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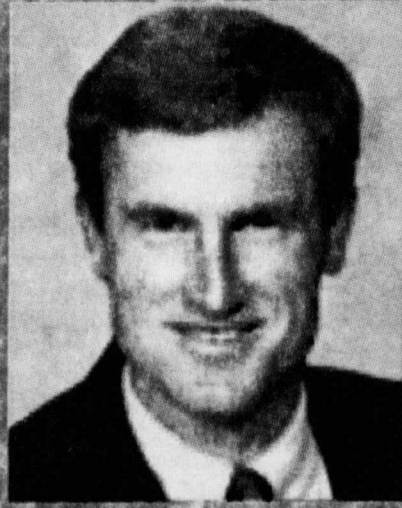
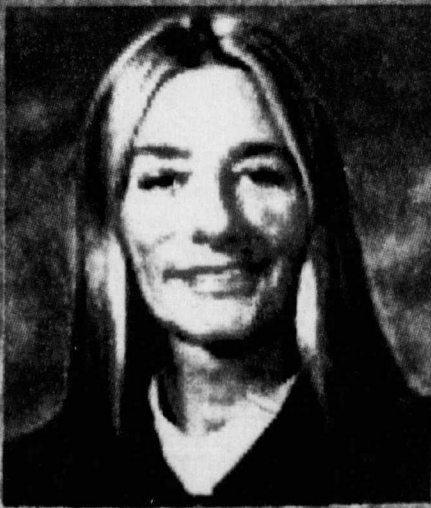
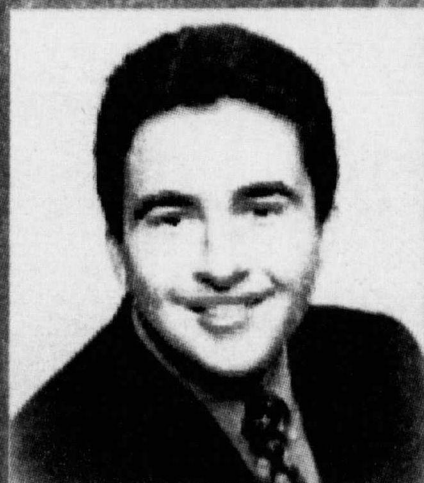
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Leftist Lunacy in San Diego

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The following individuals are considered ignorant and extremely dangerous. Do not approach. If confronted, spray with holy water and contact the proper authorities.



UCSD Hosts Baathists

Ryan Darby
Imperator Maximus

A pair of Iraqi speakers was hosted by the Associated Students before break to decry the recent American invasion. Although advertised as "two independent Iraqis," Amal Al-Khedaairy and Nermin Al-Mufti both have substantial ties to the recently deposed Baath party of Saddam Hussein.

According to the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, Al-Mufti was a weekly columnist for the Baath party's closely-monitored Al-Thawra newspaper. Long considered an official mouthpiece of the regime, it has not published since the fall of the Baath party, while hundreds of new media have been established.

Al-Khedaairy owned a salon and gallery in an exclusive neighborhood in
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City Evicts Boy Scouts Settles with ACLU, breaks lease

Jessica Tarman
Domestic Affairs Editor

The San Diego City Council agreed to oust the Boy Scouts from Balboa Park in a 6-2 vote and, in addition, pay a \$950,000 settlement to the American Civil Liberties Union. The Boy Scouts of America have retained use of Balboa Park since 1946 for a lease of \$1 per year that included the full use of the aquatics center on Fiesta Island.

The lawsuit was filed in 2000 by the ACLU on behalf of two families, the Breens and the Barnes-Wallaces, who called for the termination of the "preferential" lease, claiming the Boy Scouts' membership criteria is in violation of the First Amendment. The suit was filed after the Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts are exempt from nondiscrimination laws and can define their group according to their particular mission, prompting the ACLU to argue that their special lease in San Diego violates the separation of church and state. Last July, U.S. District Judge Napoleon Jones Jr. agreed, ruling that there was "overwhelming and uncontradicted evidence" that the Boy

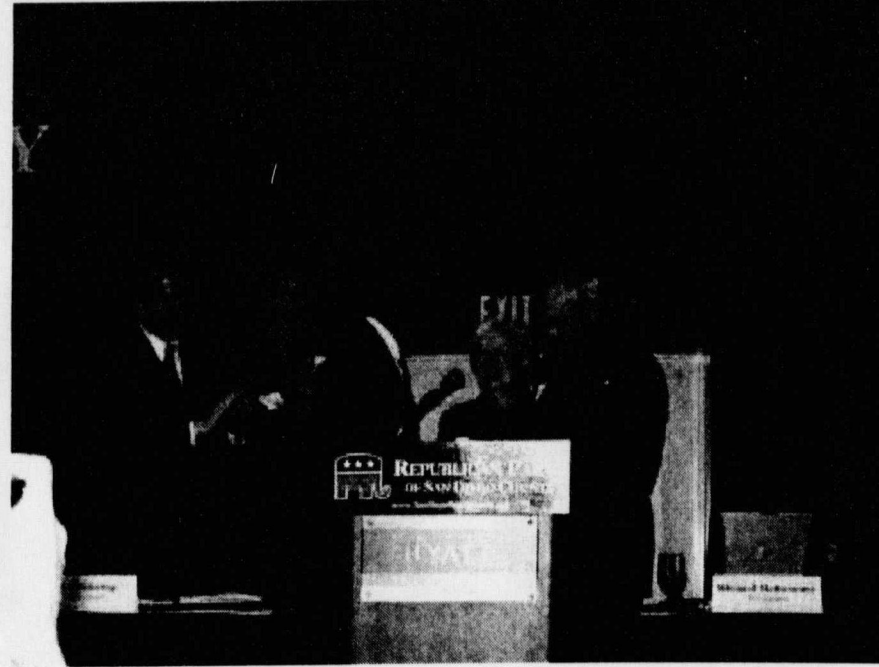
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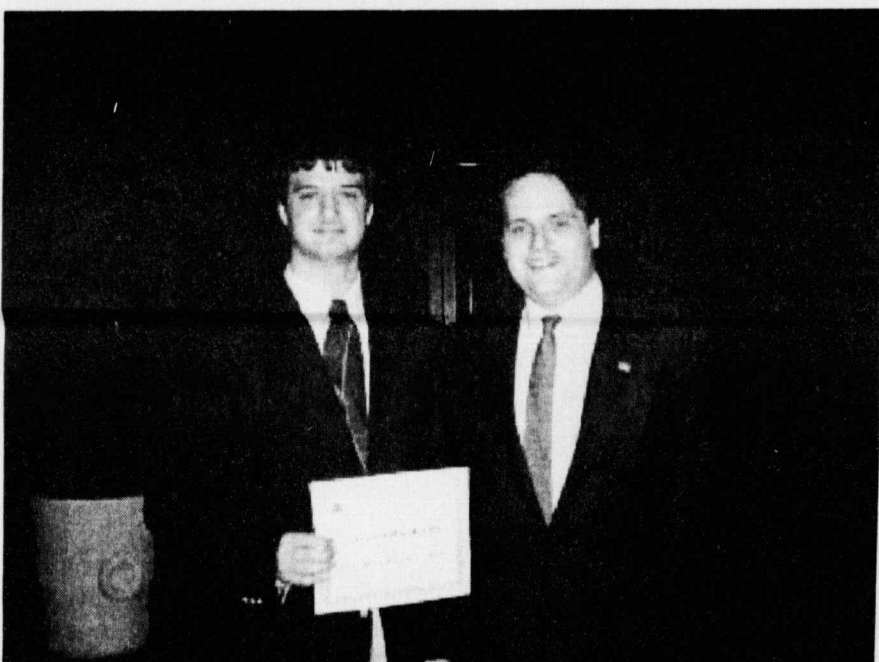
What's Happening Around San Diego



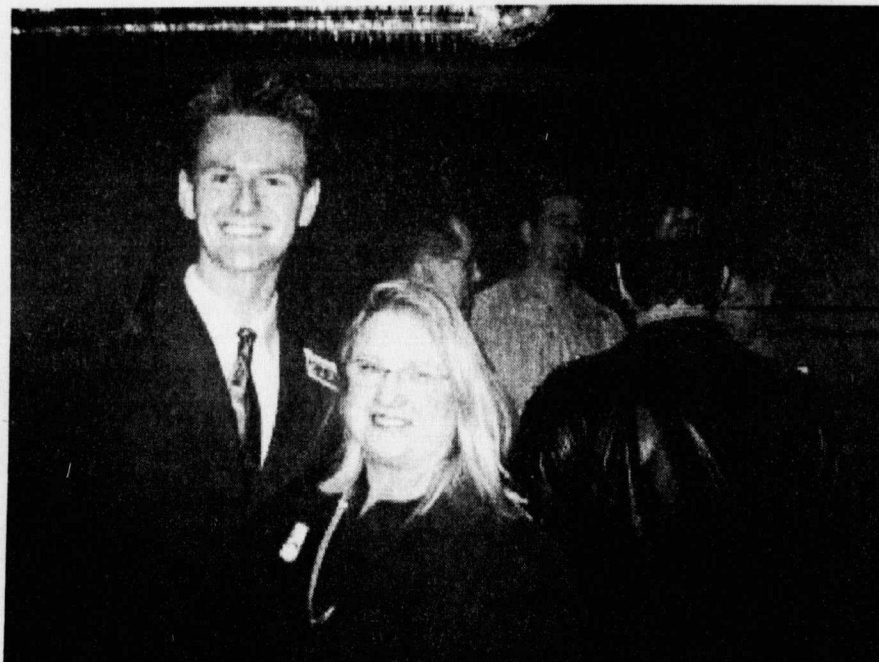
U.S. Senate candidate Howard Kaloogian recently chaired the successful campaigns to recall Gray Davis and convince CBS to not air the "Reagans" mini-series. Oh, and he enjoys reading the California Review.



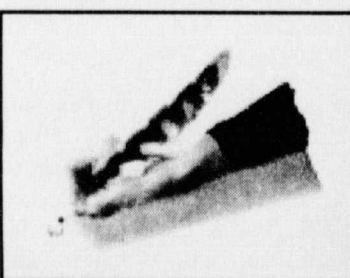
The Central Committee of the Republican Party of San Diego County congratulates Mayor Terry Johnson of Oceanside (center) after announcing his switch to the Republican Party.



Forrest Mandeville, chair of the College Republicans at Point Loma, poses with SD GOP Executive Director Alex Holstein after being announced the county party's Intern of the Month.



Tricia Hunter -- posing here with an ardent supporter -- is running for the 76th Assembly District.



Letters to the Editor

Editor off base blaming censorship solely on the "Left"

Editor:

This is in response to your article "Is the Left the new anti-speech movement?" I do think that the anti-free speech action of many so-called campus liberals is a frightening trend. I let's not equate the actions of this group with the entire "Left." Now, as for the anti-speech movement, campus liberals certainly don't hold a monopoly. For one, CR came out highly in favor of a move to censor burn.ucsd.edu's website for containing a hyperlink to FARC. It's doubtful that this link would help FARC carry out its terror. I can just imagine, "Gee, I've never heard of these FARC guys before, but now that I've found this link to their website I'll

donate a bunch of money!" What about France? I'd think that the anti-French tantrum represents a move to punish a country for stating its opinions (and plans to vote) against US policy. Ryan Darby seems to think that accusations made questioning anti-war folks' patriotism equates to an exercise of free speech. Fair enough, but the purpose of this speech is relevant. I think it is clear that the purpose of the "unpatriotic" rhetoric in congress was to quickly quiet dissenting opinion by making claims that cry out to one's emotions rather than reason.

Ian Langmore
Graduate Student

If you think we...
***Are totally wrong...**
***Are totally Right...**
***Or just look really good in a suit...**
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Common Sense

from Ryan Darby, Editor in Chief

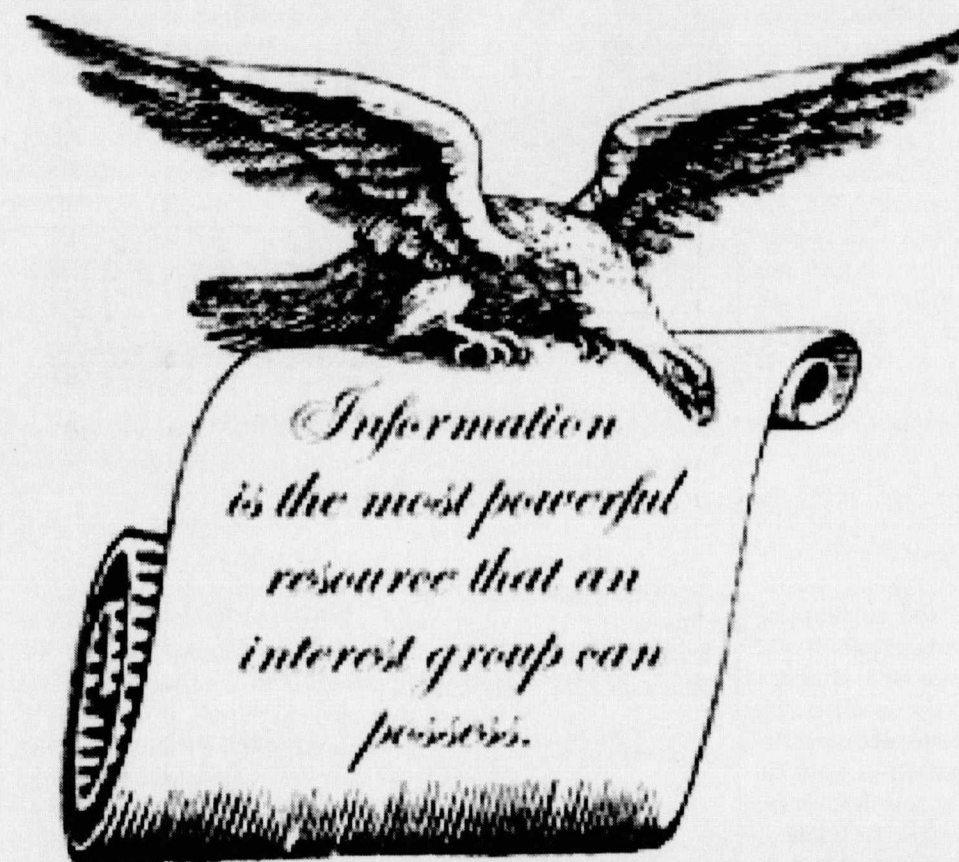
A.S. must better inform its constituents

The premise behind any elected government is accountability to the governed. Therefore, the Ralph M. Brown Act requires any legislative body created through state or federal statute to provide an agenda

is available the day of the meeting, but that does nothing to inform the public prior to the meeting. The council has a history of items -- whether for funding (several thousand dollars for a queer students of

money a few days ahead of time, isn't that an indication that they're not responsible enough to handle it in the first place?

Some would respond that it's not in the council's political interests to divulge their agendas



upon request to any member of the public three days prior to an official meeting to help ensure that public government remains accountable to the people.

The College Republicans at UCSD recently began urging members to demand that the student council provide them with such an agenda, and a number of students have filed such requests. The council, however, has chosen to ignore the requests, and on at least a couple of occasions, refused to accept the requests. Their belief is that because the Associated Students at UCSD was not created directly by a legislative body, but by the University, the statute does not apply to them.

Opponents argue that the degree of separation is irrelevant since this is still a public institution ultimately created by a public legislature, and cite opinions from the Secretary of State maintaining that the student councils of California's community colleges fall under the legislation.

My general reaction is, who cares whether or not UCSD would be forced by law to provide members of the public with an agenda three days prior to a meeting? They should take it upon themselves to do so, anyway. The council manages more than \$1.3 million in student fees each year, so we have every right to know where that money is going ahead of time.

Currently, the A.S. agenda

color conference?) or resolutions (UCSD needs unisex restrooms for transsexuals?) -- that many find controversial. This prevents the council's constituents from learning about items that would invoke ire and disapproval, whether through media, student organizations or word of mouth. While there is a set time before every meeting for public input, it is pointless if the public is unaware of what's happening unless they happen to wander into the Price Center Ballroom at 6:30 on a Wednesday night. This severely hampers the students' ability to deliver a meaningful, effective message to the council before a final vote is cast.

Moreover, adherence to the provisions of the Brown Act would signify that the council is responsible with the students' money. Think about it: If you were to give a financial planner a thousand dollars to invest on your behalf every Wednesday night, and he insisted upon waiting until Wednesday to reveal where all the money's going, wouldn't that mean imply that he was procrastinating and rushed to a decision just before the deadline? You'd certainly demand that if you were to request such an "agenda," so to speak, he'd give it to you; otherwise, your money is probably being mismanaged. I mean, if the council isn't organized and diligent enough to tell us how they're spending our

beforehand, because doing so could lead to protests and other headaches. This is correct, for the most part; a lot of people would be more likely to protest if they knew about these things ahead of time. However, isn't that part of a democracy? Rather than insulating themselves by hiding their agendas until the last second, they should make them public, and if their content is likely enough to displease that many people, then perhaps they should think twice before passing it.

At the very least, providing agendas prior to meetings would go a long way in the fight to overcome student apathy. People don't care about the council because they only find out about these things after they happen, so they feel powerless to do anything about it. If they were to know about these things beforehand, more students would feel empowered to go and make their voices heard; they don't even need a student organization to help them do so.

Let's see a flow of discussions at A.S., rather than the same familiar faces at every meeting and councilmembers making vague references to their "constituents," which probably consist solely of their roommates and significant others. If the agendas are released, the everyday student will get more involved on campus; isn't that what we all want?



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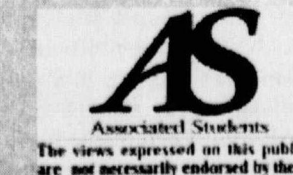
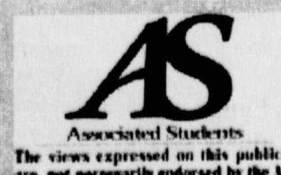
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Local News & Opinion

UCSD Professors Chew on Only One Side of Debate Conservative Students Spit It Out

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Editor Emeritus

"There are many different political persuasions represented here today," began Prof. Alan Houston way back in the fall of 1999 during his opening remarks to the students of Political Science 13: Power and Justice. It was my second year at UCSD and my first political science class. Although I was undeclared at the time, I was interested in pursuing this field of undergraduate study as my major, so I paid more attention than usual from my back row perch in Center 101.

"There are Democrats here," he continued, "Green Party members, Libertarians... and there may even be a few Republicans!" The class roared with hearty approval; what a funny guy! So clever! But some students laughed nervously while twitching in their seats. "For real! I'm not a Republican! No way! Don't even know one. Couldn't tell ya where to find one."

Ah, what a wake up call. Still recovering from the blatantly communistic reeducation camp I had endured as a freshman through DOC at Marshall College (my ultra-feminist DOC 1 professor Kelly

Mayhew on men: "My step-dad sat around and got fed"), I thought the Political Science Department would offer me the chance to really think about the issues. Perhaps exchanges among all sides of them, like, "Well, you're a student at UCSD, you've taken a Poli. Sci. class or two, what do you think?"



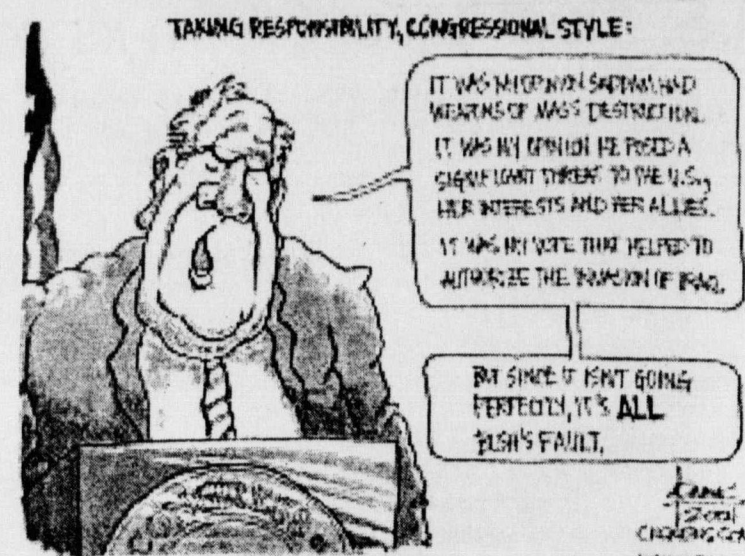
Prof. Alan Houston

Perhaps, though, a wake up call is in order for Prof. Houston and the Political Science Department. Consider this (because he obviously hasn't): according to an Oct. 2003 opinion poll conducted by the left-leaning Harvard University's Institute of Politics, 31 percent of college students identify themselves as Republicans, whereas 27 percent

identify themselves as Democrats. You need look no further than your own campus for evidence: There no longer exists a College Democrat club at UCSD, but the College Republicans are everywhere protesting the protesters, holding affirmative action bake sales, etc. There is no serious liberal newspaper to speak of, but the *California Review* faithfully prints up to three issues per quarter (and in color, no less!). And yes, I won't name them, but there are a few professors at UCSD who proudly, albeit quietly, support the GOP in the voter booth.

Surprised, Prof. Houston? You shouldn't be. Turn off CNN for a minute and pick up Bernard Goldberg's latest book, "Arrogance," and maybe some things will begin to make sense. Goldberg's argument, although it concerns the mainstream media elite, relates directly to the academic elite just as well. He makes the point that those in the media elite believe their liberal ideologies to be mainstream because everyone they work with and everyone they socialize with subscribes to the same leftist mantra as them. In other

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Team Building Takes Time One student's secret to success

Mia Beck
Business Manager

Here at UCSD we have a little extra program called UCSD Extension, which offers courses on fun stuff like playing guitar and oil painting, along with some firmer subject matter. In addition, Extension offers several "certificate" programs mostly aimed at adults who go back to school to learn to write code or be a better manager. There is also one, count it, one Extension certificate intended for undergraduate students here at UCSD. This certificate is in the area of business and is remarkably beneficial.

Considering that UCSD offers no true business major, only the very theory-intensive economics, this set of three classes (one each quarter) proves very instructive indeed. The skills taught in the first two classes (I've yet to take the third) are ones I believe will be of far more use outside the university than, oh say, game theory.

The class I am currently taking is called "Business Communication Skills" and handily enough only meets five times this quarter, so it doesn't interfere with my regular school. During the first class, we were randomly placed into groups of six or seven and told that the largest part of our grade in the class was wholly dependant upon the ability of our groups to work together effectively. I know what you're thinking: UCSD students couldn't possibly work together! Why, they don't even look at each other when walking around campus! But it's actually been working out quite well, at least in my group, and everyone has managed to become rather good friends. I tend to think it has to do with self-selection, however, as everyone in the class knew what they were getting into and chose to enroll anyway (all the

real social anxiety cases selected themselves right on out).

It's actually come to be a very pleasant class, and everyone I've spoken to seems to regard it as more of a playtime than as a class. Four hours of forced socializing is a real boost to everybody's mood, and the things we learn are generally very interesting. What's more, the class is proving to be effective. On the first day of class, we took two hours arguing over how to put six items in the correct order, but by the third class, we were able to come to a consensus on the order of 18 items within 20 minutes.

A component of this course that I found intriguing was that we all took a personality test, the Meyers-Briggs Type Indicator. The test measures "preferences" for different aspects of a person's behavior and leaves him with four little letters to describe himself. I'd strongly encourage anybody to take this test if given the chance, as it is very enlightening. It allows you to recognize your strengths so that you can utilize them, and your weaknesses, so you can avoid them. Being conscious of your own preferences in various situations allows you the power to control them far more effectively. This activity really clarified the roles and responsibilities each person in my group was comfortable with and let the whole group work together more effectively. I highly recommend the series if you want to go into management or if you just want to know how to work well in a group (I hate to scare anyone, but in the real world almost all of you will have to). Knowing how to compose a linear programming problem is all fine and dandy, but if you don't know how to communicate with your coworkers, you'll be out of luck in implementing your findings.

Arnold in Charge The Governor delivers on his campaign promises

Josiah David Peske
Local News Editor

Arnold Schwarzenegger is the governor of California. Saying that still just brings a smile to my face, warmth to my heart, and cheesy puns to newspaper articles. After the total recall of ex-governor Gray Davis, the Governor was sworn in less than three months ago. In his short time in office, however, he has proved well that he is in fact The People's Governor. Apparently he wasn't acting when he told the people of California on the campaign trail why he was the man for the job.

We trusted him to take care of our state, and he has demonstrated his ability to not only make the tough decisions for the success of our great state, but he has also shown his trustworthiness by making good on the numerous promises he made on the campaign trail. Clearly Arnold isn't just a predator looking for political power, nor is he just a lowly junior who will be taken advantage of by the state's Democrats. To more completely

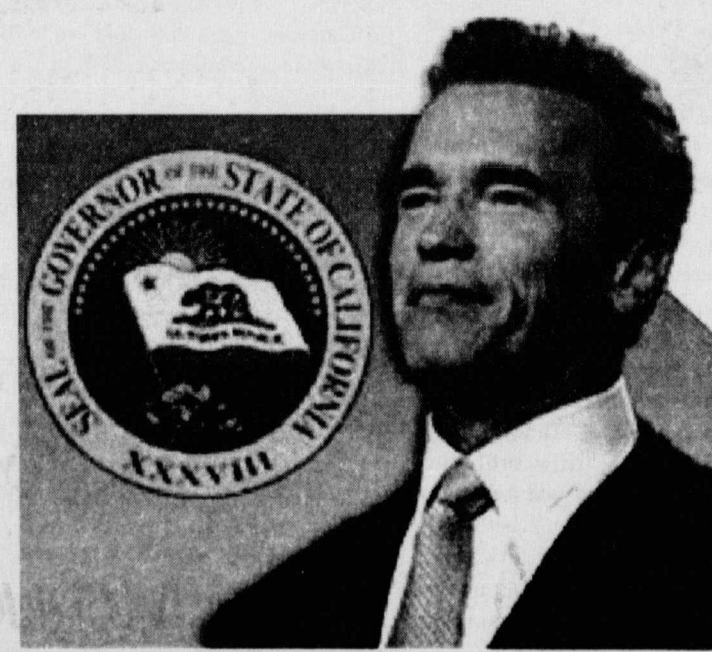
understand the intense beauty of having Mr. Universe running the state, let us reflect upon some of Arnold's promises in the campaign, and the actual policies he has implemented and actions he has taken to achieve his goals. Let the nonexistence of any true lies by Arnold be known!

Promise: Repeal the tripling of the car tax the previous administration had thrown upon

the middle class of California.

Action: On his first day in office, Arnold signed Executive Order S-1-03, terminating the tripling of the car tax and refunded anyone unfortunately enough to have overpaid during the months the tax was in effect.

Promise: Stop the overregulating, overtaxing and See "Arnold" on Page 12



Chancellor's Task Force for Diversity UCSD Administrator Tries to Pull the Wool Over Our Eyes

Josiah David Peske
Local News Editor

Reading a Jan. 21 letter from the Office of Acting Chancellor Marsha Chandler, I could do nothing but shudder at the lack of respect for the intelligence of the UCSD community conveyed by her letter. In the subject line, she clearly indicated that her intention was to discuss the "Creation of a Senate-Administration Task Force on Underrepresented Faculty," so I was prepared for her to explain her reasons for creating this task force.

For those of you who were unable to enjoy her justification in January, here it is: "In this decade of rapid growth, it is especially important that we maintain UCSD's tradition of recruiting the highest quality faculty. As an essential part of that process, this is an opportune time to review the campus' efforts with respect to the recruitment and retention of underrepresented faculty. To this end, I am forming a joint Academic Senate-Administration Task Force on Underrepresented Faculty." Now, I knew the Task Force on Underrepresented Faculty was going to come in here somewhere, so at first I wasn't too shocked. Then I stopped and thought for about half a second, and reread her first sentence.

I would have laughed if I hadn't realized that Chandler took me for such a dupe that she thought she could actually pull off the justification that in order to maintain the highest quality faculty we must recruit and retain underrepresented faculty. But it makes sense, right? We

own sake, and as a policy can in no way inherently contribute to the excellence of the faculty. On the contrary, racial diversity for its own sake is merely a glorified and respected yet nevertheless insidious form of racism, treating an individual not as an individual with merit and

any effect on the proportion of a faculty at this prestigious university that is allegedly supposed to be maintained at a level of the highest quality. If you care about whether a minority is "underrepresented" in the highest quality faculty at UCSD, why don't you compare

actual tenured professors with this same racial makeup at UCSD was 7.2 percent, much greater than the proportion in availability. The "overrepresented" whites were an 85.5% chunk of the available academics, but garnered only an 81.3 percent bite of tenured professorships here at UCSD. A similar trend is found in nontenured faculty as well (<http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/damgmt/avails-minorities-non-t.pdf>). Who is the "underrepresented" here, again?

Of course, it doesn't make a shred of difference for the quality of the faculty whether any group is underrepresented or overrepresented, since the diversity doctrine is a hunk of baloney, anyway. Perhaps, however, the most laughable flaw in Chandler's logic of racial diversity's equivalence to greatness comes from the UC's own comparison (<http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/damgmt/comp8-ethnic.pdf>) of the diversity of its faculty to the diversity of the faculties of Harvard, Yale, MIT and Stanford. For 2004, these private universities were ranked 1, 3, 4, and 5 respectively by U.S. News. What makes these colleges the best? Part of their top ranking results from the fact that they have the highest quality faculty members. The percentage of

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UC & PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS FULL-TIME FACULTY, 2001-02

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UC	6,548	18	140	671	289	5,302	15	23	1,320	13	50	231	72	663	13	78				
Harvard University	861	2	27	41	13	745	16	17	539	2	14	54	14	352	31	72				
MIT	651	0	8	55	11	573	0	3	257	0	15	25	5	167	0	44				
Yale University	782	0	15	34	10	685	0	38	595	0	18	42	13	391	1	100				
Stanford University	917	2	24	63	14	780	0	34	293	1	14	30	14	181	1	40				
Private	3,211	4	75	193	49	2,783	16	92	1,055	3	62	158	45	1,091	33	262				
UC	0.3%	2.1%	10.2%	4.4%	82.3%	0.2%	0.4%		1.9%	3.8%	17.5%	5.5%	65.4%	1.0%	8.9%					
Harvard University	0.2%	3.1%	4.8%	1.5%	86.5%	1.5%	2.0%		0.4%	2.6%	10.2%	2.6%	65.3%	5.9%	13.4%					
MIT	0.0%	1.4%	8.4%	1.7%	88.0%	0.0%	0.5%		0.5%	5.8%	10.1%	1.9%	65.6%	0.9%	17.1%					
Yale University	0.0%	1.9%	4.3%	1.3%	87.6%	0.0%	4.5%		0.9%	3.4%	7.4%	2.3%	60.1%	0.2%	17.7%					
Stanford University	0.2%	2.9%	6.9%	1.5%	85.1%	0.0%	3.7%		0.3%	4.8%	12.3%	4.8%	61.8%	0.3%	15.7%					
Private	0.1%	2.3%	6.0%	1.5%	86.7%	0.5%	2.9%		0.2%	3.7%	9.5%	2.8%	65.9%	2.0%	15.8%					

SOURCE: PEES, Fall Staff survey

need racial diversity because everyone knows diversity is good, right? After all, just look at the statistics. According to the 2000 census, 32.4 percent of the population of California is Hispanic or Latino. So, why isn't the UCSD faculty 32.4% Hispanic or Latino? If you are thinking something is clearly wrong, you are most definitely correct!

First and foremost, racial diversity is not worthwhile for its

meaning but judging him merely upon his membership in a collective. Unfortunately, Chandler feels no need to defend her policy of diversity, simply taking for granted that her assumption that a diverse faculty equates to a highly qualified faculty will pass unquestioned through the UCSD community.

Second, the relative proportion of an underrepresented minority in the population should have little (if

the actual composition of the faculty to the composition of the highest quality applicants on the market? The latest statistics on tenured professors at UCSD (<http://www.ucop.edu/acadadv/damgmt/avails-minorities-non-t.pdf>) show that out of the pool of qualified available applicants, 6.5 percent were "underrepresented minorities" (American Indians, African Americans and Chicano/Latinos), while the percentage of

Boy Scouts

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Scouts are a religious organization and ineligible for overt municipal support.

The Scouts argue that the city gives preferential treatment to numerous nonprofit organizations, both religious and secular. Therefore, to single out the Scouts based upon their beliefs is in violation of their First Amendment rights.

The settlement means the city will no longer support the Boy Scouts and will not oppose the ACLU during the Boy Scouts' appeal of Jones's ruling. The actual removal of the Boy Scouts from the park will not occur until a final judgment is made deeming the lease unconstitutional, activating the termination clause of the original lease.

The ACLU believes that there should be equal access to the park's facilities, and because the Boy Scouts are exclusive in their membership selection, they should not have preferential use. Before the city's Jan. 9 closed-session decision to settle, it had stood with the Boy Scouts, because the facilities on the leased land were open to the public.

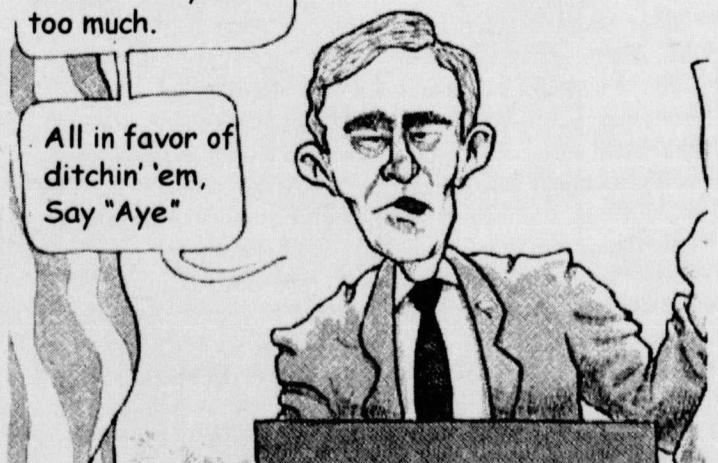
The Boy Scouts have expressed disappointment that the city is abandoning them rather than taking the case to court to defend the lease as they

had up until this point. The Scouts also have expressed shock at the \$950,000 in tax dollars awarded to the ACLU, which they feel could have helped reimburse the organization for the millions they have put into park improvements. The Scouts

There are several other community organizations that lease on the same terms as the Scouts: the Camp Fire Boys and Girls, the YMCA, the Jewish Community Center, the Black Police Officers Association, Churches and the Girl Scouts. The Justice Department appears

I'm kinda sick of supporting the Boy Scouts. They cost' too much.

All in favor of ditchin' 'em, Say "Aye"



already invested \$2 million to build the aquatic facilities on Fiesta Island, and, under the terms of the Balboa Park lease, were required to spend another \$1.7 million to upgrade the facilities of Camp Balboa. They argue that it is outrageous to reward the ACLU for singling out the Boy Scouts while ignoring the multiple concrete enhancements the Boy Scouts have made to both public lease sites.

to side with the Scouts, as Special Counsel for Religious Discrimination Eric Treene writes, "singling out the Boy Scouts for exclusion from [the City's leasing] program based on their viewpoint would raise serious First Amendment concerns."

The Boy Scouts have continued their appeal, and are now suing the City of San Diego for a breach of contract.

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Domestic Affairs

The "Loyal Opposition" A Look at Dr. Dean and Gen. Clark

Bryan Gragg
Staff Writer

As the never-ending campaign for the Democrat presidential nomination is dwindling to a close, we start to realize that eventually someone needs to win. Sometime between now and March, one candidate will have to emerge from this crowded field of nine that have currently overstayed their welcome in the political spotlight. In the end, the eight losers of this disgraceful field will probably need a check up from Dr. Howard Dean to ensure that they haven't developed melanoma from over-exposure. Dr. Dean, by the way, is the current odds-on favorite to win the nomination, but retired General Wesley Clark seems to be surging in recent polls. Since these two candidates are materializing into the best the Democrats have to offer, let us take a closer look at some of their comments in recent months to get a better idea of the opposition President Bush will likely face this November.

As Democrat operative James Carville said, "He [Dean] seems to not appreciate the glory of the unspoken thought." Carville, who rarely attacks a fellow Democrat, sums up what appears to be Dean's biggest

obstacle...Dean himself. As though running on a platform of higher taxes (through the repeal of the Bush tax cuts) and opposition to a largely popular war in Iraq isn't difficult enough, Howard Dean doesn't seem to know when not to speak. Before he publicly adopted his policy of incorporating Jesus Christ and God into his stump speeches to Southerners (and only Southerners), the former governor of Vermont said that he wanted to be the candidate that "Southern white guys with Confederate flags on the back of their pick-up trucks" could vote for. On what basis should Southern voters choose a candidate? Well, according to Dr. Dean Southerners shouldn't involve "race, guns, god, and gays" in the decision making process. Although he probably would admit that his newly found religion doesn't quite reach "born-again" status, Dean says that it was his Christianity that convinced him to sign the first bill in the nation that legalized civil unions between homosexuals. Never mind the fact that the church is vehemently against gay rights and that Dr. Dean left his former Episcopal denomination to become a Congregationalist over a bike path.

As if that weren't enough, Dr. Dean also provides us with his insights on American foreign policy - such as giving the United Nations control of it. In a question and answer session after a major foreign policy address on December 15, Dr. Dean said, "Had the United Nations given us permission and asked us to be a part of a multilateral force, I would not have hesitated to go into Iraq, but that was not the case." During that same session he also made the statement that the capture of Saddam Hussein did not make America safer. In another interview, Dr. Dean floated an "interesting" theory that the Saudi's gave the Bush Administration advanced notice of the 9/11 attacks. Not only did he not have proof of his allegations, he later flatly denied saying it in the first place...too bad he said it on national television. Surely there is another candidate without such a bad case of foot-in-mouth disease.

This leads us to back-up candidate General Clark. A late-comer to the race, Clark wanted to create a "new patriotism" around his campaign. So far, it pretty much consists of calling the President and the war un-

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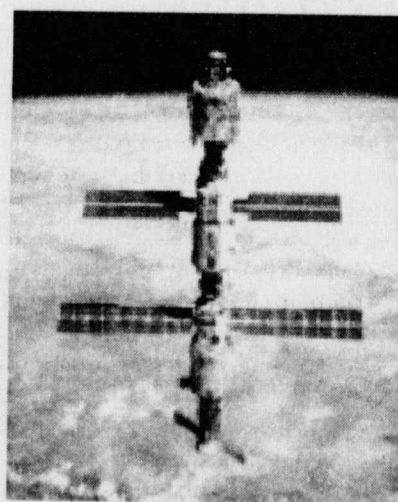
Reaching the Final Frontier The Resurgence of America's Space Program

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In a bold move on Thursday, January 15, President Bush called for a revitalization of America's space program, and set many long-term goals for NASA, including putting another astronaut on the moon, establishing a permanent lunar base, and ultimately safely landing an astronaut on Mars by 2030. This ambitious plan to return to the moon and set up a landing base would "set NASA's agenda for the next 10-15 years," according to NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe. To help implement the President's plans, Bush also created the Commission on the Implementation of U.S. Space Exploration Policy, headed by former Air Force Secretary Pete Aldridge.

The President's plan called for returning the space shuttle to duty, but retiring the shuttle fleet by the year 2010, replacing the space shuttle with a newer vessel called a crew exploratory vehicle. In addition, the United States would also withdraw from the International Space Station

by the year 2010. American scientists will study the effects of long-term space flight on the human body while the United



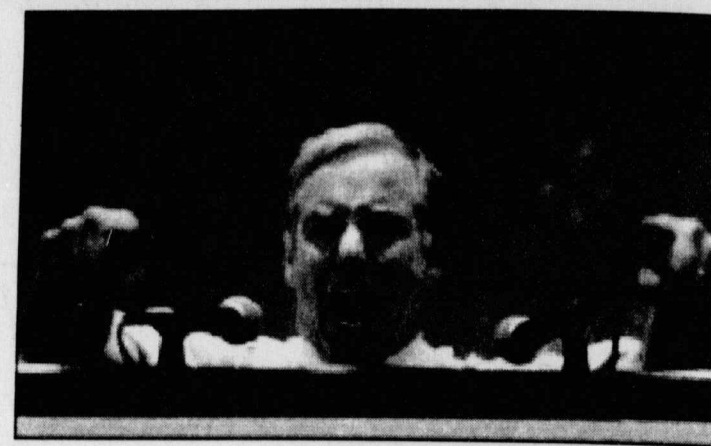
States is still engaged with the International Space Station, studying the effects of radiation, muscle mass degeneration, and bone mass degeneration.

President Bush plans to increase NASA's funding \$90 million to total \$15.5 billion in his 2004 budget, which still must meet congressional approval. In addition, President Bush also plans to increase NASA's budget allocations by less than 5% every

year for the next three years, totaling \$800 million per year. However, even with these budget increases, experts still estimate that a return to the moon would have a price tag amounting to around \$50 billion, which is much more than the President is calling for. White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan hinted that other nations such as Russia might take part in the mission, and thus help share the costs of the venture. Altogether, NASA spending will still total less than 1% of the federal budget.

Regardless of the relatively small 1% price tag that is currently associated with NASA, several congressional Democrats are still unconvinced about the costs and funding for these future missions. "I hope that by the president making this announcement, he'll put the horsepower behind it and sustain it for the long run," commented Florida Senator Bill Nelson, the only current congressman who has been in space. Other congressional Democrats

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The ACLU: Protecting Liberty or Suppressing Democracy?

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How did you celebrate the holidays this year? There is a strong chance you are one of the 96% of Americans that observed Christmas this December, according to recent polls (conducted by Opinion Dynamics). Nevertheless, the way things are shaping up, there's a strong danger that in a few years, thanks to the ACLU such celebrations will be completely eliminated.

The American Civil Liberties Union has been on a 30 year streak to erase our Judeo-Christian heritage and essentially censor Christmas in America. The ACLU has been suing left and right on all levels of the American system of Justice to eliminate any references to the word God from our lives. The ACLU along with the Citizens United for the Separation of Church and State have challenged everything from the word God in our Pledge of Allegiance to the 10 commandments located in US courts.

The same poll concluded that 87% of Americans approve of Nativity scenes being displayed on public property during the holidays. Furthermore, the US Supreme Court allowed the display of religious symbols on public property as long as non-religious symbols are present in the spirit of diversity. Nevertheless, the ACLU has been very successful on eliminating many of these scenes throughout the country. Along with these they victoriously removed Christmas songs from many public schools and many public institutions are reluctant to wish their employees "Merry Christmas" as they risk being sued for breaking the law because they are violating the "Separation of Church and State."

The United States was founded on Judeo-Christian principles demonstrated in the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Christmas is a legal holiday observed by the US Congress to honor our heritage and does not violate the

"Separation of Church and State." By observing Christmas, the US is not by any means trying to direct Americans towards "an establishment of religion." If such were the case, Congress would have sanctioned Easter a national holiday.

So what does it mean when a minority goes against the majority and wins? The ACLU is systematically suppressing democracy in the United States by going against 87 percent of Americans. They hardly have a case but because they are so well funded and local governments are reluctant to go through the hassle of fighting them in court they are often triumphant in their oppressive quest against the majority. You may thank the City of San Diego for part of this as they have recently funded the ACLU with \$950,000 of our tax money. This is a result of the Boy Scouts settlement on the controversy in Balboa Park, despite an existing Supreme Court decision that upheld the rights of the Boy Scouts.

The problem is that if a person is a far left-wing secular, the ACLU would protect that person and would fight to protect "their flavor" of civil liberties. But if one is part of the majority, one would have to fight on their own with his own funds and attorneys. Take for example the case in Pennsylvania when a public school teacher was fired for wearing a cross around her neck. She sued back as her civil liberties were obviously violated. The ACLU did not help her. She had to get her own lawyers and she eventually won in a Federal Court. She was later reinstated with full compensation.

Finally after 30 years, due to the increased level of awareness of ACLU's practices, we have a group of attorneys that have organized to stand up and represent the majority in the spirit of American freedom. The Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) has organized more than 700 lawyers to defend the public celebration of Christmas this year. They have been victorious

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The Forum

The California Review encourages free and open expression of thought which reaches beyond the bounds of our own ideology. Therefore, in the interest of intellectual debate, we offer two sides of an intriguing issue that will surely be contested for some time to come: Bush's Immigration Proposal. The arguments are as follows, but the final opinion is yours.

Pro: Economic Reality

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President George W. Bush's proposed immigration policy has been the center for much debate. The proposal in essence makes it legal for illegal immigrants to reside in the United States if they work for employers who are willing to vouch for their status.

The essential argument for why this is a poor policy is based on the typical Republican stance of an isolationist, strict border policy. The tried and true right-wing argument seems to be quite far from the Bush agenda in this election year.

His stance on this policy is a clear move at the Hispanic vote in which Bush was at a clear disadvantage in the last election. It seems in this respect that the move is working with sweeping Hispanic support for the proposal.

The far right would have you believe that the proposal goes too far, and is opposed to normative Republican policy. Conversely, the far left argues that the proposal does not go far enough, and is simply being used to garner votes, not actually make a substantive difference.

There is vast agreement that illegal immigrant workers are a problem. It seems the Bush solution is the most moderate considering the vast divisiveness that is occurring over this specific problem.

The proposal includes a three year, temporary visa for workers that can prove they are employed in the U.S. There is a provision for a single renewal at the end of the initial three year period.

This proposal has a strong case if seen from a certain point of view. While true that it does little to ideologically continue the idea of a strong immigration policy, in action it does bring about a significant change that may actually strengthen the overall stance of the current administration.

To be eligible for the program, workers must enter the system. They become documented immigrants, whose name is now in the system. They are given a chance to apply for permanent residency, but if they are not successful, they must return to their country of origin.

In this sense, the policy identifies illegal immigrants and structures the ability for the government to return them to their original country after a period of labor in the U.S. All the while, these workers become part of the tax base, increasing national revenue.

There is an argument made that these workers are taking jobs that otherwise would be filled by American citizens. While this may be true, once the jobs become legal and documented, the pay and working conditions must fall under American laws.

This makes these jobs more desirable to American citizens who would not have worked the jobs for decreased pay and poor working conditions. This policy, in effect, actually opens up more positions to American workers.

American workers were not taking these jobs, as they existed in the first

place, and the government did not have the necessary infrastructure to locate the illegal jobs. The Bush proposal puts these jobs on the map for more employees to find work.

In addition, this policy is a good election year policy. With the return of economic success the Bush administration has a bright spot for the upcoming campaign. The only negative that is immediately apparent, is the enduring, high unemployment rates. This proposal makes jobs that are now off the radar part of the system. The policy will boost new job creation numbers, and help the administration defend from leftist attacks against an otherwise exceptionally strong economic rebound.

In this sense, the policy not only garners support from the Hispanic voter

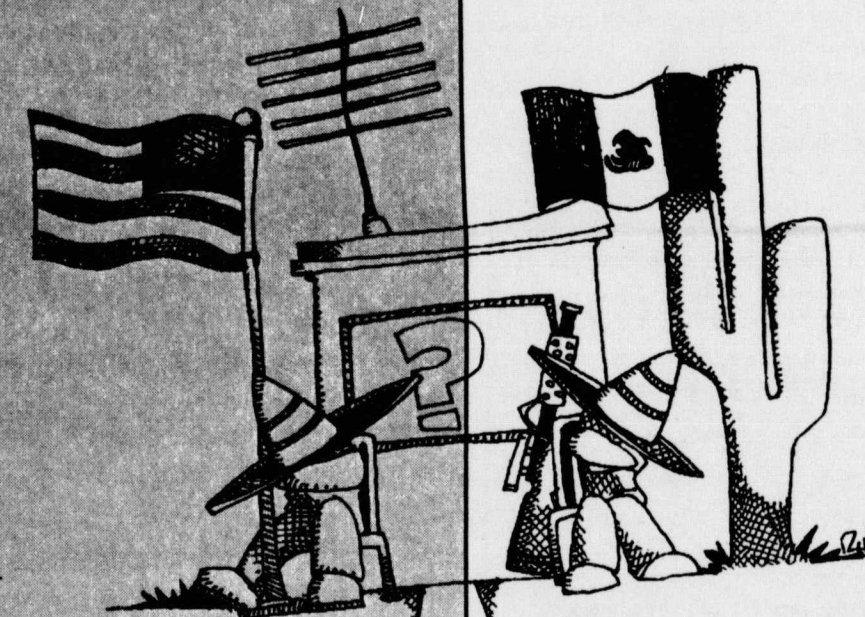


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base, but it gives the administration ammunition in the campaign to come. The illegal worker issue is a hot spot in many states, but none more so than California and Texas.

Both states remain strongly partisan without much chance for Bush to garner any additional electoral votes. However, with a larger spread in Texas, and a closing of the gap in California, the campaign can point to both as a victory.

Perhaps the most ignored issue is Florida, where this policy has had a great impact. If passed, Florida could become a strongly Republican state with its large number of Hispanic numbers. As a turn around from the very controversial 2000 race in that state, a solid, large gap victory, for Bush in 2004 would only serve to strengthen his position nationally.

The policy is a hallmark of the "New-Republican" image that the Bush administration has been pushing. It may be far from traditional conservative ideals, but a strong Republican unification behind this issue would do wonders in 2004.

The policy is a good one, and actually serves to strengthen immigration policy, albeit in a completely circumspect manner. It may be Bush's most highly contested domestic (quasi-domestic) stance as of yet, but it is a stance that works.

Con: Rewarding Criminals

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President Bush has offered a new proposal for immigration reform, one he believes will solve the illegal immigration problem. However, if implemented, his plan will lead to unmitigated economic disaster, and a brand new flood of illegal immigrants.

The President calls it a "guest worker" program, saying that it will "match willing worker with willing employer," with the qualification that employers may only hire foreign workers if an American cannot be found to fill the position. Under this proposal, millions of foreigners would be eligible to enter the United States, with the sole requirement that they find employment. Each worker would be allowed to stay a maximum of

same thing happens with traffic laws—highway patrol do not catch all speeders, but because they actually enforce the law it makes the rest of us wary and reluctant to speed, run red lights, etc. The same thing would happen concerning immigration.

But the administration's plan does none of this. It simply requires that immigrants, legal or illegal, be matched with jobs that "Americans will not take." How do they plan to enforce this "Americans first policy"? The answer is that they cannot, because it is unenforceable. When asked how they would enforce it, an administration official answered that the mere presence of a foreign worker in a job is enough to show that an American could not be found. Such ideas are the norm for the administration's proposal.

Because the "Americans first" provision is unenforceable, employers will be quick to hire the immigrants over Americans, because of their willingness to work for pennies. Thus, wages will be depressed and Americans who are willing to work low-paid jobs will be unable to compete.

The part of the plan that proposes to send "guest workers" home after three years is all well and good, but it requires the enforcement of immigration law, which the administration has proved itself unwilling to do. All experience from this country and others shows that such "guest workers" become permanent residents in due course, and disappear into the vast underground of illegal immigrants.

Finally, the President calls for an increase in the number of green cards to be issued, inviting more legal immigrants. The President's plan has an underlying theme to it, and this final part only highlights it more: that America is in dire need of foreign workers (hence the idea that the immigrants will be filling jobs that "Americans won't take").

First of all, the idea that there are jobs beneath the dignity of natural born Americans is one that needs to be dispensed with. We are in a time of relatively high unemployment, yet we are planning on importing vast numbers of foreign workers to fill jobs. There is simply no logic to this idea. It has to be one or the other—either we have a shortage of jobs and high unemployment, or such a large number of unfilled jobs that we need to import workers. The truth, something that the administration cannot see, is the former—now is not a time when we need a massive influx of foreign labor. Massive immigration is now a far larger problem than it has been. In the past, many immigrants who came to America and couldn't make it packed up and went back home. This provided a kind of filter to sort out the dead weight—if you could succeed and contribute, you were welcome, but if you couldn't hack it, you went home. Now, however, if you can't make it there is an enormous welfare state

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More Good Stuff

Did the Atkins Diet Kill Robert Atkins? Current fitness craze not proven effective and is unhealthy

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Dr. Robert Atkins, the famous diet guru who amassed a fortune promoting the evils of carbohydrate calories and the benefits of high protein and fat intake, slipped on a patch of ice on April 8, 2003. He died from the injury and related complications a week later.

It is quite likely that Dr. Atkins' slip was not a freak accident but rather a misstep made at a time of potential stress and even depression brought about by the publication of an extremely damaging study by the *Journal of the American Medical Association* on the previous day.

For most of Atkins' career he promoted a diet of fat and protein to the near exclusion of carbohydrates, insisting it would cause one's body to lose weight without the need for obsessive calorie counting. Most scientists disagreed, pointing to the obvious and well-known fact that one's weight is primarily dependent on the number of calories one burns in a normal day plus any extra exercise performed, and the number of calories consumed in the form of digested food.

The vast majority of nutritionists recognize a calorie is a calorie, regardless of whether it comes in the form of protein, fat or carbohydrate.

But counting calories and exercising are too difficult for the average person, so they seek a magic bullet in the form of a diet guaranteed to produce relatively rapid

weight loss. They almost all do lose weight because, one way or another, diets force you into a low-calorie regimen.

The problem is that 98 percent of all dieters eventually get tired of their regimen and go back to their old eating patterns and regain all their weight loss, often with a small dividend of extra weight for good measure.

Regardless of these accepted principles of body functionality, Atkins advocated his high protein, low carbohydrate diet year after year, with little scientific evidence to support his claim but growing wealth to support his business acumen.

The day before his accident, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published a joint study by seven scientists titled "Efficacy and Safety of Low-carbohydrate Diets." The authors looked at 2,609 potentially relevant articles on low-carbohydrate diets, focusing most heavily on 107 articles whose research protocols were beyond question.

Their extremely firm conclusion at the completion of this intensive review was: "There is insufficient evidence to make recommendations for or against the use of carbohydrate diets, participant weight loss using low-carbohydrate diets was principally associated with decreased caloric intake and increased duration but not reduced carbohydrate content."

Strangely, the public never took notice of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* study, but we can be sure Dr. Atkins did. It is not difficult to envision a 72-year-old

man, just informed that his life's work was strongly repudiated by a leading medical journal, walking in an unfocused daze, losing his balance on an icy surface, falling and striking his head on the hard surface.

The plausibility of this scenario could be tested by interviewing people who spoke to Atkins in the hours before his fall. Unfortunately, none of his business associates or family members are likely to admit that Atkins' mental state may have contributed to his fall. This writer, though, is quite convinced this is precisely what happened.

The Atkins Diet and foods marketed to people following that diet have probably never been more popular. I dare you to walk the aisle of any supermarket without finding the Atkins name attached to any number of foodstuffs. Low-carbs and the fast-gaining "net-carbs" scam (total carbs minus fibrous carbs equals "net carbs," allowing more foods to be labeled "low carb") are everywhere.

Even after the death of its inventor, the Atkins Diet continues to frustrate the hopes of millions of Americans battling obesity.

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Foreign Policy

Pro-Americans in the EU Presidency? U.S. finds wartime allies in the European top seat

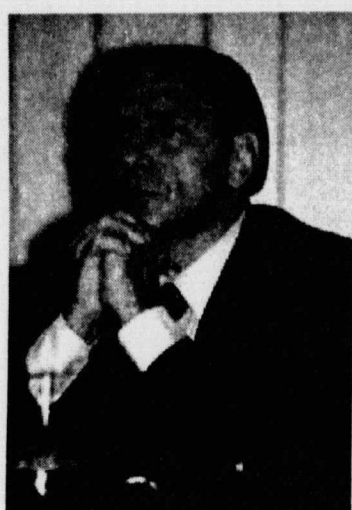
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For all the diplomatic problems the U.S. is having with Europe, the Presidency of the EU has now passed between two decidedly pro-American leaders. The six month, alphabetically organized, shifting presidency passed from Italy to Ireland this New Year's Day. The combination is giving the U.S. a full year of a friendlier EU, regardless of the independent stances of each country. President Bush should seize this opportunity to repair ties with allies and still stand by his convictions now, while any EU anger is restrained by an ally in the leadership.

The last six months have seen the EU under the supervision of one of the most charismatic leaders of our time, Italian President Silvio Berlusconi. Berlusconi was a direct result of Italy's rebellion against communist leaders in the 90s. As is Italy's want, they fluctuate between extremes every few years. Therefore, it is fitting that Berlusconi is as capitalist as a President can be. In fact, he is probably too

capitalist for his country's own good.

Berlusconi owns over two thirds of the country's television stations and most of the major



newspapers. He is currently awash in a scandal in which he is accused of bribing judges in past indictments. If that isn't bad enough, he passed a hurried law the night before he assumed the Presidency that gave him immunity against any further criminal indictments until his six-month presidency was finished.

However, it was still good

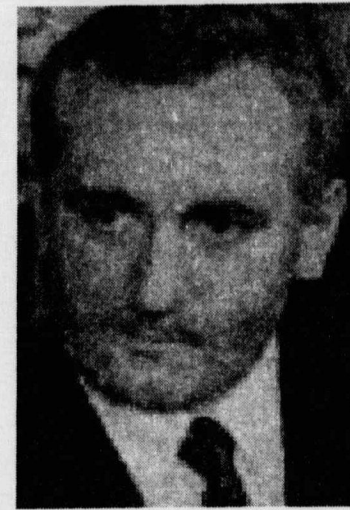
news to the U.S., especially since the war in Iraq took place during Greece's presidency. Greece has been virulently anti-American in its policy and, while they toned down their rhetoric during their stay in the President's seat, their hostility was still apparent.

Berlusconi, on the other hand, is an unabashed ally of the U.S., almost unconditionally. He is the product of a middle class family who rose to be the richest man in Italy, and he credits the U.S. and its freedom in part for his rise to fame. He says the hard work ethic and liberty to press on with ambition is what gave him motivation to succeed.

Almost immediately upon entering the Presidency, Berlusconi managed to severely insult several German politicians by accusing a socialist MP of being a perfect choice as an actor for the role of a Nazi commandant in a movie currently being filmed in Italy. He made comments that so infuriated Chancellor Schroeder that the German leader cancelled his long summer vacation to Italy.

This, of course, was good news for the U.S., who has seen France and German, the two

most powerful opponents of the U.S. trying to control the EU through force. Suddenly, the country in power was not going to sit back and allow the Franco-



German alliance to always have its way.

To illustrate this point even better, the new EU constitution was all but killed when, under Berlusconi's watchful eye, Spain and Poland refused to buckle to France and Germany's system of voting. This system would've effectively given France and Germany the ability to ignore all other countries based on the size

of their populations. While population is as good as any system of counting votes, Europe would be a much more dangerous place if two countries could control the will of the rest.

Many French and German politicians claimed that Silvio Berlusconi's stint as President has ruined many chances of solidarity in the EU. However, more likely, France and Germany are now reeling because their alliance is not as Ireland a front runner in computer knowledge and skill.

Unfortunately, the war in Iraq was difficult for Ahern, because the Constitution of Ireland requires Ireland to remain neutral at all times. No military personnel from any other country are allowed to walk on Irish soil in uniform.

However, Ahern still allowed stopover fueling for U.S. military aircraft at Shannon Airport, before completing their flights to Iraq. He used the justification of World War II exemption for U.S. aircraft to fly over an air bridge across the northern county of Donegal in order to reach the British-controlled Belfast. The anti-war

The Dollar Is Down, So Is Nintendo

Foreign markets hurt with the falling of the dollar, Japanese markets feel the crunch

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The American dollar is falling, and it's taking Nintendo down with it.

Since 1889 — yes, 1889 — Nintendo has posted profits every quarter, every year. Once considered the most profitable company in Japan in the early 1990s, beating out such perennial giants as Toyota and Sony, Nintendo posted a six-month loss of 3 billion yen for the second half of 2003.

Contrast this with last May's prediction of a 15 billion yen profit.

What happened? The dollar fell, as it has been steadily falling for the past year and a half. As recently as 2001, it took 124 yen to buy an American dollar; now, it takes a mere 107. While the dollar's value falls against the yen, American exports have become more competitive.

But in Japan, the second-largest economy in the world, cheaper imports from America means more competition for

Japanese businesses. A weak dollar means reduced profits from Japanese exports: a \$100 GameCube used to bring home



12,400 yen; it now brings back 10,000 yen.

Nintendo's first-ever loss is the result not of poor GameCube sales — they've substantially increased since last year, squeezing Microsoft's Xbox out of the number two spot and making them second only to Sony — but rather the devaluation of the company's \$5

billion in dollar-denominated assets. \$5 billion was worth 620 billion yen in 2001, and Nintendo expected it to be worth 585 billion yen at an exchange rate of 117 yen to the dollar in 2003; it's now worth 535 billion yen. That amounts to a loss of 50 billion yen, or \$467 million. The fact that Nintendo's loss was only \$28 million means that the videogame giant's earnings were exceedingly strong. If the currency fluctuations can hurt a colossus such as Nintendo, the ramifications for corporations of a lesser caliber are staggeringly dire.

In Europe, the weakening American dollar means exports from Euro-bloc countries are more expensive in the United States. This translates into a boon for American exports, and a great way to screw over France and Germany, and in the long run the dollar's fall to an all-time low against the Euro will hurt the European economy. The United States is the biggest consumer market in the world; we have a trade deficit

with almost everyone, which means almost everyone depends on strong sales in America to keep their business afloat. Europe, Latin America and everywhere else will suffer from a weak dollar.

Meanwhile, Japan's 11-year recession cannot end if its exports are not competitive. The entire economy is driven by exports of automobiles and personal electronics, such as videogames, mp3 players, DVD players and camcorders.

In the videogame market in general, overall sales of home console systems have decreased as the market becomes saturated. PS2 and Xbox sales made up the bulk of this decline during the holiday season; Nintendo's 33 percent price cut on the GameCube spurred its sales into the number one spot for the all-important November-December sales period. At \$99, offered with a pack-in game disc including four Zelda games, the GameCube was the best deal of the year and continues to be the system for which one can get the most "bang for the buck."

Unlike the Nintendo 64, with the GameCube Nintendo is truly living up to the mantra "quality, not quantity" as far as games are concerned. First-party Nintendo games — those made by Nintendo's in-house development team — regularly outsell the top games on Playstation 2 and Xbox, despite their comparative advantage in installed user base. Videogame tournaments at UCSD, for example, usually feature the game Super Smash Bros. Melee — not the first-person shooter "Halo" for Xbox or Counterstrike for PC. Playstation 2 is the most antisocial system of the three, with only two built-in controller ports, eye-straining and relatively blocky graphics, and very few appealing multiplayer games. GameCube is rife with 4-player party games, ranging from Super Monkey Ball to Mario Kart: Double Dash.

Despite the dollar's decline, Nintendo will survive. It expects to post a year-end profit, and the company is sitting on \$7.5 billion in cash reserves. It's not going anywhere soon.

Walking a Mile in the Israelis' Shoes

Analogies can help Americans understand the plight of the Israelis

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Here in America, we fail to realize and understand the full scope of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We naively believe that we can easily resolve the conflict provided compromise from both sides. Unfortunately, we cannot do this because we cannot understand the reality of the situation without being there. To help understand, one might use an analogy of what America would be like if it was under attack by a neighbor such as Mexico.

Mexico receives aid from the United States. Mexicans who legally immigrate to the United States come here to find work and a better life than they in Mexico. They move from a developing country to a rich and prosperous democracy. They receive jobs, education and a wonderful place to raise their children. This is the reality, but what if the situation were more like this:

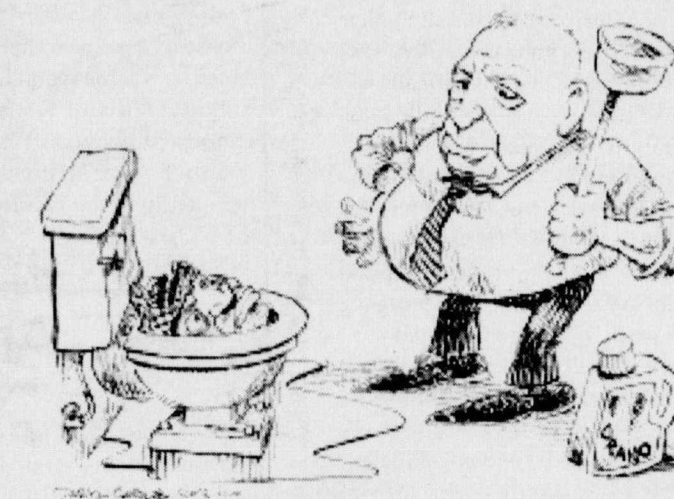
The United States and Mexico could have a dispute about some land. Mexicans could legally immigrate here and would receive jobs. However, some would illegally immigrate here, get underground jobs, and blow themselves up at marketplaces and cafes. At the same time, the Mexican establishment would not be a democracy. Mexico would control the press and its president would embezzle millions of dollars into his bank accounts. The Mexican president would be tied to organizations that send Mexicans to the United States to blow up and kill civilians. If

this were the case, what American would support it? Would anyone say, "Come to my country so that you can blow up my friends and family while my government gives your country water, aid and employment opportunities"? On top of that, opposing this viewpoint would be considered racist and supportive of apartheid.

In reality, these are some of the labels that Israel receives.

make a state. Clearly, he has never been open to compromise.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon understands these concepts. He believes in saving Israeli lives from Palestinian terrorism. One of the most important recent developments to help Israel is the establishment of the security wall. Contrary to the belief of many pro-Palestinian commentators, the security wall prevents illegal



This is regardless of the fact that they are giving jobs to unemployed Palestinians, granting financial aid, allowing Palestinians to serve in the Israeli parliament and letting them be citizens without having to give up their religious beliefs. However, Israel appears to be in a state of no longer tolerating the terror that the Palestinians impose on them even though Israel gives them so much in aid and opportunities. Israel should no longer negotiate with a leader, Yasser Arafat, who seeks the death of Jews and is not even willing to accept 94 percent of the West Bank to

Palestinian immigrants from sneaking into Israel and blowing up men, women and children.

Giving so much to the Palestinians has not helped Israel combat Palestinian terrorism. The Palestinians do not compromise. It would be like giving Mexican citizens jobs, money and a nice new home, and in return, they would kill our children. So next time activists shout that the Palestinian cause is a peace-loving one consisting of honorable freedom fighters, just consider how you'd feel in their shoes.

EU

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protesters were numerous and even violent, attacking American planes at one point, but Ahern responded quickly and decisively, send 200 Irish soldiers to guard the airport perimeters.

Ireland won't appear on the Coalition of the Willing, but was undoubtedly one of the countries that was offering logistical and anonymous support.

Now, Ahern finds himself in a very potent position. Many analysts have said the EU operates better when run by small countries, due to more intimacy with the position. Certainly Ireland would qualify for this compliment. Furthermore, Ahern's diplomacy and media-aversion will help the EU stop drawing unwanted attention to its shortcomings.

After Berlusconi, the EU needs some time out of the newspapers.

Thankfully for the U.S., not only will Ahern keep the EU presidency a quieter, more organized place, he will also provide as an intelligent and

persuaded them from a more intellectual point of view.

Things definitely are looking good for the U.S. as the EU tries to formalize a constitution and increase its membership to 25. Hopefully,

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thoughtful pro-American in the leadership. Hopefully, if Bush is able to capitalize, he can make all amends with allies while Ahern is in charge. Berlusconi would have offered the strong punches, humiliating or at least silencing the vocal anti-Americans, and Ahern will have

we will be able to make the most of this fortunate, but still too short, year of allies in positions of power.

The World: Feb. '04

*Iraqi insurgents continue to disrupt democratic progress. The country is on the brink of either stabilization or chaos -- ironically, protesters, stuck in the past, still complain about U.N. resolutions.

*Cyprus rallies around a reunification plan. If only we could have that kind of cooperation in countries just to the east....

*Northern Ireland elects two radical parties to lead from Stormont, Belfast. The peace process is on the verge of collapse. Not surprisingly, religious fundamentalists and Marxist dissidents make up the two parties.

*Canada blasts Conan O'Brien for his program's "racist" remarks against French Canadians. Canada can dish it out against Bush, but can't take it from a sock puppet?

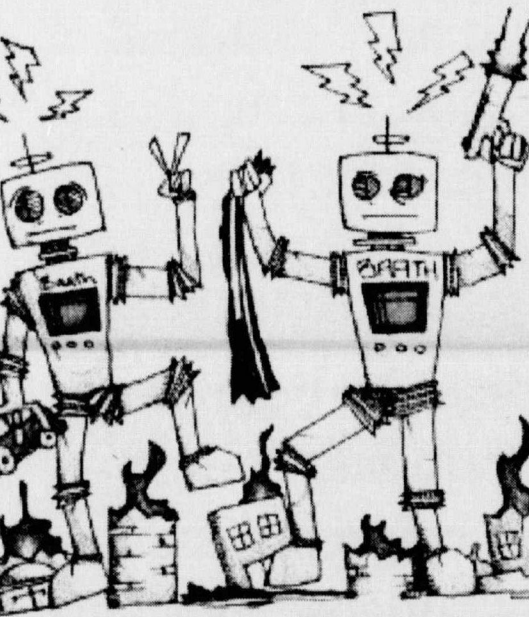
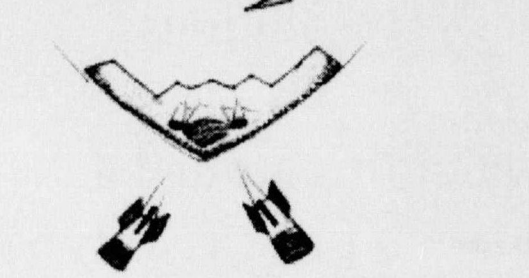
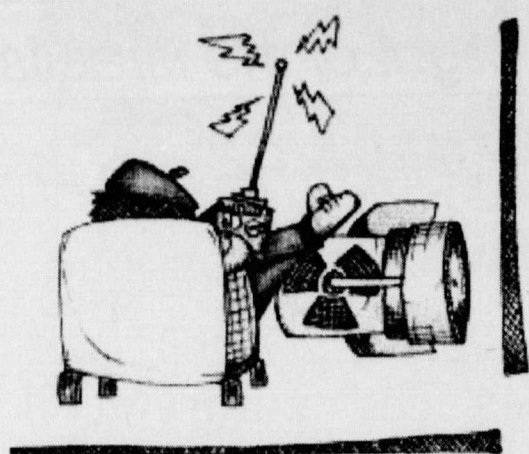


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UCSD Professors

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words, they don't get out much. Their news "analysis" reeks of Great Society liberalism and other failed experiments from the liberal lab of political sideshow horrors.

The same lack of political awareness applies to many UCSD professors. My bet is not a lot of healthy political debate occurs around the water cooler in SSB or at the Faculty Lounge during social events. The political and moral stench routinely discharged in the halls of UCSD by these professors is especially stale since most of them haven't really thought about an issue since they left Berkeley in the spring of '68. That is why you, the conservative student, need to challenge these iconoclasts in the lecture hall, on the spot. Don't worry, though, because roughly 31 percent of your peers apparently agree with you!

Later in college, I took Urban Politics with Prof. Amy Bridges (should have waited for Eric on that one - take Eric over everybody, he's one professor who isn't afraid to assign books illustrating more than one side in the debate) and in one of her lectures she referred to pro-lifers in the abortion debate as "anti-choicers."

She got away with it, since not one student in the class challenged her, including myself. I have always regretted not asking her a few simple questions right in front of the whole student audience.

The next time she lets her radical opinions spill out the left side of her mouth during an academic lecture someone should confront her on some of these points: most pro-lifers support the mother's right to choose which school to send her children to and to choose to purchase a handgun to protect her children if she wants. And most pro-choicers, on the flip side, do not support

Baathist Speakers

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Baghdad on Abu Nawas overlooking the Tigris in which only Saddam's closest friends and family were allowed to own property, as well as a luxurious home in Shamasiya. She was also afforded special privileges, such as a travel permit and the right to purchase luxury goods without paying taxes. Only Baathist leaders were granted such treatment.

A.S. President Jeremy Gallagher said research was done on the speakers, but he was not aware of any ties the speakers had to the Baath party.

"Our goal was to promote tolerance, and beyond that promote acceptance of different cultures, different ideologies," Gallagher said.

A.S. Public Relations Director Shahdeh Ammadi defended the program, claiming the speakers did not support Saddam, despite claims made by local Kurdish protestors.

"They (the speakers) were not pro-Saddam," Ammadi said. "What fascinated me is that the Kurds in the audience were trying to twist whatever they said into being pro-Saddam. They weren't pro-Saddam."

However, Al-Kheidairy has defended Saddam's genocidal gassing of the Kurds in a 2003 interview with the *New Yorker*. "There is something Americans never understand. And that is that the President is from these people, and he understands them," she said. "This country needs to be ruled with firmness, you know. And this firmness needs a little bit of cruelty."

Ammadi expressed no opinion regarding the speaker's approval of genocide.

"You and I aren't from Iraq. We've never lived there, and we can't make any kind of judgment toward someone who's had that kind of experience," said Ammadi.

Ammadi also said, "I don't see myself in a position to make any kind of comment about it. I don't have the expertise, so why should I make a hypocrite out of myself?"

The official Iraqi death toll at the hands of the Baath party may never be known, but estimates are placed at half a million people. Rape, torture and execution were common punishments for political dissident.

The Associated Students allocated \$750 to fund the event, which was held to support the UCSD Principles of Community.

Task Force

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nonwhite tenured professors at UCSD is 18.7 percent. The average percentage of nonwhite tenured professors at those four highest ranked universities is 9.9 percent. For nontenured professors, the UC system again out-diversifies the privates 23.3 percent to 19 percent. But based upon Chandler's way of thinking, those private schools must not actually have faculties of as great a caliber as they are reputed, because their faculties are less diverse than UCSD's. So we are all more lucky than we know, because our faculty must be of a higher quality than Ivy League schools!

It is truly tragic that our acting chancellor feels so confident in the numbness of the UCSD population that she is unafraid to declare that UCSD is committed to disguised racism and will pursue a diverse faculty in order to keep the faculty at the highest level of quality. Fortunately, Chandler "also [welcomes] campus input." Please let her know that she should have created a Task Force on Recruiting and Retaining the Highest Qualified Faculty Without Regard to Race if she was truly concerned about recruiting and retaining the highest quality faculty. Remind our chancellor that no matter the quality of the faculty, the students of UCSD are of the highest quality.

Arnold

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overburdening of California businesses.

Action: On his first day in office, Arnold signed Executive Order S-2-03, ordering any regulations to be returned to the Office of Administrative Law. In an attempt to reduce the collateral damage any regulations may impose, the impact the regulations will have on California businesses must be reassessed, and the sections of California legal code that grant the authority to enact those regulations must be defined.

Promise: Stop the bloating of California's government and the out of control waste, abuse and fraud.

Action: Apparently exhausted from his busy first day, Arnold waited until his third day to issue Executive Order S-3-03, which freezes and prohibits the state from hiring new workers. Furthermore, he also issued Executive Order S-4-03, erasing the ability of state agencies to enter into new contracts as well as suspending nonessential trips for government officials.

Promise: Impose a constitutional spending limit on the government of California.

Action: Proving he's not going to run off secretly like a commando, Arnold trusts the people who trusted him, and declared that the March ballot will contain a proposition imposing a spending cap on out-of-control Democratic lawmakers in Sacramento.

Promise: Balance the budget of California without raising taxes.

Action: In his State of the State address and thereafter, Arnold has outlined a \$99 billion budget that raises no taxes and includes a \$15 billion bond to be approved by voters, but was still seen as a raw deal by many because he wasn't afraid to make large cuts in many programs. Fortunately, he will be able to balance the budget because he isn't afraid to make large cuts to many programs that have been hideously overfunded by the previous administration.

Promise: Bring businesses back to California to bring jobs back to California.

Action: Rather than simply shaking his fist in a manner fitting of a barbarian, Arnold has demanded a thorough reform of the worker's compensation system to be placed on his desk before March 1, threatening that if no such reform is passed by the legislature, he will place measures on the November ballot.

Unlike what would happen if I tried to describe the typical politician, this list of miraculous achievements and fulfilled promises could continue on and on. The point, however, is that the governor of California is Arnold Schwarzenegger. He has fulfilled his promises, and behaved more like a true leader than a politician. He has done, and will continue to do, an amazing job running the greatest state in America.

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Clark

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patriotic. "I don't think it was a patriotic war. I think it was a mistake, a strategic mistake, and I think that the president of the United States wasn't patriotic in going after Saddam Hussein. He simply misled America and cost us casualties and killed and injured America's reputation around the world without valid reason for doing so. It's not patriotic; it's wrong." Forget the fact that on the first day of his campaign he infamously flip-flopped his position on how he would have voted for the war. Also, it seems that he is pretty confident that America will be safer with him at the helm. "If I'm president of the United States, I'm going to take care of the American people. We are not going to have one of these [9/11] incidents." I know that politicians make promises they can't keep every day, but that statement is absurd even by political standards. To continue with the foreign policy theme (he was a general after all), Clark seems to think that there weren't any terrorists in Iraq prior to the war. "The president was not and has not been held accountable yet for misleading the American people... Yet the only terrorists that are in Iraq are the people that have come there to attack us." I suppose he thinks that Saddam and the entire Ba'ath Party don't count as terrorists because they only terrorized their own people and an occasional neighbor or two (see Iran and Kuwait).

Although you would expect the expertise of a former General to stop at foreign policy, Clark has proven to be quite the domestic policy pontificator as well - especially as it relates to picking judges and abortion rights. "I'm not going to be appointing judges who are pro-life," he told the Manchester Union Leader. A policy that tells practicing Catholics, at least those faithful to the Pope and the Vatican that they need not apply. What about his "nuanced" approach to abortion? "Until the moment of birth, the government has no right to influence a mother's decision on whether to have an abortion... Life begins with the mother's decision." I'm surprised Clark stopped there. Let's make it easier on both the mother and the doctor and just abort the fetus after it is born.

This has been a truly forgettable and yet excruciatingly extended nominating process for the Democratic Party. Certainly the party that produced FDR and JFK can do better than "Angry Howie" and "Wesley the Protector". Sadly, I think that this is the best we can expect from the "loyal opposition" in this election cycle. It seems they are still in search of an identity in a post-9/11 world. This November Bush's toughest challenge won't be defeating the Democratic nominee; it will be defeating his own party's over confidence.

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ready and willing to take you in, cradle you, and provide for your every need. And those immigrants who are unable to make it on their own will not be leaving, but remain and join the already huge number of welfare dependents.

John Derbyshire of *National Review* defined the situation clearly when he answered the question of how the proposal will affect the underclass: "Depends which underclass you mean - the one we've got, or the one we're importing."

Space Program

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expressed skepticism at the President's plans, feeling that this new funding would be better spent "here on Earth". House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi voiced concerns over the "serious problems" we have on Earth, while Senator Ted Kennedy stated that, "We shouldn't be going to outer space and sacrificing what we need to do here," which is highly ironic, considering it was his brother who launched America's previous space race which ended up putting astronauts on the moon to begin with. Retired Democratic Senator and astronaut John Glenn also joined the Democrats in saying that he believes America should stick to its commitment to the International Space Station, rather than focus on the potentially costly mission to the moon and Mars. Nevertheless, many of Glenn's fellow retired astronauts including John Young and Gene Cernan are supportive of the new space program. Young offered a more positive view on the President's plans, suggesting that we can indeed develop the new technologies required "very cheaply and very fast," while Cernan, the last human to walk on the moon, stated, "[Bush] said he once again wants to make NASA relevant. That says a lot."

The President's timing in laying out his space exploration plans could not have been better. NASA recently successfully

landed its Mars rover, the Spirit, which continues to supply Earth with new data from the planet's surface, as well as breathtaking color photos of the Martian horizon. Considering the fact that most missions to Mars seem to end in failure (both the Japanese and European space agencies recently lost their probes to Mars) this is an enormous success for NASA and the United States. NASA has another rover, the Opportunity, en route to Mars, which is expected to make its landing at 9:05 pm Pacific Time on January 24. NASA's success with the Spirit is welcomed in light of the Columbia tragedy that occurred nearly a year ago, in addition to the string of unsuccessful Mars missions. In addition to the recent success of NASA, the Chinese have successfully placed an astronaut into space, and hopes to pursue an aggressive space agenda. It becomes increasingly important that the United States pursue its own next-generation space exploration program, in order to keep up to par with China. Although a space race of sorts may be the result, experts have said that this "race" may be beneficial to the space programs of both nations. Nevertheless, other experts say that China's programs may be a warning to the United States.

Also, in the post-September 11 world, focusing on a return to the moon and working to put an astronaut on Mars can be beneficial for national unity and

national pride. Working together with other nations on a peaceful venture such as this can also potentially help smooth relations that were recently frayed in the war with Iraq.

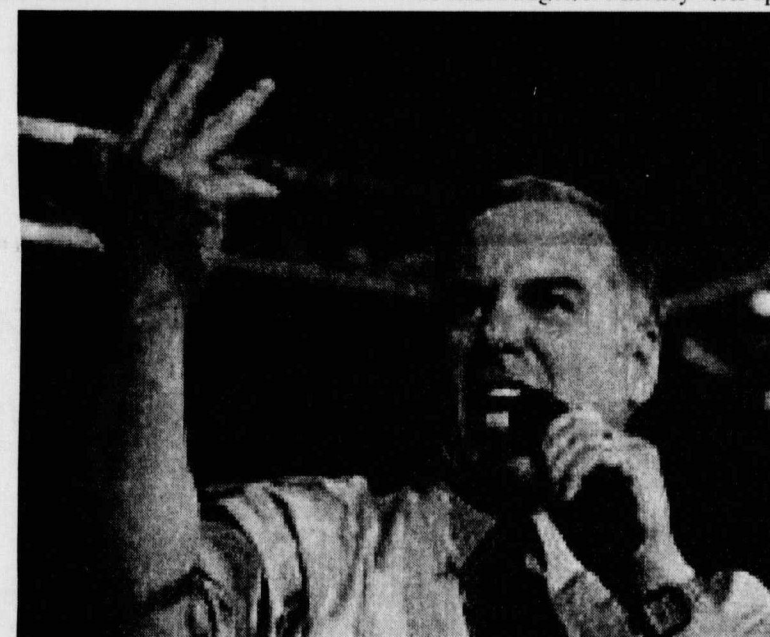
In all, the benefits to the scientific community will be enormous, and a permanent base on the moon can allow for such industries as tourism and mining operations. Establishing a base on the moon will help humans reach Mars, in that valuable materials on the surface of the moon can be mined and used to help reach the red planet. For example, deposits of Helium-3 found on the moon's surface can theoretically be used in rocket fuel. Also, water is theorized to exist on the moon's poles, in deep craters which are deep enough to remain in perpetual darkness. The gravity of the moon is also about one sixth of the Earth's gravity, which means that launching a rocket towards Mars would become a lot cheaper, since it would use much less fuel. A permanent lunar base would be able to take advantage of all of these benefits and serve as a stepping stone to Mars. Also, the new technologies that would be developed to accomplish this mission could potentially benefit people on Earth. Over all, the President's plans to revisit the moon and ultimately land on Mars, although costly, could revitalize American spirits, and lead to new discoveries. Considering the fact that NASA funding totals only 1% of the federal budget, it's money well spent.

ACLU

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in the numerous Supreme Court and Lower Court cases and unlike the ACLU they will fight for the right cause and protect those whose liberties have been violated.

Time will tell after numerous legal battles if democracy is dead or still alive in the United States. One thing is certain: democracy is in danger and our personal freedoms are at risk. In this new day and age we must remember Abraham Lincoln's words: "Government by the people, of the people, and for the people", not against the people.



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Entertainment

Movies in Review:

Satisfactional films deliver comedy and adventure

Title: "Somethings Got To Give"
Starring: Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Amanda Peet
Studio: Sony Pictures
Price: Coming to Video Soon, \$18.82

Monica Esqueda
Staff Writer

At first I was hesitant to see this film; I mean come on, look who was cast as the male lead... Jack Nicholson? He's not hot! Nevertheless, last week proved to be incredibly long, but then again it feels that way every quarter around midtime.

So with little convincing, I went willing to the theater and I must admit that I didn't live to regret it. The picture was utterly hilarious, but for those of you who haven't seen the previews, I'll summarize it without going into too much detail. It's

basically about this 50-plus-year-old woman, played by Diane Keaton, who is on a collision course with her 30-year-old daughter's (played by Amanda Peet) 60-plus-year-old boyfriend, played by Jack Nicholson.

Ultimately Keaton finds herself strangely attracted to Nicholson, and the comedy that ensues is priceless. Although it has the makings of a Jerry Springer episode, I assure that it is not; it's actually quite believable, which I attribute to both consistent and careful plot development. Further, the comedic aspect of the film assures a laugh out loud good time. I think that this is Keaton's best work since "The First Wives Club" and although there were a few gross-out moments, overall it's a great picture, but gentlemen beware.

It's a total date movie, but

it falls under the category of "chick flick."

I wouldn't worry too much, though, because it's beyond bearable given that it's so darned funny. So check it out, I don't think you'll be disappointed; I wasn't!

Title: "Once Upon A Time in Mexico"
Starring: Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Amanda Peet
Studio: Sony Pictures
Price: Coming to Video Soon, \$18.82

John Altick
Staff Writer

Once Upon a Time in Mexico... a black clothed, armed to the teeth, guitar-toting gunslinger saved his country and got revenge all at the same time. Antonio Banderas plays "El,"

short for El Mariacho, who is the most formidable warrior ever to roam the streets of Mexico.

Robert Rodriguez brings the third installment of the "El Mariachi" series to an eager audience, and continues to thrill with the absurd and outrageous.

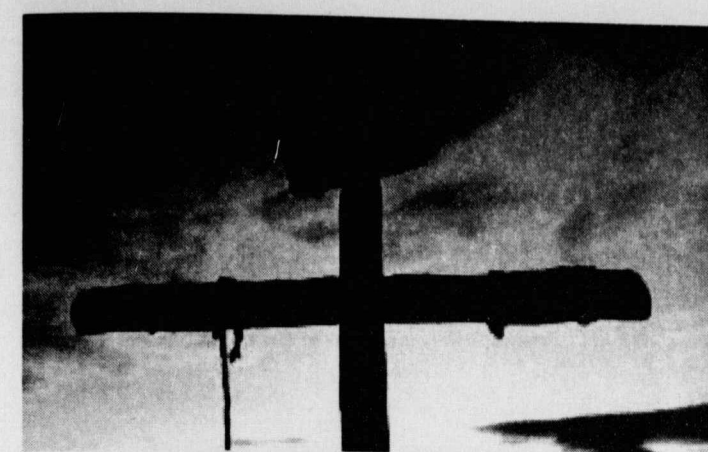
"Once Upon a Time in Mexico" portrays the maneuverings of evil conspirators as they try to organize a seemingly flawless coup. A cruel, heartless, murdering general, an evil drug lord and a corrupt CIA agent all play intricate parts in this story, and of course, the heroic actions of El come into play. Johnny Depp brings his usual stellar performance to the CIA agent who cares not for government, or grandiose schemes, but wants to walk away with a \$20 million payoff that is supposed to go to the general. Willem Dafoe also astounds as the merciless drug

lord who wants nothing but power, as does the malicious general who marches into Mexico City with tanks and a battalion of men.

Nobody fully accounts for the magnificence of El however, and he makes them all pay.

His beautiful wife was slain by the power hungry general, and he wants revenge. El also has a noble heart though, like all good fairy tale heroes must! Without spelling out the ending, I'll let you guess if the almighty, and powerful fairy tale hero could possibly lose!

You might be wondering at this point, how this can possibly have a political twist? Well I'll tell you. The moral of the story is that it is okay to get revenge and help your country, as we have seen first hand!



The Passion Film triggers dialogue on religion & reality

In *The Passion of the Christ*, Academy Award-winning director and producer Mel Gibson graphically portrays the last twelve hours of Jesus Christ's life as depicted in the New Testament. The film stars James Caviezel (*The Count of Monte Cristo*, *Angel Eyes*) as Jesus Christ, Monica Bellucci (*The Matrix Reloaded*, *Tears of the Sun*) as Mary Magdalene and Romanian actress Maia Morgenstern as the Virgin Mary.

A grassroots campaign organized by www.StudentsHavePassion.com is encouraging initiatives on college campuses to trigger intelligent dialogues among America's intellectual youth on the historical and religious events leading up to the crucifixion of Christ.

Gibson has spent nearly \$30 million of his own money to make the movie. The film is based on Gospel narratives and contains dialogue only in Latin and Aramaic, the vernacular of ancient Palestine; however English subtitles have been added. The film is graphically violent, but, according to Gibson, it is a purposeful violence.

"Make no mistake," Gibson says, "this is a violent film... but there is no gratuitous violence." Gibson's film is scheduled for release Feb. 25, 2004 (Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian holy season of Lent). Already, theaters across the country are sold out for the film's

opening night.

Movies depicting the life, death and resurrection of Christ have stirred controversy in the past, most notably, Martin Scorsese's *The Last Temptation of Christ*. *The Passion of the Christ* gained the attention of the Anti-Defamation League in June 2003, eight months prior to its expected release. Then, in mid-November 2003, the *New York Post* obtained a stolen copy of a rough-cut of the film, and provided a private screening to a five-person panel, including a rabbi, a priest, a professor of religious and media studies, and a film critic.

Both the Anti-Defamation League and the *New York Post* panel have criticized the film's portrayal of the Jewish crowd that demand Christ's death.

But Gibson and his team disagree with that assessment of the movie. "We've the research," Gibson says. "I'm telling the story as the Bible tells it. I think the story, as it really happened, speaks for itself. The Gospel is a complete script, and that's the way we're filming."

Morgenstern, who is Jewish and plays the Virgin Mary, says, "Despite the blood and the violence, it's a beautiful film. I believe it brings an important message, a peace message."

Gibson adds, "The film is intended to inspire, not offend. This is a film about faith, hope, love and forgiveness."



Michael Moore, You Used to Be My Hero

By Glenn Sacks
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Michael Moore, you used to be my hero.

Back in the days of your pro-worker documentary *Roger & Me* (1989), I was working construction at a power plant in the South, and you were the one public figure who seemed to speak for working men. You questioned the right of a business to take what it wants from a community and then pull out in search of cheaper labor, leaving a trail of unemployment and broken lives behind. You were the one who opposed union busting and corporate plunder.

Spending every day hanging by my hook belt off the side of a rebar skeleton 50 feet up in the air, my life seemed to be out of a Michael Moore documentary. Our electricians often had to work near live wires because the company refused to bear the expense of shutting down part of the plant so we could work safely. As an apprentice, one of my main jobs was to stand 10 feet behind these men as they worked, holding a rope attached to a harness they'd put themselves in. If they hit a live wire and started to fry, it was my job to pull them out and save their lives.

A recent study concluded that there have been over 170,000 workplace deaths in the United States since 1982. Seeing the way workers were needlessly endangered at the power plant, I believe it.

Michael, you more than anybody articulated the feelings and views of these working class men — the men who put their bodies on the line on construction sites and in factories, mines, and refineries so their wives and children can live in safety and comfort; the men whose special contributions and sacrifices are almost never part of our public discourse.

But Michael, you have betrayed those whose cause you once championed. Once the voice of the unappreciated working man, I have watched in amazement and dismay as you have degenerated into one of the all too common scourges of our society — the low rent man-basher who pours derision upon the last remaining politically correct target of bigotry: men.

In *Dude, Where's My Country?* you criticize the Democratic Party for "watering down their beliefs to appeal to all of the dumb white guys out there." I guess you mean the guys at the power plant? And you imply that the Democrats should simply write them off in 2004.

In your view these are the guys who "long for the days of Strom Thurmond and legally accepted date rape," and who

oppose abortion because they are male chauvinists who want to control women.

In *Stupid White Men* you cite declining male birthrates as evidence that "Nature is trying to kill us off" and explain that men have done "plenty" to "deserve this." "[Women] continued to bring life into this

man-bashing which has become one of your core themes.

Listening to you, perhaps the Democratic Party's most prominent advocate, it's not hard to see why so many men have turned away from your party. Why should men support a party which at best ignores them, and



world; we continued to destroy it whenever we could...how many women have spilled oil into oceans, dumped toxins in our food supply, or insisted that the new SUV designs had to be bigger, bigger, bigger?"

Michael, of course few women have created factories which have polluted the environment, just as few women have created factories which have produced the staples of modern civilization. You vilify men for the price of progress but give them no credit for progress itself.

In *Stupid White Men* you enthusiastically try to sell many of the standard modern canards about men, and you even top off your chapter with an asinine semi-endorsement of fatherlessness. This at a time when the costs of fatherlessness couldn't be clearer or more devastating. I doubt many fatherless children will thank you for it.

What's even more amazing, Michael, is that you've gotten away with all of this. With thousands of conservative pundits, talk show hosts, and web-based commentators looking for sticks to beat you with, few if any have cited the

so often bashes and blames them?

Michael, it saddens me that the beleaguered men at that power plant have lost a valuable friend and gained one more enemy. It saddens me to watch you and your party marginalize yourselves and slowly commit political suicide by spitting on those who once admired and supported you.

And when the Democrats get trounced among male voters in 2004, I know what explanation you'll give. In fact, you've already written it in *Stupid White Men*: "Men are just not as smart as women."

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Conservative Horoscopes

What does your future hold?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Too busy playing, and not working hard enough. Not being a true Republican? Stop being lazy and get in gear, or you're going to fail your midterms.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Cheer people up around you; your charisma is needed. Make sure to return phone calls and stay social. Have a beer.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Don't let stress overwhelm you, and you will be rewarded for all of your hard work. Avoid financial commitments.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Stop spreading gossip, and be truthful in what you tell the people around you. In other words, don't pull a Clinton.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Be prepared for the unexpected. You might be surprised by some big news. Try meditating.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Make plans and be creative. Find new ways to express yourself, but avoid being overly liberal. There are enough of those at UCSD.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): It's obvious you aren't a morning person, so avoid

contact with people early in the day. People don't want to deal with your bad attitude, anyway. Try to accomplish more things in a much more positive tone, beginning mid-afternoon.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Assist people around you by offering advice, not money. There are already enough social reform programs in the state of California.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a break. You are a true Republican whose hard work is finally showing, and you deserve a rest because of all of your efforts. Continue to keep a positive outlook.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't take big risks, and be careful with other people's advice. Get a "Vote George W." bumper sticker as soon as possible.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lie low during the day, but party hard at night. Every true conservative should let loose once in a while. Go ahead, and have some fun.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Go with the flow of changes; try not to lose your temper. Take deep breaths, the week will go by soon.

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"Freedom from fear and injustice and oppression will be ours only in the measure that men who value such freedom are ready to sustain its possession — to defend it against every thrust from within and without."

— Dwight D. Eisenhower

"To insist on strength is not war-mongering. It is peace-mongering."

— Barry M. Goldwater

"Government machinery has been described as a marvelous labor saving device which enables ten men to do the work of one."

— John Maynard Keynes

"Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihood -- the virtues that made America."

— Theodore Roosevelt

"Beware the greedy hand of government, thrusting itself into every corner and crevice of industry."

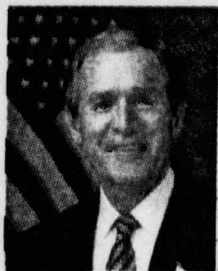
— Thomas Paine

"National Defense is not a threat to peace; it is the guarantee of peace with freedom."

— Ronald Reagan

"Freedom is such a precious commodity. Yet sometimes the freest of people devalue it the most."

— Ward Connerly



"Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity."

— Herbert Hoover

"Do not try to save the world by loving thy neighbor; it will only make him nervous. Save the world by respecting thy neighbor's rights under law and insisting that he respect yours."

— E.B. White

"It may be old-fashioned, but keeping criminals behind bars still seems to be the most effective approach in fighting crime."

— Bob Dole

"Somebody told me the funniest thing. They said there are some in Washington saying the tax cut caused the recession. I don't know what economic textbook they're reading. The best way to come out of a recession is to say to the small business person, we'll let you keep some of your money."

— George W. Bush

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom; justice; honor; duty; mercy; hope."

— Sir Winston Churchill

"No power on earth has a right to take our property from us without our consent."

— John Jay

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