. You're lucky, of course, and that always helps, but today, skill is required too. Take only a very carefully calculated risk. (5)

BIRTHDAYS

This Week

Travel and romance are your assignments this year, not necessarily in that order. Make big plans in April. You're lucky then. In May, if you're tight with your money, you'll discover more.

In August, work out your agenda for the rest of the year, and go hunting for treasure in November. December is for playing and learning new games. Take on new responsibilities in February. In March, practice your listening.

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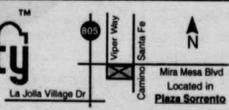
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tional speech. Inspired, I trooped down to the third floor to give Sam a piece of my mind ... and found him watching television with three of his roommates. I sat down with them, trying to work up enough nerve to get Sam alone in his room and confront him. Twenty minutes later, I completely chickened out and high-tailed it back to Wilma, resulting in more whining, more motivational speeches and finally a second attempt. Once again, I did the "Walk of Angst" down to his suite. This time, Sam was sitting alone in the common room.

Mustering up all my courage, I blurted out, "Can I talk to you for a second? In your room? Alone? Now?"

I'll spare you the gory details. I confessed and he very sympathetically and maturely gave me the "I-Think-You're-Nice-Too-But-Let's-Just-Be-Friends" speech. I was sad but relieved to have unshouldered my little secret. Our friendship continued as normal.

Sophomore year I finally got over Sam and wound up in my first serious relationship. In January, however, the relationship ended bitterly. Sam — who was now one of my closest friends — consoled me. We were up late studying together several months later when he admitted that he'd been having "feelings" for me. Shocked, I spent the next few days asking myself, "Do I still have feelings for him? Is the timing finally right?" I decided that I cer-

tainly could be attracted to Sam again if I put a little effort into it.

A week came and went and Sam didn't make a move. Finally, I confronted him about this and he said, rather surprised, "Oh, I just wanted to let you know about these feelings. I didn't want to do anything about them."

I felt like killing him. Only by a Herculean show of strength did I refrain from bashing his head in with his backpack. Shortly after that night, I got over him again — this time for good.

Sam and I remained close friends throughout all of this melodrama. Over time, I came to think of him as a brother. The subject of romance never came up again ... until junior year.

"Remember when I made you cookies freshman year?" I asked him. "I don't know what I was thinking! Why would I go through all that trouble for a jerk like you?"

Sam gave me one of his famous grins and replied, "Because you had the world's biggest crush on me!"

That was his second brush with death in two years. I couldn't believe he'd make a joke out of all the pain he'd caused me. I considered it a major breach of romantic etiquette ... "Thou shalt not throw thy best friend's unrequited love back in her face."

I very calmly stared him in the face and said, "You *\$#@&!"

Something funny happened after that, though. I started taking more risks. "Confessing" my feelings for people (not just love interests, but also my platonic friends and family members) became easier and easier. Learning to be more honest and open about my feelings

was less like the "Walk of Angst" and more of an everyday occurrence. On a romantic level I got shot down sometimes, but that was beside the point. I no longer felt ashamed of how I felt. If I had a crush on a guy, I didn't feel that it was a weakness or that it made me unbearably vulnerable.

Last month I typed up the "Best Of" my diary entries about Sam and gave them to him as a gift, with the admonition, "If you give me any grief about this, I'll make you pay!" The writing was unsophisticated at times (I'm thinking in particular of the sections in which I referred to him as a "major mega-babe"), and humorous in other parts. It was also a little sad, too, because I remember how painful it was to be completely and utterly infatuated with someone I could not have.

The most interesting aspect of my old journal entries about Sam is that my open admiration for him has not changed over time. He is still one of the smartest guys I've ever met, and one of the funniest. He has a killer smile and oodles of charm. He has changed in some ways, of course. For example, he has not once tried to yank my socks out from under me since I started taking Kung Fu lessons.

Freshman year, I wrote in my diary that I didn't think I'd ever get over Sam and in truth I never really did, even though my adoration for him has changed from borderline hero-worship to plain old, run-of-the-mill friendship. His name really isn't "Sam" of course. I had to use a pseudonym to protect his identity because he's still a student at UCSD. He's also still one of my best friends in the world.

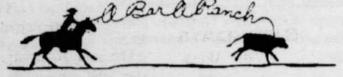
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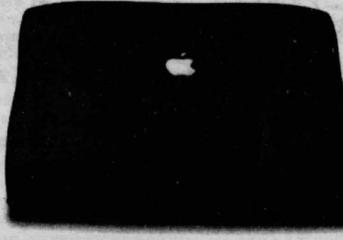
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ACADEMIC SERVICES Thursday, April 8

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Ongoing

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CLUBS & MEETINGS Tuesday, April 6

• 5 p.m. PC Berkeley Room. **UCSD Journalism Club** is holding its 1st meeting of the quarter. For more info e-mail Ryan at rtolson@ucsd.edu.

Thursday, April 8

• Rm. 212 Old Student Center. Come Hob Nob with **Darkstar** at our **Science Fiction Dinner!** Meet for rides and a brief meeting before we go to Hob Nob Hill. For time and info call 586-9452.

Saturday, April 10

• 1 p.m.-7:30 p.m. International Center Conference Room. **Darkstar's Gaming Meeting!** We'll have tons of games & tons of fun! Info: 586-9452.

LECTURE Monday, April 5

• Noon. SSB 103. "**Empire-Building and the Construction of Black Seminole Identity**". Presented by Melinda Micco, Dept. of Ethnic Studies, Mills College. Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity and the Ethnic Studies Department.

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Ongoing Mondays

• **Grief Group**, 1:30-3p.m., 242SSB. For students who have experienced the death of someone significant. Members find support while moving through bereavement. Led by Nancy Wahlg, 534-5793. Call Nancy to sign up.

• **Long Distance Love**, 3:30-5 p.m., Women's Studies Conference Room, Muir College, HSS2025. Achieving academic success is difficult enough, but life is even more challenging when trying to build and maintain a love relationship with a partner or spouse who lives far away! This group provides a forum for men and women to discuss their experiences and coping strategies. Led by Mary Woitke, 534-5905. Starts April 5th.

• **Undergraduate Growth Group**, 3:30-5 p.m., 242 SSB. This coed therapy group is designed for students who want to learn to develop more intimate relationships of all types. The goals are to help students grow in understanding themselves and their interactions with others. Previous individual therapy is recommended before joining the Growth Group. Led by John Wu, 534-1579 and Jeff Nalin, 534-1725. Call John or Jeff to sign up for the group. Starts April 5th.

Ongoing Tuesdays

• **Exploring Your Career Path Through A Cultural Lens**: 4:00 to 5:30p.m. The following topics will be discussed: How do I figure out which major/career is right for me? How do my cultural values influence my career choice? How do I cope with my parents who disapprove of my major/career choice? Led by Christie Fukunaga, 534-5989. Call Christie for location and to sign up for the group. Starts April 6th.

Ongoing Wednesdays

• **Men and Women Molested as Children**: 12:30 to 2:00p.m. This group offers men and women who have experienced childhood and adolescent sexual abuse the opportunity to obtain support from others who have had similar experiences, to acquire coping mechanisms and skills, and to explore the trauma (when useful). Members will have the chance to acquire tools for dealing with intense emotions and increase their (already formidable) resilience. The groups provide an environment which allows for exploration of any factors which may have made seeking help more difficult. **A pre-group appointment with the group leader is required.** Led by Miriam Iosupovici, 534-0255 and Mary Woitke, 534-5905. Call Miriam or Mary to join the group.

• 1-2:30 p.m. 242 Social Sciences Bldg. **The Men's Group** for upper division and graduate student men will discuss interpersonal relationship challenges including maintaining independence in close relationships with women, anger control and guilt. Led by Ron Lane, 534-0250, and Jeff Nalin 534-1725. Call Ron or Jeff to sign up.

• 2:30-4:30 p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. **Latino/Chicano Support Group**. Family, parents, economics, friends, relationships, culture and academics — all these themes are explored toward the goal of graduation from UCSD. Led by Reina Juarez, 534-3875, and Dan Munoz, 534-0251. Call for more information.

• **Graduate Women's Group**, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Women's Center, 412 University Center. A year-

long therapy group. Typical themes (generated by the members) include academic/professional identity, dealing with multiple roles, maintaining romantic relationships, and providing care for self. Led by Equila Luke, 534-0248 and Christie Fukunaga, 534-5989. Meets Wednesdays 3:30-5:30p.m. Call Equila or Christie for a pre-group appointment.

• **Stress Management Skills**, 4-5 p.m. Thurgood Marshall College Dean's Conference Room. A six session, personalized workshop that will teach you specific skills to cope with stress, including relaxation training, time management, and assertiveness skills. Led by Jerry Phelps, 822-2614. Call Jerry for information or to sign up.

• **Graduate Men's and Women's Group**, 4:30-6 p.m. 242 SSB. This group is for graduate students who are interested in exploring relationships, academic/professional issues and personal concerns. (A second group at a different time is also forming. Call 534-3755 for information.) Led by Miriam Iosupovici, 534-0255 and Rob Mashman, 534-0252. Call Rob or Miriam for a pre-group appointment before coming to the group.

Ongoing Thursdays

• **What's Love Got To Do With It?** 4:30-5:30 p.m. 3248 Literature Building. Am I getting too involved too quickly? Why is it so hard to trust him/her? Am I repeating the same destructive patterns? Do any of these questions sound familiar? These and many other topics are discussed in this coed group for grads and undergrads. Led by Linda Young, 534-3987. Fridays 12-1:30 p.m. Students should call Linda before coming to the group.



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• **Asia-American Community Forum**, 12-1:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Center, 510UCtr. This informal drop-in group is designed to address the concerns of Asian/Pacific Islander students at UCSD in a supportive and problem solving atmosphere. Issues such as career and academic success, family pressures, cultural identity and relationships are possible topics. Feel free to bring your

lunch! Led by Christie Fukunaga, 534-5989, and John Wu, 534-1579.

• **Alcohol and Substance Abuse Support Group**, 2-4p.m. Half Dome Lounge, Muir College. If you ever have ever asked yourself, "Do I have a problem with?", then perhaps you are ready to explore the response. Led by Dan Munoz, 534-0251 and Mary Woitke, 534-5905, and Jerry Phelps, 822-2614.

• **Campus Black Forum**, 4:30-6 p.m. Cross Cultural Center, 510 University Center. Campus Black Forum is an informal and supportive gathering where we invite open discussion and exchange ideas, questions, and concerns on any topic relevant to the lives and experiences of people of African descent. It is a place to connect with other students (grad and undergrad), staff and faculty. Led by Linda Young, 534-3987.

EVENTS & RECREATION Tuesday, April 6

• 7 & 10 p.m. PC Theater. "**Star Trek: Insurrection**." Admission \$2. For information please call 822-2068.

Wednesday, April 7

• 3-4 p.m. PC Gallery B. Leadership Seminar: **Internships and Professional Development**. Associated Students Internship Office will discuss internships and the role they play in professional development. Sponsored by SOLO. For more info call 534-0501.

• 7:30 p.m. Solis 104. Free. **CWD presents the film: "The Lost Language of the Cranes"**. The rigid, angular movement of construction of cranes becomes a metaphor for the destructive sexual hypocrisy that rips at one family.

Thursday, April 8

• 7 & 10 p.m. PC Theater. "**Prince of Egypt**". Admission \$2. For information please call 822-2068.

Friday, April 9

• 8 p.m. Mandeville Auditorium. "**The Mystery of Edwin Drood**". A musical performance presented by the Muir College Musical Ensemble. The audience determines the ending to the play about the disappearance of a wealthy, popular, young man. \$6 students, \$7 staff/seniors, \$8 public. For more info call 534-3687.

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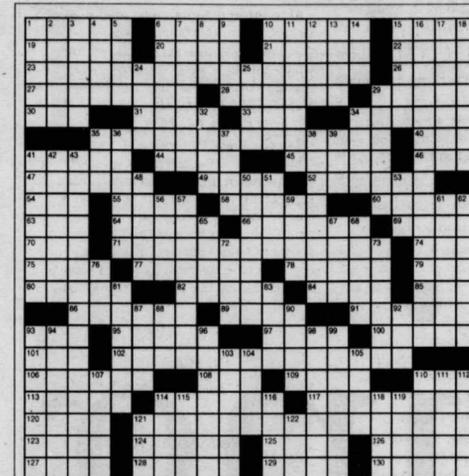
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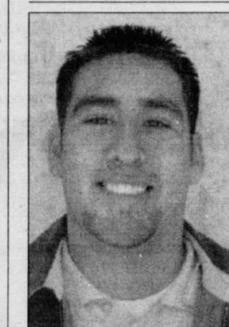
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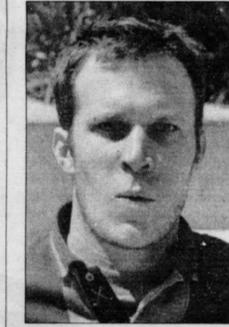
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The Associated Students Council affects the life of every undergraduate at UCSD, whether they realize it or not. From organizing the Sun God Festival to lobbying the UC Regents, the A.S. Council officers play important roles on campus and beyond.

Consequently, it is critical that students carefully evaluate the candidates and issues debated this and every election season. In contrast to past years, nearly all the A.S. candidates this year are extraordinarily well-qualified. They come from varied backgrounds, yet all share a commitment to serving their fellow students.

The *Guardian* endorsements were reached after interviewing candidates, evaluating their past performances as elected representatives, and deliberating over their leadership potential. Our choices are based on a desire to elect candidates whom we feel will make significant contributions to the A.S. Council and the student body.

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President



STEPHANIE LERTZMAN

The A.S. Council president represents the student body to the administration and the outside community, works on issues both internal and external to UCSD, and determines whether the A.S. Council sinks, swims or merely floats. When electing a president to lead the A.S. Council and represent the entire student body, it is crucial that students choose a candidate who has the experience, character and determination required of a student leader. This year, the candidate who has the leadership, vision and desire to create change and put students first is Stephanie Lertzman.

Lertzman's extensive involvement in student activities and leadership positions is impressive. Since October 1996, Lertzman has served on the Warren College Student Council. She has held the position of judicial board member, "Warren Live" co-commissioner, commissioner of programming and currently holds the position of Warren college council president. Lertzman was an ex-officio member of the A.S. Council this year and attended the vast majority of the A.S. Council meetings. We believe that her involvement with the A.S. Council, along with her Warren Council experience and her extraordinary drive, will help to efficiently run the A.S. Council and create a more student-friendly campus.

Lertzman is also involved with other student activities, including the Resident Dean's Advisory Committee and Warren programming. She served as a Resident Advisor for Warren college. Lertzman's experience with many kinds of UCSD organizations and activities makes her a very well-rounded candidate for A.S. president, one who understands the campus as a whole.

UCSD needs a president who is focused on what UCSD students need. Lertzman said she wants to move from the Warren College Student Council to A.S. president because she loves UCSD and wants to make it a more student-friendly campus. By unifying the UCSD community, increasing diversity on campus and improving student life (both on and off campus), we believe Lertzman will make UCSD a better place for all students.

One idea that Lertzman wants to bring to UCSD is "Brag Tags." These would be similar to the letter cards posted in restaurants showing customers how they are rated by the Department of Health in Los Angeles. The "Brag Tags" would be a compilation of evaluations from students on how helpful

student services are. We believe this idea could be effective in holding student services and departments accountable.

Lertzman's ideas will make the A.S. Council serve students better. Some simple ideas that she has will drastically improve the efficiency of the A.S. Council, such as not allowing members to leave council meetings unless there is an emergency and creating a committee to review the A.S. Council constitution and bylaws. So far there have been several ineffective attempts by A.S. Council members to pass a new constitution. Appointing a committee to the task may solve the problems once and for all.

Lertzman plans to increase school spirit by introducing a Triton mascot costume to use at sporting events and day-time festival activities. She also suggests dyeing the Price Center fountain blue during quarterly spirit nights. Lertzman will focus on individual organizations and student services, such as expanding the number of items students can rent from Outback Adventures.

Although Lertzman has many ideas to improve parking and safety on campus — such as lobbying for more student spaces in the crowded lots and increasing lighting in dim areas — some of her ideas appear unfeasible — such as placing signs indicating whether lots are full at the entrance to campus parking lots. However, we feel Lertzman has the flexibility to adopt the other council members' ideas. Lertzman's flexibility and willingness to do what is best for students will lead to a productive presidency.

In previous years, slates such as Student Action Now! Legalize It, Students First! and Revolution have dominated the A.S. Council presidency. Last year however, A.S. President Joe Leventhal changed the scope of UCSD student politics when he ran independently of any slate and won.

In the past, there has been much conflict in the past within the A.S. Council when different ideologies from two slates clash. The fact that Lertzman is running as an independent candidate will help resolve conflicts that arise. Not only is she not tied to either slate, she plans to start the year with a "clean slate," to create an atmosphere in the council where the focus will be to serve students in the best way possible.

Though Lertzman has experience in student government, she is not an A.S. Council insider. We feel she will be flexible enough to both push for her own ideas and adopt those of other council members — whichever benefits the students more. Lertzman impressed the *Guardian* editorial board as an earnest and honest candidate — rare qualities for a politician.

Lertzman is a hard worker whose attitudes toward the job of A.S. president will help create a better A.S. Council, which will serve the students more efficiently. Her many ideas to change UCSD in small ways will add up to help improve student life in a big way. Lertzman's experience in a diverse number of student organizations gives her the experience to lead UCSD in the next school year. Therefore, the *Guardian* editorial board enthusiastically endorses Stephanie Lertzman for A.S. president.

PAT RU

Pat Ru, the Students First! candidate, is currently A.S. vice president finance and has been involved with the A.S. Council since he arrived at UCSD.

As vice president finance, Ru has earned recognition for working hard and for being a worthy opponent against President Joe Leventhal. Ru has been the vocal leader of the Students First! slate all year, working hard to make sure that the slate's goals have a chance of becoming a reality.

Unfortunately, Ru's major flaw is that he lacks the ability to compromise and to deal well with any form of opposition. Indeed, he lacks the ability not only to deal with student opponents, but also to deal with administrators. At the recent SRTV television debates, Ru publicly said that he believes students and administrators do not get along. Ru has been working in student government for quite some time. During this time, he has had contact with numerous administrators. We would hope that after spending extensive time with administrators, while serving as a represen-

tative of the student body, Ru would have been left with the impression that students and administrators can get along, not that they are natural adversaries.

Ru has accomplished some things while in office, though not as much as he claims. He maintains that he increased student organization funding by 40 percent. Although Ru calls himself a "visionary," ideas alone do not generate large sums of cash. Student organization funding increased this year because the campus activity fee, which funds the Associated Students, was raised from \$13.50 to \$20. Ru did not lobby for the increased activity fee or write the A.S. budget, so it seems a little strange that he took the credit for the funding increase.

If anything, though, Ru is good at taking credit for things he did not do. A perfect example of this was the recent visit by Maya Angelou that Ru claims to have organized. In actuality, the visit was mostly arranged by Commissioner of Programming Shehal Naik, not Ru.

Another example of Ru's unprofessionalism was his behavior during the A.S. constitution debate. Ru co-authored a constitution proposal with Leventhal. However, when it became clear that the proposal was unpopular with the rest of the council, he stopped defending it. Ru, without removing his name from the document, stood back and let Leventhal take all the criticism. Ru's behavior was unfair to Leventhal and uncalled for. This is not the person we want running our student government.



TESH KHULLAR

Tesh Khullar, who is running on the Change slate, has a lot of A.S. experience. He served as the Warren sophomore freshman senator four years ago, as the Warren sophomore senator three years ago and as the commissioner of student advocacy two years ago. Khullar, who lost his bid for A.S. president last election season, has spent the last year out of student politics. In this time, Khullar said that he gained a better understanding of what it means to be an average UCSD student.

If elected, he would like to work to improve on-campus parking by instituting a "yellow means yellow" policy. Under this policy, only students with yellow permits could park in yellow spots. Khullar brought an impressive amount of paperwork into his interview, including statistics on the amount of cars in yellow spaces at peak hours of the day. Two of Khullar's other priorities are to help students find more affordable off-cam-

pus housing and to increase student computer access.

When asked who he thought was the best A.S. president in the past three years, Khullar said that while he thought that Students First! slate member Coleen Sabatini, the 1996-97 president, excelled at dealing with systemwide issues, current President Joe Leventhal has succeeded both at raising student awareness of the A.S. Council and at systemwide issues. It is interesting to note that Khullar did not mention 1997-98 President Souley Diallo, who he ran on the same slate with two years ago. The fact that Khullar was able to look beyond his former slate when coming to a decision is impressive.

However, we decided against endorsing Khullar because he does not seem to be as at ease dealing with students as Lertzman. If the A.S. president is to function effectively, he or she must be able to accurately size up student opinion. At this point in his political career, we are concerned that Khullar is not up to the task.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE A.S. PRESIDENT

- Shall be the chief executive officer of the ASUCSD.
- Shall serve as the official representative of the ASUCSD.
- Shall establish and chair an executive committee.
- Shall be an ex-officio member of the council and all of its subordinate bodies.
- Shall have the responsibility of appointing representatives, subject to council approval, to all internal council committees.
- Shall formulate and submit an annual operating budget, subject to Council approval, recommended for the operation of the ASUCSD.
- Shall have the power to require in writing progress and duty reports from any council member or organization receiving salaries or funding from the Associated Students Council.
- Oversees progress of Council members and student organizations receiving money from A.S. Council
- Shall have the power to call to order the Judicial Board at such time special review is deemed necessary concerning the actions of said council, its members or affiliates.
- Shall have the power of item veto on all monetary appropriations passed by the council and have the power of common veto on all other legislation.

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Vice Presidents

Vice President Internal



JENNIFER LEE

The office of vice president internal is one that both candidates agree needs to be expanded. While the office currently handles matters within the A.S. Council, the vice president internal office should reach out to all students at UCSD.

Although both candidates are well quali-

fied to fill the office, we feel that Jennifer Lee, the Students First! candidate, is the better candidate for the job.

As vice president internal, Lee said she would like to continue reaching out to students by offering free promotional items in exchange for feedback through surveys. In the past, this been a successful way for the A.S. Council to measure student opinion.

Lee also proposed a weekend retreat for student organizations and A.S. Council members. Events such as these would be another way for council members to bridge the gap between themselves and the general student body.

Within A.S. Council, Lee would like to see senators more involved and informed on the issues. Senators already hold most of the voting power on A.S. Council; with several new constitutions proposing to transfer all voting power to the senators, we highly value a candidate who seeks a more involved and better informed senate.

One of the main duties of the vice president internal is to run the weekly A.S. Council meetings. As the current A.S. president pro tempore, Lee has already effectively run several council meetings. She has conducted those meetings in a fair and unbiased manner, and we expect that she will do the same next year. In addition, in other areas of A.S. Council involvement, Lee has

proven to be effective throughout the past year.

As the current Muir junior senator, Lee has displayed an enthusiastic interest in outreach, which is evidenced by her work with C.R.E.A.T.E.

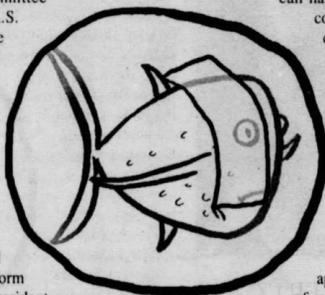
Lee has also worked with Vice President Finance Pat Ru as a member of the finance committee and with A.S. President Joe Leventhal on his Associated Students Outreach Program (ASOP).

As a senator who has worked in many areas within A.S. Council, we feel that Lee can transform the office of vice president internal so that it reaches more students.

Doc Khaleghi, the Change candidate, is also well qualified. As commissioner of academic affairs, Khaleghi has experience working on A.S. Council. Prior to becoming commissioner of academic affairs, Khaleghi served as Revelle sophomore senator and

director of public affairs.

Khaleghi has many good ideas for making the internal office run more efficiently. If elected, Khaleghi will push for a new constitution to be passed in council as soon as possible. He also would like to form a board comprised of members of student organizations, so that student groups can have a forum in which to communicate their concerns to the A.S. Council.



Khaleghi has been successful in starting the Nobel Laureate Series at UCSD. However, starting this program was only one of many great ideas that Khaleghi spoke of when he was first appointed commissioner of academic affairs. In addition, Khaleghi is an excitable, opinionated person who we are concerned might have some trouble remaining impartial during council meetings.

Jennifer Lee, on the other hand, has the experience and well-thought out ideas to gain this year's *Guardian* endorsement for vice president internal.

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Vice President External



TERRENCE PATTERSON

The *Guardian* believes that both candidates for the position of vice president external — Marshall Senior Senator Terrence Patterson and Marshall Sophomore Senator Maricela Marroquin — are extraordinarily well qualified.

Marroquin, who is running on the Students First! slate, has spent the last two

years working in the external affairs office. In this capacity, she has attended numerous University of California Student Association (UCSA) conferences, in addition to managing a number of grass-roots campaigns on campus.

Patterson, who is running on the Change slate, has distinguished himself as a senator by acting as a liaison between the A.S. Council and local politicians such as Mayor Susan Golding and Representative Brian Bilbray, as well as by working on several on-campus issues.

In addition to both being extremely well qualified, Marroquin and Patterson also have quite a few similar ideas, including securing low-cost housing and transportation for UCSD students and reaching out to local underprivileged students. Both candidates agreed that UCSD should work closely with the Preuss school and that affirmative action is not the best solution to increase enrollment of under-represented racial minority groups at UCSD. Marroquin and Patterson were adamant that education and opportunities need to be made available to students well before they reach the university level.

In the long run, Patterson seems more likely to be able to achieve these objectives. He is already in the process of drafting — with the help of some local politicians — an incentive program for developers of low-cost housing. As the student population at UCSD

continues to grow and the amount of housing on campus continues to remain the same, it is imperative that the A.S. Council help current and future students find alternatives to on-campus housing.

Patterson is also in the process of trying to raise \$250,000 for the A.S. Council by selling vanity license plates to current students, faculty, staff and alumni. We are delighted to see that Patterson is looking for alternatives forms of funding for the Associated Students. The campus activity fee — which funds the council — was raised \$6.50 per quarter last A.S. election season. If the A.S. Council can secure alternative forms of funding, perhaps students can be spared a new fee increase in the upcoming years.

Patterson differs from Marroquin when it comes to the role of UCSA, a UC-wide student lobbying organization, and USSA, a national student lobbying group, in the external office. Marroquin has very close ties to both organizations, and says that the

A.S. Council should support the advocacy agenda that UCSA drafts every year, but that the external affairs office has a responsibility to uphold the wishes of the entire council.

The advocacy agenda has led to tension between the vice president external, who in years past has argued that the council should support the agenda in its entirety without any substantial review, and other members of council who think that they have a right to evaluate the agenda point by point.

Patterson says he believes that the A.S. Council should evaluate the agenda item by item each year. He also thinks UCSA itself should be evaluated. Patterson said that 62 percent of the UCSA budget, to which UCSD contributes a substantial amount, goes to "overhead" each year. Patterson says that students have a right to find out exactly where there money is going, and we agree.

In summary, although both candidates are qualified, Terrence Patterson has the political skill, fresh ideas and focus needed to lead the external office into the next century.



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Vice Presidents

Vice President Finance



ERIC ROVNER

Eric Rovner, the Students First! candidate, has what any potential A.S. vice president finance should have — experience in the office and feasible ideas. In the last two years, Rovner has served in the finance office, most recently as director of development, where he

raised money for A.S. festivals. He was also on the A.S. finance committee and the Student Organization Funding Advisory Board (SOFAB). These positions have given Rovner the experience to understand the many facets of the vice president finance office.

Rovner plans to work more with the programming office on expanding events such as the Sun God Festival and Winterfest, as well as inviting more high-caliber speakers such as Maya Angelou to speak on campus. A strong partnership between the finance and programming offices is key, for without the necessary funding, programming cannot create events that students will attend.

Most importantly, one of Rovner's priorities is to be accessible to students. He said that he believes in good "customer service," which he defines as having an open-door policy. He believes that the vice president finance should be compassionate — especially toward the student organizations who are applying for funding. Considering how frustrated some student organizations have been in the past in their attempts to receive financial support, it is good that Rovner understands that frustration.

Rovner also has several key ideas for the finance office. He said he would like to have the SOFAB form, which student organizations must fill out to request funding, placed on-line. If this change occurs, it will greatly

benefit the student organizations; it will streamline the process of preparing the requests to allocate funding and hopefully cut down on some of the problems that organizations have had in preparing these forms.

Additionally, Rovner mentioned the idea of establishing a "nationals" fund in the A.S. budget — meaning if a student organization makes it to the national level of competition, the money to provide for the costs of attending these competitions will be already set aside. Recently, many student organizations have made it to the nationals, and it has been difficult for them to receive funding. By having the money already available, UCSD's student organizations will have a greater chance of competing beyond the local and state level — and improving UCSD's national image.

Our only concern about Rovner is his belief that the vice president finance should make the financial decisions for the A.S. Council. While

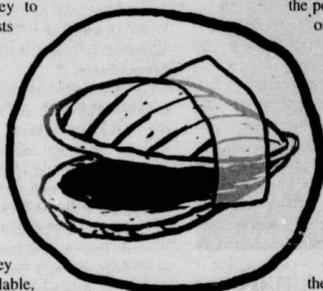
the vice president finance does do the "number crunching," he or she must also work with other officers — especially the president — to decide how the A.S. monies should be spent.

Change candidate Matt Powell has experience and ideas of his own. His experience as the finance officer of the Campus Crusade for Christ and the Hackey-Pong Club is important, since it allows him to understand

the perspective of the student organization. He also has good priorities, such as the expansion of Triton Plus, an increase in corporate sponsorship of UCSD events and placing the SOFAB form on-line. However, Rovner's experience and feasible ideas make him a stronger candidate for the office of vice president finance.

Finally, independent candidate Adam M. Lara was disqualified on Friday afternoon because he does not fulfill the requirements to participate in A.S. elections.

The Guardian endorses Eric Rovner for vice president finance.



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Commissioners

Academic Affairs - ANDREA MENDEZ

Andrea Mendez, running on the Students First! slate, is an ideal candidate for commissioner of academic affairs. Although she is running unopposed, it wouldn't matter if Mendez had a truck full of challengers — she would still be the best person for the job.

Mendez has an endless stream of accomplishments. She served as the Muir freshman senator interim, is the current academic senate researcher and is involved with C.R.E.A.T.E., UCSD's K-12 outreach program.

Mendez has a number of brilliant ideas. One of her main priorities is for the A.S. Council to survey academic departments and evaluate them from a student perspective. She said that the college writing sequences — Making of the Modern World, Dimensions of Culture, Humanities and Warren and Muir writing — should be evaluated according to how much they actually improve students' writing abilities. She is concerned that students are passing through the writing sequences without ever becoming competent writers.

In addition to reforming the college writing sequences, Mendez would also like to institute a "dead day" each quarter. The "dead day" would come immediately before finals and would be used by students as an

extra day to prepare for final exams. This is a fantastic idea. As Mendez pointed out during her interview, it is ridiculous for a student to have his or her last lecture for a class on Friday and then be required to take a final exam in the same class immediately after the weekend.

Mendez also thinks it is important for the A.S. Council to form a close alliance with C.R.E.A.T.E. We couldn't agree more. If the A.S. Council really wants to make an impact on the community, it should reach out to both current and future students. Mendez, who plans on becoming a teacher, has a real grasp on the nuances of UCSD's outreach programs. She is the ideal person to build a permanent relationship between the academic affairs office and C.R.E.A.T.E.

In summary, Mendez is the embodiment of everything students should want in an A.S. officer. She is experienced, professional and full of wonderful ideas. The Guardian looks forward to having her serve as our commissioner of academic affairs in the upcoming year.

Communications - NO CONFIDENCE

The A.S. commissioner of communications plays a vital role in the lives of UCSD's mainstream and alternative student media. He or she ultimately oversees organizations such as Student Cable Works, The Walking Stick and the Koala, and must work to ensure they receive proper funding and equipment.

The commissioner must also work to foster opportunities in which students interested in media-related careers can gain valuable hands-on experience.

Communications major Seth Orvis has a vision for UCSD communications, but few suggestions for making this vision a reality. Orvis' ideas of "bringing out the hidden aspects of the school" and boosting UCSD's school spirit are commendable. However, to achieve this, he would need to do more than tape concerts and air them on UCSD television.

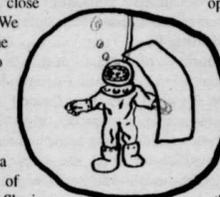
Further, Orvis seems almost exclusively focused on UCSD's broadcast media, to the neglect of the campus' various alternative print media. Having never served in any previous student government capacity and without media experience beyond his course

work, Orvis lacks the necessary experience and campus awareness to be effective as commissioner of communications.

Though Student First! candidate Bobby Kim may have more specific plans for the office, he, too, lacks experience. Kim, a communications and theater major, has worked for Campuswatch Television, KSDT and SRTV, but has no student leadership experience.

Kim says he would increase the number of UCSD's alternative media, as well as market them to increase their audience. He also would "boost" KSDT by switching it to an A.M. station. While these ideas are admirable, Kim's idea of "upgrading" the equipment in the communications department is particularly troublesome, as the Guardian does not feel that improvement of an academic department is an appropriate use of student activity funds.

With new forms of media coming to life on this campus, and older forms dying off, UCSD communications is in need of strong leadership. Though both candidates are enthusiastic, they lack both the experience and knowledge that is necessary in such an office. The Guardian abstains from making an endorsement for this position and gives a vote of no confidence to the candidates for A.S. commissioner of communications.



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Services & Enterprises - PATTY YUN

Students depend on various A.S. Council services for an array of needs ranging from class notes to coffee. The commissioner of services and enterprises oversees these organizations and acts as a liaison between the student facilities board and the student-run cooperatives.

The student population requires an officer dedicated to maintaining the high standards that services such as Soft Reserves, A.S. Lecture Notes and the Co-ops have maintained. In addition, undergraduates would benefit from a candidate concerned with the continued support of the Student Center itself.

During this past year, the Students First! candidate Patty Yun has been involved with A.S. Council as the Warren sophomore senator. Yun's experience, ideas for improvements and opinions on issues critical to the position for which she is running make her not simply the only candidate, but also the best person for the job.

Yun's priorities include a mandatory tour of

Student Cable Works by the A.S. Council so that the two bodies can better understand each other. She believes this understanding will help A.S. Council members in their decision-making process. Another of Yun's goals is to lower the cost of readers that many professors require students to purchase. She says this can be accomplished by working with professors to participate in a cheaper program through A.S. Lecture Notes rather than going to outside sources.

Finally, the *Guardian* agrees with Yun's position on bringing the Academic Success Program (A.S.P.) under the wing of Services and Enterprises. We agree with Yun that A.S.P. needs more time to develop as an organization.

Yun has good ideas, experience and a willingness to work with the campus community in order to further benefit both the student population and the organizations she will serve. Therefore the *Guardian* endorses Patty Yun for commissioner of services and enterprises.



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Referenda

University Centers Expansion Fee - No

The University Centers Fee Referendum addresses a valid issue on campus: overcrowding. As UCSD attracts more and more students, the campus will need additional facilities to accommodate their extra-curricular and social needs.

If this referendum passes, the university will hire architects to draw plans and \$12 million worth of construction will begin on an expansion of both the Price Center and the Student Center. The additional fee will only take effect once the construction is complete, which is projected to be in 2002.

While the University Centers Fee Referendum is admirable in theory, we are concerned that future students will be committed to fees that will continue to increase and be collected for an unspecified amount of time.

Moreover, the university will not hire architects until the referendum has passed. As a result, the student body has no idea what it is buying with this additional fee. At the very least, preliminary plans should have been drawn before placing this item on the

ballot. UCSD students and administration need a contract that will specify exactly what the students will pay, and for how long.

If the student body passes the referendum in this election, it would add a \$25 per quarter, per student increase to student fees once the expansion is complete. Furthermore, every five years an additional \$5 would be added to this fee to account for inflation. This steadily increasing fee would be added to the \$37.50 each student already pays per quarter.

The *Guardian* recognizes the necessity of planning for overcrowding and applauds the university for thinking ahead. The effects of the university's lack of effective planning for an overcrowded student body can already be seen in this year's housing and parking shortages. However, this does not mean students should rush blindly into paying additional

fees. While the University Centers Advisory Board (UCAB), the committee overseeing the proposed improvements, has attempted to focus on student input, the ultimate decision as to what changes will be made ultimately lies with the administration. As student fees are funding the expansion and renovations, students should know what they are buying before they approve this referendum. The referendum may ultimately cost students nearly double the \$12 million price tag already assessed for the construction. The additional cost for the construction comes from interest; the construction will be paid for with borrowed money that will not be paid off until construction is complete in 2002.

One possible solution would be for the university to place a referendum on the ballot that would assess a one-time nominal fee



to pay for the creation of specific and binding plans. These plans could be distributed to the student body and the University Centers Fee Referendum could again be placed on the ballot, this time before a more informed student body. Students would know exactly what they would be funding, and more specifically how much it would cost.

If the proposed fee passes, the student body will be committing future students to steadily increasing fees without any real knowledge of what those students will be financing.

The *Guardian* urges students to vote NO on Fee Referendum Question One: Expansion of the University Centers.

Fee Question One
Do you approve the proposed increase in the University Centers fee for expansion of the Student Center and Price Center? Collection of fee is projected for academic year 2002.

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Referenda

Academic Success Program Fee - NO

If approved, the second fee referendum would result in the increase of \$1 per student per quarter of the A.S. Student Activity Fee — an increase that would be used to fund the Academic Success Program (A.S.P.).

Currently, A.S.P. is a registered student organization that receives funding from the A.S. Council. This fee increase would be used to expand its current programs — which include book-lending, peer mentorship and exam archives. As a result, the organization would receive close to \$45,000 annually to fund its programs.

Although the A.S. Council would have oversight of A.S.P.'s operations, the *Guardian* does not think that only one student organization should have such a large amount of money earmarked for its services. No other student organization receives money directly from the A.S. Student Activity Fee.

A.S.P. is also a very young organization. It has only been operating for one year. In our opinion, A.S.P. has not developed enough to have such a large budget. No other student organization — including those that have been established at UCSD for many years — has a budget even approaching what A.S.P. would have if this fee is passed. If an organization is to have an annual income of approximately \$45,000, it needs to be more established.

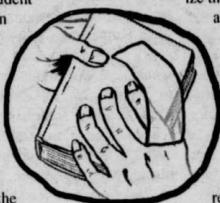
In addition, there are innumerable inconsistencies in A.S.P.'s plans for use of these funds. The most glaring of these is the category of the A.S.P. budget that states that 50 percent of its budget — approximately \$22,500 — would go to unspecified "A.S.P. projects." These projects would supposedly be used to improve "the academic success or retention of UCSD students." While this is a noble cause, A.S.P. does not offer a clear

explanation of who will decide where the money will go and how the money would be allocated to these yet-unknown projects.

Additionally, the description of A.S.P.'s peer tutoring program states that the organization "will centralize the variety of tutoring services at UCSD" and will act "primarily ... as a referral service for students." Essentially, approximately \$1,350 annually — or 3 percent of its budget — would be used to refer students to programs such as O.A.S.I.S., with which we believe most students are already quite familiar. This amount of money is extremely high for a service that will reinforce what many students already know.

Finally, the *Guardian* is concerned about the fact that our student fees — which are used to support the student organizations and programs that students pursue extracurricularly — will be used to support an academic program. The administration is in the business of providing academic programs to students. If students want a program such as A.S.P., they should concern themselves with asking the administration to provide services such as O.A.S.I.S. with better funding to expand its services.

A.S.P. is a terrific idea; however, it is not ready for the funds that will be coming its way if this referendum is approved. The *Guardian* strongly urges voters to vote NO on Fee Referendum Two.



Fee Question Two
Do you support an increase of \$1 per student per quarter to the A.S. Student Activity Fee as a constitutional fee lock-in for the Academic Success Program ... effective Fall Quarter, 1999?

Referenda

Two-Week Spring Break

To survey the campus' attitude toward a two-week Spring Break, the ballot poses the question of whether students would like this change to the academic calendar. Though no direct action will be taken based upon this vote, the results will give the A.S. Council and university administration a better understanding of student sentiment.

A two-week Spring Break would be a great cure for the burnout that students experience at the end of winter quarter. The current one-week break passes quicker than the blink of an eye, especially for students who have late finals and leave on Saturday or Sunday of finals week only to return five or six days later. Catching up on sleep alone can take two days. Moreover, for those who enjoy taking trips during Spring Break, a two-week Spring Break would be far better because there would be enough time to travel as well as see friends and family, catch up on errands and get ready for spring quarter.

For many students, Easter is an important holiday and with a two-week Spring Break, there is a better chance that Easter will fall on a weekend during the break. The extended break would spare students the hassle of returning home after a week of school to spend Easter with their families. This calendar change would definitely result in more relaxed and prepared students returning for a third quarter.

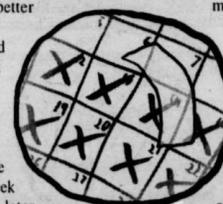
Though there are many advantages to a two-week Spring Break, it is important to remember the numer-

ous disadvantages as well. UCSD students already begin summer break relatively late compared to other universities. A two-week Spring Break means that Summer Vacation will start a week later. Thus, students will be at a disadvantage when applying for summer jobs and internships. Many jobs and internships may even begin before the school year ends. Moreover, other summer schools may begin before our school year ends. This means that students will not be able to attend summer school at other universities. Graduation is also pushed back by a week and this can prove to be another inconvenience for students and families alike.

In addition, there could be substantial costs to the university to extend the academic year by one week. Ultimately, these costs will be passed onto students.

Clearly there are many factors that must be considered before deciding whether a two-week spring break will be advantageous. Although the referendum question is merely a survey, students should still consider the issue carefully before deciding.

Question One
Do you favor the expansion of Spring Break from the current one week to two weeks with the condition that the Spring Quarter would be extended by one week into the summer?



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— Craig Nettles
New York Third Baseman

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John Maynard

Dad Won't Read it; Nor Should You

I think academia has been getting me down. It has left me bitter, hyper-critical and only meekly inspired to do anything. But this is no way to begin a column...

Looking for inspiration (about an hour ago), I turned to my roommate Ray "I could really pimp it but I'm too soft to do anything about it" Risnizmond for some ideas and his advice for me was to write about sex. But sex is too basic.

Utterly disappointed and still uninspired, I hobbled to the living room and Sander "I too could hook up but I'm also not man enough" Nauenburg threw me a copy of the premier edition of *Transworld Surf (TW Surf)*. Excitedly, I sat down and thumbed through the pages.

A Reef Brazil ad? Yes, but it wasn't on the second page. Some good photos? Yes, and they're not all of Pipe. Nice, I thought. Something different.

You see, monthlies like *Surfing* (geared toward "groms") and *Surfer* (targeted to an older-than-high-school-let-not-much-more-educated crowd), are essentially the same magazine, except that *Surfer* is cleaner and not as cheesy as *Surfing*. They both have the Reef Brazil ad on the second page (the Reef Brazil ad is the smut that everyone immediately hunts for when perusing such magazines. The ads have a guy ripping on one side and a girl's butt on the other [except for the time Lisa Anderson was ripping and Peter King's ass graced the opposing side — scary!]). And they're both loaded with Pipe/Backdoor barrels.

To me, *TW Surf's* repositioning of the Reef ad (they put it on page 5) was a symbolic move to show that this magazine would be different. I thought the planets in the surf magazine universe finally aligned to produce a decent surf publication (as they once did with the *Surfer's Journal*. But that magazine only comes out four times a year and each issues costs 12 bucks.)

But to my dismay, this symbolic move meant nothing at all. They probably just screwed up and missed the call by three pages. While *TW Surf's* executive editor Sean Hayes, a pro surfer and UCSD alumnus, so shrewdly proclaimed this newly released "mag" (as the cool guys in the industry like to call it) would be different, it isn't at all. He says his "mag" is about "action, energy, change and progression." But what it really amounts to is a See **WORTHLESS**, Page 23

Swingin' in the Rain

The Tritons tie University of San Diego for third place in the UCSD Power Bar Classic

By Kevin Byrne
Staff Writer

This past weekend, the UCSD softball team hosted the Power Bar Classic, playing teams from as close as San Diego and as far away as Minnesota and Indiana.

When the final standings were tallied for the tournament, UCSD was 3 and 2 for the weekend and tied crosstown Division I rival University of San Diego for third place.

The weather played a mean trick on April Fool's Day, forcing the tournament to be revised when all of Thursday's games were canceled because of rain. Despite the storms that ravaged the UCSD campus, the tournament was postponed for only one day and the games proceeded in round-robin fashion on Friday and Saturday.

In their first match of the Classic, the Tritons did not allow one run against the University of

St. Thomas (Minn.) despite three errors: Freshman sensation Leea Harlan pitched a near-perfect two-hitter which seemingly froze the St. Thomas bats. Harlan pitched the entire seven innings, striking out seven batters, to record the shutout.

Offensively, the Tritons scattered 7 hits over the course of the game, and managed to score in the top of the fourth inning, as designated hitter Kristina Anderson crushed a solo home run to be the only player to cross home plate all morning. The Tritons edged by St. Thomas by the final score of 1-0 as UCSD fans reveled in Anderson's titanic blast.

The second game did not go as well for the Tritons, as Central College (Ind.) took advantage of the Tritons' offensive stagnation.

The Tritons were slow at the plate, managing only 2 runs on 6 hits in the game. Harlan led the



Julius Choi/Guardian

Impact: Senior Triton catcher Sara Snyder prepares to make the catch and apply the tag to an Azusa Pacific University baserunner.

offensive going 2-2 and scoring once while Christina Searing and Michelle Wilson each had an RBI. The 2 runs were not enough to defeat the eventual winners of the tournament, as the Tritons dropped their second game, 8-2. Allison Jacobs pitched a complete game, giving up 8 runs on 12 hits. The hits mostly came in the second half of the game, as all 8 runs were scored in the fourth through sixth innings.

After an impressive 4-2 win over Buena Vista University to end Friday's tripleheader, the Tritons had almost no time to rest as they faced off the next morning against Azusa Pacific University. In this high-scoring game, surges of runs highlighted the sixth and seventh innings.

Azusa Pacific opened up the offense in the third, scoring 3 runs on 3 hits. In the top of the sixth,

APU added another run, making the score 4-0. Then the UCSD bats came to life, as the Tritons rallied in the bottom of the sixth.

First baseman Natalie Andrade reached first on an error, then right fielder Caroline Engler reached first on a fielder's choice, putting Andrade out at second. Marcella DiMichieli then singled to center, putting runners at first and second. Jamie Ota grounded out, advancing the runners to second and third. Pinch hitter Michelle Wilson singled to center field, getting 2 RBIs and advancing to second on the throw to the plate. Second baseman Searing then homered to left field, tying the score. Erin Sinclair doubled down the left field line, and scored when Kristina Anderson reached first on an error. This huge two-out rally momentarily propelled the Tritons past APU.

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SCOREBOARD APRIL 3 VS. CLAREMONT COLLEGE

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Final
Claremont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
UC San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2

Kristina Anderson: 3-3, 3 singles
Leea Harlan: 1-4, 1 RBI; 8 innings pitched, 0 earned runs
Michelle Wilson: 0-4, 1 RBI; game-winning sacrifice bunt

Wall Receives All-West Honors

RECOGNITION: The MVP averaged 20.7 points and 6.3 boards in '98-'99

By Jake Gordon
Sports Editor

This year, Triton basketball had a season for the ages. Compiling a 20-5 record, Head Coach Greg Lanthier's troops overachieved with a 11-0 start and created a buzz about basketball that had been missing from La Jolla. Assistant Coach Dave Dillon made headlines camping out on RIMAC Arena and the excitement hit a fever pitch when 3,713 Triton fans poured in for a Spirit Night win over UC Santa Cruz.

Unfortunately, UCSD had a hard time getting respect at playoff time. The Tritons were slighted out of a post-season berth because they

were an independent and their season came to an abrupt end.

Now, however, one of the team's senior leaders has been recognized for his extraordinary efforts. UCSD forward Mike Wall was named to the Columbus Multimedia All-West Region Basketball team.

The Triton's Most Valuable Player for 1998-'99, Wall averaged 20.7 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. He finished his UCSD career with 1,700 points, third best in UCSD history behind only former Triton standouts Matt Aune and Paul Trainer.

A starter for most of his career, Wall also ranks fifth all-time in rebounds at UCSD with 628. A big man that was more than just an inside presence, Wall made 68 three pointers for the Triton Bomb Squad last year, the fourth-highest total in UCSD history.

Hopefully Wall's inclusion in the All-West team can help the UCSD team gain back some much-deserved respect.

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0 Runs allowed by pitcher Leea Harlan in Saturday's game

2 Homeruns hit by DH Brian Terrell in Saturday's La Verne win

1700 Forward Mike Wall's career points, third best in UCSD history

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What History Teaches Us About Drug Prohibition

Jerry Epstein, President, Drug Policy Forum of Texas

In 1936, August Vollmer, highly respected Berkeley, California Police chief addressed the International Association of Chiefs of Police: "Drug addiction ... is not a police problem; it never has been and never can be solved by policemen. It is first and last a medical problem."

Vollmer's own experience was different from ours — he'd lived during a period when drugs which are now illegal were popular tonics and important medi-

cines, freely available from drug and grocery store shelves. Cocaine was in Coca-Cola and some 40 other soft drinks as well. Morphine and heroin were two of the three most popular medicines; more widely used than today. When addiction occurred, it was dealt with as a medical problem.

The addiction level had stabilized at about 1.5% of the population (the same as 1979 and 1997) — despite recurrent media alarms over "epidemic" drug use. The impact of non-alcohol addiction on society before Prohibition was so small that few historians bother to mention it. As Edward Brecher noted in 1972, addicts weren't treated as much of a problem because in fact they weren't much of a problem. However, no historian fails to note the devastation wrought by Prohibition, starting in 1920.

Threatened Student Loans Spur College Activism

By Paul Lewin

With the signing of the Higher Education Act of 1998 on October 8th, President Clinton and the Republican Congress enacted the first law to deny student loans on the basis of drug use. No other class of offender, including those convicted of rape or other violent offenses, faces similar restrictions on student loan eligibility. Under the new law, a first-time misdemeanor charge of marijuana possession is sufficient to trigger eligibility penalties.

According to the National Council of Higher Education, student loans continue to be the largest source of student aid, with approximately \$29 billion for the 1995-96 federal fiscal year provided to students to meet their postsecondary educational costs. The lion's share of this funding is devoted to low and middle income students.

Student activists across the country are coordinating efforts to oppose this latest development in the War on Drugs. "The targeting of minority communities by drug enforcement will inevitably result in fewer African-Americans and Latinos receiving financial aid," stated Rob Stewart, a spokesperson for The Drug Policy Foundation.

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The Danger of All Addictive Drugs

By Harold C. Sox, M.D., FACP

The analogy between drug addiction and diseases like hypertension or diabetes is appropriate because both conditions produce permanent anatomic and functional changes that put the patient at risk for health problems. Addictive drugs can produce changes in brain pathways that persist long after a person stops taking drugs and place the individual at high risk of relapse.

From the June 1998 ACP Observer, by the American College of Physicians.

IS RACIAL DISCRIMINATION SUSTAINED BY THE DRUG WAR?

Cliff Thornton, President, Efficacy

During and after the years of slavery, there was a great bond among African-Americans. There was love and respect for one another based on common experience. This "brotherhood/sisterhood" has sadly diminished in the last two decades.

The drug war is the insidious cause of the cultural retrogres-

sion. It has succeeded because minorities have embraced the war. Deliberate or not, the drug war is an ingenious "divide and conquer" scheme. It is so brilliant that most people support it as it tears society, freedom, and democracy apart.

The so-called "peace dividend" after the end of the cold

war was immediately diverted to the drug war. Funds that should be used for urban renewal and educational programs are used to fight the war, while schools literally crumble around the children.

Overt racial discrimination is not tolerated in any public or private business. But it has gone out of control in the criminal justice system and been sustained by the attitude of the drug war. The war against crack cocaine has led African Americans to support the incarceration of their own. Fear is the driving force in this paradigm. Fear that has been instilled by government propaganda, heightened by questionably motivated private interests, such as the Partnership for a Drug Free America & Private Prison Industry.

We often hear that the US has five to ten times the rate of incarceration of any European nation. We don't hear as much about the fact that it has been so totally unbalanced from a racial point of view. While the rate of imprisonment of whites is about two times that of other nations, it is more than ten times greater for blacks in most states. Blacks get longer sentences than whites, on average, for the same crimes. These numbers are new in the last several years, and it is strictly drug arrests that have created them.

We, in effect, have gone into the poorest areas, taken help away, turned them into battlefields, and put a tempting basket of goodies in the middle of the street, seducing children

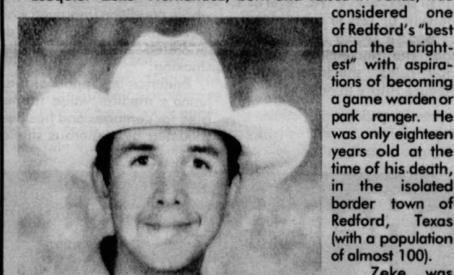
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ESEQUIEL HERNANDEZ

May 14, 1979 - May 20, 1997

The first US citizen killed by military troops on US soil since 1970, when students were killed by National Guard troops at Kent State University during a Vietnam War protest. Department of Defense pays \$1.9 million to Hernandez Family.

Esequiel "Zeke" Hernandez, born and raised in Texas, was considered one of Redford's "best and the brightest" with aspirations of becoming a game warden or park ranger. He was only eighteen years old at the time of his death, in the isolated border town of Redford, Texas (with a population of almost 100).



Zeke was tending his family goat herd when he was shot by a 22-year-old Marine, who was part of Joint Task Force Six, a military unit assigned to anti-drug operations.

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF DRUG WAR MILITARIZATION

by Kevin B. Zeese, President, Common Sense for Drug Policy

It wasn't long ago that it was a criminal offense, a violation of the Posse Comitatus Act, for active duty military troops to be engaged in domestic law enforcement. In fact, that was the rule for most of the history of the United States. A series of drug war amendments to Posse Comitatus during the 1980s under Presidents Reagan and Bush, has changed that and placed Marines on patrol at home.

A team of low ranking Marines, led by a Corporal, were on drug war patrol in Redford, Texas, on May 20. On that day a fatal shot was fired by Corporal Banuelos and a young US citizen, Esequiel "Zeke" Hernandez, Jr. was dead. Zeke was herding his goats, carrying an

old single shot .22-caliber rifle passed down to him from his grandfather. The Marines claim the high school sophomore fired two shots in their direction. They followed him for 20 minutes, then, they claim he raised his rifle again and the fatal shot was fired from an M16. The autopsy showed Zeke wasn't facing Corporal Banuelos when he was killed. Zeke lay on the ground unattended for 20 minutes and bled to death.

Redford citizens say they felt invaded, treated as if they were the Enemy and had one of their best and brightest taken from them. A grand jury was convened, but this made the injustice worse. The grand jury was at best a mockery. It included

the Assistant Sector Chief of the Border Patrol who was part of the administration that asked the Marines to come to the border and one of the people responsible for their supervision. It also included the wife of a Border Patrol officer, a Border Patrol retiree, and two Customs Officers. The judge found no conflict of interest and District Attorney Valadez said it was good to have people on the jury who "knew how to get things done." The DA did not seek an indictment, he just presented the evidence. Unfortunately, that did not include the Redford residents who heard the single shot from the Marines, not the multiple

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Making The Case For Medical Marijuana

Excerpts from an article by Paul Armentano as posted on the NORML Website
Created: October 1996

Marijuana is medicine. It has been used for thousands of years to treat a wide variety of ailments. Marijuana was legal in the United States and prominent in the pharmacopoeia until 1937, when possession and use of marijuana was outlawed by the federal government. Today, eight patients receive marijuana legally from the

government; for all other Americans who could benefit from its therapeutic value, it remains a forbidden medicine.

Contrary to popular belief, there have been hundreds of studies on the medical uses of cannabis since its introduction to western medicine in the nineteenth century.

The best established medical use of smoked marijuana is as an anti-nauseant for cancer chemotherapy. During the

1980s, smoked marijuana was shown to be an effective anti-emetic in six different state-sponsored clinical studies involving nearly 1,000 patients. For the majority of these patients, smoked marijuana proved more effective than both conventional prescription anti-nauseants and oral THC (marketed today as the synthetic pill, Marinol).

In addition to its usefulness as an anti-emetic, there exists evidence — both scientific and anecdotal — that marijuana is a valuable aid in reducing pain and suffering for patients with a variety of other serious ailments, and that it is less toxic and costly than the conventional medicines for which it may be substituted. For example, marijuana alleviates the nausea, vomiting, and the loss of appetite caused by the AIDS wasting syndrome and by treatment with AZT and other drugs without accelerating the rate at which HIV positive individuals develop clinical AIDS or other illnesses.

It is generally accepted — by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) and others — that marijuana reduces intraocular pressure (IOP) in patients suffering from glaucoma, the leading cause of blindness in the United States.

There also exists historical evidence that marijuana is effective in treating a variety of spastic conditions such as multiple sclerosis, paraplegia, epilepsy, and quadriplegia. In the book, *Marijuana: The Forbidden Medicine*, Dr. Lester Grinspoon of Harvard Medical School describes several case histories of patients suffering from multiple sclerosis and other disorders whose condition improved while they smoked marijuana and deteriorated after they stopped smoking.

Evidence in support of marijuana's medical value has existed for centuries and has been validated by numerous studies, as a lightweight material for radiator grilles and other auto parts. Neither the DEA nor Barry McCaffrey, the President's drug policy adviser, find this persuasive. Legalizing hemp, his office says — removing it from the DEA's controlled-substance list — would confuse everyone, especially eighth graders, whose marijuana use has tripled in the last five years. Hemp, it warns, would provide camouflage for growing marijuana. But hemp and marijuana do not cohabit well. Hemp, grown mostly for its fibrous stalk, is planted in dense stands. Marijuana is not, since drug traffickers want a bush with leaves rich in THC, which added sunlight helps provide.

To ease law enforcement's fears, proponents have offered a compromise. The agency would revise its rules to legalize hemp but award jurisdiction to the Agriculture Department. Agriculture would distribute certified seed with a THC level of 1 percent or less to farmers it licensed; it would inspect fields too. The marketplace, not myopic rules, should determine hemp's future in America.

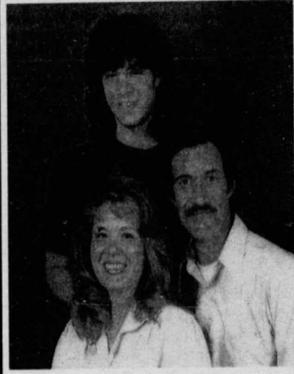
researchers, committees, health organizations, and even the Drug Enforcement Agency's Chief Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, who in 1988 declared marijuana to be "one of the safest therapeutically active substances known to man."

Unfortunately, patients who could benefit from marijuana's

therapeutic value have been held hostage by a federal government that continues to treat the issue as a political football.

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James Cox age 50, sentenced to 15 years for medical marijuana cultivation Cancer and radiation poisoning patient



James Cox was first introduced to marijuana follow-

ing two operations for testicular cancer that metastasized to his stomach. He found that it helped with the pain, nausea, and eating disorders resulting not only from the cancer but the chemotherapy and radiation. During his illness he was also prescribed Demerol which, in combination with marijuana, helped him cope with chronic pain from the nerve damage to his stomach and other organs, ulcers, and also helped with the inability to tolerate food and his loss of appetite. James was on Demerol for 15 years and an admitted Demerol addict. He found that if he increased his marijuana intake he could get off Demerol and gain control of his life.

Since James could not afford to buy his marijuana medicine on the black market, he began to grow his own. Police discovered his garden while investigating an attempted burglary to his home. James and his wife, Pat, were arrested and the home they had just inherited from her grandmother was confiscated. James was sentenced to 15 years behind bars, and Pat to 5. Devastated and depressed, they attempted suicide while out on bond, but were discovered and saved. His sentence was given a stay and they were sent home.

A free man, James' desire to live returned, and he went back to growing his medicine. His health improved, but two years later, James was arrested once again on cultivation charges. This time they locked him away.

"Since I have been incarcerated and deprived of its use I have lived in constant discomfort and I feel as a direct result from not having the medical benefits of marijuana. My stomach deteriorated to the point where I could not eat anything due to incurable bleeding ulcers," James wrote.

Lacking adequate medical attention in prison, James was near death. It took two corrective surgeries during his incarceration to help his stomach problems. After spending 5 years in prison, James is finally home. He will be on parole for the next 10 years.

From *Shattered Lives: Portraits from America's Drug War*

Marijuana Arrests Reach Historic High Marijuana Policy Project Calls For Activism

Marijuana arrests reached an all-time record number in 1997, according to FBI data. In an analysis provided by the Washington-based Marijuana Policy Project, researchers noted that of the 695,201 arrests for marijuana, 87.2% were for possession, not sale or manufacture. The number of marijuana arrests was almost as high as the number of arrests for murder, rape and aggravated assault combined.

"This is a tremendous waste of criminal justice resources," said Chuck Thomas, Director of Communications at the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). "Marijuana prohibition creates dangerous criminal markets and takes police resources away from violent crime."

MPP is a harm-reduction advocacy organization, which focuses on reducing the harms caused by the prohibition on marijuana. In 1997 MPP disrupted a National Institutes of Health medicinal marijuana conference and, in 1998, MPP helped organize several protests at the offices of members of Congress who actively oppose medicinal marijuana. MPP even coordinated a protest at

which Cheryl Miller, a severely disabled multiple sclerosis patient, intentionally got arrested for using medicinal marijuana in a congressional office on Capitol Hill.

"It isn't productive to participate in events that simply spread the stereotypes that help keep marijuana illegal, such as pro-marijuana festivals," noted Thomas. "People who want to see real change in this country need to work in a coordinated fashion influence policy wherever possible."

Thomas invited interested people to contact MPP to find out more about what groups are doing to change the laws. "If you care enough about the issue to write a firm but polite letter to your three members of Congress, put on a suit and tie and lay your body on the line to protest a specific policy development, or make a financial contribution to pay for some serious lobbying efforts, MPP is here to assist you — there is work to be done!"

MPP can be reached by email at: mpp@mpp.org, or PO Box 77492, Washington DC 20013.

Industrial Hemp: Marijuana's Much-Maligned Cousin

Traditional jurisprudence frowns on guilt by association — unless the defendant is a plant called industrial hemp and the prosecutor is the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Recently a coalition of farmers, environmentalists and businesses petitioned the DEA and the Department of Agriculture to stop treating this plant as a criminal just because it is related to marijuana, a controlled substance. Otherwise, America's farmers and entrepreneurs will be at a disadvantage as other industrial democracies try to exploit hemp's commercial potential and environmental benefits.

The revival of interest in industrial hemp, which has 1 percent or less of the delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol, called THC, that gives marijuana its psychoactive effect, flows from the versatility of its seed and fiber. The seed can be converted into food oil, animal feed, paints and cosmetics. The fiber can be turned into textile, rope, carpets, paper products and construction materials. In at least 10 states, farmers also want to assess its value as a rotation crop that is pest- and disease-resistant. Ford researchers abroad are studying it

Which offense would cost you financial aid under the Higher Education Act of 1998?

- A. MURDER
- B. RAPE
- C. PERJURY
- D. BURGLARY
- E. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

ANSWER:

E. POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

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Drug War Public Policy Disaster

by Wendy Kaminer, public policy fellow at Radcliffe College, from, *All Things Considered*, NPR

A recent study by Columbia University confirms what many criminologists have long known: alcohol is associated with much more violent crime than any illegal drug. Twenty-one percent of violent felons in state prisons committed their crimes while under the influence of alcohol alone. Only 3 percent were high on cocaine and only 1 percent were using heroin.

Violent crimes linked to alcohol use include murder, rape, and

domestic abuse. We might add to this list drunk driving, which would not have been covered by the Columbia study of prison inmates since it doesn't often result in incarceration.

A sensible person reviewing these findings might wonder why we criminalize the use of cocaine and heroin, not to mention marijuana, while we tolerate and even celebrate alcohol consumption.

Of course, we learned long ago that prohibition of alcohol

was bound to fail, so a sensible person might propose that we end the prohibition of drugs like cocaine and heroin that pose much less threat to the public safety than alcohol. But sensible people have had little influence on the nation's drug policies.

The war on drugs has been one of the biggest public policy disasters of the last 25 years. It has not reduced drug use. It has instead increased violent crime attendant on illegal drug trafficking, just as prohibition of alcohol increased criminal activity some 70 years ago.

The war on drugs has greatly exacerbated the problem of gun violence. The illegal drug trade not only creates violence, it pays for bigger and better guns. The war on drugs has helped finance the arms race in the streets.

It has also created a crisis in prison overcrowding. People are sent to state and federal prison for long terms, five to 20 years, for nonviolent, low-level drug offenses. Providing them with in-prison drug treatment programs may be helpful, but it obscures the fact that many drug users should not be in prison at all.

The nation's drug laws have turned many ordinary, relatively harmless citizens with ordinary bad habits into convicted felons. What jobs will they find when they're released? What will they contribute to their families or communities? If we imprison people to protect society, we have to ask what society gains in the end from their imprisonment. We don't ask questions like this about the drug war.

It has been billed as an anti-crime measure, but in fact the war on drugs is an anti-vice crusade. That's why its failure has not sparked popular protests or a rational evaluation of its benefits and costs. It is driven by moral fervor, not pragmatism or reason. Listening to bureaucrats and politicians boast about the drug war, you have to wonder what they're smoking.

EDITORIAL

It seems that every society targets its prejudices and hostilities at defenseless minorities rather than face up to the root causes of its economic problems and social injustices. At various times over the past sixty years, our country has oppressed African-Americans, Jews, Japanese, American Indians and gays.

Today, draconian laws enforced in the name of the "War on Drugs" target both medical and recreational users of marijuana as well as users of hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine.

Anyone that doubts our society is making scapegoats of users of some drugs while condoning others, such as alcohol and cigarettes that are arguably more dangerous, should read "Drug Warriors & Their Prey; From Police Power To Police State" by Richard Lawrence Miller (Praeger-1996).

Miller first authored a book about our nation's policy on drugs and later a book concerning the Nazi judicial system during the 1930s and 1940s. He was struck by certain disturbing similarities, which he writes about in "Drug Warriors & Their Prey."

Miller starts by describing "The chain of destruction" which progresses from simple identification, to ostracism, to confiscation, to concentration, and eventually, to annihilation. He then devotes a chapter to each link to show how our misguided national drug policy is already causing atrocities similar to those perpetrated under Nazism.

Sounds far-fetched?

We invite you to peruse "Drug War Facts" in this issue, then read either "Smoke and Mirrors" by Dan Baum, a former *Wall Street Journal* reporter, or "Drug Crazy" by Mike Gray, writer of the screenplay for "The China Syndrome." These readings provide the factual background for a more meaningful reading of "Drug Warriors & Their Prey."

Then you decide!

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who see no hope in their futures. The big bright basket of drug dealing offers youngsters the things they otherwise will not attain. Then we tell them they must not touch, and have imposed terrible penalties for doing so. It is as if we deliberately have set these traps to destroy them.

While people can see that prohibition has made drug dealing ever more lucrative, they won't consider any alternative. It is obvious to many of us that the drug war is the root cause of violent gangs that terrorize inner city residents. In my neighborhood in my youth, there were drugs and dealers, but they did not use guns in their business. Unleashing police to do war on Americans initiated the violence, causing dealers to begin to arm themselves and become increasingly violent against the cops and everyone else.

The stereotype of a young, dangerous minority criminal has done incalculable damage to race relations. The fear shown by whites has caused a backlash of loathing from young blacks. The real enemy is displaced.

The unfairness of this burden is heightened by the fact

that blacks do not use drugs any more than whites do and whites are not arrested as frequently or punished as severely as minorities.

Too many people value security more than privacy or freedom. The image of violent young minority males has exacerbated racism and interracial distrust. The drug war has pitted individuals against one another. Through our drug control strategies we have taught an entire generation to be abusive and disrespectful of the rights of others!

The thinking that infliction of pain is the best way to teach people has seeped into the values of our society. The culture of punishment has developed with and sustains the drug war.

The stigma of drugs and the drug war's denigration of addicts, users and dealers has exacerbated intolerance. It is used by drug warriors and has become another "divide and conquer" device.

We must reap the bitter harvest others have sown, the harvest of exaggerated and growing race and class distrust, the harvest of fear and

violence, the harvest of a lost generation, the American uncultured, displaced persons who are simply trying to survive in our cities the only ways they have learned to do so. These ways are contrary to the avenues to success in the mainstream.

The drug civil war has little to do with drugs. It is about controlling human beings — physically and morally. It has twisted values and beliefs.

The saddest thing about the war on drugs is that most minorities support it. The disaster of the drug war blurs the effects of the drugs. Through the eyes of fear, people don't see that the problems associated with drug use are made worse by the mentality of the drug war. Because of the insidious nature of the war on drugs, inner city people tend to cling to it as their only hope, while it is actually this century's instrument of their destruction.

Tuition Costs Rising as Prison Building Expands

By Jason Ziedenberg, the Justice Policy Institute.

Last October, 3,000 high school students in Oakland, California walked out of class to protest the crumbling conditions of their classrooms, chanting the slogan, "Education, Not Incarceration!" They knew what their tuition-paying parents would soon learn — California, and other states across the country are witnessing snowballing costs in their prison and jail systems that are sucking precious dollars away from the higher education system.

Over the past ten years, California has seen a 60% increase in the amount of money spent on corrections, while higher education funding has decreased by 3%. In the 1960s, when the baby-boomers moved through the California schools, tuition fees were so low as to be practically non-existent. But between 1980 and 1998, tuition in California rose anywhere from 303 to 485 % in the two public university systems. In a time of increasing enrollment, California built 21 new prisons, but only one new university. The next two decades could witness a five-fold increase in the prison budget over what Californians spend on public universities.

On the other side of the country, virtually the same story is being played out in New York state. Since 1988, New York's two public university systems have seen their state's support for their operating budgets plummet by 29 % while funding for prisons has increased by 76%. Nineteen-ninety five was the first time that the Empire State spent more operating its prisons (\$1.6 billion) than it did operating its universities.

The reason prisons and universities are battling each other for state funding is that both occupy the portion of a state's budget that is neither mandated by federal requirements nor driven by population — like Medicare, or public school education.

Prisons are coming to dominate those discretionary funds due to a series of mandatory minimum sentencing laws which are sending people to prison for minor drug offenses, and other petty crimes. Each year in California, the state's "three strikes" law adds 10,000 to 15,000 new prisoners serving 25 year sentences, at a cost of a \$467,500 per term. Most are guilty of non-violent, petty felonies for their third strike (like stealing a

slice of pizza, or a case of beer). The amount of money it costs to incarcerate a single third-striker could cover the tuition of 250 students at a California university.

In New York, the prison budget is ballooning due to the Rockefeller Drug Laws, a mandatory minimum sentencing scheme which requires a 15 year prison term for drug offenders who possess just four ounces of a narcotic. At \$30,000 per prisoner, it costs New York \$680 million each year to keep New York's 22,670 drug offenders behind bars (the same amount cut from universities over the decade). By comparison, most residential drug treatment programs cost \$20,000 a year, and some outpatient programs cost just \$2,700 a year — a humane, and safe alternative for this growing community of non-violent, petty offenders.

In New York, there are more African Americans and Latinos in "upstate" prisons than there are in the upstate higher education system. In California, there are five times as many African Americans in prison than there are in public universities. In the state of Maryland during the 1990s, as higher education funding dropped by \$29 million and corrections spending rose by \$147 million, more African Americans entered the prison system than entered full-time, undergraduate higher education. Probably the most depressing, there are more people in prison from the District of Columbia than there are in its public university system.

Students need to know that the prison being built down the block is having a direct effect on their quality of education. Groups like the New York-based Prison Moratorium Project are working to bring higher education advocates and criminal justice reformers together to promote budget priorities that reflect the educational needs of the current and future generations.

Jason Ziedenberg is a policy analyst with the Justice Policy Institute, which just released reports on the competition between higher education and prison funding in California and New York. Copies of these studies are available at www.cjci.org. For information on the student campaign against prison expansion, contact the Prison Moratorium Project at (212) 727-8610.

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slice of pizza, or a case of beer). The amount of money it costs to incarcerate a single third-striker could cover the tuition of 250 students at a California university.

Over Reliance on Criminal Justice Solution

by Ethan A. Nadelmann, Lindesmith Center, Director

In 1980, no one had ever heard of the cheap, smokable form of cocaine called crack, or drug-related HIV infection or AIDS. By the 1990s, both had reached epidemic proportions in American cities, largely driven by prohibitionist economics and morals indifferent to the human consequences of the drug war.

In 1980, the federal budget for drug control was about \$1 billion, and state and local budgets were perhaps two or three times that. By 1997, the federal drug control budget had ballooned to \$16 billion, two-

thirds of it for law enforcement agencies, and state and local funding to at least that. On any day in 1980, approximately 50,000 people were behind bars for violating a drug law.

By 1997, the number had increased eightfold, to about 400,000. These are the result of a drug policy over-reliant on criminal justice "solutions," ideologically wedded to abstinence-only treatment, and insulated from cost-benefit analysis.

Excerpted from "Drug Policy," *Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 77, No. 1, January-February, 1998.

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Drug Reform Makes Major Gains - Top News Stories of 1998

1. Medical Marijuana Activists Garner Solid Victories.

Medical marijuana initiatives in Arizona, Washington, Oregon and Alaska passed in November of 1998. This follows California's stunning victory two years earlier.

Voters in the District of Columbia are engaged in a legal battle to have the results of their medical marijuana initiative certified by the Board of Elections. Congress used its power over the District's budget to prevent the municipality from allocating any funds to certify laws which would reduce penalties for marijuana use or possession. Exit polls conducted on election day in Washington, DC indicate that the initiative enjoyed support from 69% of the voters.

Voters in Colorado are also engaged in a lawsuit with their state government over the last minute refusal to allow a vote on their medical marijuana initiative. The controversy surrounds the number of valid signatures gathered for the initiative. It is expected that Colorado will

have the measure on the ballot in the year 2000.

2. Needle Exchange Advocates Make Major Gains.

Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala endorsed needle exchange as an effective way to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS without increasing drug use, but buckled to political opposition to lifting the federal funding ban.

Drug Czar Retired General Barry McCaffrey's active opposition to needle exchange was publicly exposed in *The Washington Post*, leading the Congressional Black Caucus to condemn McCaffrey's leadership and call for his resignation.

Philanthropist George Soros provided an additional \$1 million in matching grants to needle exchanges which was matched by other funders in less than four weeks.

3. The United Nations Holds a Special Session on the Global Drug War

The U.N. Drug Summit set a goal to totally eradicate illegal

coca and opium within 10 years. However, the meeting was marred by a lack of unity among member states with producing and consuming nations supporting different policy options. Mexican President Zedillo expressed the need to respect the sovereignty of each nation, an obvious allusion to a recent covert money laundering sting operated on Mexican soil by U.S. operatives.

More than 500 global statesmen and experts from around the world, including former U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, former Secretary of State George Shultz, Walter Cronkite, and former US Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, signed an open letter to Kofi Annan urging a broader dialog in global drug control strategies and a re-examination of existing strategies. *The New York Times* featured a two-full page ad with the letter and endorsements.

A television ad satirizing President Clinton's failure to address urgent drug war issues ran on CNN, *Headline News* and *CNBC* in nine major cities for four days prior to the U.N. Summit. The producers of the ad, *Common Sense for Drug Policy*, refused to pull the spot after White House lawyers threatened legal action and demanded the ad be canceled.

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What History Teaches Us About Drug Prohibition

adult user respect for the law had plummeted; the criminal justice system became swamped; violent crime and corruption exploded; petty thugs received a bonanza which spawned today's powerful criminal organizations. Prohibition was repealed, but heroin and cocaine prohibition remained as a criminal enterprise which also provided employment for the bureaucracy set up to enforce Prohibition. Over time, and with a hiatus for the Second World War, the son of Prohibition grew larger than the father — history has been allowed to repeat itself with a vengeance.

This brief history suggests there are many lessons to be learned from careful analysis of the past. A commonly expressed fear is that change in drug policy will produce a "nation of zombies." History tells us that there is a real difference between drug use and addiction, and that a natural human abhorrence of addiction insulates most of us from that danger. There is also strong evidence that those who, for whatever reasons, are prone to addiction are not deterred by force any more than a potential suicide might be.

It's clear that our current division of drugs into legal and illegal is arbitrary and no more contributes to solving drug problems than making all Fords illegal would solve traffic problems (in that analogy, marijuana might be a tricycle). Through the insight of observers like Vollmer along with the experience of Prohibition, and models ranging from heroin maintenance in Shreveport in the 1920s to modern experience in Switzerland and Holland, we have strong indications that much less damage might be done to a society willing to reach an accommodation with marijuana and to allow "hard" drug addicts to get their drugs from doctors instead of criminals.

FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights) advocates criminal due process safeguards for all forfeitures, and enhanced protections for innocent owners and third parties. FEAR's website is located at www.fear.org.

The U.N. Drug Summit sparked a Global Day of Protest in 53 cities around the world. New York, London, Amsterdam, and Tel Aviv are just a few of the cities in which protest events were held.

4. Drug Policy Reform Gains New Allies From Other Interest Groups

The League of Women Voters is currently reviewing drug control policies and planning to issue a statement on drug policy reform.

The International Affairs community, lead by the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., has opened a Drug War Truth Commission to investigate policy effectiveness and human rights abuses.

Amnesty International issued a report on human rights abuses on the U.S.-Mexican border which was critical of the fatal shooting of a U.S. high school student by a marine on drug war patrol.

American non-governmental organizations such as the U.S. Committee on Refugees, the Washington Office on Latin America, Latin American Working Group and the Colombian Support Network are publicizing the negative impact of the Drug War on Andean peoples.

5. Foreign Countries Enjoy Greater Success in Drug Control and More Freedom in Addiction Research.

The newly elected government of Germany has announced that it intends to study options for decriminalizing marijuana and providing safe access to clean needles for IV drug users.

The Canadian Center on Substance Abuse released a report advocating civil fines instead of prison for marijuana possession.

Individuals in the United Kingdom mounted a major cannabis decriminalization campaign through high school.

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THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF DRUG WAR MILITARIZATION

shots that the Marines claim occurred.

Between the time of the fatal shooting and the no-bill by the grand jury the Department of Defense reacted strongly. They were upset that their soldiers would be subjected to criminal prosecution for doing their duty. On July 30, the first day of the grand jury, DoD spokesperson Navy Lt. Cmdr. Scott Campbell told USA Today this was "not fair to the members of our armed forces."

As a result Defense Secretary William Cohen reportedly will ask the border states to sign agreements to provide immunity to local criminal laws, just as we have "status of forces agreements" with foreign governments. This is protection that police officers in the United States do not have.

In fact, the reaction should have been an apology for the tragic incident and a change in policy. Secretary Cohen should have said it was a shame Zeke had to die in order for us to be reminded that military enforcement of civilian law is wrong. Our soldiers are not trained to make arrests, Mirandize and bring to justice; they are trained to kill.

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Threatened Student Loans Spur College Activism

Recent government statistics show that while African Americans comprise only 13% of the nation's illicit drug users, they make up 55% of convictions for drug possession.

Kris Lotlikar, University Coordinator for the Drug Reform Coordination Network, is spearheading an effort to get a resolution of opposition endorsed by student governments across the country. According to Lotlikar, "The Higher Education Act of 1998 is a counter-productive measure designed to help politicians look 'tough on drugs' while masking the fact that it will simply make it more difficult for young Americans to obtain the education they need to successfully compete in the global market place."

Congressman Mark Souder (R-IN) who sponsored the initial House bill said last May "You can't learn if your mind is clouded by drugs. By passing our language as part of the Higher Education bill, the House has expressed its commitment to

the people of Redford are reacting with strength and forbearance. They have gone back to their history books and re-read the Declaration of Independence. Two of our grievances against King George were for using the British Army against us and "protecting them, by mock trial, from punishment for any murders which they should commit..." They see the refusal to indict as the beginning of the battle against militarization, not the end.

The death of Zeke must be remembered. Militarization of the Drug War must be stopped. If we do not act in his memory the slippery slope of militarization will pick up speed. We have come a long way in less than two decades, from prohibition of military involvement to discussions of immunity for fatal shootings. If we do not take action now, Zeke's death will become an excuse for greater militarization, not less.

DrugSense hosts the website of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas which has a webpage on the shooting of Esequiel Hernandez. If you want more information go to: <http://www.mapinc.org/DPFT/hernandez/>

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help identify students who are in trouble with drugs, hold them accountable for their actions and give them an opportunity for a productive, drug-free future."

Considering the fact that 50% of high school seniors admit to having used illicit drugs, opponents of the measure fear that over time this law could have serious ramifications for the next generation of college seekers and the nation as a whole. "As students, it is our responsibility to stand up to those who would hold educational opportunity hostage to Drug War politics," said Lotlikar. "We must send the message that denying a young person, or any person, the opportunity to get an education is irrational and is not a policy fit for an advanced society."

Interested students can find out more about efforts to oppose the student loan measure at: <http://www.drncnet.org/U-net/>.

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DRUG WAR FACTS

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Source: A Six Year Multilevel Analysis of Project DARE, p. 26 (1998 April 6).

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Special Report to Congress: Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy, Washington D.C.: U.S. Sentencing Commission (1995, February), p. iii.

Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, recently completed a six-year study of 1,798 students and found that DARE may actually be counterproductive. According to the study, "there is some evidence of a boomerang effect among suburban kids. That is, suburban students who were DARE graduates scored higher than suburban students in the Control group on all four major drug use measures."

Source: Rosenbaum, Dennis, *Assessing the Effects of School-based Drug Education: A Six Year Multilevel Analysis of Project DARE*, p. 28 (1998 April 6).

Despite the fact that federal spending on the drug war increased from \$1.65 billion in 1982 to \$13.25 billion in 1995, about half of the students in the United States in 1995 tried an illegal drug before they graduated from high school.

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy, *National Drug Control Strategy: Budget Summary*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1992), pp. 212-214; Office of National Drug Control Policy, *The National Drug Control Strategy, 1997: Budget Summary*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 22, Table 3; Johnston, L., Bachman, J. & O'Malley, P., *National Survey Results from the Monitoring the Future Study, Vol. 1*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, (1996), p. 42, Table 3a.

Hall, W., Room, R., & Bondy, S., *WHO Project on Health Implications of Cannabis Use: A Comparative Appraisal of the Health and Psychological Consequences of Alcohol, Cannabis, Nicotine and Opiate Use August 28, 1995*. Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization (1998).

The Office of National Drug Control Policy says its top priority is trying to save kids from using drugs, but plans to use only 11.8% of its fiscal year 1999 Federal Drug Control budget to reduce youth drug use. This number includes funding to "[s]upport and disseminate scientific research and data on the consequences of legalizing drugs," and the creation of partnerships with the media and the entertainment industry.

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy, *The National Drug Control Strategy, 1998*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1998), pp. 24-25, 58.

A California study of 5,000 students found that the Los Angeles-based DARE program was ineffective in reducing drug use among school children.

Source: Brown, J. H., D'Emidio-Caston, A., & Folland, J., "Students and Substances: Social Power in Drug Education," *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis (EEPA)*, 19, 1, (1997) pp. 65-82.

Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, recently completed a six-year study of 1,798 students and found that "DARE had no long-term effects on a wide range of drug use measures."

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Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, recently completed a six-year study of 1,798 students and found that DARE does not "prevent drug use at the stage in adolescent development when drugs become available and are widely used, namely during the high school years."

Source: Rosenbaum, Dennis, *Assessing the Effects of School-based Drug Education*.

In 1986, before mandatory minimums for crack offenses became effective, the average federal drug offense sentence for blacks was 11% higher than for whites. Four years later following the implementation of harsher drug sentencing laws, the average federal drug offense sentence was 49% higher for blacks.

Source: Meierhafer, J., *et al. Mandatory Minimum Prison Terms: A Longitudinal Study of Federal Sentences Imposed*, Washington D.C.: Federal Judicial Center (1992), p. 20.

In federal court today, low-level crack dealers and first-time offenders sentenced for trafficking of crack cocaine receive an average sentence of 10 years and six months. This is:

-only 18% less than the average prison sentence received by those who committed murder or manslaughter (153 months);

-59% longer than the average prison sentence received by rapists (79 months);

-38% longer than the average prison sentence received by those guilty of weapons offenses (91 months).

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Special Report to Congress: Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy, Washington D.C.: U.S. Sentencing Commission (1995, February), p. 150; Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 1996*, Washington D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics (1997) p. 476, Table 5.58.

According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, only 5.5% of all federal crack defendants are high-level dealers.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Special Report to Congress: Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy, Washington D.C.: U.S. Sentencing Commission (1995, February), p. 172, Table 18.

CRACK BABIES

Well-controlled studies find minimal or no increased risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) among cocaine-exposed infants.

Source: Buchner, H., Zuckerman, B., McClain, M., Frank, D., Fried, L.E., & Kayne, H., "Risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome among Infants with In Utero Exposure to Cocaine," *Journal of Pediatrics*, 133: 831-834 (1998). (Note: Early studies which reported a greatly increased risk of SIDS did not control for socioeconomic characteristics and potentially unhealthy behaviors other than cocaine use. See, e.g., Chasnoff, I.J., Hux, C., & Klier, R., et al., "Increased Risk of SIDS and Respiratory Pattern Abnormalities in Cocaine-Exposed Infants," *Pediatric Research*, 20: 425A (1986); Riley, J.G., Brodsky, N.L. & Porat, R., "Risk for SIDS in Infants with In Utero Cocaine Exposure: a Prospective Study," *Pediatric Research*, 23: 454A (1988).

Among the general population there has been no detectable increase in birth defects which may be associated with cocaine use during pregnancy.

Source: Martin, M.L., Khoury, M.J., Cordasco, J.F., & Waters, G.D., "Trends in Rates of Multiple Vascular Disruption Defects, Atlanta, 1968-1989: Is There Evidence of a Cocaine Teratogenic Epidemic?" *Teratology*, 45: 647-653 (1992).

The lack of quality prenatal care is associated with undesirable effects often attributed to cocaine exposure: prematurity, low birth weight, and fetal or infant death.

Source: Klein, L., & Goldenberg, R.L., "Prenatal Care and Effect on the Term Birth and Low Birth Weight," in Merikata, I.R. & Thompson, J.E. (eds.), *New Perspectives on Prenatal Care*, New York, NY: Elsevier (1990), pp. 511-513; MacGregor, S.N., Keith, L.G., Bachicha, J.A., & Chasnoff, I.J., "Cocaine Abuse during Pregnancy: Correlation between Prenatal Care and Perinatal Outcome," *Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 74: 882-885 (1989).

Provision of quality prenatal care to heavy cocaine users (with or without drug treatment) has been shown to significantly improve fetal health and development.

Source: Chazotte, C., Youchah, J., & Frede, M.C., "Cocaine Use during Pregnancy and Low Birth Weight: The Impact of Prenatal Care and Drug Treatment," *Seminars in Perinatology*, 19: 293-300 (1995).

Criminalizing substance abuse during pregnancy discourages substance-using or abusing women from seeking prenatal care, drug treatment, and other social services, and sometimes leads to unnecessary abortions.

Source: Pollit, K., "Fatal Rights: A New Assault on Feminism," *Nation*, 250: 409-418 (1990); Cole, H.M., "Legal Interventions during Pregnancy: Court-Ordered Medical Treatment and Legal Penalties for Potentially Harmful Behavior by Pregnant Women," *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 264: 2663-2670 (1990); Polan, M.L., Dombrowski, M.F., Ager, W., & Sokol, R.J., "Punishing Pregnant Drug Users: Enhancing the Flight from Care," *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 31: 199-203 (1993); Koren, G., Gladstone, D., Robson, C., & Robieux, J., "The Perception of Teratogenic Risk of Cocaine," *Teratology*, 46: 567-571 (1992).

Presented with children randomly labeled "prenatally cocaine-exposed" and "normal," childcare professionals ranked the performance of the "prenatally cocaine-exposed" children below that of "normal," despite actual performance.

Source: Thurman, S.K., Brobeil, R.A., Duccette, J.P., & Hurt, H., "Prenatally Exposed to Cocaine: Does the Label Matter?" *Journal of Early Intervention*, 18: 119-130 (1994).

CRIME

A recent study by Columbia University confirms what many criminologists have long known: alcohol is associated with more violent crime than any illegal drug, including crack, cocaine, and heroin. Twenty-one percent of violent felons in state prisons committed their crimes while under the influence of alcohol alone. Only 3% were high on crack or powder cocaine alone and only 1% were using heroin alone.

Source: Hamilton, "A Video Game That Tells if Employees Are Fit to Work," *Businessweek*, (1991, June 3).

A positive drug test does not indicate whether an employee was impaired or intoxicated on the job, nor does it indicate whether an employee has a drug problem or how often the employee uses the drug. Thus most tests do not provide information relevant to job performance.

Source: Lewis Matly, Vice President Drexelbrook Controls, Harsham, PA, as cited in *Report of the Maine Commission to Examine Chemical Testing of Employees*, (1986, December 31).

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration measured the effectiveness of impairment testing on truck drivers, and they found the drivers' ability to pass the test correlated with both the level of blood alcohol of the test subjects and the number of crashes sustained in a driving simulator.

Source: Wade, Stein, & Jex, *A Vehicle Mounted Drunk Driving Warning System (DDWS): Concept, Laboratory Validation, and Field Test*, presented at the annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board, (1985, January).

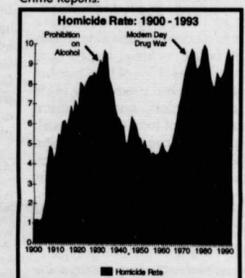
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market for the drug. Researchers found that at the beginning of the program, 59% of the participants' income derived from illegal activities. At the end of the study, only 10% of the participants' income was illegally earned.

Source: Uchtenhagen, A., "Summary of the Synthesis Report," in Uchtenhagen, A., Gutzwiller, F., & Dobler-Nikola, A. (eds.), *Programme for a Medical Prescription of Narcotics: Final Report of the Research Representatives*, Zurich, Switzerland: Institute for Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Zurich (1997).

The chart below illustrates the homicide rate in the United States from 1900 to 1993. It is important to note that each of the most violent episodes in this century coincide with the prohibition on alcohol and the escalation of the modern-day war on drugs. In 1933 the homicide rate peaked at 9.7 per 100,000 people, which was the year that alcohol prohibition was finally repealed. In 1980, the homicide rate peaked again at 10 per 100,000.

Source: US Census Data and FBI Uniform Crime Reports.



DRUG TESTING

Companies which use Factor 1000, an impairment testing system, are finding that drug and alcohol use are not the most common reasons for failure; rather, severe fatigue and illness are more common.

Source: Hamilton, "A Video Game That Tells if Employees Are Fit to Work," *Businessweek*, (1991, June 3).

A positive drug test does not indicate whether an employee was impaired or intoxicated on the job, nor does it indicate whether an employee has a drug problem or how often the employee uses the drug. Thus most tests do not provide information relevant to job performance.

Source: Lewis Matly, Vice President Drexelbrook Controls, Harsham, PA, as cited in *Report of the Maine Commission to Examine Chemical Testing of Employees*, (1986, December 31).

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10,000 employees he only found 49 positive results. A congressional committee estimated that the cost of each positive in government testing was \$77,000 because the positive rate was only 0.5%.

Source: "Workplace Substance Abuse Testing, Drug Testing: Cost and Effect," Cornell/Smithers Report, Ulica, New York: Cornell University (1992, January).

ECONOMICS

• According to the United Nations, drug trafficking is a \$400 billion per year industry, equaling 8% of the world's trade. This is greater than the exports of the automobile industry, worldwide.

Source: Associated Press, "U.N. Estimates Drug Business Equal to 8 Percent of World Trade," (1997, June 26).

• It costs approximately \$8.6 billion a year to keep drug law violators behind bars.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Profile of Jail Inmates 1996, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1996, April), p. 1 & p. 4; Bureau of Justice Statistics, Prisoners in 1996, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), pp. 10-11; Criminal Justice Institute, Inc., The Corrections Yearbook 1997, South Salem, NY: Criminal Justice Institute, Inc. (1997) (estimating cost of a day in jail on average to be \$55.41 a day, or \$20,237 a year, and the cost of prison to be on average to be about \$64.49 a day, or \$23,554 a year).

• A 1998 report by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) estimated the economic costs of alcohol abuse in the United States to be \$148.02 billion in 1992, 80% of which were due to alcohol-related illness. This 80% figure includes health care expenditures (13% of total alcohol costs), impaired productivity (45% of alcohol costs) and premature death (21% of total alcohol costs). To contrast, drug abuse cost a total of \$97.66 billion in 1992, of which less than 40% (\$38.71 billion) was due to drug-related illness or premature death. This figure includes \$4.16 billion in HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis treatment costs.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse and National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, The Economic Costs of Alcohol and Drug Abuse in the United States, 1992, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Table 1.1, p. 1-3 and Table 4.1, p. 4-2 (1998, May).

• According to the United Nations, the black market in narcotics has created enormous profits. For instance, the average price of a kilogram of raw opium in Pakistan is about \$90, but sells for \$290,000 in the United States.

Source: Associated Press, "U.N. Estimates Drug Business Equal to 8 Percent of World Trade," (1997, June 26).

• According to the United Nations, profits in illegal drugs are so inflated, that three-quarters of all drug shipments would have to be intercepted to seriously reduce the profitability of the business. Current efforts only intercept 30% of cocaine shipments and 10%-15% of heroin shipments.

Source: Associated Press, "U.N. Estimates Drug Business Equal to 8 Percent of World Trade," (1997, June 26).

• In 1969, \$65 million was spent by the Nixon administration on the drug war; in 1982 the Reagan administration spent \$1.65 billion; and in 1998 the Clinton administration requested \$17.1 billion.

Source: U.S. Congress, Hearings on Federal Drug Enforcement before the Senate Committee on Investigations, 1975 and 1976 (1976); Office of National Drug Control Policy, National Drug Control Strategy, 1992: Budget Summary, p. 214, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1992); Office of National Drug Control Policy, National Drug Control Strategy, 1998: Budget Summary, p. 5, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1998).

• Recent estimates indicate that Colombia repatriates \$7

billion in drug profits annually, which is nearly as high as the total legitimate exports for Colombia which were \$7.6 billion in 1993.

Source: Trade and Environment Database (TED), TED Case Studies: Columbia Coca Trade, Washington D.C.: American University (1997).

• In Colombia, it is estimated that more than 200,000 tons of chemical wastes are dumped into the ground and streams each year, due to the unregulated manufacture of cocaine.

Source: Trade and Environment Database (TED), TED Case Studies: Columbia Coca Trade, Washington D.C.: American University (1997).

• In 1993, 98% of Bolivia's foreign exchange earnings from goods and services came from the coca market.

Source: U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, Alternative Coca Reduction Strategies in the Andean Region, F-556, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1993, July).

ENVIRONMENT

• In order to comply with United States' demands to stop coca production, Colombia uses aerial spraying to drop herbicides on illicit crops. Since these crops are the peasants' only source of income they move into the Amazon rainforest and farm on steep hillsides. This constant push on peasants has led to the clearing of over 1.75 million acres of rainforest.

Source: Trade and Environment Database (TED), TED Case Studies: Columbia Coca Trade, Washington D.C.: American University (1997), pp. 4-8.

• When aerially sprayed, the herbicide Glyphosate can drift for up to about half of a mile. In Colombia, where the herbicide Glyphosate is sprayed from airplanes, children have lost hair and suffered diarrhea as a result of its application.

Source: Cox, C., "Glyphosate, Part 2: Human Exposure and Ecological Effects," Journal of Pesticide Reform, Vol. 15, Eugene, OR: Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (1995); Lloyd, R., "Publisher Warns about Impacts of Drug War," World Rainforest Report 37, Lismore, NSW: Australia (1997); Drug Enforcement Agency, Draft Supplement to the Environmental Impact Statements for the Environmental Impact Statements for the Contiguous United States and Hawaii, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1998, April).

• In its attempts to control peasant production of illicit crops, the Colombian government dumps chemical herbicides on over 100,000 acres every year.

Source: Embassy of Colombia, White Paper on Narcotics Control, Washington D.C.: Embassy of Colombia (1998), Table 8.

• "Colombia's forests account for 10% of the world's biodiversity, making it the second most biodiverse country in the world in terms of species per land unit." Drug war induced deforestation in Colombia have led experts to theorize that Colombia could become another Somalia or Ethiopia within 50 years, "i.e. a fast growing population that is larger than the food production can support due to poor agricultural soils or techniques."

Source: Trade and Environment Database (TED), TED Case Studies: Deforestation in Colombia, Washington D.C.: American University (1997); Trade and Environment Database (TED), TED Case Studies: Columbia Coca Trade, Washington D.C.: American University (1997).

• Since it is illegal to manufacture cocaine, its producers must hide their facilities in the forests of South America making it impossible to properly dispose of chemical wastes. It is estimated that the unregulated manufacture of cocaine results in 10 million liters of sulfuric acid, 16 million liters of ethyl ether, 8 million liters of acetone and from 400-770 million liters of kerosene being poured directly into the ground in the Andean region, mainly Colombia.

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• "Forfeiture laws have not simply enhanced the ability of law enforcement to do its job, but rather have changed the nature of the job itself." Both the crime prevention and due process goals of our criminal justice system are compromised when salaries, continued tenure, equipment, modernization, and budgets depend on how much money can be generated by forfeitures.

Source: Blumenson, E. & Nilsen, E., "Policing for Profit: The Drug War's Hidden Economic Agenda," University of Chicago Law Review, 65: 35-114 (1998, Winter).

• The Department of Justice has periodically adopted as their official policy the practice of forfeiture as a priority over the prosecution of violent and property crimes. For instance, in 1989, all U.S. Attorneys were directed to divert resources to forfeiture efforts to meet their commitment "to increase forfeiture production" including "divert[ing] personnel from other activities or to seek assistance from other U.S. Attorney's offices, the Criminal Division, and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys."

Source: Directive # 89-1, Memorandum from Acting Deputy Attorney General Edward S. G. Dennis, Jr., to, inter alia, all U.S. Attorneys, (1989, June 21), in DOJ Asset Forfeiture Manual, Vol. 3; See also Directive 91-7, Asset Forfeiture Talking Points, (1991, May).

• Federal forfeitures totaled approximately \$730 million in 1994.

Source: Heilbroner, D., "The Law Goes on a Treasure Hunt," The New York Times, (1994, December 11), Section 6, p. 70, (quoting the 1992 testimony of Cary H. Copeland, then director of the Justice Department's executive-office asset forfeiture unit).

• During a 10-month national survey, it was discovered that 80% of people who had property forfeited were never charged with a crime.

Source: Schneider, A. & Flaherty, M.P., "Presumed Guilty: The Law's Victims in the War on Drugs," The Pittsburgh Press, (1991, August 11).

• Innocent ownership is not a constitutional defense to forfeiture. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that property may be taken from an owner who had no knowledge of its illegal use.

Source: Bennis v. Michigan, US 116 S. Ct. 994, 134 L.Ed.2d 68, 74-79 (1996).

• Forfeiture can be used even when there is insufficient evidence to make a criminal case against the defendant. The government need only seize the assets and it is then up to the owner to challenge the seizure in a costly and unpromising hearing.

Source: 19 U.S.C. §§ 1607, 1608, and 1609.

• There is no constitutional requirement that the property owner be prosecuted for the underlying criminal activity prior to action against the property. Forfeiture may occur even if the owner is acquitted of the crime.

Source: United States v. One Assortment of 89 Firearms, 465 U.S. 354, 361 (1984). United States v. Real Property Located at 6625 Zunitez Drive, 845 F. Supp. 725, 733 (1994).

GATEWAY THEORY

• The World Health Organization's investigation into the gateway effect of marijuana

stated emphatically that the theory that marijuana use by adolescents leads to heroin use is the least likely of all hypotheses.

Source: Hall, W., Room, R. & Bondy, S., WHO Project on Health Implications of Cannabis Use: A Comparative Appraisal of the Health and Psychological Consequences of Alcohol, Cannabis, Nicotine and Opiate Use, August 28, 1995, Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization (1998, March).

• The World Health Organization noted the effects of prohibition in its March 1998 study, when it stated that "exposure to other drugs when purchasing cannabis on the black market, increases the opportunity to use other illicit drugs."

Source: Hall, W., Room, R. & Bondy, S., WHO Project on Health Implications of Cannabis Use: A Comparative Appraisal of the Health and Psychological Consequences of Alcohol, Cannabis, Nicotine and Opiate Use, August 28, 1995, Geneva, Switzerland: World Health Organization (1998, March).

• According to CASA (National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse), there is no proof that a causal relationship exists between cigarettes, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. Basic scientific and clinical research establishing causality does not exist.

Source: Merrill, J.C. & Fox, K.S., Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana: Gateways to Illicit Drug Use, Introduction, New York, NY: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (1994, October).

• Over 68.5 million Americans have used marijuana, yet for every 112 marijuana users, there is only one active, regular user of cocaine.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Population Estimates 1996, Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (1997, July), p. 23 and p. 113 [an "active, regular user of cocaine" is someone who used cocaine 51 or more days in the past year].

• The gateway theory takes a statistical association between an extremely popular behavior, marijuana use, and an unpopular behavior, cocaine use, and then implies that one causes the other. There is no evidence to this assertion, and CASA (National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse) acknowledges that it has not been able to determine if there is any causal relationship between the two.

Source: Merrill, J. C. & Fox, K.S., Cigarettes, Alcohol, Marijuana: Gateways to Illicit Drug Use, New York, NY: The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (1994).

• The vast majority of marijuana users never try cocaine or heroin.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Population Estimates 1996, Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (1997, July), p. 23, p. 29 and p. 103.

HEMP

• According to David West, Ph.D., "The THC levels in industrial hemp are so low that no one could ever get high from smoking it. Moreover, hemp contains a relatively high percentage of another cannabinoid, CBD, that actually blocks the marijuana high. Hemp, it turns out, is not only not marijuana; it could be called 'antimarijuana.'"

Source: West, David P. Hemp and Marijuana: Myths and Realities, p. 3 Madison, WI: North American Industrial Hemp Council (1998).

• Although opponents of hemp production claim that hemp fields will be used to hide marijuana fields, this is unlikely because cross-pollination between hemp and marijuana plants would significantly reduce the potency of the marijuana plant. On March 12, 1998, Canada legalized hemp

production and set a limit of 0.3% THC content that may be present in the plants and requires that all seeds be certified for THC content.

Source: West, David P. Hemp and Marijuana: Myths and Realities, p. 4, 21 Madison, WI: North American Industrial Hemp Council (1998).

• In a July 1998 study issued by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky, researchers concluded that Kentucky hemp farmers could earn a net profit of \$600 per acre for raising certified seeds, \$320 net profit per acre for straw only or straw and grain production, and \$220 net profit per acre for grain only production. The only crop found to be more profitable was tobacco.

Source: Tompson, Dr. Eric C., Dr. Mark C. Berger, and Steven N. Allen, Economic Impacts of Industrial Hemp in Kentucky, p. 21, Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky, Center for Business and Economic Research (1998).

• In a July 1998 study issued by the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Kentucky, researchers estimated that if Kentucky again became the main source for industrial hemp seed (as it was in the past), the state could earn the following economic benefits:

SCENARIOS	
Main source for certified industrial seeds only	
FULL TIME JOBS CREATED	69 Jobs
WORKER EARNINGS	\$1,300,000.00
Certified seeds, plus one processing facility	
FULL TIME JOBS CREATED	303 Jobs
WORKER EARNINGS	\$6,700,000.00
Certified seeds, plus two processing facilities	
FULL TIME JOBS CREATED	537 Jobs
WORKER EARNINGS	\$12,100,000.00
Certified seeds, one processing facility, one industrial hemp paper-pulp plant	
FULL TIME JOBS CREATED	771 Jobs
WORKER EARNINGS	\$17,600,000.00

Source: Tompson, Dr. Eric C., Dr. Mark C. Berger, and Steven N. Allen, Economic Impacts of Industrial Hemp in Kentucky, p. iv Lexington, KY: University of Kentucky, Center for Business and Economic Research (1998).

INTERDICTION

• Interdiction efforts intercept 10-15% of the heroin and 30% of the cocaine. Drug traffickers are making gross profit margins of up to 300%. At least 75% of international drug shipments would need to be intercepted to substantially reduce the profitability of drug trafficking.

Source: Associated Press, "U.N. Estimates Drug Business Equal to 8 Percent of World Trade," (1997, June 26).

• From 1985 to 1995, the federal drug control budget has increased almost five-fold, from about \$2.7 billion to about \$13.25 billion. Yet, in that same period the percentage of 12th grade students that reported marijuana as "fairly easy" or "very easy" to obtain increased from 85.5% in 1985 to 89.6% in 1995.

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the White House, The National Drug Control Strategy, 1997: Budget Summary, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997, February), p. 22; Johnston, L., Bachman, J. & O'Malley, P., National Survey Results from the Monitoring the Future Study, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1996), Vol. 1, p. 270, Table 30.

• Thirteen truck loads of cocaine is enough to satisfy U.S. demand for one year. The United States has 300 ports of entry and more than 7,500 miles of border with Mexico and Canada. Stopping drugs at the borders is like trying to find a needle in a haystack.

Source: Frankel, G., "Federal Agencies Duplicate Efforts, Waste Costly Turf Battles," The Washington Post (1997, June 8), p. A1.

MANDATORY MINIMUMS

• Since the enactment of mandatory minimum sentencing for drug users, the Federal Bureau of Prisons budget increased by more than 1,350%, from \$220 million in 1986 to about \$3.19 billion in 1997.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics, Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 20; Office of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the White House, National Drug Control Strategy, 1997: Budget Summary, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 111.

• Mandatory minimums have not actually reduced sentencing discretion. Control has merely been transferred from judges to prosecutors.

Source: Caulkins, J., et al., Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentences: Throwing Away the Key or the Taxpayers' Money?, Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation (1997), p. 24.

• Prosecutors, not judges, have the discretion to decide whether to reduce a charge, whether to accept or deny a plea bargain, whether to reward or punish a defendant's "substantial assistance" or cooperation in the prosecution of someone else, and ultimately, to determine what the final sentence will be.

Source: Caulkins, J., et al., Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentences: Throwing Away the Key or the Taxpayers' Money?, Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation (1997), pp. 16-18.

• Fifty-five percent (55%) of all federal drug defendants are low-level offenders, such as mules or street-dealers. Only 11% are classified as high-level dealers.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Special Report to Congress: Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy, Washington D.C.: U.S. Sentencing Commission (1995, February), Table 18.

• According to the U.S. Sentencing Commission, only 5.5% of federal crack defendants are considered high-level crack dealers.

Source: U.S. Sentencing Commission, Special Report to Congress: Cocaine and Federal Sentencing Policy, Washington D.C.: U.S. Sentencing Commission (1995, February), Table 18.

MARIJUANA

• About 140 million people, nearly 2.5% of the world's population-smoke marijuana.

Source: Associated Press, "U.N. Estimates Drug Business Equal to 8 Percent of World Trade," (1997, June 26).

• Marijuana was first federally prohibited in 1937. Today, nearly 70 million Americans admit to having tried it.

Source: Marijuana Tax Act of 1937; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Population Estimates 1996, Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1997), p. 23, Table 3A.

• Commissioned by President Nixon in 1972, the National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse concluded that "Marihuana's relative potential for harm to the vast majority of individual users and its actual impact on society does not justify a social policy designed to seek out and firmly punish those who use it. This judgment is based on prevalent use patterns, on behavior exhibited by the vast majority of users and on our interpretations of existing medical and scientific data. This position also is consistent with the estimate by law enforcement personnel that the elimination of use is unattainable."

Source: Shafer, Raymond P., et al., Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding, Ch. V, Washington D.C.: National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, (1972).

• When examining the relationship between marijuana use and violent crime, the National Commission on Marihuana and

Drug Abuse concluded, "Rather than inducing violent or aggressive behavior through its purported effects of lowering inhibitions, weakening impulse control and heightening aggressive tendencies, marihuana was usually found to inhibit the expression of aggressive impulses by pacifying the user, interfering with muscular coordination, reducing psychomotor activities and generally producing states of drowsiness lethargy, timidity and passivity."

Source: Shafer, Raymond P., et al., Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding, Ch. III, Washington D.C.: National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, (1972).

• When examining the medical effects of marijuana use, the National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse concluded, "A careful search of the literature and testimony of the nation's health officials has not revealed a single human fatality in the United States proven to have resulted solely

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from ingestion of marihuana. Experiments with the drug in monkeys demonstrated that the dose required for overdose death was enormous and for all practical purposes unachievable by humans smoking marihuana. This is in marked contrast to other substances in common use, most notably alcohol and barbiturate sleeping pills.

Source: Shafer, Raymond P., et al., Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding, Ch. III, Washington D.C.: National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, (1972).

• In 1996, 641,642 Americans were arrested for marijuana offenses; that's approximately one arrest every 49 seconds. About 85% of those were for simple possession-not manufacture or distribution.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Reports for the United States 1996, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997).

• Australian researchers found that regions giving out the-spot fines to marijuana users rather than harsher criminal penalties did not cause marijuana use to increase.

Source: Ali, R., et al., "The Social Impacts of the Cannabis Expiation Notice Scheme in South Australia," Canberra, Australia: Department of Health and Family Services, p. 44.

• Since 1969, government-appointed commissions in the United States, Canada, England, Australia, and the Netherlands concluded, after reviewing the scientific evidence, that marijuana's dangers had previously been greatly exaggerated, and urged lawmakers to drastically reduce or eliminate penalties for marijuana possession.

Source: Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence, Cannabis, London, England: Her Majesty's Stationery Office (1969); Canadian Government Commission of Inquiry, The Non-Medical Use of Drugs, Ottawa, Canada: Information Canada (1970); The National Commission on Marihuana and Drug Abuse, Marihuana: A Signal of Misunderstanding, (Nixon-Shafer Report) (1972); Werkgroep Verdoovende Middelen, Background and Risks of Drug Use, The Hague, The Netherlands: Staatsvegerij (1972); Senate Standing Committee on Social Welfare, Drug Problems in Australia-An Intoxicating Society, Canberra, Australia: Australian Government Publishing Service (1977).

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

• Doctors are presently permitted to prescribe cocaine and morphine-but not marijuana.

Source: The Controlled Substances Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.

• Organizations that have endorsed medical access to marijuana include: the American Academy of Family Physicians; American Bar Association; American Public Health Association; American Society of Addiction Medicine; AIDS Action Council; British Medical Association; California Academy of Family Physicians; California Legislative Council for Older Americans; California Medical Association; California Nurses Association; California Pharmacists Association; California Society of Addiction Medicine; California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; Colorado Nurses Association; Consumer Reports Magazine; Kaiser Permanente; Lymphoma Foundation of America; Multiple Sclerosis California Action Network; National Association of Attorneys General; National Association of People with AIDS; National Nurses Society on Addictions; New Mexico Nurses Association; New York

State Nurses Association; New England Journal of Medicine; and Virginia Nurses Association. A few of the editorial boards that have endorsed medical access to marijuana include: Boston Globe; Chicago Tribune; Miami Herald; New York Times; Orange County Register; and USA Today.

• Many organizations have favorable positions (e.g., unimpeded research) on medical marijuana. These groups include: The American Cancer Society; American Medical Association; Australian Commonwealth Department of Human Services and Health; California Medical Association; Federation of American Scientists; Florida Medical Association; and the National Academy of Sciences.

• The Controlled Substances Act of 1970 established five categories, or "schedules," into which all illicit and prescription drugs were placed. Marijuana was placed in Schedule I, which defines the substance as having a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in the United States, and a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. To contrast, over 90 published reports and studies have shown marijuana has medical efficacy.

Source: The Controlled Substances Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et seq.; Common Sense for Drug Policy, Compendium of Reports, Research and Articles Demonstrating the Effectiveness of Medical Marijuana, Vol. I & Vol. II, Falls Church, VA: Common Sense for Drug Policy (1997, March).

• The U.S. Penal Code states that any person can be imprisoned for up to one year for possession of one marijuana cigarette and imprisoned for up to five years for growing a single marijuana plant.

Source: The Controlled Substances Act of 1970, 21 U.S.C. §§ 801 et seq.

• On September 6, 1988, the Drug Enforcement Administration's Chief Administrative Law Judge, Francis L. Young, ruled: "Marijuana, in its natural form, is one of the safest therapeutically active substances known. The provisions of the [Controlled Substances] Act permit and require the transfer of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II. It would be unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for the DEA to continue to stand between those sufferers and the benefits of this substance."

Source: McCaffrey, Barry, Statement of ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey on Mayor Giuliani's Recent Comments on Methadone Therapy, (Press Release), Washington, DC: ONDCP, 24 July 1998.

• In support of methadone as an effective treatment for heroin addiction, Drug czar Barry McCaffrey quoted Dr. Adam Yalominsky and Richard A. Rettig, chairman and director of a recent National Academy of Sciences study of methadone treatment, who wrote: "Methadone treatment helps heroin addicts free themselves from drug dependency, a life of crime in support of their habit and the risk of adding to the AIDS population by sharing dirty needles. [Methadone therapy] is more likely to work than any other therapy."

Source: McCaffrey, Barry, Statement of ONDCP Director Barry McCaffrey on Mayor Giuliani's Recent Comments on Methadone Therapy, (Press Release), Washington, DC: ONDCP, 24 July 1998.

• Methadone is cost effective. Methadone costs about \$4,000 per year, while incarceration costs about \$20,200 to \$23,500 per year.

Source: Institute of Medicine, Treating Drug Problems, Vol. 1, pp. 151-152, Washington D.C.: National Academy Press (1990); Rosenbaum, M., Washburn, A., Knight, K., Kelly, M., & Irwin, J., "Treatment as Harm Reduction, Defunding as Harm Maximization: The Case of Methadone Maintenance," Journal of Psychoactive Drugs, 28:241-249 (1996); Criminal Justice Institute, Inc., The Corrections Yearbook 1997, South Salem, NY: Criminal Justice Institute, Inc. (1997) (estimating cost of a day in jail on average to be \$55.41 a day, or \$20,237 a year, and the

cost of prison to be on average to be about \$64.49 a day, or \$23,554 a year).

• Methadone does not make patients "high" or interfere with normal functioning.

Source: Lovinson, J.H., et al., (1997), "Methadone Maintenance," Substance Abuse: A Comprehensive Textbook, (3rd Ed.), Baltimore, MD: Williams & Wilkins (1997), pp. 405-15.

• The DEA's Administrative Law Judge, Francis Young concluded: "In strict medical terms marijuana is far safer than many foods we commonly consume. For example, eating 10 raw potatoes can result in a toxic response. By comparison, it is physically impossible to eat enough marijuana to induce death. Marijuana in its natural form

Sources #1, #3: National Institute on Drug Abuse, *Monitoring the Future Study*, Washington D.C. (1997, December 20), mean score for 8th, 10th and 12th grade respondents.

Sources #2, #4: de Zwart, W.M., Stam, H., & Kuipers, S.B.M., *Key Data-Smoking, Drinking, Drug Use & Gambling among Pupils Aged 10 Years or Older*, Netherlands: Netherlands Institute of Health and Addiction (1997), p. 26, Tables 13 & 14.

Source #5: Abt Associates, Inc., *What America's Users Spend on Illegal Drugs, 1988-1992*, Commissioned by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (1997, September 29); U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 1996* (116th edition), Washington D.C. (1996).

Source #6: Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (VWS), *Drug Policy in the Netherlands-Continuity and Change*, Netherlands (1995).

Source #7: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Based on total U.S. population in 1997 of 267,636,000 as per the U.S. Census Bureau*.

Source #8: According to the Dutch Bureau of Statistics, CBS Voorburg, as of September 30, 1996 the Netherlands had 11,931 prisoners with an approximate population of 15,424,122. This data was provided by a statistician at CBS Voorburg and obtained from Statistics Netherlands: *Statistical Yearbook 1998*, p. 434, table 53.

Source #9: Office of National Drug Control Policy, *National Drug Control Strategy, 1997: Budget Summary*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997); MacCoun, R. & Reuter, P., "Interpreting Dutch Cannabis Policy: Reasoning by Analogy in the Legalization Debate," *Science*, 278: 47 (1997). Based on total U.S. population in 1997 of 267,636,000 as per U.S. Census Bureau.

Source #10: Drug-related law enforcement spending in the Netherlands in 1995 is estimated at 640 million Dutch Guilders according to the Dutch Justice Department.

Source #11: The FBI reported that the homicide rate in 1995 was 8 per 100,000 people, for a total of 21,597 homicides. (*Uniform Crime Reports: Dept. of Justice Press Release*, 10/13/96).

Source #12: In both 1995 and 1996, the Netherlands recorded 273 homicides, which is a homicide rate of 1.8 persons per 100,000 inhabitants. (*Registered Murders in the Netherlands*, Press Release, CBS Voorburg - Statistics Netherlands, 7/14/98).

PRISON

* As of 1996, there were 5.5 million adults under some form of correctional supervision — prison, jail, probation or parole. This translates into 1 of every 35 adults.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Nation's Probation and Parole Population Reached Almost 3.9 Million Last Year*, (press release), Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice (1997, August 14).

* As of June 1997, there were 1.7 million inmates nationally; 1.2 million in state and federal prisons and one-half million in local jails.

Source: Gilliard, D.K. & Beck, A.J., *Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 1997*, Washington D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice (1998, January).

* In 1985, our incarceration rate was 313 per 100,000 population. Now it is 645 per 100,000, which is three to 10 times higher than rates of the other modern democratic societies. The largest single factor contributing to this imprisonment wave is an eight-fold rise in drug arrests. In 1980, when illicit drug use was peaking, there were about 50,000 men and women in prison for violating drug laws. Last year, there were about 400,000 drug prisoners.

Source: Reinman, C. & Levine, H.G., "Casualties of War," *San Jose Mercury News*, (letter), (1998, March 1), Sect. C, p. 1.

OFFENSE	AVERAGE TIME SERVED IN FEDERAL PRISON
Murder/mauslaughter	153 months
Drugs	78 months
Rape	67 months
Burglary	51 months
Aggravated Assault	50 months
Auto Theft	37 months

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 476, Table 5.58.

* According to the Department of Justice, studies of recidivism report that "the amount of time inmates serve in prison does not increase or decrease the likelihood of recidivism, whether recidivism is measured as parole revocation, re-arrest, reconviction, or return to prison."

Source: An Analysis of Non-Violent Drug Offenders with Minimal Criminal Histories, Washington D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice (1994, February), p. 41.

* The United States operates the biggest prison system on the planet.

Source: Currie, E., *Crime and Punishment in America*, New York, NY: Metropolitan Books, Henry Holt and Company, Inc. (1998), p. 3.

* The overall U.S. incarceration rate is six times that of its nearest Western competitors.

Source: Currie, E., *Crime and Punishment in America*, New York, NY: Metropolitan Books, Henry Holt and Company, Inc. (1998), p. 61.

* If one compares 1996 to 1984, the crime index is 13 points higher. This dramatic increase occurred during an era of mandatory minimum sentencing and "three strikes you're out."

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 62, Table 1.

* Over 80% of the increase in the federal prison population from 1985 to 1995 was due to drug convictions.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, *Bureau of Statistics, Prisoners in 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997).

* From 1984 to 1996, California built 21 new prisons, and only one new university.

Source: Ambrosio, T. & Schiraldi, V., "Trends in State Spending, 1987-1995," *Executive Summary-February 1997*, Washington D.C.: The Justice Policy Institute (1997).

RACE ISSUES

* Nationwide, only 11% of the nation's drug users are black, however blacks constitute almost 37% of those arrested for drug violations, over 42% of those in federal prisons for drug violations, and almost 60% of those in state prisons for drug felonies.

Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *National Household Survey on Drug Abuse: Population Estimates 1996*, Rockville, MD: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (1997), p. 19, Table 2D; Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 382, Table 4.10, and p. 533, Table 6.36; Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Prisoners in 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 10, Table 13.

* One in three black men between the ages of 20 and 29 years old is under correctional supervision or control.

Source: Mauer, M. & Huling, T., *Young Black Americans and the Criminal Justice System: Five Years Later*, Washington D.C.: The Sentencing Project (1995).

* At current levels of incarceration, newborn black males in this country have a greater than 1 in 4 chance of going to prison during their lifetimes, while Latin-American males have a 1 in 6 chance, and white males have a 1 in 23 chance of serving time.

Source: Bonczar, T.P. & Beck, A.J., *Life-time Likelihood of Going to State or Federal Prison*, Washington D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice (1997, March).

* In 1995, the incarceration rate for white and Latin-American women combined was 68 per 100,000. For black women it was 456 per 100,000.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 510, Table 6.12.

* Fifty-four percent (54%) of blacks convicted of drug offenses got sentenced to prison versus 34% of whites convicted of the same offenses. Forty-four percent (44%) of blacks get prison sentences for possession versus 29% of whites; 60% of blacks are sentenced to prison for trafficking while 37% of whites are sentenced to prison for the same crime.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics*, Washington D.C.: Bureau of Justice Statistics (1996), p. 501, Table 5.50.

* In 1986, before mandatory minimums for crack offenses became effective, the average federal drug offense sentence for blacks was 11% higher than for whites. Four years later following the implementation of harsher drug sentencing laws, the average federal drug offense sentence was 49% higher for blacks.

Source: Meierhofer, B. S., *The General Effect of Mandatory Minimum Prison Terms: A Longitudinal Study of Federal Sentences Imposed*, Washington D.C.: Federal Judicial Center (1992), p. 20.

* Regardless of similar or equal levels of illicit drug use during pregnancy, black women are 10 times more likely than white women to be reported to child welfare agencies for prenatal drug use.

Source: Neuspil, D.R., "Racism and Perinatal Addiction," *Ethnicity and Disease*, 6: 47-55 (1996); Chasnoff, I.J., Landress, H.J., & Barrett, M.E., "The Prevalence of Illicit-Drug or Alcohol Use during Pregnancy and Discrepancies in Mandatory Reporting in Pinellas County, Florida," *New England Journal of Medicine*, 322: 1202-1206 (1990).

* The Hispanic community has been disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. Although Hispanic persons only represent 12% of the U.S. population, they represent 17.8% of all AIDS cases.

Source: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, *HIV/AIDS: The Impact on Minorities*, Washington, DC: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, Figure 1, pp. 11 (1998).

SYRINGE EXCHANGE

* In 1995, HIV infection became the leading cause of death amongst persons aged 25 to 44 years.

Source: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, *HIV/AIDS: The Impact on Minorities*, Washington, DC: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, The Impact of AIDS, pp. 10 (1998).

* According to Donna Shalala, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, "A meticulous scientific review has now proven that needle exchange programs can reduce the transmission of HIV and save lives without losing ground in the battle against illegal drugs."

Source: Shalala, D.E., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, Press release from Department of Health and Human Services, (1998, April 20).

* To date, nearly 40% of the 652,000 cases of AIDS reported in the United States have been linked to injection drug use. And more than 75% of babies diagnosed with HIV/AIDS were infected as a direct or indirect result of injection drug use by a parent.

Source: Press release from Department of Health and Human Services, (1998, April 20).

* According to Dr. Harold Varmus, Director of the National Institutes of Health, "An exhaustive review of the science in this area indicates that needle exchange programs can be an effective component in the global effort to end the epidemic of HIV disease."

Source: Varmus, H., Director of the National Institutes of Health, Press release from Department of Health and Human Services, (1998, April 20).

* In 1996, 63% of all new AIDS cases among women were injection-related, that is, the woman became infected because she herself used an HIV-infected needle or because her husband or significant other did so.

Source: Based on the number of new AIDS cases among women for which the exposure group was known. Centers for Disease Control, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, (Year-end edition), Vol. 8, No. 2, p. 10, Table 3.

* In 1996, 63% of the 375 new AIDS cases reported among children under age 13 were injection-related.

Source: Based on the number of new AIDS cases among children under age 13 for which the exposure group was known. Centers for Disease Control, *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report*, (Year-end edition), Vol. 8, No. 2.

* Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey misinterpreted results of two Canadian needle exchange studies when he wrote a letter to Congress citing the studies to claim needle exchange efforts have failed to reduce the spread of HIV and may have worsened the problem. In a clarification published in *The New York Times*, the authors of the studies corrected him, pointing out that among other factors, in Canada needles can be purchased legally while they could only be purchased with prescriptions where the USA studies took place. Therefore, unlike in the USA studies, the populations in the Canadian studies were less likely to include the more affluent and better functioning addicts who could purchase their own needles and who were less likely to engage in the riskiest activities. Thus, it was not surprising that participants in the study had higher rates of HIV than those who did not - they were in different risk categories.

Source: Bruneau, J. & Schachter, M.T., "Opinion: The Politics of Needles and AIDS," *The New York Times* (1998, April 9).

TREATMENT

* Treatment is 10 times more cost effective than interdiction in reducing the use of cocaine in the United States.

Source: Rydell, C.P. & Everingham, S.S., *Controlling Cocaine*, Prepared for the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Army, Santa Monica, CA: Drug Policy Research Center, RAND (1994).

* A recent study by the RAND Corporation found that every additional dollar invested in sub-

stance abuse treatment saves taxpayers \$7.46 in societal costs.

Source: Rydell, C.P. & Everingham, S.S., *Controlling Cocaine*, Prepared for the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Army, Santa Monica, CA: Drug Policy Research Center, RAND (1994), p. xvi.

* The same study found that additional domestic law enforcement efforts cost 15 times as much as treatment to achieve the same reduction in societal costs.

Source: Rydell, C.P. & Everingham, S.S., *Controlling Cocaine*, Prepared for the Office of National Drug Control Policy and the United States Army, Santa Monica, CA: Drug Policy Research Center, RAND (1994), p. xvi.

WOMEN

* Women are disproportionately affected by drug laws. From 1985 to 1996, female drug arrests increased by 95%, while male drug arrests increased by 55.1%.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports 1985*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, p. 181, Table 37; Federal Bureau of Investigation, *1997 Uniform Crime Report*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, p. 231, Table 42.

* The women's prison population increased at an average annual rate of growth of 11.2% from 1985-1996, compared to an annual rate of 7.9% increase for men. As of 1991, 33% of women offenders in state prisons were incarcerated for a drug offense, compared to 21% for men.

Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, *Prisoners in 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 5; Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, *Survey of State Prison Inmates, 1991*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1993, March), p. 4.

* In 1996, 188,880 women were arrested for violating drug laws.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, *Uniform Crime Reports 1996*, Washington D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office (1997), p. 231, Table 42.

* As of June 1997, two-thirds of the AIDS cases in Hispanic women were directly linked to injecting drug use: 42.8% of Hispanic women contracted AIDS by injecting drugs, and an additional 23.2% contracted the disease through sexual intercourse with male injecting drug users.

Source: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, *HIV/AIDS: The Impact on Minorities*, Washington, DC: National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations, Figure 6, p. 16 (1998).

Recommended Books

"America's Longest War", Steven B. Duke and Albert C. Gross, Putnam Press (1994). Provides a factual review of the effects of current policy and urges rethinking of the crusade against drugs.

"Cannabis in Medical Practice" by Mary Lynn Mathre, McFarland and Company. Examines the historical, legal and medical issues surrounding marijuana used as a medicine as well as how the drug is used for various illnesses.

"Drug Crazy" by Mike Gray, Random House (1998). A history of the 100 year war on drugs including factual accounts, historical anecdotes and human stories. Describes how we got into the drug war mess and how we can get out.

"Drug Warriors and Their Prey" by Richard Lawrence Miller, Praeger Press (1996). Examines how countries move from police power to police state by comparing the development and effects of Nazi law in pre-World War II Germany and drug law in the United States.

"How to Legalize Drugs" by Jefferson M. Fish, Jason Aronson, Inc. (1998). An in-depth exploration of alternative models of drug control.

"Marihuana, The Forbidden Medicine" by Lester Grinspoon and James Bakalar, Yale University Press (1997). Provides a review of the scientific literature and stories of medical marijuana patients effected by a variety of ailments helped by medical marijuana.

"Marijuana Myths, Marijuana Facts" by Lynn Zimmer and John P. Morgan, The Lindesmith Center (1997). Examines twenty common myths about marijuana and provides a factual response by reviewing the research and science related to the myth.

"Smoke and Mirrors" by Dan Baum, Little Brown (1996). Reviews the history of the modern drug war from President Nixon to President Clinton demonstrating how the War on Drugs is a futile, failed policy that needs drastic revision.

Chapter One, "Drug Crazy"

by Michael Gray, published by Random House

Goff is edgy about all the kids on the street. There are civilians all over the place and old folks on the porches even though it's been dark for hours. The temperature's barely into the 50s, but on the heels of a brutal winter in Chicago, any wind that's not from the north is an ice-breaker.

Detective Frank Goff is in the back seat of a blue Chevy Suburban across from an aging brick six-flat on 113th Street. This is a lower-middle-class black neighborhood, mostly homeowners trying to keep their places up and not succeeding. The building Goff and his crew are watching is just a couple of blocks off State Street, "that Great Street," but when you get this far south — and this late in the 20th Century — it loses any resemblance to the boulevard of song and fable.

The van's windows are heavily tinted, but to be on the safe side Goff has added burlap curtains. He can still see through the mesh, but from the outside, the heavy cloth will shade any accidental kick of light from metallic objects. Scotty Freeman is at the wheel, and he's black, but Goff is staying out of sight. A white boy would look quite out of place around here. The two other guys on the crew, Fisher and Washington, are across the street in the vestibule of the six-flat. They're waiting for a coke dealer named Ramone.

It's been a long day. They started this morning cramped up in this same van, watching crack deals go down near a grammar school way out on the West Side. And that's what lead them here. This elite team is with the school unit of the Chicago Police Department. It's Goff's job to make some kind of dent, however small, in the gang and narcotics activity that is devouring the city's school system. To stop guns and narcotics around the school. That's our specific assignment. To get the drive-by shooters, to get the narcotics away from the schools.

Their target this morning was an area known as "K-Town" about fifteen miles northwest of here. Goff had been tipped that the area around the Marconi Grammar School was flooded with crack. He decided to drive a wedge in this operation. He got his team in position around 8:00 a.m. and what they saw over the next few hours would have left the average Chicagoan bug-eyed. But none of it was news to Goff. He sees this all the time. A car pulls up, a couple of guys get out, each one with a dozen "Sixty-packs" — sixty little vials of crack, about a fifth of a gram in each. These guys are the wholesalers. They round up their street dealers and front each one a single 60-pack. In about ten or fifteen minutes, the street dealer will sell out his supply at ten bucks a pop. He keeps \$100, turns the other \$500 over to the wholesaler, and gets another 60-pack. If you hustle at this game, you can be the richest kid on the block.

These street dealers, of course, are all quite young. They have to be. In Illinois it's a Class X felony to sell drugs within 1000 yards of a school, a park or a church — which covers most of the city — and that carries a mandatory 6- to 60-year sentence. But the maximum you can give a juvenile is 30 days in the Auld Home. Common sense dictates that the dealers would use these youngsters on the street and keep the adults out of sight. The youngest kid Goff spotted this morning looked to

be about 11. He was not a full fledged dealer, he would just take over when one of the older boys went to take a piss or something. His main job was lookout. They paid him \$50 a day to ride his bike up and down the street watching for the "Five-Oh!" (as in Hawaii Five-Oh).

As for the buyers in this open-air drug market, some of them

glance. Cops and robbers alike say Frank Goff is a man of his word. He also reads the street better than most. "A lot of these guys that are users, they ain't bad guys. We see a lot of working guys, truck drivers and everything, people with jobs. They're not robbing people to buy this \$10 bag. Why arrest all these people? You know, they

Just like the Chrysler Corporation in a good year, this outfit was running three shifts a day, seven days a week. By noon,

These guys split and a few minutes later another car was dropped off the next round of 60-packs. "They always keep it separate," says Goff. "The drugs and the money are never together."

On the other hand, he has half-a-pound of rock cocaine in his pocket and a pair of Tech-9 assault weapons in his apartment. And since they've already checked his rap sheet, they know he has a major case pending. So in the time it takes to flip a coin, Ramone decides to become a C.I. — Confidential Informant — in return for a little slack. With Goff listening in, Ramone calls his supplier — "De-De" — and asks him to come by with another kilo. Then Goff and his men take up positions in the vestibule and in the van across the street. They're expecting De-De any minute now.

The only contract you have to do business on this street corner — a business that may be worth \$20,000 a day — is the enforcer you've got stuck in your belt. And when the competition shows up, a century of civilization is stripped away and the neighborhood is transformed into Dodge City, ca. 1850.

were quite young as well. The youngest was probably in the fifth grade, but they weren't all schoolchildren. The oldest was in his 70s. There was a mailman, a CTA bus driver — they were white, black, Spanish, you name it. At one point Goff spotted a pregnant white lady carrying a baby in a papoose sling with a gallon of milk in one hand walking down the street. Goff said, "What the hell is she doing here?" She bought a \$10 hit.

The impact of this kind of activity on an otherwise peaceful neighborhood is beyond belief. When the dealers move in, the most significant change, of course, is the guns. To protect their interests, the dealers bring with them a considerable amount of firepower and they like to flash it so that everybody understands they're not kidding. Dealing in contraband is an inherently dangerous business. There are mountains of loose cash all over the place and if somebody sticks you up, you have to deal with it yourself because you sure as hell can't call the cops. Along with the constant threat of bandits, there is the constant battle over the marketing franchise. The only contract you have to do business on this street corner — a business that may be worth \$20,000 a day — is the enforcer you've got stuck in your belt. And when the competition shows up, a century of civilization is stripped away and the neighborhood is transformed into Dodge City, ca. 1850. The toughest son-of-a-bitch on main street runs the show and the good citizens keep their mouths shut. Imagine half a dozen teenagers in Chicago Bulls starter jackets with their caps on backwards and automatics stuffed in their pants transacting business in your driveway. You don't see a thing. And that's what impressed Goff this morning as he watched from the van. Here were ordinary folks, working stiffs, trying to keep up the neighborhood, sweeping sidewalks, washing cars, never making eye-contact with the dealers. The dealers might as well have been invisible.

A few hours after the top gun dropped off the first shipment, he came back to pick up the cash receipts and replenish inventory. From the back seat, two guys stepped out with guns at the ready just like Brinks guards, and scanned the street while the money was counted, bagged, and sealed. Apparently it tilted

Goff and his team had seen enough to bust practically everybody in sight. He gave a shout over the radio and squad cars came screaming in from every angle, guys jumping out, guns all over the place, people running, handcuffs, faces on the pavement, everybody on both sides swearing Motherfucker-this and Motherfucker-that. They hauled ten kids off to the lockup, confiscated five automatics and a couple of Chinese AK-47s. And they shut down the operation, at least for the rest of the day. But Goff had no illusions that he'd made any permanent alteration here. "You know you ain't gonna stop it," he says. "It's a game."

By sundown, Scotty Freeman and Darren Washington, the two African-American half-backs on Goff's squad, are waiting in the darkened corridor of Ramone's apartment building as



Donald Scott Killed in his home by anti-drug task force. Motive: "Asset Forfeiture"

Donald Scott was age 62 at his time of death at his Malibu, CA home on October 2, 1992.

He and his wife, Frances Plante, were awakened early that morning by a loud pounding at the front door of their home. As Plante tried to open the door, a narcotics task force from the LA County Sheriff's Department burst into their ranch home, weapons loaded and in hand.

Plante was pushed forcefully from the door at gun point. She cried out, "Don't shoot me, don't kill me!" With a gun aimed at her head, she saw her husband charge into the room, waving a revolver above his head. She heard a deputy shout, "Put the gun down! Put the gun down! Put the gun down!" As Donald lowered his gun, she heard three shots ring out, apparently from two sources.

Her husband was killed instantly. Scott was a millionaire who owned 250 acres of breathtakingly beautiful ranch land adjacent to federal park lands. Efforts had been made by the feds to buy the property, but he was not interested in selling. Claims that there might be pot growing on the land, made by government agents who did aerial surveillance, were used to get a search warrant.

An official inquiry by Ventura County DA Michael Bradbury suggested that agents were hoping this raid would lead to asset forfeiture of the land Scott would not sell. His report indicated that seizing the property was a major motivating factor in the raid which led to the murder of Donald Scott.

No marijuana was found in their home or grounds. Scott did not even smoke it.

It's a game, however, he can play with deadly skill. Unflappable, quick-witted and creative, Goff has all the essential ingredients of an undercover cop. Now in his mid-forties with over twenty years on the force, his close-cropped graying hair and trim salt-and-pepper beard frame the kind of small town good looks people trust at first

he comes in. When the hands reach out to grab him, he assumes he's a dead man. It seems that his little operation up in K-Town is a private sideline not sanctioned by the Gangster Disciples. Ramone thinks he's about to get whacked. He's so relieved when they say "Police!" he practically kisses them.

Over the past decade, Goff says, he's seen a sea change in the drug war in Chicago. "Ten years ago, if you stopped a dope dealer and he had \$2000 on him, that was a big deal. Today you can find that much in some kid's lunch bucket. And that's another thing that's changing. Before it was men. And they were mostly dealing reefer. Now, that's one of the hardest things to find is reefer. There's a big upsurge in heroin. Acid is back. Crack is all over the place. I absolutely guarantee that I could go anywhere in the city and buy dope within three or four blocks. Very easily done. For instance, there's place a block from the station house. This one operation maybe does fifteen or twenty thousand a week..."

Headlights sweep the street as a car turns onto 113th at the corner. Through the burlap, Goff watches as the guy parks in the spot they've saved for him in front of Ramone's six-flat. "That's the wrong car," says Freeman. De-De's supposed to be in a Dodge Shadow. This is a Ford. Freeman and Goff get out and approach the driver cautiously. They don't want to scare him to death. They flash their badges and politely ask him to move on. The startled citizen is gone in a flash

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lets are just falling out of the gun barrel. Now he's living the nightmare. He can see the windows shattering, but these soft-point police bullets flatten on impact to prevent a ricochet. They're penetrating the glass but without enough force to do any damage to the driver. De-De, on the other hand, is using armor piercing ammo. The round that grazed Goff's neck also went through both sides of a car half a block down the street. But while Goff's bullets aren't drawing blood, they still hit like a sledgehammer, and De-De is stunned. The windshield is so riddled he can't see out of it and he's bouncing off cars on both sides of the street. Goff jams in another clip and takes off after him on foot as the other guys look after Scotty Freeman.

Crashing his way down the street, De-De is not making very good time. Goff is gaining on him. De-De pitches a handgun out the window. Goff scoops it up on the run. It's a "throw gun" an old pistol he tossed out so that Goff would think he's unarmed. But at the end of the block De-De's luck runs out. He hits a truck and careens across a front lawn and into a house. The startled folks on the front porch are apparently so used to neighborhood gunfire they don't connect it with this smoking wreck in their yard. They think it's a traffic accident. As Goff approaches at a dead run, his nightmare is suddenly compounded. Three little kids rush down from the porch to the driver's window, look in at De-De slumped over the wheel, and shout for momma to call an ambulance. Goff is yelling, "Get away from the car!" but they're paralyzed. De-De lifts his head slightly, eases his hand down to the Ruger 9mm lying on the seat beside him, and without lifting the gun, fires ten rounds through the door.

The sound of the gunfire is contained inside the car so Goff doesn't even realize he's being shot at until he's hit. One slug nicks his forearm, another his shoulder, but he can't fire back because of the kids. De-De meanwhile has recovered his senses. He jams the Honda in gear and roars off across the lawn. Goff blasts away at him as he careens around the corner, but De-De's taillights vanish in the distance. At this point in an otherwise spectacular getaway, De-De makes his first mistake. He calls his girlfriend on the car phone and says he's been hit in a shootout. He tells her to open the front door. But he doesn't say anything about the cops, so she assumes it was rival gang-bangers. She dials 911.

Meanwhile Goff and Freeman are getting their wounds tended by the paramedics. They were lucky. Aside from several 9mm holes in his jacket, Goff's three wounds are superficial. And Scotty Freeman was saved by his bullet-proof vest. The shell just nicked the edge of it and deflected up under his collarbone. They're on their way downtown in the back of an ambulance when they happen to overhear a 911 call on the radio. A man with a gunshot wound needs an ambulance. Goff looks at Freeman. "That's gotta be the guy."

When the gang unit arrives at De-De's house to nab him, they find seven flattened bullets on the pavement beside his car. They apparently fell off his jacket when he got out. This time the slippery dealer offers no resistance.

As soon as Goff gets stitched up, he and Bob Fischer take a ride to the impound yard for a look at the unstoppable Honda.

It's riddled with holes and all the glass is shattered but the damn thing still runs. "Quite a testament to Honda," says Goff. But a look inside the trunk reveals one of the reasons — a sheet of boilerplate steel mounted at the forward wall. Goff recognizes this setup. It's what they call a "trap car". Behind that bullet-proof wall there's usually a hidden compartment.

He checks the driver's side in front and spots a slight bulge under the carpet next to the rocker panel. It's a floor-mounted switch. Goff clicks it with his foot and the back of the

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cash, and the guy jumps out the window. Do you chase him? Or do you figure this is far enough? But you don't have to be a police commissioner to see the possibilities. The headlines are full of it: TALES OF CORRUPTION AGAIN TAR N.Y. POLICE . . . 9 NEW ORLEANS OFFICERS INDICTED ON DRUG, GUN CHARGES . . . U.S. CHARGES 12 D.C. OFFICERS WITH A DRUG-PROTECTION RACKET . . . WIDE-SPREAD CORRUPTION IN L.A. NARCOTICS SQUAD . . . In one brief period, over twenty officers from Brooklyn's Seventy-fifth Precinct were implicated in drug

taxes, no benefits, no rent. They handle their own insurance, make their own collections, and the raw materials are so cheap they get a 300 percent return on the dollar. Which means the G.D.s could spend several million dollars a year in bribes to Cook County public officials, and it would be considered a modest cost of doing business.

But despite all the talk of high-level payoffs, Frank Goff has lately come to fear an even more ominous development in the ongoing battle. The Gangster Disciples have discovered politics. After a decade of learning how to manipulate the levers of power through surrogates, the G.D.s are beginning to look directly at the levers themselves. "It's just like the old mob days," says Goff. "We're talking about a street gang that can intimidate people, put up your flyers, tear down all the other people's flyers, get people to vote and register and come to the polls. This group can control a lot of votes. They finally realized that they can elect whatever politician they want."

The political power of the G.D.s spilled into the open one fall afternoon in 1993 at a downtown protest rally over school funding. Mayor Daley and his colleagues were watching from the fifth floor of City Hall when Loop traffic suddenly ground to a halt as the march was joined by hundreds of orderly, disciplined young African Americans. What impressed the seasoned City Hall onlookers more than anything was the fact that the troops on the streets below had apparently been fielded at a moment's notice.

In New Jersey, not only is there no funding for needle exchange programs, enforcement officials actively seek out underground exchanges and prosecute them. Despite Federal government finds to the contrary, Governor Whitman claims: "Needle exchange programs send the wrong message to our children by condoning illegal drug use."

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taxes, no benefits, no rent. They handle their own insurance, make their own collections, and the raw materials are so cheap they get a 300 percent return on the dollar. Which means the G.D.s could spend several million dollars a year in bribes to Cook County public officials, and it would be considered a modest cost of doing business.

But despite all the talk of high-level payoffs, Frank Goff has lately come to fear an even more ominous development in the ongoing battle. The Gangster Disciples have discovered politics. After a decade of learning how to manipulate the levers of power through surrogates, the G.D.s are beginning to look directly at the levers themselves. "It's just like the old mob days," says Goff. "We're talking about a street gang that can intimidate people, put up your flyers, tear down all the other people's flyers, get people to vote and register and come to the polls. This group can control a lot of votes. They finally realized that they can elect whatever politician they want."

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DISREDARDING AIDS EPIDEMIC, New Jersey Prohibits Syringe Exchanges



Epidemic numbers of blood-borne infections have been spread by shared use of hypodermic needles. Despite their illegality, needle exchange programs have been set up throughout the United States in order to slow and track the spread of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C among injection drug users.

Despite reports by The Center for Disease Control that New Jersey has the third highest injection-related AIDS rate in the United States and Jersey City and Newark rank in the top five cities with the highest AIDS rate per capita, the state continues to prevent syringe exchanges from operating and bans the sale of syringes except by prescription.

New Jersey women and children are particularly at risk because New Jersey has a greater percentage of AIDS cases among women than any other state and ranks third in the nation in terms of the percentage of pediatric AIDS cases.

Nationally, the engine for the spread of HIV infection has become the sharing of contaminated needles. HIV infection is now the leading cause of death amongst persons aged 25 to 44 years. In many states, including New Jersey, unlike Canada and other nations, sale of syringes is illegal. As a result, sterile syringes are scarce and injection drug users share needles thus spreading HIV, Hepatitis B and other blood born diseases.

On April 3, 1996 the NEW JERSEY Governor's Advisory Council on AIDS recommended that New Jersey remove needles from the definition of illegal drug paraphernalia and allow syringes to be sold over-the-counter without prescriptions.

Nearby Philadelphia funds Prevention Point, Baltimore operates its own exchanges and New York State funds a half-dozen exchange programs.

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Mandatory Minimums Produce Least Bang for the Buck

by Julie Stewart, President, Families Against Mandatory Minimums

The verdict is in — mandatory minimum sentences produce the smallest bang for the buck in achieving the national goal of reducing illicit drug use, according to a new report from the RAND Drug Policy Research Center.

The comprehensive report titled "Mandatory Minimum Drug Sentences: Throwing Away the Key or the Taxpayer's Money?" provides the first qualitative analysis of how successful these sentences are in reducing drug use and its consequences.

Its authors compare the cost effectiveness of extended sentences in reducing cocaine consumption and crime to conventional law enforcement (such as more arrests, confiscations, prosecutions and standard-length incarcerations) and treatment of heavy drug users. Mandatory minimums came in last.

The RAND report found that most drug-related crime is economically motivated and associated with the amount of money flowing through the cocaine market. Treatment removes some users from the market altogether. In this way, the demand for drugs drops, along with drug spending and the money dealers earn from selling drugs. As drug dealing becomes less profitable, fewer people become dealers. And because drugs are less expensive, fewer thefts are committed to pay for drugs.

The study calculated that if \$1 million more were spent on each drug strategy over 15 years, mandatory minimum sentences would produce the least bang for the buck and treatment would provide the biggest bang for the buck: mandatory minimums would reduce national cocaine consumption by 13 kilograms, conventional enforcement would cut it by 27 kilograms, and treatment of heavy users would slash it by more than 100 kilograms.

The authors concluded that the most cost-effective way to

pursue drug policy is to provide treatment to heavy users. They also added that "we would make greater drug control progress by sentencing more dealers to standard prison terms than by sentencing fewer dealers to longer mandatory terms."

They clearly found mandatory minimum sentences to be the least

effective way to address the drug problem in this country.

This report, or its summary, should be in the hands of every Member Of Congress. Families Against Mandatory Minimums Foundation, 1612 K Street NW Suite 1400, Washington, D.C. 20006 FAMM@fam.org http://www.famm.org



Hamedah Ali Hasan

age 30, serving LIFE without parole charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine/ cocaine base, interstate travel in the aid of racketeering, and use of a telephone to commit a felony

"I was not willing to lie for the 'deal'."

Hamedah Ali Hasan's instructors in the Steps to Success Program attest that she was an impressive student with lots of promise. She was poised to make a decent life for herself and her three daughters, ages 11, 7, and 1, and ready to seek employment with the exceptional skills she had. Unfortunately, she never got the chance to prove herself.

Instead, Hamedah sits in prison facing a life sentence for a crime she did not commit. She has no prior criminal or arrest history. She was never observed doing anything illegal related to the offenses of which she has been convicted. Shortly after her arrest, she was offered immunity (all charges dropped) in exchange for her "cooperation" with the U.S. Attorney in obtaining a conviction against her cousin. She had no knowledge of the offenses and was not willing to lie for the "deal".

The trial consisted primarily of hearsay testimony from alleged co-conspirators who were either getting immunity themselves or currently serving prison sentences and testifying in exchange for a possible sentence reduction.

"My experience has clearly shown me that almost any violation of the law is excusable as long as the accused 'cooperates' with government attorneys and/or officials."

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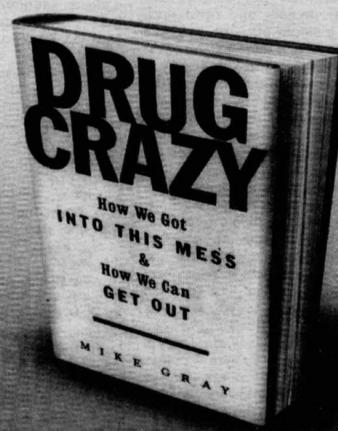
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Drug Reform Makes Major Gains

paign, with public marches and opposition to the drug war. The *Independent on Sunday* is spearheading the effort with support by Virgin-Atlantic CEO, Richard Branson, Body Shop CEO Anita Roddick, and former *Beatles* member Paul McCartney.

• With landslide support of 2/3 of the voters, the Swiss people voted to support continued heroin maintenance programs in their country.

6. Illegal Drugs Continue to Drop in Price, While Potency Increases.

• The ONDCP published figures which show the price of cocaine and heroin is a mere fraction of what it was in the early 1980s while production and purity of the substances is many times higher.

• Federally sponsored studies show that adolescent access to marijuana is virtually unchanged over the past 20 years of the drug war (nearly 90% say that it is 'very easy' or 'fairly easy' to obtain), and that illicit drug use among adolescents has risen steadily since 1992.

7. The Federal Government Continues to Employ the Same Failed Strategies.

• The 1998 National Drug Control Strategy focuses 2/3 of its \$17 billion budget on supply reduction, which is the least effective method to reduce domestic drug consumption.

• In a federally-funded study, the Research Triangle Institute showed that Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) had no effect on adolescent drug use, yet it continues to receive millions in funding.

• The prison system remains the most common social response to drug use and abuse. The nation's jails and prisons now hold more than 1.7 million Americans, while drug treatment centers cannot meet demand.

• Marijuana arrests reached an all-time high of 695,201 in 1997, according to the latest figures from the FBI. 87.2% of the arrests for possession, not manufacture or sale.

8. Major Divisions Split Drug Warrior Movement in Government.

• Drug Czar General McCaffery aligned with Republicans and publicly disputed with AIDS Czarina Sandra Thurman and Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala on needle exchange programs. Leaders of the Congressional Black Caucus called for McCaffery's resignation over the incident.

• Ronald Reagan appointee, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin refused to hand out a mandatory minimum sentence to a crack addict, saying that if the defendant were in a different economic bracket he would

be in the Betty Ford Clinic and not in prison. When ordered to give a longer sentence by an appeals court, Sporkin removed himself from the case in protest.

Web Site Research And Activism

by Mark Greer, Executive Director, DrugSense

There are two organizations that have placed a strong emphasis on Internet news and activism, **DrugSense** (www.DrugSense.org) and **DRCNet** (www.stopthedrugwar.org). Through their web sites you can link to many reform groups.

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DRCNet has a range of programs, including a "rapid response" list for action alerts and a weekly e-zine reporting on the drug war and reform efforts. **DRCNet** sponsors the "World's Largest Online Library of Drug Policy," where researchers, students and other interested parties can access a wealth of information ranging from drugs and their effects to laws and their history.

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