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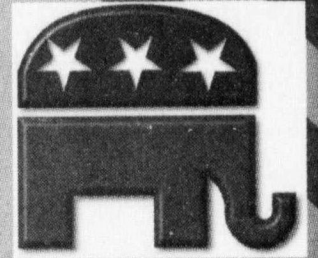
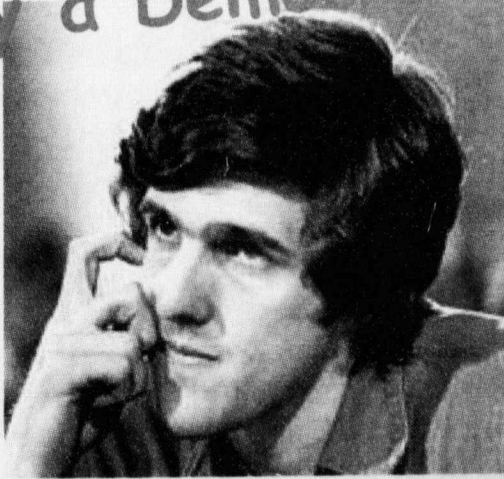
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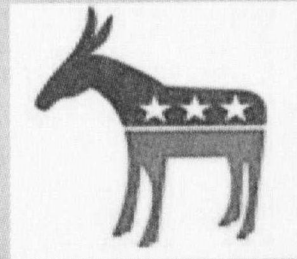
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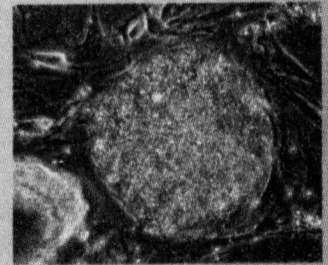
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# GET OVER IT

From the Editor's Desk...

Elections are around the corner, and where do you stand? That is the question being thrown out from every media outlet that covers any aspect of the political world. Interestingly enough, it seems that the newest CNN/USA Today/Gallup Poll places President Bush 8 points ahead of Senator Kerry.

This may come as a surprise to most liberals, however it is no shock to the conservatives out there. The president's horrendous performance in the first debate lost him his 12-point advantage. It was only a matter of time, however, before the American people began to remember what had him so far ahead in the first place (Hint: it was not his debate prowess).

So here we are, just days away: watching the swing states with a careful eye, attempting to predict just what will happen. I won't make that attempt here, but obviously my hopes are with those in the *right*.

In the final two debates there seemed to be a public focus on two very specific issues: the draft, and gay marriage. These appear to be a bit out of focus with the economy and Iraq as major topics, but these two tangential concepts came to the forefront, as apparently many Americans have grown weary of the repetitious nature of the economy and the War in Iraq.

The draft issue is a highly contentious one, and both candidates have said that there will be no draft. It appears, though, with the highly circulated draft rumor on the internet, and the "rock the vote" campaign that sent out fake draft cards, that the populace simply did not believe President Bush when he said, "The will be no draft."

Here is the truth behind the draft rumor: Yes, there was a bill in congress to reinstate the draft. IT WAS WRITTEN and SPONSORED by DEMOCRATS. Representative Charles Rangel, a DEMOCRAT from New York, and Senator Fritz Hollings, a DEMOCRAT from South Carolina, were the sponsors. Co-sponsors, again, included

only democrats:

Abercrombie (D, HI), Christenson (D, Virgin Islands), Conyers (D, MI), Hastings (D, FL), Jackson-Lee (D, TX), McDermott (D, WA), Stark (D, CA), Norton (D, DC), Brown (D, FL), Clay (D, MO), Cummings (D, MD), Jackson, (D, IL), Lewis (D, GA), Moran (D, VA), and Velasquez (D, NY).

The bill was defeated 402-2 when brought to a vote in Congress. Which party was it that was in favor of the draft? I guess the president, in fact, did not lie.

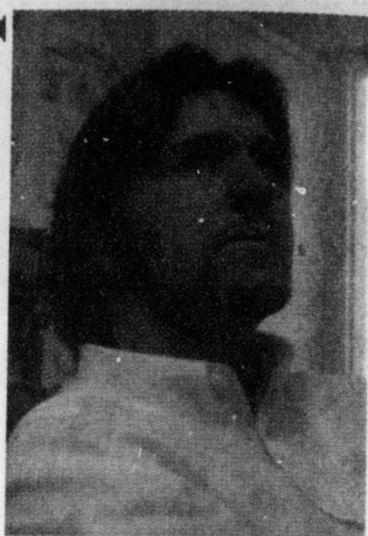
Here is an interesting fact: Catholic Charities, a group whose personal religious beliefs are against the use of contraceptives have been required by California law to pay for employees' contraceptive insurance benefits. The California Supreme Court denied their appeal in the case.

Why is this important? It shows the extension of civil law into religious practices. When the question of gay marriage is brought up, there has been the normal response that legalizing gay marriage does not infringe on a Church's rights to recognize that marriage.

However, as the Catholic Charities case has pointed out, there is legal precedent for similar civil law to extend into faith-based organizations. So what is the truth behind gay marriage laws? We have yet to find out. But the best way to ensure freedom of religion is to eliminate the extension of civil law requirements upon faith-based organizations.

There is an interesting base of lies surrounding these two highly volatile issues. Hopefully, I have shed some light on them.

God Bless,  
Christopher J. Fennell



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# STEM CELL RESEARCH: WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON?

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As science continues to progress we seem to be losing the fundamental reason for research. Life! We study science so that we might better understand life, to prolong life, to save life. If the goal is to fight disease to save and increase the quality of life, how is it seen as okay to destroy potential life? Herein lies the problem of embryonic stem cell research. Embryos are destroyed in order to obtain these potentially life-saving stem cells. Before one comes to a conclusion in the controversial matter of embryonic stem cell research (supported by senator John Kerry and limited by President George W. Bush) it is crucial to understand the significance of these cells.

You know when you get a bad sunburn and eventually peel? Have you ever wondered why after a few such incidents you aren't left skinless? Ever consider that that skin must be reproduced in order to sustain life? Not something I frequently pondered either. But the answer is stem cells. They lay under the layers of skin, masters of a single occupation the manufacturing of skin cells. So as you lose skin due to peeling, dryness, a cut ect. you aren't left without a shell. Most of the tissues in our body have stem cells that reproduce whatever it is that we are losing due to our surroundings activities and diets. Bone marrow stem cells reproduce blood cells. The list goes on but you can see how significant these cells are to our bodies.

We all have these cells and adult stem cell

research is not controversial because you can borrow stem cells from a certain tissue to help recreate more of that tissue. This research is taking great leaps and bounds daily in fact it has been discovered that stem cells can reproduce cells not specific to their tissue. For example bone marrow stem cells can create cardiac muscle, skeletal muscle, and liver cells. These new stem cells can even travel through the circulatory system and target tissue damage and begin to recreate specific necessary tissues.

There are also distinct advantages to using adult stem cells in place of current transplant practices. For one they do not seem to cause any kind of immune complications. It is also very likely that they could be taken from a patient, grown in cultures to increase their number, and then be placed into the same patient. This makes it inconceivable that they would be rejected by the body. These cells are also already capable of producing the needed cells simply by being placed in the location of cell damage.

If adult stem cell research is so great then why are certain people such advocates of embryonic stem cell research? Because these stem cells come from 5-7 day old embryo before cell specialization occurs and are thus capable of producing all the cells in the body. For many years, researchers have thought that this quality in stem cells might lead to treatments for degenerative diseases such as diabetes, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, and spinal cord injuries.

**"Stem cell research will continue to be funded under President Bush. It simply will not allow for the unnecessary destruction of life."**

However, unlike adult stem cells which already have the

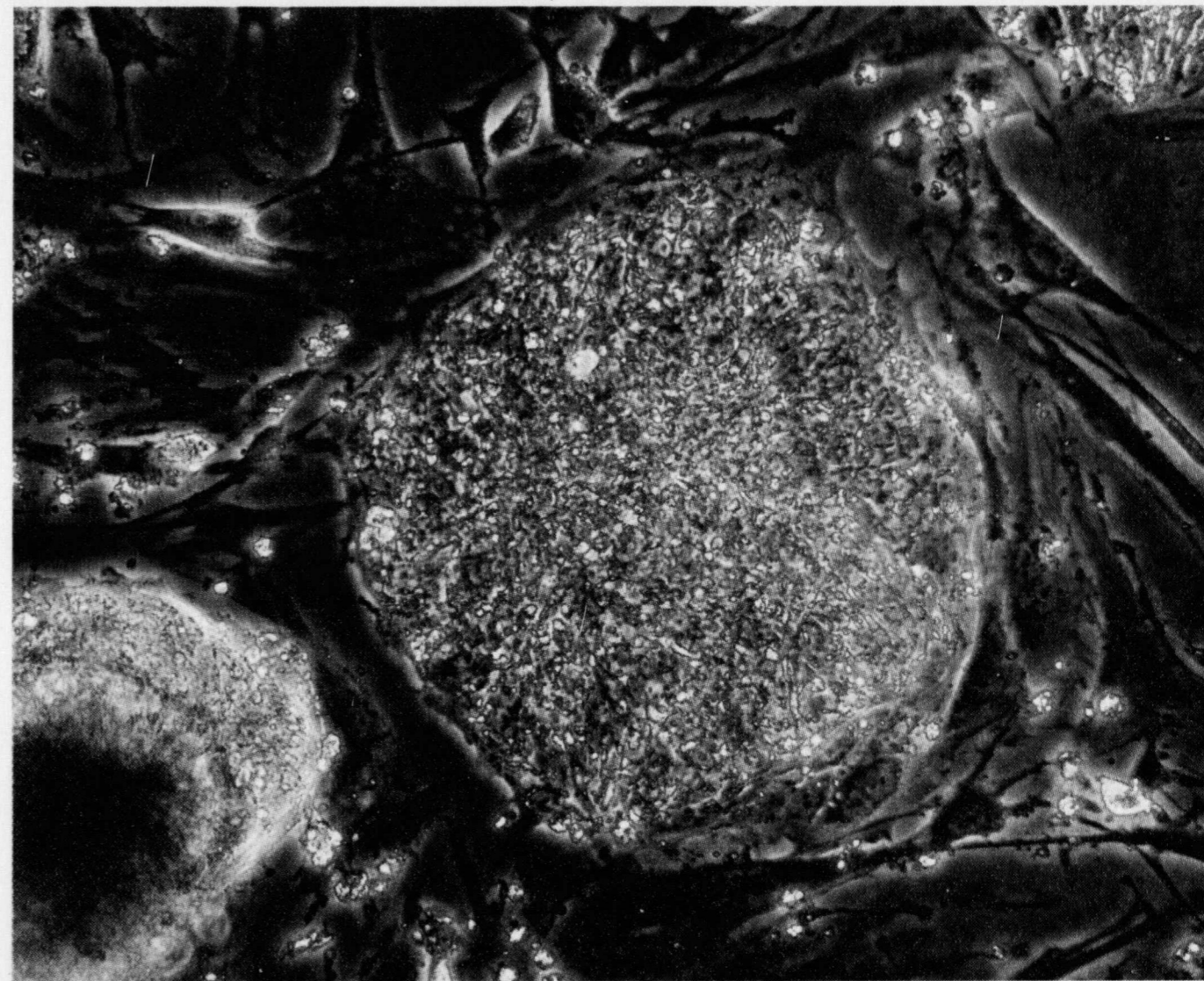
code to reproduce damaged tissue, it is still not entirely clear how we choose which tissue and

embryonic stem cell is to become. It is unclear how long it will take for researchers to find a way of actually putting these cells to use; whereas they are already running human trials using adult stem cells for stem cell therapy.

So, here is the fundamental problem: there is no ethical problem with adult stem cell research, but the potential is possibly greater with

cell research will cease. That is assuming that Bush wins in this upcoming and all-important election. Giving the current stance of justice's nation-wide it is highly improbable that any form of stem cell research will be made illegal; this is simply a question of government funding.

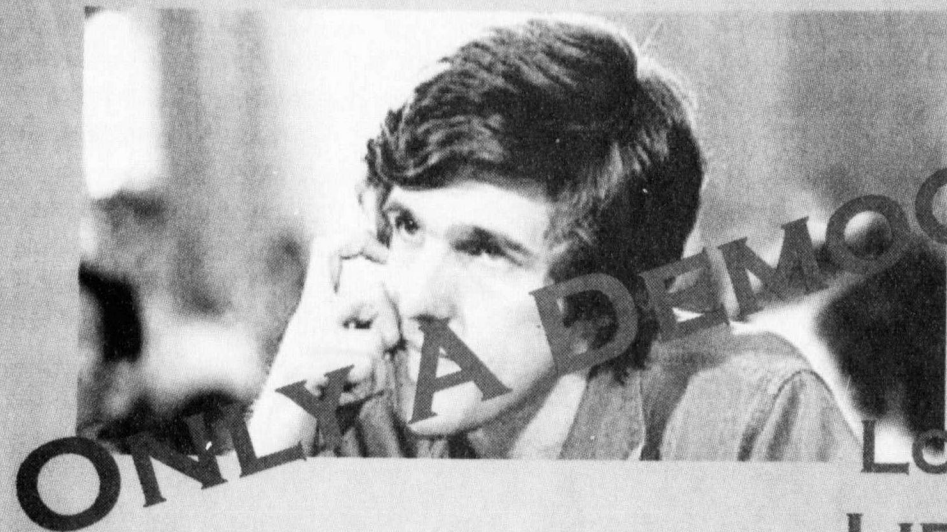
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*Embryonic Stem Cell Cluster: Magnified 20x*

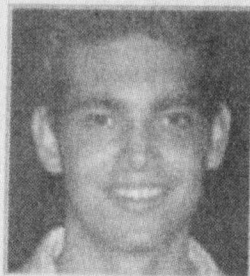
embryonic stem cells. President Bush attempted to balance the ethical question by opting to federally fund only the research of existing stem cell lines (A cell line is a population of cells grown from a single cell that has been manipulated to continue growing indefinitely in culture, while maintaining its cellular integrity.) However, after these are done, federal funding of embryonic stem

for the unnecessary destruction of life. Stem cells recovered from the placenta and umbilical cord have the same benefits as embryonic stem cells. In fact, they are identical except in their location. Funding for this sort of non-destructive research is currently and will continue to be promoted by the Bush administration.



# THE FLAWED LOGIC OF THE LIBERAL LEFT

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It's election time again. The Republicans re-nominated Bush-Cheney; The Democrats nominated John Kerry, and his little dog (John Edwards). I was happy at first when the Democrats nominated Kerry for president. I thought this was going to be a slam-dunk. After all, the country isn't about to elect the #1 most liberal member of the senate and master flip-flopper to the presidency - because we DO have standards. However, I overlooked one thing: that nearly half this country is Democrat and will stop at nothing to win. As amusing as these liberals are to listen to and as fun as they are to laugh at, now that the election is around the corner it's time to put a nail in the Kerry/Edwards coffin.

when George Bush mentions 9/11 he is exploiting it, but its ok for Edwards to say: "We will stop juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other debilitating diseases... When John Kerry is president, people like Christopher Reeve are going get up out of that wheelchair and walk again." Hallelujah!

Speaking of scare tactics, the Democrats have been up to a scare tactic of their own. Recently we have heard charges (from Democrats) that Bush will reinstate the draft upon re-election. George Bush has promised without equivocation that "as long as I [Bush] am President, there will be no draft," but has Kerry? During the debates, Kerry referred to the draft as the "only fair way" to build our military. In fact, the most recent bills to reinstate the draft have been authored and supported solely by Democrats.

**"If that makes sense to you, you must be a Democrat."**

Republicans are held to a higher standard when it comes to politics -

not only by mainstream news outlets, but also by its own people. For example, John Kerry and John Edwards have accused President Bush, many times, of "exploiting" 9/11 and using it as a "scare tactic" (Democrats get scared so easily). So

Kerry voted for tax increases on the middle class dozens of times and even voted against the Bush tax-cut that saved every middle-class family \$1,000. John and Teresa earned a combined income of \$6.8 million last year and paid an effec-

Only in the Democratic Party could you literally say one thing and do the opposite. John

tive tax rate of only 15.2%! The average federal tax rate (combined payroll and income) for a middle-class family is about 20%. George Bush makes one-tenth of Kerry's income and pays an effective rate of 30%. If that makes sense to you, you must be a Democrat.

Only in the Democratic Party could John Edwards attack President Bush about the increas-

ing costs of medical insurance. Maybe they just don't remember how exactly Edwards made his money. By playing on the emotions of brainless juries, Edwards was able to blame a fetal brain injury caused long before labor begins (cerebra palsy) on the doctors who delivered the baby. Edwards argued that if the doctors had performed a Caesarean section, cerebral palsy would have been avoided. While Edwards turned out to be wrong about the relationship between C-sections and cerebral palsy (except that they both begin with the letter "C"), he was able to take millions from innocent doctors, and in turn raised cost of health insurance on us all.



*The Democratic nominees, sharing an intimate moment*

Edwards could blast Bush for not immediately instituting the recommendations of the 9/11 commission, then not even bother to show up when the Senate was voting on accepting those recommendations! But that's not very surprising, at least not for John Edwards. Edwards has a reputation in his home state for not showing up to work. His average attendance for his first and only three years in the Senate is a pathetic 33%. It

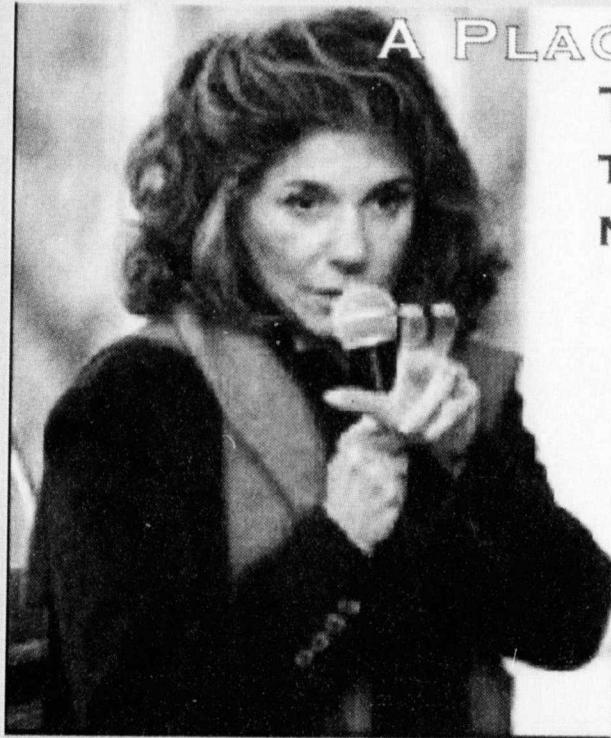
must be nice being a Democrat - you show up to work 1 out of every 3 days and they want to make you Vice President.

The Kerry/Edwards campaign along with the Democratic National Committee, has issued a 66-page mobilization plan that says, "If no signs of intimidation techniques have emerged yet, launch a 'pre-emptive strike.'" The DNC not only confirmed the authenticity of the document but also tried to

rationalize their actions with a statement, "We all know the Republicans are going to try to steal the election by scaring people and confusing people."

Only in the Democratic Party could John Kerry and John Edwards be a heartbeat away from the presidency and only a Democrat would be dumb enough to put them there.

Only a pair of Democrats like Kerry and



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## A PLACE IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TERESA HEINZ-KERRY SHOWS THE WORLD WHY SHE SHOULD NOT BE THE NEXT FIRST LADY

a relationship certainly indicates a lot about his ability to interact successfully socially. In this case, we can make a distinction of a relationship bound by love and the other bound by money—by relating these micro-style relationships to a broad, social-macro level, we can tell a lot about the characteristics of the candidates.

By depicting Teresa Heinz Kerry, it becomes quite self-explanatory what the basis of the relationship between her and John Kerry is. But what else should be known about Teresa? Supposedly she claims that she can speak many different languages, yet what I accumulated from the Democratic Convention was that she might have overemphasized her alleged linguistic talent since she did not go beyond saying “hello” in five languages. Secondly, it might not be surprising to many that she is quite self-centered in this presidential race. Looking at her extremely long yet somewhat politically inconsequential speech at the Democratic Convention, there were only few moments where she actually talked about her husband. Instead, the viewers had to listen to how she had such an awful time living in a dictatorship. Furthermore, the detailed descriptions she gave about her own life were quite obsolete, and I am certain that John Kerry would have appreciated it if his wife would focus more on him—he might not be the most competent leader, but the convention was still about him! Inevitably her attitude explains a lot about her personality and extols the idea that she looks upon the entrance of the White House for herself—in other words the White House is likely to act as a last resort to the fulfillment of her ever-growing wealth.

What was also quite striking about her in the Democratic National Convention was that she was introduced by her own sons from her previous marriage. They introduced their mother in an honorable fashion and depicted their deep love

As might be known to many, Teresa Heinz Kerry, the wife of the senator from Massachusetts, is known to have inherited the gigantic Heinz ketchup company that was formerly operated by her late husband Senator John Heinz. Teresa Heinz Kerry acquired a fortune through someone's death that would come in handy for John Kerry; indeed, it never hurts for a presidential candidate to have a wealthy wife, does it?

Let's take a look at Laura Bush. She is an extremely charismatic individual, who did certainly not have an elitist background before she married our commander and chief. She devoted most of her life to academics, books, and literature as a passion and worked as a librarian for many years. George W. Bush certainly did not marry her because of her wealth, but because of her ladylike attitude, knowledgeable thinking, and cultural foundation that characterized her as an ideal first lady. In short, money does not play a role in the relationship between the president and his wife—instead it is deep love that shapes them. I am not quite sure if that necessarily holds true for John Kerry and his mate. The way a person behaves in

they felt for Mrs. Heinz Kerry. Nevertheless, everybody is aware of the fact that one's own children are always biased in their description of a loved one. It is clear that most children see their mother as a heroine, no matter what her personality might be like. So, the fact that her own children introduced her as opposed to John Kerry's daughters clearly lowered her credibility. John Kerry's daughters certainly do not see Mrs. Heinz Kerry in a “motherly bias”, yet through an objective filter that is more centered on the true character of their stepmother. The fact that the Kerry daughters did not perform this kind of act causes many to speculate that Mrs. Heinz Kerry might not be very pleased about being a stepmother and clearly reflects that reality on Alexandra and Vanessa Kerry. The same, by the way, goes for Teresa Heinz Kerry's children not introducing John Kerry. Whether a family has been lifelong or newly constructed, it is important for a family to be united and not be divided as the Kerry-Heinz family seems to be.

What about Teresa Heinz Kerry's temper? I have to admit that she often likes to project the idea of being Mother Teresa with her hands pointing to her heart and a peaceful voice that becomes irritably disturbing. Nevertheless, why did she suddenly become infuriated with a reporter and angrily told that individual to “shove it?” What happened to her peaceful attitude? Why were her hands not tipping softly on her chest at that point in time? It seems like she did not have any “peace” during her brief “explosion.”

Now, diverting focus from Teresa Heinz Kerry's shifting attitude, I would like to look at Teresa Heinz Kerry's first marriage. She was married to Senator John Heinz, a Republican, who I personally

deeply admire. He has been known, according to her and her children, to be a loving father and husband—I certainly believe that he was. It should also be emphasized that Teresa Heinz Kerry herself was a Republican until just recently. I always thought that one's political preference is based on your values, beliefs, and ideas about the amelioration of the country. Accordingly, values are extremely difficult to change since they are often manifested in one's human character. There are, of course, people who go through a phase where they incrementally, not suddenly, begin to change their political ideology. However, the fact that Teresa Heinz Kerry so eagerly changed her party preference due to political reasons becomes quite frustrating—it would serve as quite an insult for her late husband if he had the ability to see her change her identity because of another man. My view is: if you honor (and keep) someone else's

money (John Heinz) through his death, then you should also be obliged as an ethical human being to honor that person by not changing who you are. Although maybe she thought by retaining his last name, she had already done him a favor—how considerate of her.

To get back to her relationship to John Kerry, it struck me when she recently told a CNN reporter that she “would like to get to know him [John Kerry] a lot better!” followed by a grim laugh. My question is that if you have been married for almost a decade, what was there you did not acquire from your husband? What else is there to know about his personality? Given this statement, her egocentric attitude, dishonorable treatment of her late husband, and wealth, it becomes questionable whether the American people really want such a person in the White House.



# IRAQ: A WINNING STRATEGY

By Andrew Sutton  
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If the only information you ever received concerning the Iraq war was from the network news, then yes, you would think the war is lost. The informative and highly descriptive 30-second sound-clip they present generally involves a bomb exploding, the name of a soldier previously killed, and a mention of some person, group, or entity expressing their disagreement with the war in Iraq. This continued depressive assault on the general public, after many, many months, has taken its toll on the people, as support for the war declines. Most people, especially on the college campus, seemed to have adopted this view, without examining the facts, or thinking for themselves.

What were the obvious goals of the Iraq operation? To eliminate Saddam Hussein as a potential threat and supporter of terrorism, to find

**“Unlike what Senator Kerry would have you believe, Osama Bin Laden is not the only enemy we’re after.”**

and destroy all weapons of mass destruction, and to liberate the Iraqi people. (1) Saddam was captured, and his threat is gone. He gave money to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers. He operated many terrorist training camps within Iraq. He gassed his own people. He had ties to Al Qaeda.

(2) Every intelligence report prior to the liberation reported that there indeed were weapons. Even prominent democrats, such as Hillary Clinton, John Kerry, Teddy Kennedy, and Al Gore, agreed that Saddam Hussein had, and was developing, chemical and biological weapons. Bush had good reason to believe there were weapons pres-

ent in Iraq. He made a decision based on CIA intelligence reports and the advice from his military advisors. I believe under the circumstances, the president was correct in believing there to be weapons, and act accordingly. Though stockpiles of WMD were never found, he had the plans and the capability to make them, and the intention to provide them to terrorists.

(3) The Iraqi people have been liberated. The soldiers in Iraq are currently protecting the new government while training a new Iraqi police force to fight off these foreign terrorists. The Iraqi people are preparing for their first democratic election in January. However, terrorists are trying to delay the election. If they succeed in doing so, or in breaking the will of the American people, they will have won another victory, and the Middle Eastern crisis will continue to be a prob-

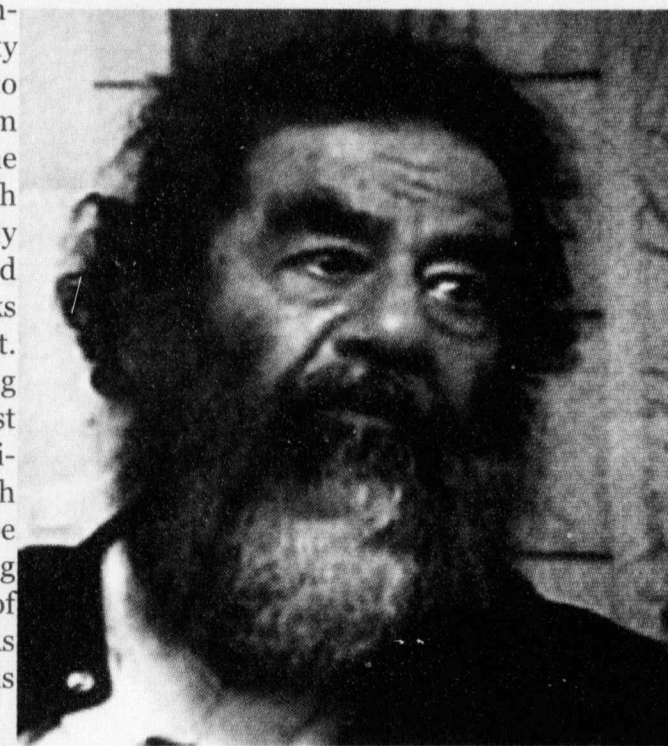
lem for the US. What were the long term plans for Operation Iraqi Freedom? I hope you didn’t actually think we went into Iraq just to defeat Iraq. We have long-term plans in the Middle East, especially concerning our battle against radical Muslims groups such as Al Qaeda, which are the primary threat in the War on Terror. Unlike what Senator Kerry would have you believe, Osama Bin Laden is not the only enemy we’re after. Iraq is also not the only country that harbors terrorists. Concerning the overall purpose for this battle, the general action of going into Iraq is more than justified. A resounding success in Iraq would result in a catastrophic defeat of terrorists not, just in the Middle East, but around the world. It would mean their efforts failed, terrorists would be demoralized, and many

countries in the Middle East would have incentives to join us in the effort to eliminate global terrorism.

Libya and other countries have already realized that the United States is following through with its promises (not simply making 14 years of empty threats), and are now trying to appease the U.S. The long-term results will be a weakening of the terrorists’ very foundation. Though it may never be completely destroyed, it will be incapacitated to the point that terrorist attacks will no longer be a serious threat. President Bush knows that securing our nation from further terrorist attack, and taking actions to annihilate those who engage in such activities against the US, should be his main priority. He is choosing what he feels is the best course of action for the United States. As president of the United States, this is his job.

Thus, we do have a purpose for being in Iraq. The actual War in Iraq is justified. What’s being debated now, however, is the tactics we used. Several problems that are being cited by the democratic party include a lack of proper support, a coalition to help pay for the cost of the war and to reduce the casualties and workload of the United States, and a lack of planning prior to the invasion. (1) We had numerous, smaller countries ally with us in the war in Iraq, and provided troops for the effort. Great Britain was our ally. Those who chose not to help us are not our allies. If your country is under attack, and another nation chooses not to assist you, even with sufficient mean, then they are not your ally. Britain is an ally. Russia, China, and France, are not allies. We are merely on peaceful terms with them. We could never gain the full allegiance of France, unless with compromised values, we too became a socialist nation. If we did so, we most definitely would be popular with many more European

nations, but our goal is not popularity. (2) As for negotiation prior to the liberation: What would there be to negotiate? That he stops being an open supporter of terrorism? That he stops his terrorist training camps and just stop



Saddam Hussein: shortly after capture

building weapons? He violated 14 years worth of UN weapons sanctions. There was no reason to believe he had learned from his mistakes and decided to limit his evil acts to just his own people. He also kicked weapons inspectors out of his country several times. These weapons inspectors moved at an alarmingly slow rate, which though very detailed, allowed time for Saddam to move his weapons out of the way, and most likely destroying them. Nothing, minus his removal, would have achieved our goal: to gain a foothold in the Middle East to continue to bring the fight to these terrorists.

(3) In response to Kerry’s accusations of a lack of planning, the fact that the fall of Baghdad took place in an exceptionally short amount of time, or that we have the dictator in custody, or simply that we have been successful in every single goal for Iraq, seems to point that it was planned well. In January, Iraq will be a democracy, and the world is better for it. Iraqi troops will be trained, and when the country is completely self-governing and self-policing, our troops will come home. The War in Iraq is nowhere near the failure democrats would like the American citizen to believe. Rather it is a gleaming success.

# THE FALSIFIED POPULARITY OF STUDENT LIBERALISM

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As fall briskly approaches us, and sweat-shirts replace t-shirts, excitement bustles through the crisp air. The turning of the leaves (in case you have lived in San Diego your whole life, there are places where the leaves actually turn in the fall) allocate a new school year—and a chance to pass the class you had to drop last spring because you went to the beach too much—, football season, baseball playoffs, and every four years an exciting and drama filled presidential election. For most of us this is our first chance to vote in a presidential election, and we could not have picked a more opportunistic time to come of age. This is the most important presidential election of our political generation, dictating the future of terrorism, the Middle East, and the perception the world has of America. With so much at stake, and so many decisions that will directly impact our generation, it is no wonder that more and more people our age have taken an interest in politics. However, we have found that political interest does not always equate political understanding.

This is evident in our heated political debates with friends that are Kerry-supporters, where we have realized that most Kerry-supporters are unable to explain why they support Kerry. Most do not even know what is his platform (well, we cannot really blame them for that, Kerry does not even know what is his platform). While there are legitimate Kerry-supporters, who can actually account for why they support Kerry with a reason other than the rote response "I don't like Bush", we have found that in most of our political debates Kerry-supporters do not understand why they like Kerry or his policies. Discovering this interesting reality has caused us to ask the question, why do so many college students consider it cool to be "liberal" when they do not understand what it means to be liberal?

As we partook on our mission to understand the reasoning behind liberal popularity, we quickly found it was not hard to find a liberal who disapproves of Bush. However, trying to obtain an intelligent reason for why they do not like Bush was much harder to find. All we found was that every liberal unanimously agreed that the war in Iraq was bad. However, when asked why they thought the war an Iraq was bad, one liberal profoundly retorted, "because Saddam didn't attack us and we already arrested Saddam so why are we still there? And then we just gave him back." This quote is as muddled as Kerry's position on Iraq with no real intelligible facts or logical thinking behind it. This incredible quote is only topped by another astounding quote on Iraq, "only Great Britain was with America, because America and Great Britain are best friends, but all the Middle East is against the war." As wonderful as it would be if politics were like 7<sup>th</sup> grade friendships and countries could be B.F.F. with each other, this childish reasoning is not only idealistic, but also extremely unfounded, especially when you realize over 30 countries have joined the coalition. In addition, Middle Eastern countries such as the Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are sleeping easier because they know Saddam cannot hurt their children.

The only complaint Saudi Arabia's ambassador has with the war is that he is worried political agendas will force America not to follow through with liberating Iraq. It is amazing that so many liberals have these strong opinions, without any factual knowledge of what is happening in Iraq. They are unwilling to exert any effort into understanding the concepts of the political agendas of both parties. As one independent said, "many liberals judge everything, without researching the facts, their views are often unrealistic, and show a lack of understanding." He went on to say, "a lot of my friends do not like Bush, but I feel this is unfair to Bush because there is a lot

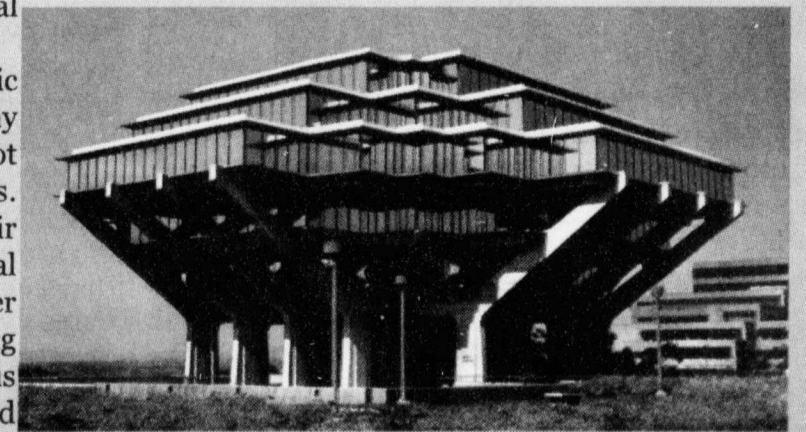
more that goes on in the decision making than just Bush's views, but my friends do not understand that." This lack of understanding of political agendas becomes more apparent when we asked them the seemingly simpler question of why they support Kerry. Though one person admittedly responded, "I don't know Kerry's foreign policy" she does know, "Kerry is against the war" so that's why she supports him. Which begged us to ask, was this before or after he supported the war? To which she had no comment.

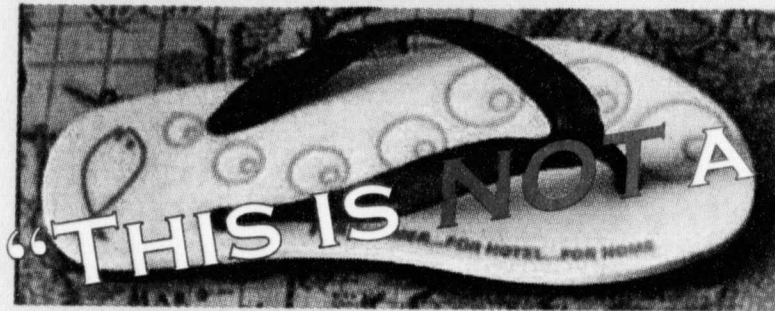
In addition to these intuitive arguments she further enlightened us that she "doesn't know the difference between the candidates policies" but she does know that "Bush's policies suck." With that infallible argument we found it hard to formulate any argument against such wisdom and just decided to ask her to enlighten us further on why Kerry is so great. She excitedly exclaimed, "Because he is a good speaker and seems to know what he is talking about." Kerry seems to know what he is talking about just like he seems to have a solid stance on the war, defense spending, and the economy. However, Kerry's irresolute stances do not concern the liberal voters. Even though every liberal we interviewed agreed that a president should be confident and powerful enough to stand for important pieces of legislation, they had no problem with Kerry's wavering voter record, or Kerry and Edwards' attendance when important legislation was on the floor in the Senate. One liberal felt that Edwards' 90% absence rate was not important since, "Bush only passed stupid laws." However, when asked to name the laws passed the person could not name any. Again, we found another strong opinion lacking in the factual evidence to support it.

This pattern of harsh political rhetoric without factual evidence has caused many people to realize that college liberals do not understand why they have their beliefs. Instead, they just mimic the beliefs of their professors and repeat quotes off of liberal posters hung up around campus without ever trying to understand what it is they are being fed. Realizing that around a college campus conservatives have to dig deep and look hard

to establish and find support for their beliefs one independent voter remarked, "I respect conservatives and their views." He also said that even though he might not agree with conservative views, he understood that most conservative's beliefs were well-founded beliefs on principles and not on popularity.

Though, there are liberals whose beliefs are based on convictions and who research and understand the political agendas, many college liberals find it cooler to be liberal, even if they do not know what it means. Fueled by snazzy one-liners painted on the sidewalk, and a world that has made it popular to bash Bush, it is no wonder why many liberals hold anti-Bush views; all they have to do is quote a headline from any newspaper to feel informed on a political subject. They never have to read deeper into a subject and it is this simplicity of forming opinions that makes being a liberal so popular. As one conservative put it, "I think the media plays a big part in influencing people without strong beliefs, all you have to do is watch the evening news and see the death and destruction in Iraq, and you don't ever see the new schools, new hospitals, and happier citizens, anybody who is uninformed can be easily influenced by these bias images." A person deprived of strong convictions can find it easy to be a liberal because all they have to do is read a headline and all of a sudden they have an opinion. They can become popular and fit in without ever having to understand a single fact or take a stand on any issue, but then again why should we expect them to when the democratic nominee for president does not either.





By Jonathan Israel  
Staff Writer

I have come to realize many things about Democrats in these last months. As inconsistent as they are, they are serious when they say one thing: Anyone But Bush. It's the left's newest mantra, which manifests itself in the candidacy of John Kerry. Only a party as desperate as the Democratic Party would nominate a "flip-flopper" like John Kerry for president. Their primary goal is not to elect a competent man who could do the job but rather to get rid of Bush at any cost. Since Kerry is fairly close to the presidency, I think everyone should hear exactly what he has to say.

"I will be a commander in chief who will never mislead us into war." (Wake up John! You were dreaming that you were president again!) This is just one of many played out John Kerry lines along with "The wrong war at the wrong place at the wrong time" and "Saddam Hussein didn't attack us on 9/11 - Osama Bin Laden did." Well the truth is John Kerry will never be commander in chief, and this is why...

From the sounds of things you might think this man is against the war; I mean, you can't get any more clear than "wrong war, wrong place...wrong time." Yet, in 2001, on The O'Reilly Factor, before the war he said, "[I] think we ought to put the heat on Saddam Hussein...no matter what the evidence is about September 11..." And shortly after on Larry King Live he said, "I think we clearly have to keep the pressure on terrorism globally. This doesn't end with Afghanistan by any imagination. And I think the president has made

"THIS IS NOT A FLIP-FLOP"

that clear...Terrorism is a global menace... And it is absolutely vital that we continue, for instance, Saddam Hussein." But Senator Kerry, Saddam didn't attack us on 9/11!

Senator Kerry is now criticizing the president for not giving diplomacy a chance, for not giving the inspectors enough time. By "chance" he means bogging us down in diplomacy with another decade of nonenforced resolutions by the United Nations while Saddam Hussein goes on his merry way building weapons and cutting people's hands off. By "enough time" he means delaying the problem until it escalates to another North Korea so he can just throw his hands in the air and blame it on a past Republican president. Chris Matthews asked Kerry before the war in 2002 if we could get Saddam to accept inspections and possibly avoid war. Kerry responded, "The answer is yes. But he would view himself only as buying time and playing a game, in my judgment." That's exactly how President Bush felt, the only difference: Bush's beliefs don't change whether or not he is running for president. He believed it then and he believes it now -

a sign of true leadership.

It wasn't until after 9/11 when President Bush, and we all, realized that Saddam needed to be dealt with immediately so he would not become an imminent threat. John Kerry agreed by voting for the Iraq War Resolution. But John Kerry was arguing to put troops in Iraq three years before 9/11! Not very consistent with what he's saying now. Appearing on ABC's "This Week" in February of 1998, Kerry was asked about putting ground troops in Iraq and he replied, "I am personally prepared, if that's what it meant." He continued to say, "I am way ahead of the commander in chief, and I'm probably way ahead of my colleagues and certainly of much of the country. But I believe this. I believe that he has used these

**"Don't underestimate John Kerry's ability to change his mind."**

weapons before. He has invaded another country. He views himself as a modern-day Nebuchadnezzar. He wants to continue to play the uniting critical role in that part of the world. And I think we have to stand up to that." Hey John, can't we give diplomacy a chance???

Don't underestimate John Kerry's ability to change his mind. Kerry said in 2003, "...I would have preferred if we had given diplomacy a greater opportunity..." He even started flopping on his vote for the war, "And the fact is, in the resolution that we passed, we did not empower the President to do regime change."

"But the president and his advisors did not do almost anything correctly in the walk-up to the war. They rushed to war. They were intent on going to war. They did not give legitimacy to the inspections. We could have still been doing inspections even today..." Kerry told George Stephanopoulos of ABC's "This Week." But only a year earlier he said, "But the president...always reserves the right to act unilaterally protect the interests of our country."

This is not a game of Stratego; this is serious business. We cannot afford to put a man in the White House who is one day willing to deploy troops and the next so nonchalantly changing his mind. Once the people who have voluntarily committed their lives to protect our nation are deployed overseas, you cannot just turn around and say "oops."

John Kerry said, "If Saddam Hussein is unwilling to bend to the international community's already existing order, then he will have invited enforcement...even if that enforcement is mostly at the hand of the United States, a right we retain even if the Security Council fails to act." And then when asked very directly if he was an anti-war candidate replied, "I am - Yeah."

This is the same man who said, "I agree completely with this Administration's goal of a regime change in Iraq," proceeded to vote

for the war, then turned around and voted against funding those troops after he himself had previously said, "I don't think any United States senator is going to abandon our troops and recklessly leave Iraq to whatever follows as a result of simply cutting and running. That's irresponsible...I don't think anyone in the Congress is going to not give our troops ammunition, not give our troops the ability to be able to defend themselves. We're not going to cut and run and not do the job."

Well Senator, you did "cut and run and not do the job." And I'm confident this trend wouldn't end in the White House. We have now learned that al Qaeda operatives have detailed plans of six different major school districts across the country including detailed floor plans and emergency procedures. This is not the time we tell the world that we need new leadership; that we are not up for the job. What if, god-forbid, our elementary schools are swarmed with terrorists who start massacring innocent children like they did in Russia? Who would you prefer sitting in the White House while your children or younger siblings are being beheaded and shot on videotape - a man who will never seek a permission slip to defend America or a man who promises to lead a "more sensitive war on terror?"



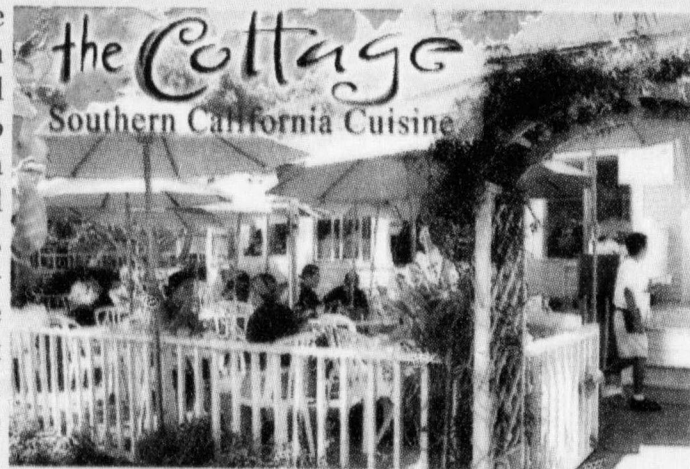


# \*\*\*\*\* OUT ON THE TOWN: THE DINING EXPERIENCE THE COTTAGE \*\*\*\*\*

By Russell Bui  
Assistant Editor

I'm not a stranger when it comes to fine dining in La Jolla and other regions of San Diego. It's part of the package for being a homo. I also know and understand that a lot of these restaurants can be a big turn off for students especially since some of the prices on the menus have more digits than they should. For the most part, it's worth it... if you are into burning money for chicken and salad. I'm kidding, those high class restaurants like George's at the Cove, Roppongi, Donovan's... the Golden Triangle restaurants that are usually three to five stars have their money's worth. They have gorgeous waiters... and yeah waitresses too, exclusive and breathless views of the coast, and an ambience incomparable to Denny's.

But I'm going to write about a small restaurant also in the Golden Triangle that is especially appealing to me, and I'll tell you why. It's called The Cottage. Located on a corner of Fay and Kline, this split indoor/outdoor restaurant is very cute. More partial to breakfast and lunch, their menu is extremely diverse ranging from regular breakfast favorites like French Toast stuffed with strawberry compote and mascarpone cheese to (my favorite) California Eggs Benedict smoked breast of turkey, avocado, poached eggs and homemade hollandaise sauce and potatoes. It's not your average breakfast joint. Their lunches have



a variety of salads ranging from oriental style salads with signature sauce to sandwiches that are just fucking awesome. The ambience is very European - friendly, casual, and very pleasant. When possible, be seated outside under the umbrella-covered patio, and take advantage of the beautiful La Jolla weather that we dish out so much for. The service is absolutely extraordinary. The manager of the restaurant is always walking about meeting customers and providing legendary service. The waiters and waitresses are extremely attentive and order-prompt as most of them have been there for years.

The Cottage is a charming restaurant that is definitely noteworthy. As far as price goes, nearly 90% of their menu and like 95% of their breakfast and lunch entrees are under \$11.00. Which is pretty much like going to IHOP or Denny's minus quality service curtailing higher quality food. I take my friends there for their birthdays and my closer friends their on Sundays for brunch, and everyone that I've recommended it too has absolutely loved it.

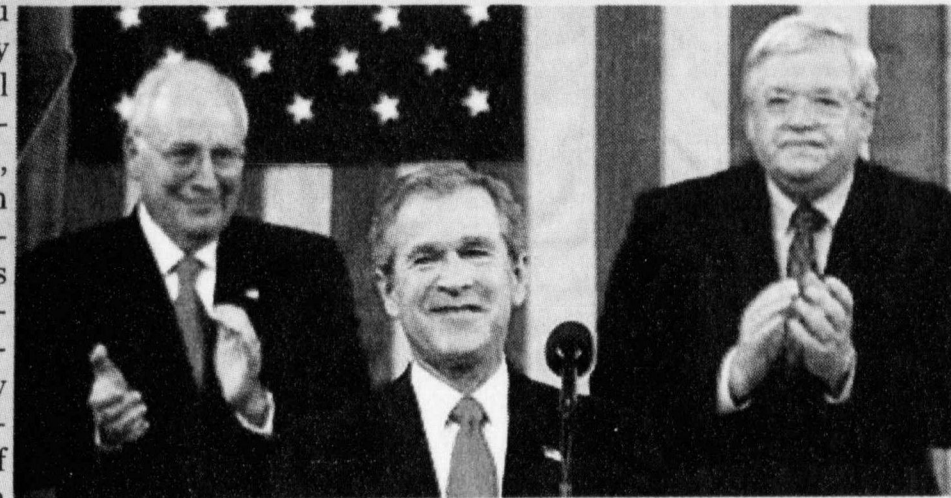
I provided the website for you just in case you wanted to check out the menu, the actual restaurant itself as pictures are posted, and whatever you want to look at. [www.cottatelajolla.com](http://www.cottatelajolla.com) I hope you guys like it!

# Queer Eye for the - Political Guy -

Russell Bui takes a look  
at some of today's  
hottest political fashions

By Russell Bui  
Assistant Editor

If you watch any political debates on television, reviews on CNN or anything that has to do with politics and publicity. Most likely you'll see a figment of Ferragamo on some politician that you might



It is no accident that all three are wearing Ferragamo ties

love or hate. Who said that politicians are insipid and blinded by money and existential claims about their craft? Salvatore Ferragamo has put a brand on politics. And it looks damn good too. Most noticeable are the designer shoes and ties with creative yet traditional patterns - they stand out. Prada, Burberry, Gucci and Dolce & Gabbana have well established their names in producing business attire for men but have not grown this quickly not directed their sales target as fast.

Back in the 1930's Ferragamo was a pioneer in design in Italy. Idealistic in the designs of

shoes, Ferragamo experimented with ideas of heels for women that changed the design world. Who knew that he invented Stilettos? Then, he experimented with different materials... leather, suede... wood, plastic. He went there.

In the new millennium, Ferragamo's ideas of design have not only emphasized on the trademark of shoes, but an entire apparel line for men and women ranging from casual wear to profes-

sional and executive lines, which are becoming more and more popular as more celebrities and politicians are sporting his goods.

If you are looking to buy some kicks... look forward to

spending about \$400 to \$1000 dollars for a pair of Ferragamos. For a full suit, anywhere from \$1000 to \$6000 depending on style and material. For dress shirts, look forward to \$155 - \$500. Cufflinks are \$250. The tie will get you at \$155. So the cost to be hot and in style: a lot. But evidently, to get your image marketed in the political landscape, it's worth it.

You can check out Ferragamo in Vanity Fair, or any big 600 page fashion catalogues. His .com, Nieman Marcus, some Nordstroms, and other big department stores.

# ENTHUSIASTS AGREE: SMOG LAWS DON'T PASS THE TEST

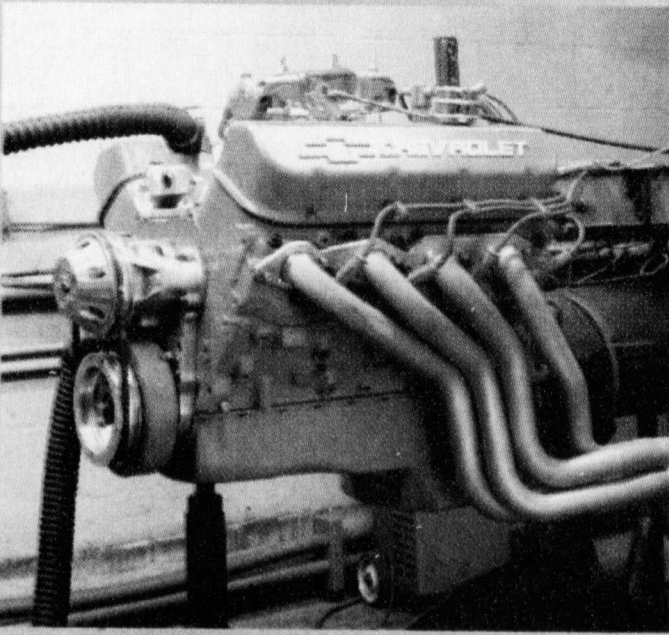


*Datsun 240Z, many enthusiast working on these are outraged by the new law*

**By Matt Pfohl**  
Assistant Editor

In recent legislative news, bill A.B. 2683 proposed by Sally Lieber was signed into law. This bill repealed the rolling emissions test exemption for cars that are 30 years old and older. The goal was a cleaner air supply, which is of course a noble cause. On account of this bill, all cars made in and after 1976 are required to pass a smog check every 2 years. In opposition to Lieber's bill, I have proposed my own, more intelligent, more fair, less discriminatory, and more effective approach to how California should improve its air quality.

Before being able to fully comprehend my proposal, it is important to understand, in its entirety, the logic (or lack thereof) behind the bill that Lieber proposed. The logic behind the bill seems sound: at first glance. The idea was that



*Chevy Big-Block 454*

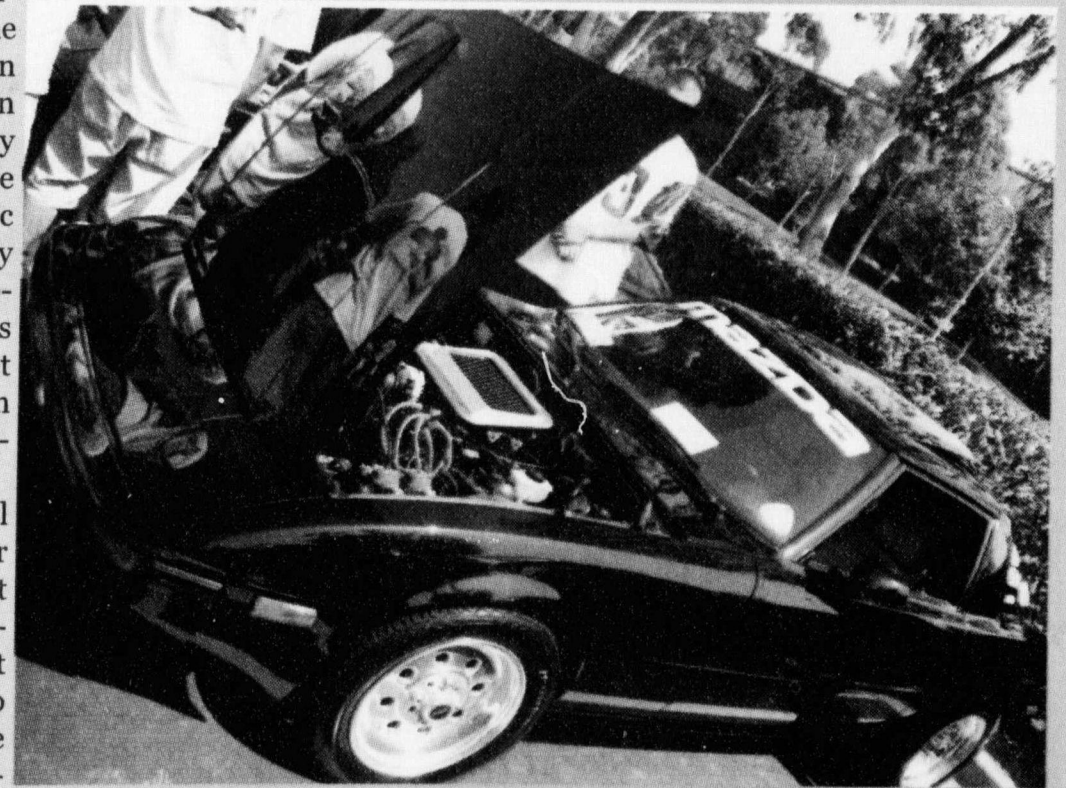
people who own older cars and care about them shouldn't have a problem passing smog tests because they care for and maintain their cars religiously. Thus they wouldn't be the ones affected by the bill. Instead, those affected would be those who neglect their cars. This bill also attributes a large portion of air pollution to older cars, which, again, would seem logical upon first inspection by the uninformed citizen.

Unfortunately, these skewed "facts" are where Sally Lieber and her bill diverge slightly from reality. It is for this exact reason that Lieber's proposal is incomplete and so inferior to my own. In her research for her bill, Lieber neglects the fact that there are far fewer older cars on the road than newer cars. She also neglects the fact that this small amount cars is driven on average much less distance annually compared to newer cars. The third and largest reason that this bill is such an outrage, is that Sally Lieber neglects to take into account the drastic effects this bill is really going to have on car hobbyists everywhere, as well as the drastic effect that it is going to have on the part of American culture that is cars.

Lieber's bill specifically targets car enthusiasts. Why is it going to affect car enthusiast so negatively? First of all, it is important to know that in the late 1970's, the smog requirements went up tenfold, and car companies could barely make their cars pass smog fresh off of the production line. After 25 or 30 years of wear and tear, there is almost no way many of these cars are going to be able to pass such stringent requirements. To get them to pass, enthusiasts are either going to have to have to spend countless dollars

updating their emissions systems with more modern ones, or are going to have to give up their cars, even if the car is perfectly maintained. On top of creating much unneeded difficulty for car hobbyists, this bill scares away many amateurs and enthusiasts who would otherwise take more interest in the hobby if it was more affordable. My proposal goes beyond Lieber's, in that not only enthusiasts are targeted, but all drivers.

I'm sure by now that you are wondering what more intelligent, fair and effective approach I propose to take, that targets everybody in the same way Lieber's bill targets only car enthusiasts. I used Lieber's logic as a base, but then extended it so that everyone may bask in its glory. Why should anyone be excluded by Lieber's bill? My proposal is simple. Remove all stoplights and



*All Mazda Rx-7's are affected because they were first released in 1979*

drive-thru's in California. Why would this be effective? The answer is as follows:

Like Lieber, I tried to find a source of pollution. Although most of my research is estimation and not really based in explicit experimenta-

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*The real problem...*

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tion (just as Lieber's 'facts' are not always perfect) it is close enough to use for my proposal. At an average stoplight in California, there are ten cars parked idling at any given time. For 24 hours a day, there are ten cars idling. That is 240 hours of idling per stoplight per day. At the average drive-thru at fast food restaurants, there are 3 cars idling for 18 hours a day, adding an additional 54 hours of idling per day per drive-thru. There are an estimated 1 million intersections and 50,000 drive-thru's in California. This is approximately 250 million hours of idling per 24 hour period. This causes an unreasonable amount of unnecessary emissions, that could easily be avoided if the traffic were just allowed to flow through the intersections uninterrupted and people were forced to turn their cars off while getting fast food. It would result in less total driving time, and therefore less pollution.

Like Lieber, I thought getting more cars off the road was a good idea too. But why just stop at just old cars? Why not every car? Every car pollutes, so the less there are, the less pollution there is. My proposal would not only get more old cars off the road, but it would also get many new cars off the road, as many drivers would inevitably crash at each intersection every day. Unlike Lieber's poor proposal that targets people with a particular interest, my proposal would put the responsibility on everybody. It would be more fair as well, as everyone's car would be on the line, and not just those cars that belong to car enthusiasts.

This proposal would have other added benefits as well. The first is that it would stress defensive and attentive driving practices. It will also cause people to drive their cars less for fear of being hit. This again will work in favor of the environment. And these are good things. These are what Lieber would have wanted. Why should the

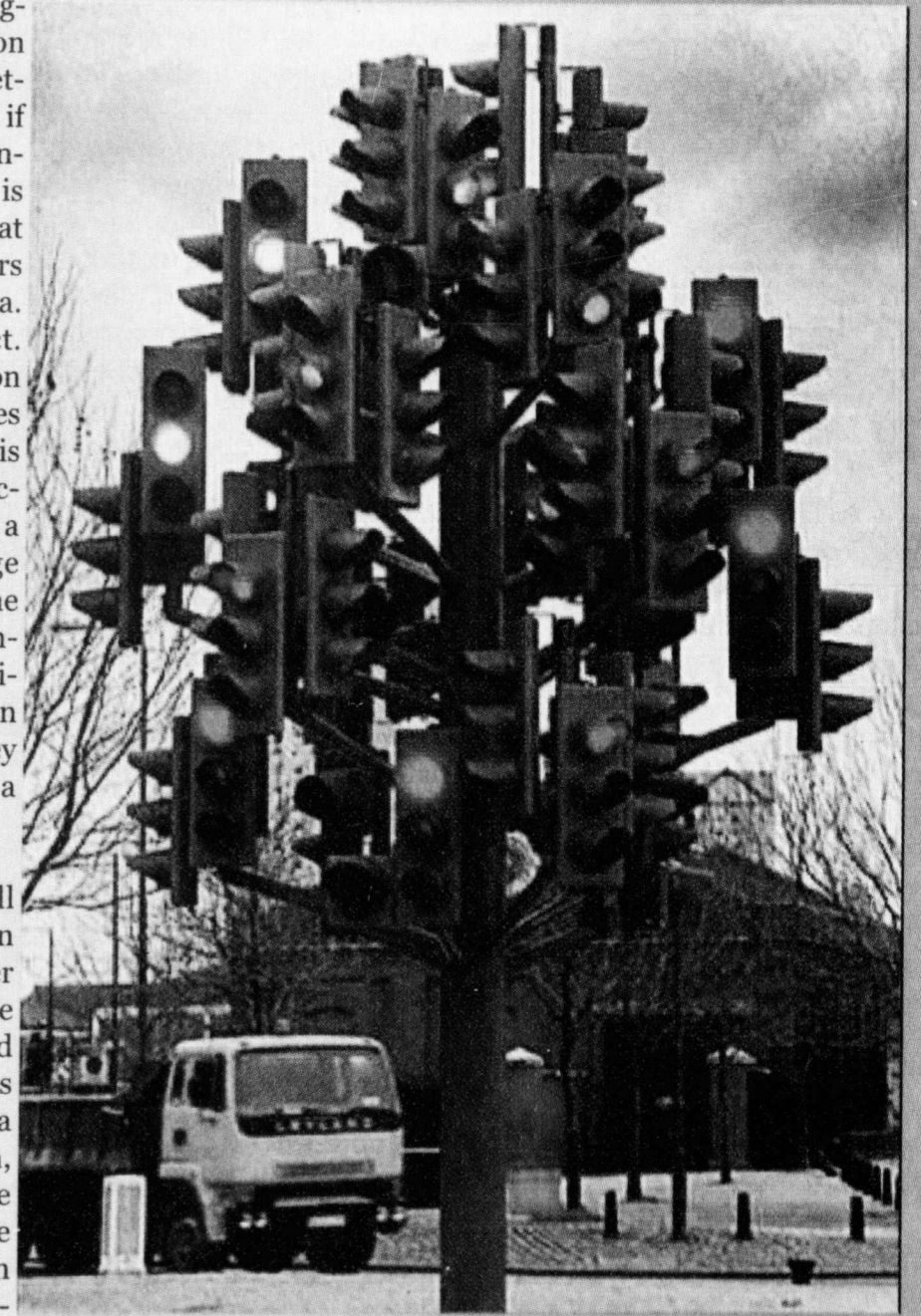
environment suffer a little bit when society can bend over backwards to make a minute difference?

So what do we learn from this? For a moment, let's pretend that my proposal was passed into law. How would you, the reader, feel? Chances are high that you would feel exactly as the car enthusiasts do now. You would feel as if ridiculous and unnecessary regulations have been placed on you, when there are so many better solutions. You would feel as if your life was being micromanaged down to the last detail. It is a commonly believed fallacy that cars are the largest contributors of air pollution in California. This is simply incorrect. Industrial and airline pollution account for roughly ten times the air pollution as cars. What is the point of imposing restrictions on a few cars owned by a few people when the large majority of air pollution is the result of big businesses and commercial enterprise? Car enthusiasts feel that the finger has been pointed at them because they have to take the blame for a problem that is not their fault.

Overall, Lieber's bill addresses a serious issue, but in completely the wrong way. Her bill leads to a barely noticeable difference in air quality, and absolutely ravages car hobbyists everywhere. This bill selects a small percent of the population, destroys their ability to partake in their interests, and has little to no environmental gain. In America, we call this discrimination.

How could someone pass

this bill and so blindly buy into its foolishness, especially when there are better, more effective alternatives? Do not fall under the spell of Lieber's bill by falsely blaming old cars for air pollution caused by so many other sources. If we don't come to the realization soon that A.B. 2683 is not the way to go about solving the air quality problems in California, we might someday *really* wonder where all the stoplights went.



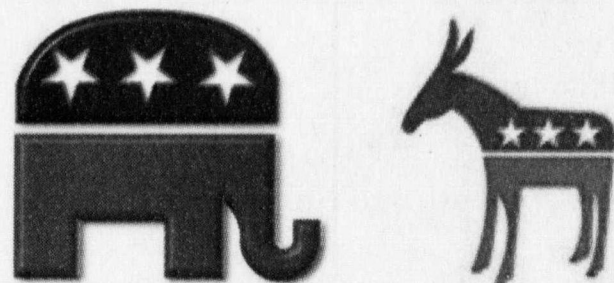
*Where have all the stoplights gone?*

# CALIFORNIA PROPOSITIONS: WHAT'S WHAT?

By Ashley Aluisi  
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With the 2004 election being only inches away, California's ballot is being flooded with one proposition after another.

## Proposition 62



A favorite and controversial proposition this election season is Proposition 62: Primary elections. By voting in favor of this proposition, the top two candidates will be placed on the election ballot, regardless of how a voter or candidate is registered. It allows for an open primary in which party affiliations mean nothing. All registered voters vote amongst all candidates in the primary and the top two move on to the general election. For example, both candidates running in the election could be Democrats, (and that's a scary thought!) Where did this idea come from? It is derived from Louisiana's extremist election system. Resulting from nothing but "dirty politics", it helped KKK leader David Duke run for Governor. It also eliminates voter choice, what should be a fundamental right of all Californians. The choice should be obvious: Vote NO on Prop 62.

## Proposition 68

Another hot topic is non-tribal and Indian gaming as seen in Prop. 68. This proposition

means the Governor is authorized to negotiate tribal compact amendments so Indian tribes would pay 25% of slot machines to the government fund and comply with multiple state laws. If the compacted tribes do not comply unanimously within 90 days, sixteen specified non-tribal race-tracks and gambling establishments would occupy California paying 33% of net revenues to the government fund. However, the ironic part of this proposition is that it authorizes the Governor to make all these deals, yet he doesn't even support it himself. Basically, this proposition would allow sixteen non-Indian gaming facilities to come into California's urban areas, near schools, major streets, and freeways. These casinos do not increase revenue for California but makes them exempt from further increases in state and local taxes, as well as increases crime and traffic for Californians. Governor Schwarzenegger is already working with Tribal Casinos, and this would undercut everything he has done. NO on PROP 68

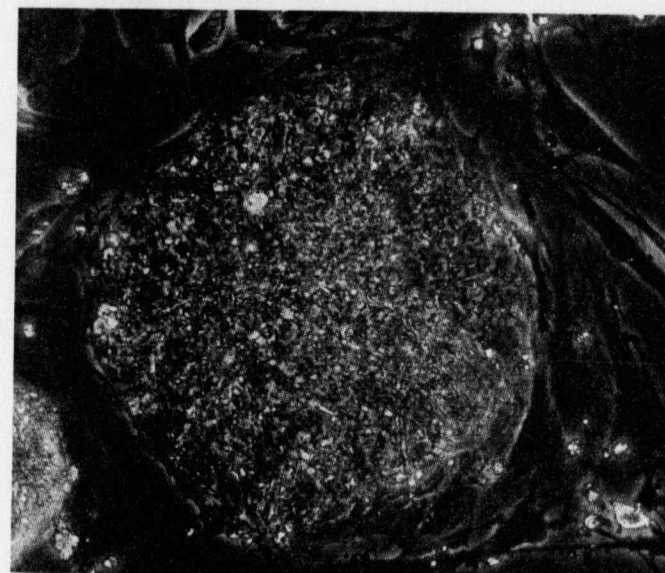


## Proposition 70

Proposition 70 is the other ballot measure dealing with Indian gaming. Upon approval of this particular measure, the Governor must execute a 99-year gaming compact. This compact would grant exclusive gaming rights with no limits on machines, facilities, or types of games. Tribes would contribute a percentage of income to

the state fund, but if non-tribal casinos were permitted then they would no longer pay that percentage. These contributions are also in lieu of any other fees, taxes and levies. After recent negotiations with tribes and working out deals that are best for the tribal community and state, proposition 70 would destroy every effort for making deals fair and agreeable. It is supported by the wealthy Indian-gaming groups, as it would put a 99 year monopoly on the state controlling and allowing only minimal amount of money to be past to the state fund, when already the tribes are paying so little. It would also lead to an unlimited amount of gaming casinos to be built, which will result in crime, traffic congestion and environmental problems. VOTE NO on Prop 70!

## Proposition 71



One of the most contentious propositions is Proposition 71: the California Stem Cell Measure. Prop. 71 would fund the cloning of human embryos, but refers to it as "somatic cell nuclear transfer" in order to allegedly increase research, cure diseases, cut California's health care costs, and provide more jobs. But the reality is that Proposition 71 undermines the value of human life by cloning a human embryo, and in fact, research success will be minimal, as well as the increase in job opportunity. Finally this measure will only further burden the state of California with more debt. The supporters of Prop. 71 like to downplay

the idea of a human embryo being cloned by referring to the process as being "somatic cell nuclear research." Regardless of the fancy political terminology, the fact of the matter is a human embryo is still being reproduced through cloning. This is unnatural and morally, as well as religiously, wrong. Other attempts of nonhuman animals research has produced limited results. Furthermore, in August of 2001 President Bush authorized federal funding on research on existing embryonic stem cell lines with very little success. Finally, the \$3 billion that this research project will cost California taxpayers will only provide opportunities to its private investors and drag our state into further debt for a lost cause. This proposition is not worth the time or money. Vote NO on Prop 71.

### Summary of the California Review's stance on propositions

#### Statewide

Proposition 1A	- Yes
Proposition 59	- Yes
Proposition 60	- Yes
Proposition 60A	- Yes
Proposition 61	- No
Proposition 62	- No
Proposition 63	- No
Proposition 64	- Yes
Proposition 65	- No
Proposition 66	- No
Proposition 67	- No
Proposition 68	- No
Proposition 69	- Yes
Proposition 70	- No
Proposition 71	- No
Proposition 72	- No

#### Citywide

J	- No
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Y	- No

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## Parting Thoughts...



*"The most cogent reason for restricting the interference of government is the great evil of adding unnecessarily to its power."*

- John Stewart Mill

*"The power to tax is the power to destroy. A government which lays taxes on the people not required by urgent public necessity and sound public policy is not a protector of liberty, but an instrument of tyranny."*

- Calvin Coolidge



*"Republicans believe every day is the 4th of July, but the Democrats believe every day is April 15."*

- Ronald Reagan



*"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."*

- Benjamin Franklin

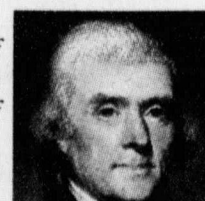


*"All that is necessary for evil to succeed is for good men to do nothing."*

- Edmund Burke

*"I think we have more machinery of government than is necessary, too many parasites living on the labor of the industrious."*

- Thomas Jefferson



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## Enemies of Democracy Silenced as Iraq Holds First Election



*Is that oil in your pocket?*

*(Or are you just happy to see me?)*

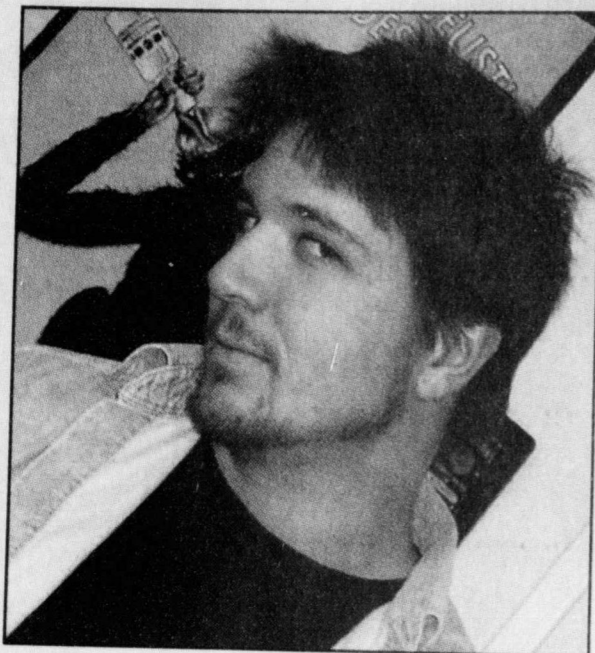


Reforms to Look For

# GET OVER IT

By Christopher J. Fennell  
Editor in Chief

2005 will be the year the world remembers as the one where President Bush followed through with his promise. Iraq held free elections on the promised date and had a higher turnout than the elections that solidified the republican's hold on the United States just three months prior.



numerous times that the pending conflict in Iran is a diplomatic, not military, one.

There is one good side of the Iranian story however, they do not have nuclear arms. At least, they are not admitting it if they do. North Korea on the other hand issued a public statement saying, "We ... have manufactured nukes for self-defense to cope with the Bush administration's evermore undisguised policy to isolate and stifle the

(North)."

This blatant disregard for international policy is likely to lead to UN sanctions. WE all know how well these sanctions played out in the Iraqi situation. It seems that a future conflict is inevitable. The world seems to be quite a scary place for American's at the moment.

If you are planning on traveling abroad there are two nations that are perhaps a good idea to steer clear of.

The United States is in the middle of an interesting cunundrum. There is a definate hostil-

ity towards us from specific nations, and yet we are unable to do anything other than have "diplomatic talks" with either of these nations. North Korea has even gone so far as to cease multi-lateral negotiations because of a

claimed "hostile" United States policy. Seeing what these nations are working on, it doesn't seem that it is the United States policy that is hostile.

The war in Iraq has proved to be an absolute success. Of course there have been casualties, but this is the course of war. On the whole there is no an additional democratic foothold in the Middle-East and a horrible dictator, Hussein, has been removed from power.

Recent developments have however pointed to the next series of threats. These threats are in fact the very nations that many believed to be of higher interest than Iraq before Operation Iraqi Freedom began. Iran and North Korea have both recently released statements that threaten the American people.

Iran has promised a "burning hell" for any aggressors coming into their nation. Tens of thousands of Iranian citizens chanted "Death to America!" while gathering on the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their

Tens of thousands of Iranian citizens chanted "Death to America!" while gathering on the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Islamic revolution.

Islamic revolution. Apparently, we have a little more work to do as far as our international image is concerned. President Bush along with Secretary of State Codoleezza Rice have reiterated

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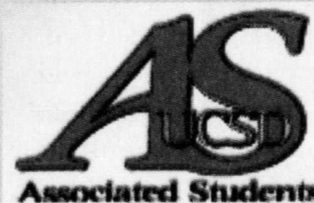
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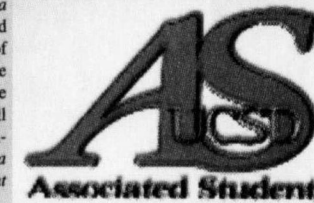
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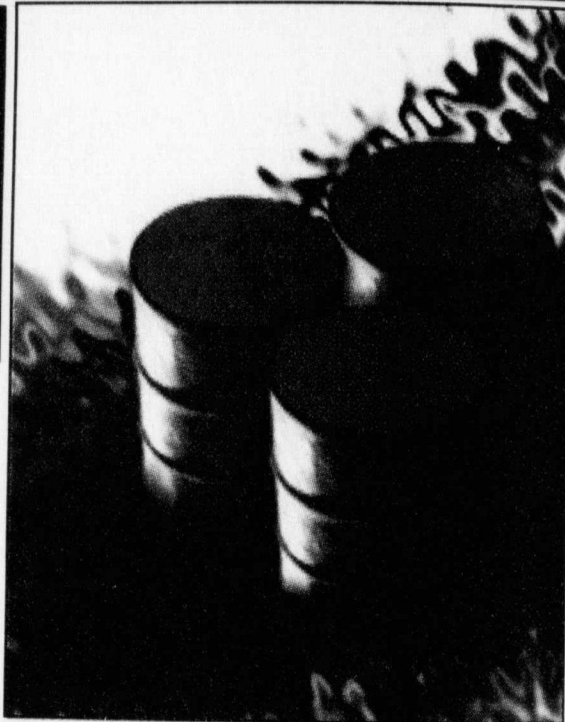
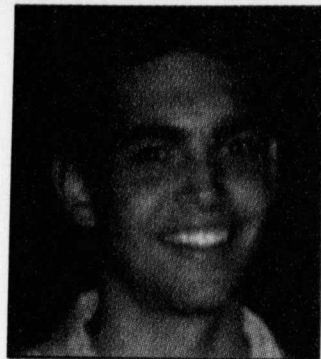
# CAUGHT WITH THEIR HANDS IN THE OIL BARREL

By Jonathan Israel  
Assistant Editor

Imagine an organization composed of nations devoted to world order and has become an international vehicle for appeasement – providing a disguise of nobility to dictators while attempting to confront peace threats with resolutions, WMD with inspections, mass death with little blue moving targets – where the option of war is never considered and multilateral negotiations are never fully exhausted despite their ineffectiveness. Add financial scandal to incompetence and you've got the United Nations.

It now makes perfect sense why the United Nations opposed the ousting of Saddam Hussein despite its numerous resolutions threatening "serious consequences" for his continued defiance. The Oil for Food program, originally set up to deliver humanitarian aid to the Iraqis, in the hands of the UN, has turned into one of the biggest scandals in history. Everything has a price, including the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan. These are the facts as reported by National Review's Nile Gardiner:

*"Saddam's dictatorship was able to siphon an estimated \$21.3 billion from the program through oil smuggling and systematic thievery, by demanding illegal payments from companies buying Iraqi oil and kickbacks from those selling goods to Iraq. All this took place under noses of U.N. bureaucrats: According to the report of U.S. weapons inspector Charles Duelfer, Benon Sevan – Annan's appointee as executive director of the Iraq program – received from Saddam a voucher for 13 million barrels of oil."*



The UN is now conducting an independent investigation into whether or not there was any misconduct regarding the Oil for Food program. I suppose opening their wallets and noticing them stuffed with money amounts to an "independent investigation." On second thought, even that might be too difficult a task. Let's not forget, these are the same investigative geniuses who couldn't find WMD in Iraq, who were apparently getting pimped by Saddam Hussein, and who probably wouldn't be able to find little boys in Michael Jackson's bedroom.

As you might expect, we have yet to hear of any significant findings of the independent investigation of Oil for Food – but that is not to say that none have been found. Paul Volcker, the man appointed by Annan to run the investigation, has so far refused to release 55 internal UN audits of Oil for Food. Volcker, whose former director of communications and UN employee was forced to resign after publicly comparing President Bush to Osama bin-Laden, has shot down all attempts to have UN officials appear to testify before Congress (also as reported in National Review). If only

Scott Peterson knew it was this easy – he could have just conducted his own "independent investigation" into whether or not he murdered his wife and unborn child, refused to testify, and the whole thing could have been swept under the rug.

But it won't be that easy. The UN was caught with their hands in the oil barrel. We now know why the UN didn't and never would support our actions in Iraq. The UN's anti-American agenda of bashing our president, of propping up our enemies, and of undermining America's ability to judge its own national security concerns is as clear as day.

Kofi Annan's son, Kojo, is also being investigated for his involvement with Cotecna, a company hired to inspect shipments to Iraq under Oil for Food. Kojo apparently worked for the company as a paid consultant and prior to that, as a senior member of its staff. This is how it worked: Saddam Hussein had contracts with contractors in which he would buy overpriced goods from them, and in return they would kickback some of the profits to Saddam's regime. The UN claims to have overlooked this minor detail and refuses to hand over documentation. This is the organization to which the Democrats were so willing to outsource our national security.

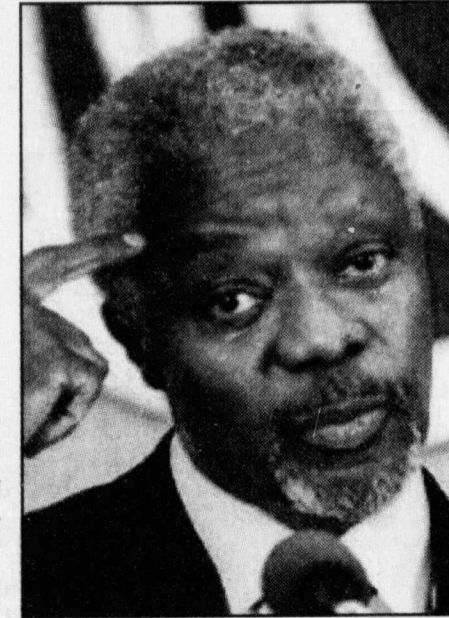
President Bush is surprisingly not calling for Kofi Annan's resignation. I understand why he's not, and to be honest, I'm torn. Not only do I want to see Annan resign, I think he and everyone involved should be indicted and jailed. But now Bush has him by the balls – Bush figures that instead of replacing Annan with another anti-American Secretary General with a clean slate, he might as well take advantage of the situation Annan is in, and use it to our benefit.

It's a little more than curious why the party, that has a seemingly inherent predisposition to lend credibility to the most far-fetched conspiracy theories, has yet to offer any significant scrutiny to this incredible

scandal. In psychology, this is referred to as the projection tactic – they know what they are capable of, and in-turn project that onto the Republicans. Where is the evidence that George Bush took us to war for his oil buddies? Or that there are connections between the Bush family and bin Laden family? Or that Bush stole the last two elections? Or that Dick Cheney cares more about a company he no longer runs than his own country? But when CBS, in cooperation with the DNC, acquired forged documents to tarnish the reputation of our sitting president, it's just an honest mistake. And when early exit polling in the last election had John Kerry winning by a

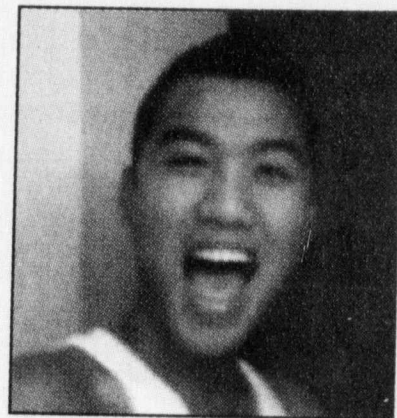
mile, it's a freak incident.

The Democrats and the corrupt UN bureaucrats were both arguing that the Bush Administration should give diplomacy more of a chance. They were both insisting that the inspections were working. They were both adamant about the United States not going into Iraq without the backing of the UN. They both tried to undermine President Bush by openly opposing our military actions. At least the people at the UN were getting paid – what's the Democrats' excuse???



# SOCIAL SECURITY AND THE REFORMS THAT WILL MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU!

By Russell Bui  
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Social Security is by far, one of the greatest achievements that have ever spawned from the American government. It is a program that ensures the welfare of our long-working citizens as well as crediting them for their time in the workforce. Although this program is relatively young, new era circumstances call for congenial reform.

Even though the program as is works very well for our present day seniors and retirees, it does not work so well for those whom are retiring from 2010 until 2070 where the Baby Boom generation is projected to reap the Social Security benefits. Certain generational fixtures such as Rogaine and Viagra are feasibly accessible to everyone, but the proposition to reform Social Security is not as easy for everyone to grasp.

We are very comfortable with our Social Security program right now, because back in 1950 there was approximately 15 workers to support one beneficiary of Social Security. And now, 54 years later, the number of workers has declined to approximately 3 workers to one beneficiary. By the time our fresh college graduates just entering the workforce retire, there will only be approximately 2 workers to one beneficiary. Because of these dramatic demographic changes, our current Social Security system will not be able to financially support these benefits without resorting to enormous payroll tax increases.

The Social Security payroll tax, which was once 2%, is now a staggering 12%. For those of us fresh into the workforce, that number could rise to 18%. The 2004 report of the Social Security Trustees estimates the present value of Social

Security's permanent deficit – above and beyond all future payroll taxes to be paid by American workers – at more than \$10 trillion.

So what will this reform prospectively do and what does it consist of? To put present retirees at ease, the projected reform will not affect their benefits presently. The goal for this reform is to gracefully welcome the Baby Boom generation to retirement, giving them the parallel if not better benefits their mother's and father's had received before them minus the dramatic increase of payroll taxes to achieve this goal. The reform suggests alternative sources to place funds, such as personal accounts. These personal accounts will provide ownership, choice, and the opportunity for workers to have more control and responsibility for their finances, as well as give them an opportunity to build a nest egg for themselves and for their children. It is also encouraged to have personal accounts, since there are no added costs faced as Social Security taxes do have external costs. If workers rather not have personal accounts, then the Social Security benefits will suffice.

The bottom line is, leaving the Social Security system as is will not be progressive, but indebted to our future generations. By ignoring demographic trends and neglecting financial predictions to these demographics, we, the entering working class will be placing ourselves in the \$10 trillion dollar tax deficit that we could have avoided 60 something years prior. Yes, the program has been solid, but it was drafted in 1935.



# THE YEAR OF THE WEBLOG

2004 brought about the advent of the amateur political commentator. Most often found on the web, these individuals have created quite a stir.

By Travis Weinger  
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The year of 2004 is a landmark for many reasons- the clear reelection of George W. Bush, the establishment of democracy in Afghanistan and the beginnings of democracy in the Arab Middle East, the earthquake and tsunami that has ravaged the nations along the Indian Ocean. One story that the media would soon have you forget, though, is the remarkable fall of Dan Rather.

That story is the story of the disgrace of one of the most powerful members of the media at the hands of a few ordinary people on the internet. The implications of that story are profound- the liberal media elite no longer can report what it wants to, how it wants to, without fear. With the advent of blogging, we finally have an alternative to and a watchdog for the Dan Rathers of the media today.

It comes as no surprise to any reader of the mainstream media that liberal bias is overwhelming in today's press. Reuters calls Islamic terrorists "activists". Michael Moore is lionized for his "documentaries". Stories of success from Iraq are ignored and marginalized.

Fortunately, a number of everyday conservatives have taken to the internet to redress this imbalance. Through the use of weblogs (com-

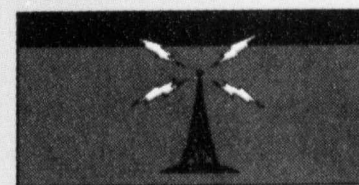
monly referred to as "blogs"), conservatives outside the media elite can share what they feel are important news stories, expound on political or philosophical topics, and, quite possibly, help end leftist hegemony in the media.

Before its central role in exposing Dan Rather's use of forged documents in an attempt to discredit George W. Bush's National Guard service, the conservative "blogosphere", as it is referred to, was largely ignored by the mainstream media. Ever since, conservative blogs have become an object of derision in the mainstream media, and the official line given is that they are amateurish and biased.

Amateurs? Yes, conservative bloggers are amateurs. They do not take orders from the liberal establishment. Biased? Yes. Their candor is refreshing when compared to the mainstream media's bogus claims of impartiality. And as Rathergate proved, neither bloggers' amateur credentials or their conservative viewpoints prevent them from exposing the excesses and the abuses of the liberal media.

Though there are hundreds of thousands of blogs online and the number is constantly growing, there are a handful of leaders in the field. Three of the most prominent blogs today are Little Green Footballs ([www.littlegreenfootballs.com](http://www.littlegreenfootballs.com)), Instapundit ([www.instapundit.com](http://www.instapundit.com)), and Powerline ([www.powerlineblog.com](http://www.powerlineblog.com)). Instapundit is considered the father of all blogs, and most conservative blogs of note are linked from his website. Little Green Footballs and Powerline are two of the blogs that took a leading stand in exposing the Rathergate scandal. Any of those three sites will be an excellent gateway into the world of conservative blogging, though my personal favorite is Little Green Footballs.

If you're interested in a witty and interesting take on today's top stories close that copy of The New York Times and head on over to one of these websites. The viewpoint might be awfully refreshing. Especially when compared to the usual leftist blather we are so often subjected to.





# Why I am Republican

## The Formation of a Newcomer's Beliefs

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The 2004 Presidential Election: sounds like a dream come true for a political science enthusiast who enjoys watching C-Span during study breaks. The election was a time of fulfillment for my passion in regards to politics and an opportunity for a person such as me to actively participate in the numerous activities it dispersed at the local level. More fundamentally, it would open a route for deep political analysis at its every stage ranging from political campaigning and presidential debates to political endorsements and fundraisers. In short, the election was a time for me to let loose of my fascination for politics that had built up inside me ever since I found myself trapped in an ongoing interest and analysis of American government.

It should be noted that I was not necessarily a neutral onlooker to the activities that preceded this election. I, too, had my personal preferences for one of the candidates, and it did not arise as a result of campaigns but rather as a product of my gut feeling, experience, and personal interest. My choice was undisputed and could not have been converted by any force that surrounded me: I was clearly in favor of the reelection of our current commander in chief George W. Bush. Beside from this kind of static preference, I still felt myself surrounded by disturbing forces from within and without my environment that created a certain sense of discomfort, guilt, and sometimes even disillusionment that were put at the forefront of my thoughts in this election: it was not the candidates themselves that were the focal point of my analysis, but rather the characteristics of those individuals who supported such candidates.

I might seem as somewhat of a unique case

for individuals who ask themselves: why is she so interested in this whole process? This questioning might seem somewhat obsolete during a historical presidential election but tends to be quite logical in its reasoning if one looks at my case specifically. I moved to this country nearly five years ago from a small town located at the heart of Austria called

Graz. As charismatic as it was, I did develop a deep love for this beautiful country that gave me so much for which I am grateful for now. While I was still living in Austria, I had the privilege to familiarize myself with American culture and the American way of life as it was exercised and experienced through yearly holiday trips to California. As an onlooker that was surrounded by a completely different culture, I developed an intense appreciation and attraction for the United States and the day my family and I decided to move to the United States was the most important and crucial thing that had ever happened to me: it was as if my dream neared itself to an unimaginable reality.

For me, the United States was not just an ordinary country: it was a place in which my dreams had the highest potential of fulfillment, and I certainly was aware of that from the start. As I found myself on the soil of the United States as an immigrant, I knew that my heart and soul would find its origins to Austria, but I also knew that my future would be linked to the United States: this thought felt extremely liberating. It would be quite paradoxical to present myself as an American patriot since I am clearly not an American: but it is my deepest appreciation for

this country for which this term might not seem so undisputable. Instead, what becomes a major priority is a reminder and gratefulness of the opportunities that are laid out for me and every single other individual who shares my beliefs. What felt more comforting was a sense of gratitude for my life that evolved in me as a result of my new lifestyle. I was surrounded with a people whose graciousness and helpfulness could not be compared to any other. The educational system that it provides, in this case UCSD, is something that I simply do not take for granted but enjoy every single day as my life progresses. What has changed in my life is a daily approach of gratitude as opposed to complaining as it often was before.

This kind of experience does correlate very well with my political views in regards to this nation. In a nutshell, I am one who believes that Americans should be grateful of opportunities that they even don't know they possess and take advantage of. I believe in an early teaching of moral values especially those that are enriched and ornamented by a healthy family life which consists of caring mothers and fathers that teach their children to follow a path of gratitude and patriotism. I am one who believes in the right of independence and self-sufficiency as well as personal flourishing in all aspects of life, especially the work-related sector. In

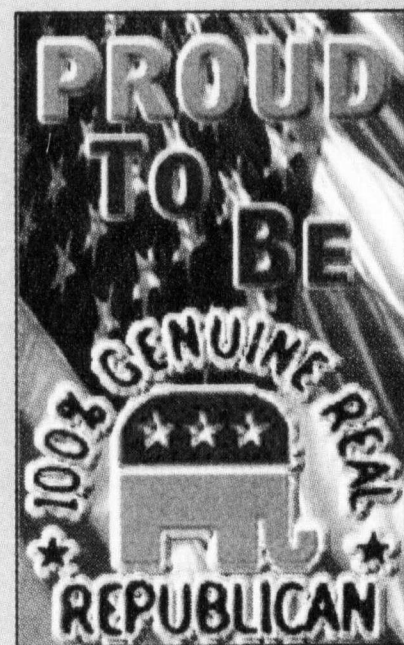
short, I am an advocate of the American Dream and have chosen my corresponding party: the Republican Party. I have understood that Republicans more than any others find themselves guided by moral values that are often deeply rooted in family and religion without interfering religion in political matters but as a personal ethical guide. I have become aware of the fact that Republicans value their country more than others and celebrate it often symbolically with a lively presentation of its flag. I have understood that it is Republicans that look upon healthy families as an important base for a prosperous society. Last but not least, I have understood that Republicans' attitude towards life matches with their economic attitudes which is self-sufficiency in a flourishing capitalist system in which individ-

uals are not restrained to prosper by external forces such as the government, but have the freedom to prosper through their own potential.

As someone coming from Europe, I have found myself as a victim of stereo-typing who is automatically thought of as holding anti-American views, which in turn was also often correlated with anti-Bush sentiments. Since this type of judgment holds within it negative connotations regarding the views of Europeans and immigrants in general, I found this argument quite unreasonable often leading to the point of naiveté. As a European immigrant, it always seemed very logical that I would uphold the American environment with pride and fascination.

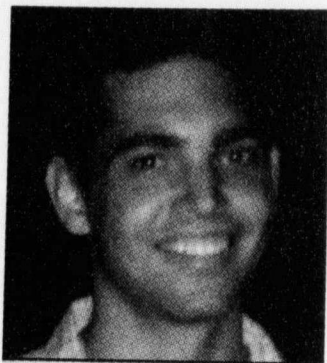
It is us newcomers that do not look upon this nation as a given, but as one that has been newly constructed and on its path close to perfection. I do not take for granted the liberties and freedoms guaranteed by the constitution that I now live by, enjoy, and uphold. Furthermore, I do not take for granted the ability to be able to live in an environment in which race or gender are not seen as primordial characteristics etched in stone. I do not take for granted my unlimited ability to prosper economically, educationally, and socially. Within all these arguments, I am most aware of

the fact that it is the Republican Party at its best that looks upon such American characteristics as its platform and works for such values in the future. As I can easily relate to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who also as an immigrant from the city of Graz in Austria took note of the availability of opportunities present in the American environment, I know that the principles of the Republican Party are those that will guide and shape me towards achieving my dreams and full potential in the future. As Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's fascinating speech during the Republican Convention signified, the Republican Party upholds the core of American ideals that have made the United States what it is now and serves a commonplace for those who are interested in prospering in such an environment.



# THE OTHER DONALD

By Jonathan Israel  
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When I think about the recent presidential election, I think of Richard Simmons fighting Mike Tyson (or, if you prefer, Dennis Kucinich fighting Arnold Schwarzenegger). The Democrats put up their best fight of biting and scratching, but the Republicans still knocked the asses on their asses. However, this was not a victory for Republicans; it was a victory for Conservatism. It was 60 million people saying that they want George W. Bush for four more years because they want to see victory in the War on Terror as they trust him and his team to do it. But now a handful of Republicans are calling for the resignation of a key member of Bush's team: Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld. As far as I know, none of these Republicans opposed Bush's reelection, knowing fully well that Rumsfeld would be asked to serve another term. So why are these Republicans slapping the American people in the face? Why are certain spineless Republicans trying to satisfy the side that the American people so actively *did not* choose to run the country?

Controversy arose when a soldier in Kuwait asked the defense secretary about the lack of armor for their humvees prompting the applause of the other soldiers. Rumsfeld responded by saying that the government is doing everything it can to get them the best equipment available but in war, you have to go with the army you have, again the soldiers applauded. His answer was not gift-wrapped; it was the pure reality of war. There's something very wrong with this situation, and it doesn't involve Rumsfeld. The problem here is this: the question wasn't actually the soldier's own – it was

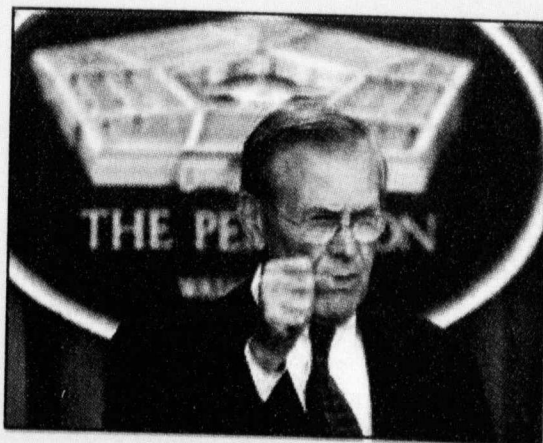
thought up by an arrogant reporter embedded with the troops who apparently felt the soldiers were too stupid to formulate their own questions (wanna bet he's a Democrat?). The only thing out of place here is a reporter that saw an opportunity to get his name in the papers and decided to make the news instead of report the news. Nevertheless, this "reporter" is being praised by the mainstream media for exposing the lack of concern by Rumsfeld and the Bush administration about the safety of our soldiers. Since Rumsfeld has many of these sessions with the troops, where he specifically instructs them to ask difficult questions, I find it more than a little asinine to assume that this issue wouldn't arise without the self-serving assistance of this so-called "reporter."

But Republicans John McCain, Chuck Hagel, Susan Collins, and Trent Lott are outraged by Donald Rumsfeld's response. Chuck Hagel said the troops deserve better than a flippant answer from their secretary of defense. Well Senator, why don't you tell our soldiers what Rumsfeld should have said, considering it's YOU COWARDS IN THE SENATE that control the funding, the equipment, and the troop levels. You are so quick to roll over on Rumsfeld when the media starts to frenzy. If you feel that strongly about it then perhaps you should propose a bill

instead of sitting on your thumb all day long! These cowards are so quick to make Rumsfeld their sacrificial lamb because he didn't sugarcoat his answer or dodge the question by veering off on some irrelevant tangent like most of our politicians do. Our soldiers are emerged in the brutal-

ity of war everyday – they don't want to be babied or fantasized. That's why they applauded.

Democratic pawn and Senator John



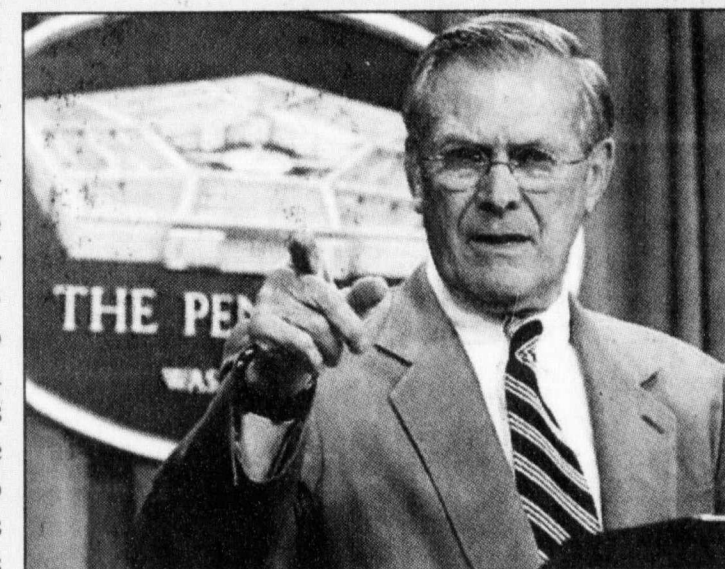
McCain is one that never sits on his thumb – when he's not serving as a Democratic tool to show disunity within the Republican Party, he is busy writing up useless and irrelevant legislation. McCain is the kind of guy you hate to have on your side because he won't stop fraternizing with the enemy. McCain's greatest accomplishment was Campaign Finance Reform: a bill meant to get the money out of politics at the expense of our First Amendment rights. Considering we've had more money in the recent election than in any other election in U.S. history, Campaign Finance reform proved to be as useful as democracy for liberals. But McCain doesn't let his past miserable failures impede his determination to tend to our nation's most urgent need – establishing a National Boxing Commission. McCain has threatened to obstruct all business in the Senate until he gets his boxing commission. It's nice to know that between hissy fits, McCain still finds the time to criticize the way Rumsfeld does his job.

Senator Collins and Senator Lott have also jumped on the "cut Rumsfeld not armor" bandwagon. Senator Collins, who is less concerned about our domestic security, is "troubled" at the Secretary's remarks. Senator Collins opposed limiting the distribution of legal driver's licenses to illegal immigrants. According to Senator Collins, the fact that 19 hijackers, here illegally, were able to board our planes with valid driver's licenses isn't nearly as "troubling" as Rumsfeld following the defense budget *that she signed*.

As for the question about whether or not the troops need more armor I have no idea; I am no military expert nor am I arrogant enough to claim to know how much equipment our soldiers need to do their job. But I do know this: I trust Donald Rumsfeld is doing all he can for our men and women overseas. I trust the soldiers who applauded Rumsfeld's response who use those sessions to tell Rumsfeld what they need. I trust Rumsfeld, the former Navy pilot and previous Secretary of Defense, over John McCain, Chuck Hagel, Susan Collins, Trent Lott and all the Democrats who voted for funding our troops before they voted against it. As far as I know, I don't remember any war where we've had all the armor and equipment we've wanted. To say we have all the equipment we need is comparable to

saying we have too few casualties or too little Barbara Streisand.

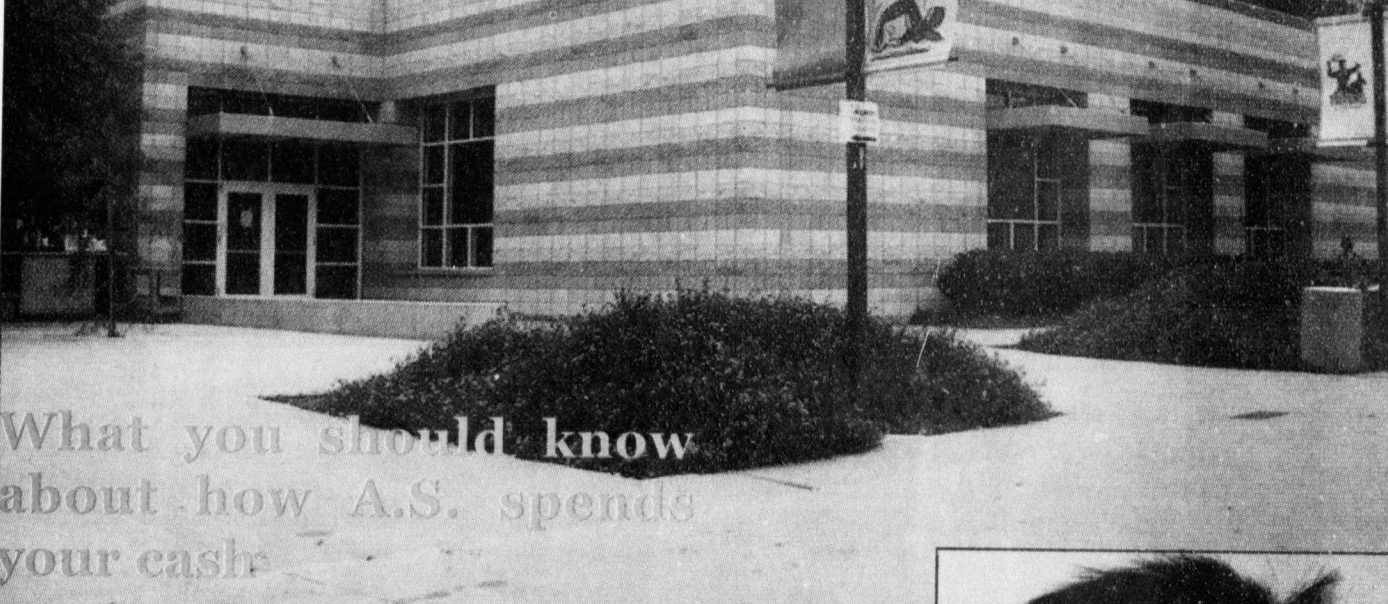
These claims for Rumsfeld's head are unjustified. Critics said that Afghanistan would be impossible – that the Soviets couldn't do it and



neither could we; Rumsfeld proved them wrong. The critics of Iraq said similar things projecting U.S. casualties in the hundreds of thousands; Rumsfeld proved them wrong. Even Al Franken, in his deranged sense of reality, is forced to acknowledge this fact referring to our servicemen in Iraq as "Clinton's military." Whenever something good happens liberals are always trying to steal the credit – remember when Al Gore said he invented the Internet? (I wish I were joking.)

I was listening to Rush Limbaugh's radio show the other day and a caller called up and told a story about Rumsfeld. "My husband was there," she began "stationed at the Pentagon – and Don Rumsfeld sent out a statement that everybody would be at work the next day, and the building was burning, and there was smoke in the building, but they were safe, and they were there, and they were making a statement, and for an entire week my husband was there while the building was burning because Donald Rumsfeld was not going to move – and *that's* the reason why people don't like him, because he has this character and because he's not movable, and I stand behind him 100% as a military wife, and so does my husband. I have the highest respect for him. He's a man of courage. He's a man of principle, and that's why they're after him."

# WHERE is YOUR MONEY GOING?!

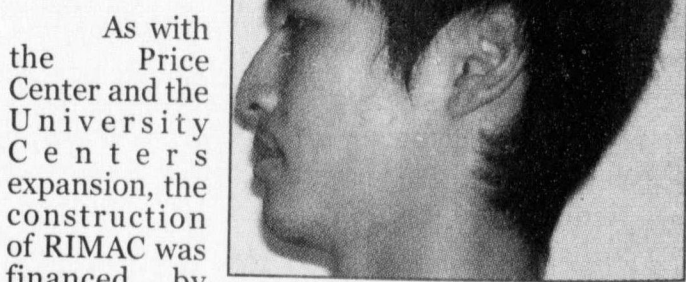


What you should know about how A.S. spends your cash

By Brian Nguyen  
Staff Writer

to us free of charge.

It's not.



As with the Price Center and the University Centers expansion, the construction of RIMAC was financed by UCSD students. Although the original construction bond was paid off long ago, we continue to have a RIMAC fee factored into our quarterly payments to the university. This fee serves no legitimate purpose, since RIMAC has been finished for years, and yet it is still tacked onto our bills. By bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, the RIMAC fee provides an additional source of revenue for the university, and an additional drain on students' income.

Another example is the Price Center fee package. When Price Center was first constructed, the students were charged a fee, similar to the one approved in the University Centers Expansion fee referendum of two years ago. Rather than pay for the building at once, the fee was assessed over a period of several years—a procedure that, while making a fee more palatable for the class that

The root cause of apathy is the belief that nothing you do matters one damn bit.

In any university, there is an inherent lack of institutional memory amongst the students. Every four years or so, a brand new, naïve, eager bunch of undergraduates comes shuffling through UC San Diego's proverbial doors. Most of these new admits do not know what came before them, and, frankly, do not care. They are far too engrossed in their day-to-day lives, living out the mundane existence of an undergraduate cog in the grand machine that is a world-renowned research institution. To the administration, the faculty, and to most of their peers, they mean nothing as individuals. Knowing this, they behave as such.

And knowing their tendency towards apathy, the administration treats students like the cogs they are. Every possible dime is squeezed out of students. While the A.S. Council spends its time protesting the inevitable UC-wide fee increases, UCSD's own are being gouged here at home, and no one pays attention. Why? Because it's far simpler to focus on the immediate threat — rising tuition — than to concentrate one's energy on more subtle, yet equally painful, affronts to our pocketbook.

For example, we're all told by campus tour guides, residence and house advisors, and the administration that the use of RIMAC is provided

passes it, increased the debt burden on future generations of students. The interest accumulated over the years, and today we are still paying for the original construction of Price Center, even as we prepare to tack on another hefty fee once the new expansion is completed.

This expansion, the first phase of which is visible in the Student Center's state of muddy dis-

no significant accomplishments in the past year. They are merely opportunities for overeager pre-law students to pad their resumes with something marginally more impressive than "Commissioner of Diversity Affairs."

The government throws money around like there's no tomorrow. Faster than Indonesia can kick out aid workers, they blow through thou-



array, will cost the students upwards of \$40 million over the coming decades. One of the tactics employed by the University Centers Advisory Board — an advisory group of students who rubber-stamp University Centers Director Gary Ratcliffe's every whim—was to "pass the buck" to future generations of students instead of paying for the expansion immediately. This explains why students who complain about rising UC tuition voted to raise student fees midway through a year in which tuition had already risen by at least 20 percent. The students who voted to raise the fees were not raising their own fees at all: they were raising the tuition cost of future UCSD undergraduates, who would have both the benefits and the cost of a new Price Center.



sands of dollars before their terms even begin. There's enough money in the budget for TWO SunGod festivals, insurance to extend "A.S. SafeRides" (formerly TritonTaxi) back to Tijuana, and get some bands better than Social Distortion for WinterFest. There's enough time in the year to look into why we're still paying for RIMAC, to turn UCAB into an elected board instead of the administration's puppet, and to change KSDT into a MooTime Creamery.

But the student government will never do that. Why? They're dominated by two types of people: resume-

padders and do-gooders. Resume-padders want to stay on the administration's good side; these people dominate UCAB and the non-Students First factions in student government. The do-gooders are wannabe student activists who spend their time trying to accomplish things, but inevitably wasting their time and our money flying around the country to "grass roots organizing conferences," where they spend our student fees on hotel rooms and plane tickets.

These future students had no input in how their fees were being raised. They couldn't vote in the election; nay, they're still in high school at the moment. And yet, their fees were raised, in advance, in preparation for their arrival at UCSD.

Our student government did nothing to stop this, nor any other locally-initiated fee increases. Instead, it spends its time (and \$35,000 of your money) flying its members across the state and the nation, "networking" with other "activists."

They contribute nearly \$30,000 of your money to statewide and national lobbying organizations known as the University of California Student Association and the United States Student Association, both of which have achieved

nothing. They come into this school as the same naïve freshmen, caring only about the present, neglecting to remember the past or plan the future. They are, in the end, apathetic.

It's a sad state of affairs, made more depressing by the fact that even if these student leaders wanted to change something, they wouldn't know how to do it. Their institutional memory is limited, just like the rest of us. They come into this school as the same naïve freshmen, caring only about the present, neglecting to remember the past or plan the future. They are, in the end, apathetic.

# STARVING STUDENTS!

## APPLY HERE!

By Ashley Frame  
Staff Writer



Thinking about getting a job? Would you like to stay on campus or is off better? What's the working environment like on, off, side to side? Obviously I don't have all the answers but in an attempt to help out those searching for employment I talked to a number of different people who hold various positions while attending school. Here are their tales; I hope you find them helpful.

Lets start with David Nguyen, my chemistry 6C TA last quarter. I'll begin with money since that seems to be most important to everyone looking for a job. Here's the catch Ta's salaries vary by department so I can't tell you how much exactly. However, I can tell you that it is more than \$10 an hour. But is it something you want to do? David told me that is was "an amazing experience!" So how exactly does this all work? Well should you decide that you would like to be a TA you would go to your departments website and find information about TA's and tutors. Then you fill out some information/application and they email you and let you know weather or not you are someone they are interested in. So lets assume you get hired. The first quarter you TA you do it for credit. Yes, that means no pay. Ouch I know, but from then on you roll in the big bucks. Over all David thinks that it is definitely a kick ass job, and "it's a great opportunity to assist students."

Lets say you hate school or haven't done well enough in any of your classes to be a TA. Do you like coffee? Well even if you don't everyone likes Starbucks right? Well my friend Russell Bui sure does. He makes \$7.50 an hour and he works between 12-25 hours a week depending on his schedule. He said, "Starbucks makes sure that students come first as far as scheduling goes." All good things if you want to work and continue to be a dedicated full time student. When I asked Russell if he liked the job he had tons to say, "I love my job, for some people they might hate it, but I've made awesome friends at Starbucks and we really enjoy it together. The perks are awesome: free drinks on shifts, 30% off if you are not clocked in. The atmosphere is a rush; I have regulars that make my time there worth it. They come just to see me! And it makes me feel special." Beware people have been known to through a tall, extra hot, soy, vanilla macchiato at times but Russell assured me that the perks of the job more

"Thinking about getting a job?"

than make up for the occasional cranky customer. So how do you get this job? Starbucks has a hiring fair every so often and Russell recommends that you find out when that is and go prepared "The hiring fair is your first interview on the spot, so be as prepared as possible with interview stuff, dress accordingly with preferably a resume." Happy hunting!

Lets say you like to deal with people but in amore interactive way that just giving them their daily dose of caffeine. I mean that's say that teaching is really more your style, just not necessarily teaching academics. How bout teaching surfing? That's what Torrey Trust does to make a few bucks. She makes \$10 an hour about 4 hours a week. Perfect for someone who wants to make a little bit of extra spending money without a huge time commitment? Being the typical surfer girl when I asked her if she liked her job se said,

"Yeaaaah, its really fun, dude its totally sweet, I love teaching surfing to UCSD students and adults in the community!" The only draw backs she could think of was the freezing cold water and the occasional stingray. She landed this job by applying at the UCSD aquatics center; an interview was required.

So if the combination of water and teaching sounded good but you were hoping for warmer water, or maybe you cant surf let alone teach it, you might want to look further at the aquatic center. David Payne is a swim instructor at UCSD. He also makes \$10 an hour and works only about 3 hours a week. He said, "It's the most awesome job in the entire world, I get to be in a pool and help little kids learn to swim." The only down side is the massive amount of chlorine in the pool. You must have your lifeguard certification, title 22 certification (intense first aid), and CPR certification. He also had an interview and an application.

If you can wait till next year and you are willing to put in lots of hours and be dedicated to improving the lives of about 60 residents for the entire year I've found the perfect job for you: be an RA. The application process for next year is starting now all over campus so you might need to act fast. I'm sure you've heard RA's get room and board and \$1200 on a triton plus account. However, the commitment is extensive. I talked to Kristel Fritz and she told me that the amount of real hours you put in really depends on the week. But she said 18 is about average. Some weeks it can be as low as 7 but other weeks she puts in 25. So is it worth it? Kristel said, "I love it, but you have to love it because it's a thankless job. But I really love the interactions I have with people. I also have full faith in the people who advise [the Ras] and do the hiring. For some reason they always have the answers, they are extremely important. Plus I get to do cool shit like throw a

pot party and coma sutra in the Kasbah." On the down side there is a lot of paper work that has to be done, "more than you might imagine." It can get tedious after a while. Not to mention you are recognized everywhere as an RA, "even at the mall." However, "It's one of the most rewarding things I've ever done! I've made close friends from all over campus and even with some of my residents. It feels really good to be able to help someone. Plus when you do get thanked, I can't even describe the feeling it's phenomenal!"

But if you don't like to deal with people, or that just sounds like too much work, you could always try my job. I'm a lab assistant at Scripps, TSRI. I make \$8.20 an hour and I work between 10-19 hours a week. I'm working in a Bio-lab and it has been an amazing learning experience. If your interested in any hard sciences you should look into this, you'll find real life lab work very interesting. It also looks really good on future resumes; I'm thinking medical school. I heard about the job at the job fair. I applied at the human resources center at Scripps, which is just off of North Torrey Pines about 2 minutes from campus. There



are many different labs with all sorts of different focuses; you're bound to find something that fits you. I had three interviews all for different labs and I got to choose the one that worked best for me.

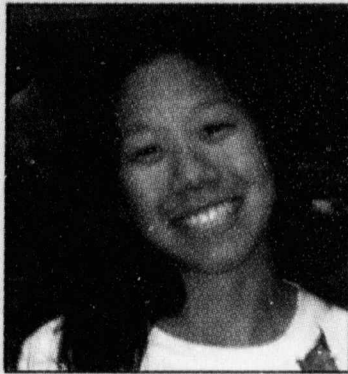
I'd like to add that if nothing that I have written about seems to fit you let me remind you of the career service center. It is a great resource for students! The people who work there are very nice and helpful and they have information on all sorts of jobs on and off campus. They also offer workshops for interviewing skills and perfecting resumes. I highly recommend checking them out if you are considering getting a job, or if you want help finding one that fits you.

# THE CALIFORNIA AUTO SHOW CIRCUIT

By Jocelyn Hsiao  
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Held in the Convention Center in downtown San Diego, the 2005 San Diego International Auto Show was larger than ever, featuring automobiles on approximately 525,000 square feet of floor space.

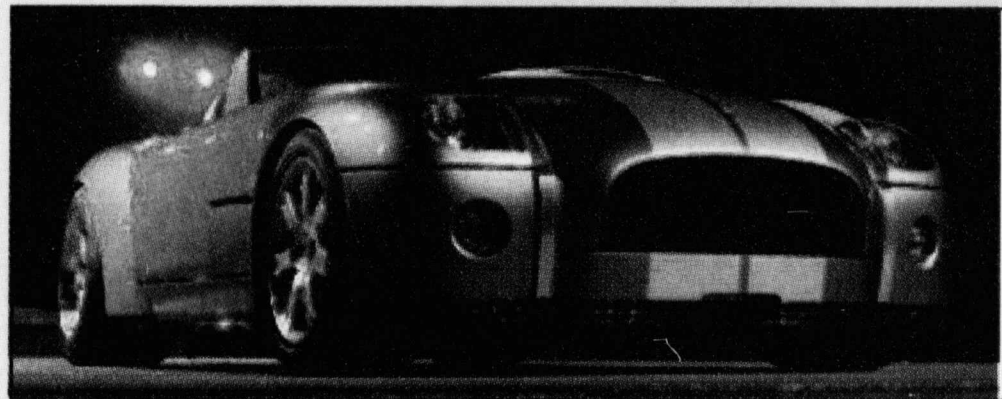
The show was presented by the New Car Dealers Association of San Diego County and produced by Motor Trend Auto Shows. Open from



and retired Marine Lee Erme, known for his roles in "Apocalypse Now" and "Full Metal Jacket", signed autographs, drawing a large crowd due to the heavy support for the military in San Diego. Though the line was literally hours long, he patiently took pictures and signed pictures without taking a break.

Also, Segway featured a small obstacle course of cones and allowed test rides on their scooters. After a short instruction on how to ride, even the most timid people were cruising around without difficulty, maneuvering the scooter and weaving between the cones.

Some of the more disappointing parts of the show were the exotic vehicles section and the



American concept cars. Symbolic Motors presented the Lamborghini Murciélago and Gallardo, Rolls-Royce Phantom, and a Lotus Elise. A few Ferrari and Maserati cars were shown, but the brand new Ferrari F430 was not present. The lack of exotic cars seemed like a stingy output compared to the Los Angeles Auto Show.

Likewise, BMW did not impress with its lineup. Though it is scheduled to come out with many new cars—a new M5 based on the current redesigned 5-series platform, a concept M2, the overhaul of the 3-series—none of these were



December 29 to January 2, the San Diego show set the standard for other auto shows in the United States by presenting earlier in the year.

The new Shelby Cobra concept was a showstopper, part of the largest Ford display featuring four platforms and four turntables. Muscle cars were probably the biggest attraction, as the completely redesigned Ford Mustang and Pontiac GTO garnered much attention from both old and new fans of American muscle.

One of the most attractive features of the show was the Mercedes-Benz display, which had new cars sporting the AMG badge on the floor before the official debut in Los Angeles—CLK 55, CL 65, SL 65, and SLK 55. An older model was still a favorite: the E55 AMG, otherwise known as the fastest stock sedan available in the United States.

Some other interesting elements of the show hardly involved cars at all. Actor

shown at this auto show. However, given that this is a much smaller show than those at Los Angeles and Detroit, San Diego was not expected to debut these cars.

Porsche showcased the Carrera GT, their flagship car of the year. New for this year was the 997 generation of 911 Porsches, featuring a longer wheelbase, a return to the more favored 993 headlights with detached fog lamps, and more torque. A few of the higher-end models, such as the Turbo S, were still run on the 996 platform and have not



yet been updated.

As always, attendees were fascinated by the Bond car: the Aston Martin. The DB9 and the Vanquish S were the most impressive, putting out about 425 lb ft of torque each. The Vanquish S, however, has a top speed of 200 miles per hour. It was obvious that viewers were captivated, even though the cars were roped off completely.

Other highlights included the Audi A6, now sporting the controversial extended grille. Though photographs made it seem rather overbearing, the actual car was less boldly styled than anticipated. Also, the Lexus IS430, a project car created from an automatic transmission IS300 to a manual transmission car with a GS430 engine, though not new, interested many viewers.

The Los Angeles Auto show, open from Friday, January 7 to Sunday, January 16, is held in the Los Angeles Convention Center. Automakers will be revealing new 2006 models, but overall the show will be less intense than the Detroit Auto Show. In a sense, the Los Angeles show will be a preview of the Detroit show.

New to the Audi line is the hatchback A3, designed to appeal to younger buyers. Similar to the new Volvo V50, also new to the Volvo line, the A3 is a compact wagon.

To be revealed is the all-new Ferrari F430, slated to replace the 360 Modena. Also introduced from Ferrari is the Superamerica, a transition from the 575 Maranello to the 600 Imola. Featuring a Targa-style all glass roof, fewer than 500 will be built at a price of \$300,000 per car. The sister company to Ferrari, Maserati, will be showing a 90th anniversary edition of the Maserati Spyder, their flagship convertible.

Mercedes-Benz will be introducing the CLS 55 AMG to their current line. Sporting an AMG V8 supercharged engine, the CLS accelerates from 0 to 100 km/hr in just 4.7 seconds.

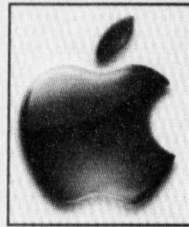
Also arriving this fall is the Viper SRT-10 Coupé, a direct competitor to the Corvette Z06 since both are top American supercars. Starting from \$85,295, the SRT-10 puts out 525 lb ft of torque and 500 horses. The new Corvette Z51 has drawn as much attention as the other updated

American legends (Ford Mustang and the reintroduced Pontiac GTO), sporting new styling. However, what sets this car apart is a 400 horsepower 6.0 liter V8 engine and its higher end performance.

The Concourse Hall is a must-visit, showcasing exotic cars ranging from the purist's favorite Lotus Esprit to the relatively obscure Spyker C8 Laviolette. Other automakers featured in his hall are Brabus, makers of upgraded and tuned Mercedes-Benz cars, Morgan, British makers of the controversially styled Aero 8, as well as your standard Bentley, Lamborghini, Ferrari, and Saleen.

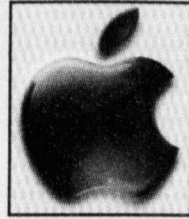


# MACWORLD



## SAN FRANCISCO 2005

### Macintosh Goes Mainstream

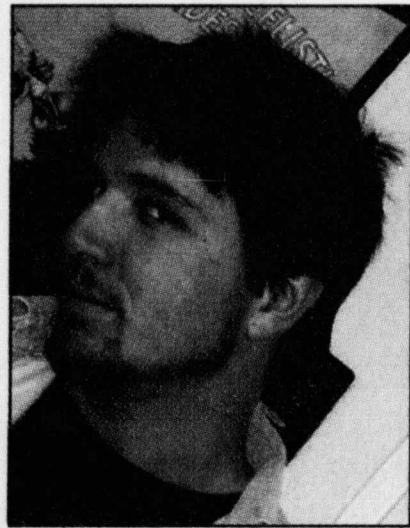


By Christopher J. Fennell  
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Year after year, thousands of individuals flock to the streets of San Francisco. They are the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers. They are not a member of some protest group, nor are they left-wing Che wannabe's. This particular group of Bay Area devotees is making its yearly pilgrimage to the MacWorld expo.

This year's expo was full of fun and interesting things. The two most anticipated products were the new Mac Mini as well as the iPod Shuffle. These products represent the evolution of the Apple design. They are minimalist with a clear industrial design element. They are inexpensive, not only within the Apple world, but in general. It is difficult to find a similar product at such a good price. This element alone sets these two products apart from the rest of the Apple line.

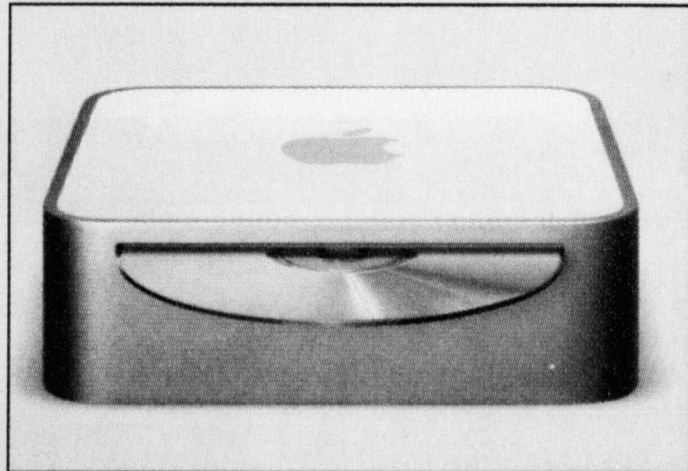
The Mac Mini is a



desktop computer that redefines the word 'small.' The Mini measures in at a minimal 6.5"x6.5"x2". For those of you keeping track that is smaller than most standalone hard-drives, or ? the size of the box your iPod came in. The small size of the Mini does not however, indicate its performance. The Mac Mini is a formidable machine within its price range. It comes with the accepted standards of a 40gb hard-drive, 256mb RAM, and a combo drive that reads DVD's and burns CD's. The 1.25 GHz G4 processor is more than up to par when compared to anything in the mid-line PC market. It blows away the competing Intel Celeron processor.

Granted, this machine is not for you if you are looking into high-end video editing or 3d graphics, but for the general Word/AIM/Email/Internet user it is far beyond adequate. What really sets this machine apart is the fact that it uses Mac OSX (pronounced 10). OSX is leaps and bounds beyond anything offered by Microsoft. The current version of OSX is referred to as Panther, and has just had its most recent security update.

Panther has nowhere near the security risks that a Windows machine has. OSX has not been the victim of ANY widespread virus attacks, and spyware/adware is nearly non-existent. In my 2+ years of using OSX, I have not had one virus or spyware issue. The security of Apple software is well known and well documented. But security is not the only upside to the OSX world.



The standard suite of programs that comes along with the Mac Mini place it clearly in a position of power over similarly priced PC machines. The iLife suite includes iTunes, iDVD, iMovie HD, iPhoto and Garageband. These programs are all new and improved for 2005 and included with every new Mac Mini. As for as creativity is concerned these are by far the best entry-level programs you can find. Programs in the PC world that do not have the functionality or easy of use that this quite has will cost upwards of \$400.

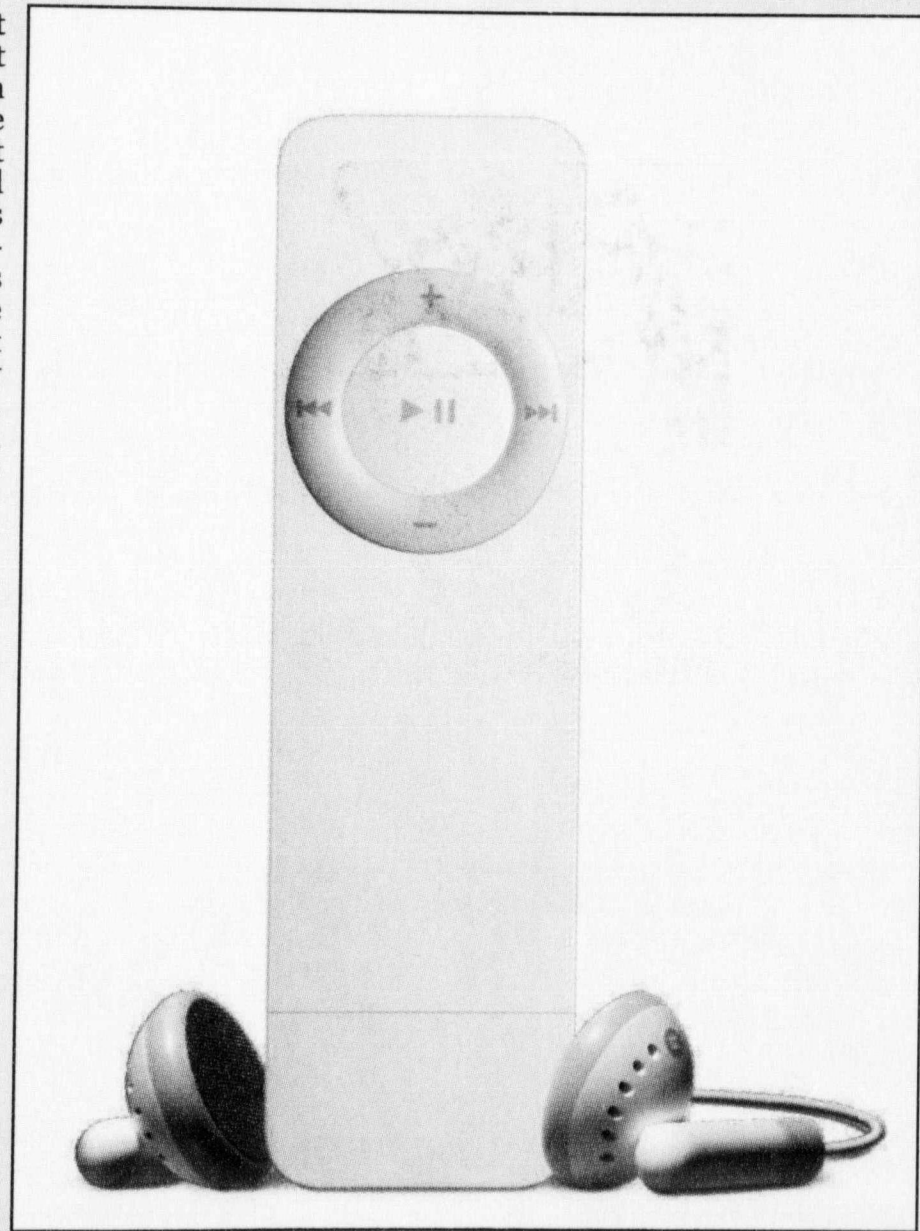
The biggest problem most people have with making the 'switch' is that they are afraid their documents will not be compatible. This is very far from the truth. For most users, who simply use images, music, and Microsoft Office files the conversion to Mac is incredibly easy. All documents work great in OSX, and since Office is available for OSX it is simple to keep things exactly as they appeared on the windows side of things. One disclaimer for the Mini: It is BYOD-KM. That is: bring your own display, keyboard and mouse. To keep prices low, Apple has decided to allow you to use your current peripherals instead of skimping on the quality of the machine.

Price for the Mac Mini begins at just \$479. They are currently available at the Bookstore, The Apple Store @ UTC, and apple.com.

The iPod Shuffle is a product that necessitates less of an introduction. It is basically the

iPod's little brother. And what an amazing little brother it turns out to be. I have had my 1GB Shuffle for 3 weeks now and my original 40GB iPod has been simply collecting dust.

The iPod shuffle is a flash based mp3 player, meaning it is incredibly small. Smaller than a pack of Trident gum and lighter than 3 quarters. It plugs straight into a USB drive on either a PC or a Mac and resembles a white USB memory stick.



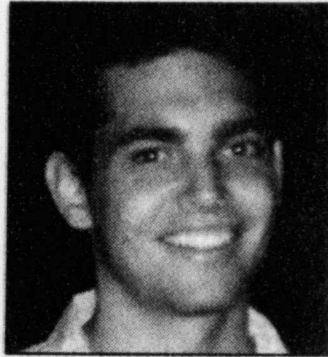
It plays music either in a pre-determined playlist or on Shuffle as the name indicates. It does not have a screen, but surprisingly that does not get in the way. The Shuffle was meant for those who are active and do not have the time to flip through millions of songs. It is perfect for running or working out.

The iPod Shuffle comes in two versions: the 512mb (120 songs) for \$99 or the 1GB (240 songs) for \$139. Both of these can be found at the aforementioned locations.

The new Apple products are groundbreaking, but not in the general Apple sense. They do not go after a new high-end market that only a select few can afford. Instead they have made their technology available to the masses. MacWorld San Francisco 2005 may very well be remembered for being the instant at which Apple went mainstream.

# [LIBERAL] SPEECH 101

By Jonathan Israel  
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Are the Students for Academic Freedom a bunch of crying conservatives that can't handle being the minority on campus? Hardly. If anything, I enjoy being a minority on campus, but the following story is one that no liberal or conservative should ever have to deal with. A professor's ideology should never inhibit their ability to teach in a professional and unbiased manner – unfortunately it happens more often than you think. This is just one of my multiple encounters of overwhelming liberal bias in the classroom:

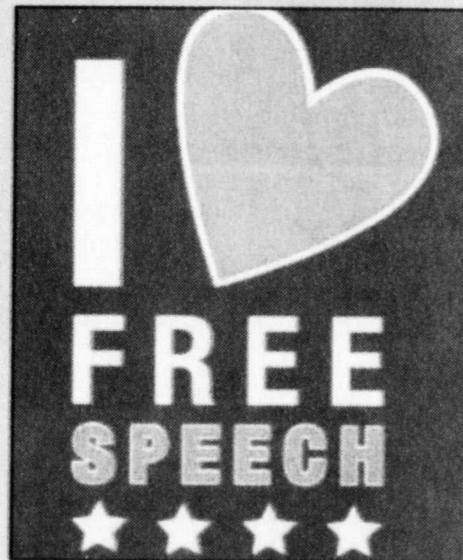
*Please note: the story you are about to read is true. The following accounts are 100% accurate, as they occurred. I recorded this the same day the event transpired to ensure that any future recount of this story would be correct. No names have been changed to protect the professor.*

“Pick a controversial topic and choose a side. Pick something that affects the people in this class, like the War in Iraq. You know, they are thinking about re-instituting the draft again. You are all around the age of kids they would send to go first...so our troops can go play around in the Middle East or whatever they are doing over there...” said Professor M. Duxler, of Los Angeles Pierce Community College, as she explained possible speech topics to the class. What she failed to say (but didn't fail to insinuate) was that your opinion, whatever it is, must be the right one – or should I say the “left” one. She read a list of possible persuasive speech topics and after each one demonstrated her neutrality on

each issue: “You can do gun control – you know, we need more gun control...You can do women's rights – you know girls, we don't have equal rights...You can do it on how they can't show nudity on television – they think it will turn you all into perverts or something...” She not only told us which topics were acceptable, but she also practically told us which position we had to take. She then mentioned that we would not be graded on our opinions – yeah, sure.

I chose an issue I felt strongly about – the War in Iraq – and wrote a speech proposing that the U.S. continue to fight this war, as it is critical to our nation's security and our continued fight against terror. My four main arguments were: 1. The War in Iraq was not a choice made by America, it was a choice made by Saddam Hussein. 2. The dangers of terrorism haven't faded with our memories of 9/11. 3. Government's biggest responsibility is the active defense of the American people. 4. It is important that we stay the course.

Usually at the end of the speech, a designated student will lend his/her comments, and then Duxler will offer some “constructive criticism” for “our own good” as she puts it. Immediately after the culmination of my speech, she began to yell that I was inappropriate, offensive, and inaccurate. The mere volume of her voice and outrage in her tone were evidence enough that all objectivity had just been thrown out the window. My speech, which lasted less than six minutes, had incited about fifteen straight minutes of attacks from the professor. Proving to me she had not listened to anything I had just said she demanded to know “what Iraq did to the U.S.” and “how is Iraq linked to 9/11.” Every time I responded I was told that I wasn't making sense. Finally, I had enough and told Duxler that just because she doesn't agree with my



opinions doesn't mean they don't make sense. She began to scream, “You listen to me! I am the teacher – you shut up! I know more than you, I have been doing this for forty years!” (That is a direct quote – I jotted it down so I would remember exactly what she said.) And shut up I did; out of nothing more than my respect for the order of the classroom I bit my tongue and sat there while I was scolded like a child. This is what they call “higher learning.”

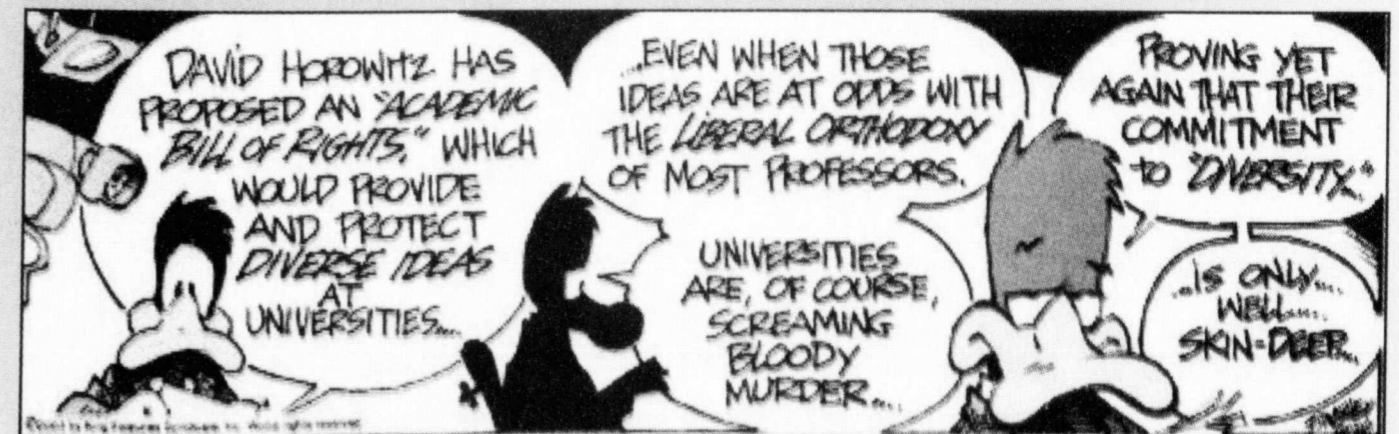
Maybe the professor forgot what the term “constructive criticism” means, or maybe she meant to say *conservative criticism*. It's OK; it's *for my own good*. I wasn't the only one lucky enough to earn some *conservative criticism*. After another student finished his speech advocating the banning of minimum wage she said, “this is a very controversial side of this argument.” Translation: “I don't agree with your side of this argument.” Why is *his* side of the argument controversial??? She didn't say that to the girl who advocated the legalization of prostitution. It must be *for his own good*. She told him his reasoning that raising minimum wage hurts low-income workers doesn't make sense and he should take it out.

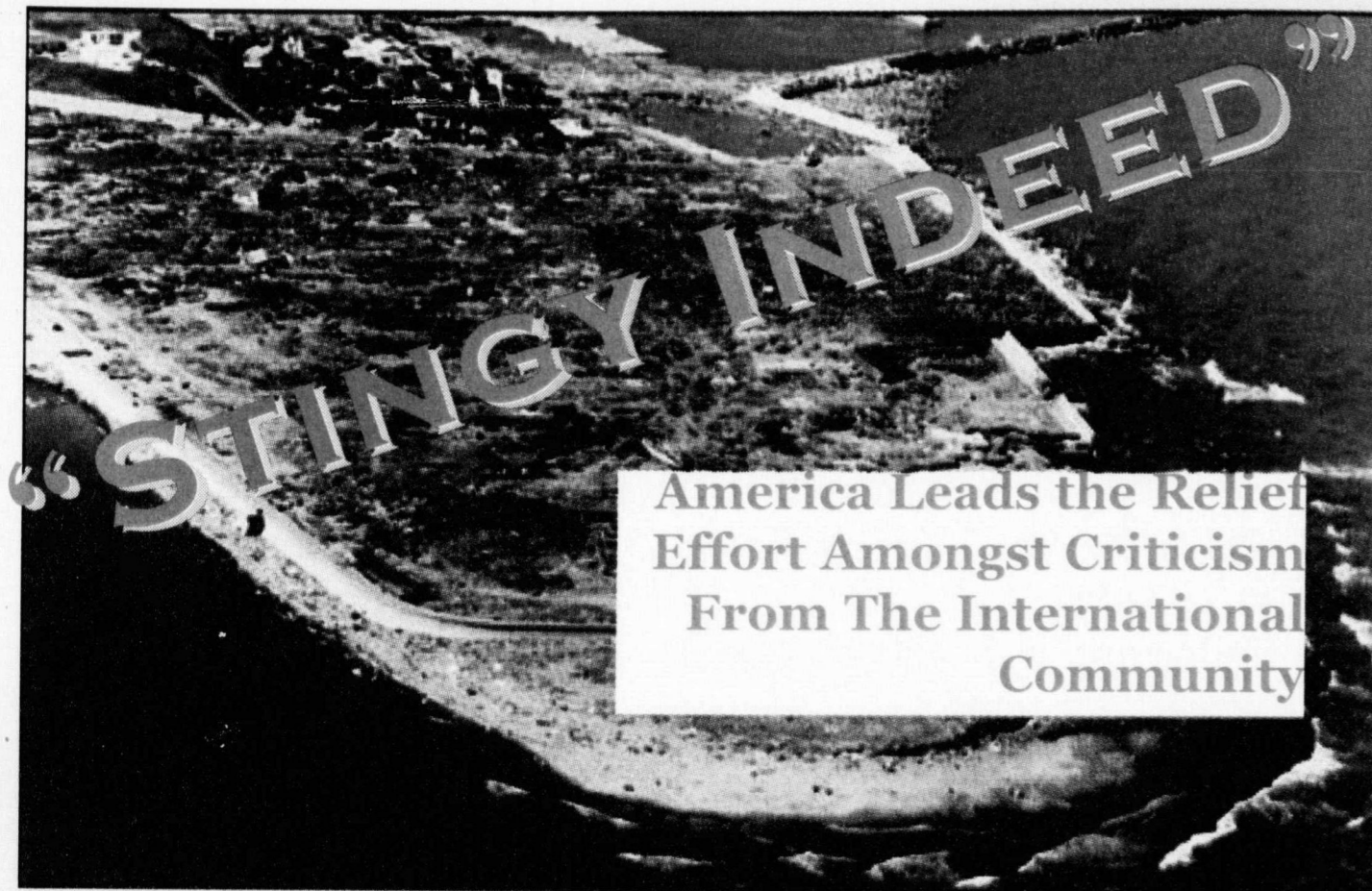
There is no place on the campus where one's freedom of speech should be suppressed, but especially in a class supposedly based on this constitutional right, a diversity of opinion should be encouraged and celebrated. The professor's political discrepancies should never obscure his/her judgment and ability to remain objective while grading a persuasive speech that is controversial by definition.

Indeed the professor did tell us not to make the speech political, but everything that is contro-

versial is also political. Politics isn't something arbitrary – it is a philosophy of life. The speeches about minimum wage, gun control, women's rights, and prostitution are all politically divisive issues. Unfortunately I naively believed that there was still one thing that was not a political issue – defending America and its people against the threat of terrorism. I was wrong.

Part of the speech requirement was to end the speech with a “call to action.” It is used to encourage people to act in order to help the cause. So, instead of telling people something vague and abstract like “support the war,” (whatever that means) I told people to vote for the one man that had the moral courage to wage this war despite the political unpopularity – George W. Bush. Professor Duxler may not know, but people don't get to vote for wars, they vote for politicians. Supporting Bush is supporting the war. I hadn't mentioned any political parties, or how the Democratic Party has long set sail into the sea of treason with their protests, or how that same party has fought every measure to keep America safe along the way, while at the same time complaining that we aren't any safer. I actually didn't mention the words Republican, Democrat, Conservative, or Liberal at all. I thought I may have flirted with the political line but not crossed it. I merely supported a man, regardless of his or my party affiliation, who is dedicated to making us safer (like both Democrats and Republicans have done), and was accused of being political. I don't care; it was well worth it. If defending America is political, then sign me up with that party. (Actually, I'm already signed up with that party – the Republican Party).





**“STINGY INDEED”**

**America Leads the Relief Effort Amongst Criticism From The International Community**

By Justin Ryan  
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Words cannot describe the horrible devastation caused by the tsunami on December 26<sup>th</sup> so instead those words often by UN officials are now being rerouted to the main helpers easing suffering: individual nations and private donations.

As Western nations, mainly the US, are targeted as being stingy, one needs to look how to help people in a time of need. When UN officials (or American government officials for that matter) rent out 4 and 5 star hotels, it does not do real work to solve the problem. The real work is done by groups on the ground such as the American Red Cross, the US Navy, etc. While UN Secretary General Kofi Annan was finishing up his vacation in Wyoming for 72 hours after the tsunami, private groups and

the US and Australian navies were helping feed starving individuals. Meeting in a 4 star hotel to discuss issues has never helped feed a person right after a devastating event.

The UN official that made the famous “stingy” comment, Jan Egeland, fails to see aid does not always go through the government. The US may have the lowest taxes in the Western world but the current allocation of \$350 million (so far) of funds when combined with, so far, half a billion in US private donations to tsunami

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efforts by far outdoes any nation in the world. Donations do not have to be run through a UN or government payroll to be legitimate. American citizens have given more tsunami aid (to third parties such as the Red Cross) efforts than the entire European Union. Mr. Egeland obviously does not

count private donations with the same legitimacy unless they come from taxes.

The aid effort has raised an amazing amount of money from the US, Japan, and Canada but money is not the solution. It is how the money is used. As reported by various US news organizations, the aid has bottlenecked because there were not enough aid workers on the ground or other various logical issues. The Oil-for-Food program had lots of money too but it was pocketed by corrupt business, UN, and Iraqi leaders. If the UN is the true organization of moral authority it claims to be, it needs to accept this fact and help coordinate aid on local and regional level and make the sure the money goes to where it should go. Begging for money and using in-vogue anti-Americanism will not build a new home or create a job in Sri Lanka.

To lead the efforts, President Bush formed an aid coalition in the region with India, Japan, and Australia. However, critics such as former UN International Development Secretary Clare Short claimed that the UN was the only organiza-



tion that can do the job. Ms. Short should tell us where the UN has an aircraft carrier along with the ability to ship in massive supplies. And besides, regional problems are best solved by people in the region. The US Navy (via Japan and other allies), Japan, India, and Australia are in Asia, last time I checked UN officials were in 4 star hotels or vacationing in Wyoming. Which group is in more of a position to help? Perhaps the even more important a question is what makes assistance provided by individual nations, groups or people



any less legitimate? All aid should be appreciated as anyone who has been the recipient of the relief effort so far could tell you.

I don not mean to bash the UN but if it wants to be helpful and influential in the world it has to be a leader and actually help. Having Kofi Annan make a photo op in South Asia will not help. As the fearless UN leader that can do no wrong in some eyes explained, “You wonder where are the

people? What has happened to them?” You should know better Kofi, they are dead and more will die if your organization does not start helping more, especially on local level.



The goal in the reconstruction in the region should be making sure the money goes to where it belongs: the local people affected by the disaster. Keep in mind that the Indian, US, and Australian navies moved their aircraft carriers and various navy fleets to feed people and look for survivors. The French, Chinese, and Russian navies, as usual, remain in port. Meanwhile, Amazon.com raised and donated more money than the French government. It goes to show that the people that help in disasters or fighting poverty aren't the governments; they are individual compassionate people on the ground and the individuals, groups, and sometimes governments that finance them.



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Robert Frost (1874-1963)

"Ideas are far more powerful than guns. We don't let our people have guns. Why should we let them have ideas?"

Joseph Stalin

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end; for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

C.S. Lewis

"A liberal is a person who sees a fourteen-year-old girl performing live sex acts onstage and wonders if she's getting paid the minimum wage."

Irving Kristol

"...mercy to the guilty is cruelty to the innocent..."

Adam Smith

"Half the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm-- but the harm does not interest them. Or they do not see it, or they justify it because they are absorbed in the endless struggle to think well of themselves."

T. S. Eliot

"Nowhere at present is there such a measureless loathing of their country by educated people as in America."

Eric Hoffer