



In The Spotlight

Charles Krauthammer:

"There are 1,084,504 lawyers in the U.S. What distinguishes Harriet Miers from any of them other than her connection with the president? To have selected her, when conservative jurisprudence has J. Harvie Wilkinson, Michael Luttig, Michael McConnell and at least a dozen others on a bench deeper than that of the New York Yankees, is scandalous."

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Not So Fine: Tough Choices Face "America's Finest City"

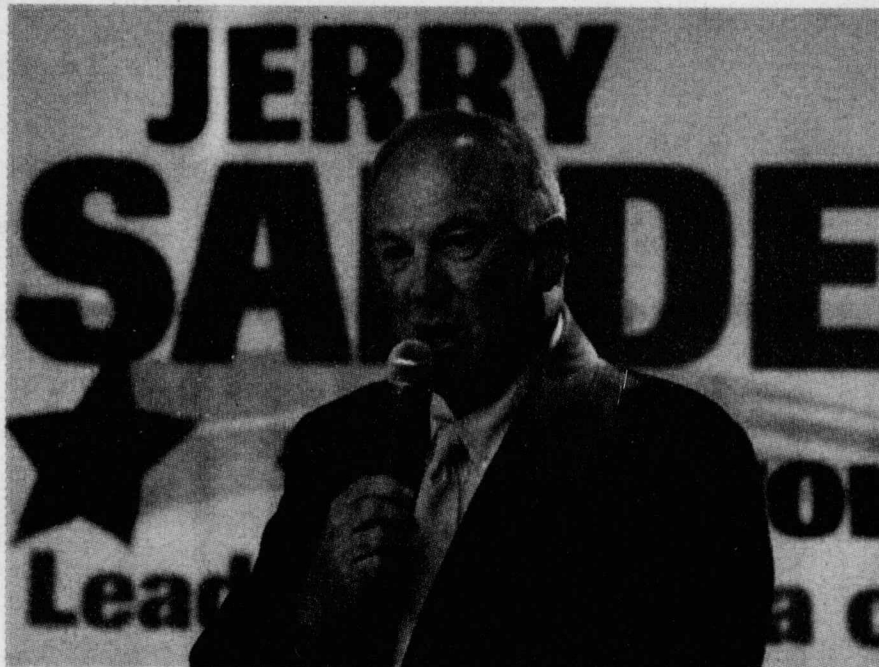
By Michael Hirshman
Right-Hand Man



The upcoming San Diego mayoral election may prove to be a watershed in the city's history. As The Union Tribune editorial board wrote, "Riding on the outcome is the future of our city government... Without resolute action by the next mayor, services from parks to libraries to fire protection will face steady annihilation, and municipal bankruptcy will loom inexorably." With so much at stake, voters will soon decide whether Councilwoman Donna Frye or former Police Chief Jerry Sanders will be the next mayor. In an intensely fought runoff campaign, the two candidates have offered fundamentally different approaches to solving the city's fiscal quagmire. While Frye views the budget crisis as a revenue problem, Sanders views it as a spending problem.

Before evaluating any proposed solution, it is important to examine what caused the budget crisis in the first place. While the city does face a host of problems, the enormous employee pension deficit is at the heart of the crisis. For the last decade, pension benefits for municipal employees have grown dramatically. At the same time, the city has not fully funded the pension plan. This has created a deficit of at least \$1.4 billion, though the true cost might be as high as \$2 billion.

Some of the decisions to increase pension benefits and underfund the pension system may have been illegal. The result, however, is that city employees receive pension benefits today that are far more generous than those received by most San Diegans. This prodigal spending, much of it the result of aggressive union lobbying, has benefited city employees while undermining the city's fiscal health. Last year alone, the city paid \$160 million into the pension deficit. These enormous (and growing) costs might force the city into bankruptcy, a move that would cripple the city's ability to finance future projects. Bankruptcy would also put the city's future at the mercy of an unaccountable judge. If the judge decided the city should sell



the land of the Torrey Pines Golf Course, the city would have no choice but to comply.

Competing Solutions

Jerry Sanders understands that the city does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem. Rather than throwing more money at an inept and wasteful bureaucracy, Sanders has resolved to make it more efficient and responsive. As he put it in a recent interview, "We need to get back to living within our means. We need to restructure and streamline government. We need to create a government that is responsive to the taxpayers as customers and partners."

To accomplish this, Sanders would enact several important reforms. Among other steps, he would require city workers to pay for fifty percent of their own retirement benefits. He would enact a pay freeze for city workers, and, if necessary, reduce the city's workforce. He would also be willing to contract out to the private sector work that could be done more cost-effectively. These steps would go a long way toward restoring the city's fiscal health.

City employee unions have vociferously objected to these reforms, despite their own role in

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Bush's Supreme Court DISappointments Republican Party of San Diego Pays Price

By Jonathan Israel
Editor In Chief



First, we were given the finger; then, a slap in the face...or as they're more commonly known: the subsequent nominations of John Roberts and Harriet Miers to the U.S. Supreme Court.

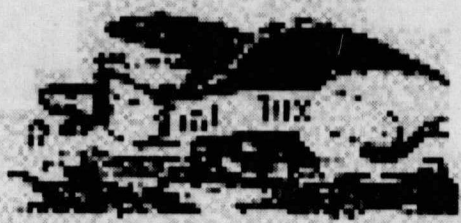
Indeed conservatives had a reason to celebrate in 2004. We had fiercely dominated virtually every publicly electable position in the nation including state governorships, the Senate, the House, and the Presidency. This was the time to continue proudly implement-

ing the conservative policies we hailed, not to retreat like a bunch of Frenchmen. But in a matter of months, George W. Bush has succeeded in shoving conservatives back into their closets.

The nomination of John Roberts was questionable at best, a "scared choice" as liberal columnist Hendrik Hertzberg appropriately described it in the New York Times. If Roberts was a "scared choice" then Miers is quite definitely a "bend over and grab your ankles" choice.

I realize that out of the Taliban in Afghanistan, Saddam Hussein in Iraq, and a worldwide terrorist network, that liberals are probably the most unpleasant to deal with...but Bush's cowardice on this issue could possibly

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Let *California Review* be Your Guiding Light

State Initiatives:

Proposition 73 - Parents Right to Know and Child Protection Initiative: Waiting Period and Parental Notification Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.

Proposition 74 - The Put Kids First Act: Reforms the tenure system in California so teachers receive tenure after five years, not just two. This helps to ensure that well qualified teachers who will do right by our kids receive tenure.

Proposition 75 - Paycheck Protection: Gives union members the choice to decide whether their dues will be used for politics. Workers should be treated with respect, and have the choice to make decisions about political giving themselves, not have them made by union goons.

Proposition 76 - Live Within Our Means Act: This initiative limits state spending increases to a rolling average of the previous three years. Budget surpluses would be rolled into a rainy day fund, and the Governor would be given mid-year budget authority to bring spending back into line with revenues.

Proposition 77 - Voter Empowerment Act: Instead of having state and federal district boundaries drawn by politicians, this initiative places that power with an independent panel, and voters would have the final say on any redistricting plan.

Proposition 78 - The RIGHT Prescription Drug Plan: State will negotiate discounts and with drug manufacturers.

Proposition 79 - The WRONG Prescription Dug Plan: It would deny Californians on MediCal access to drugs unless the manufacturer agreed to provide discounted drugs to families. It also allow lawyers to sue manufacturers and pharmacists for "unjust or unreasonable profits," terms not defined.

Proposition 80 - Electricity Regulation: Proposition 80 is a deeply flawed measure that would limit current efforts to prevent blackouts and increase energy supplies, deny customers an option for lower cost and green electricity and state goals for more environmentally-friendly generation.

Mayoral Candidate:
Jerry Sanders

City Council:
Kevin Faulconer

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How to Vote:

This is an obvious YES unless you are a radical baby-blood bathing leftist. This prop is about how important society views this decision. More important than a tattoo? Any woman will tell you YES.

This is an easy YES as well. It allows the crappy teachers to get fired or not hired in the first place.

This is a major HELL YES vote for anyone who doesn't want union members to get screwed, Democrats to get bribed and taxpayers to get squeezed for more money.

This is an easy YES vote for all taxpayers. The choice is simple, vote YES to save the state budget, or face higher taxes.

This is an important YES vote which will allow for cleaner, fairer fights in districts that are too lopsided. Whenever there are fair elections, Republicans win them. (That's why Democrats in the legislature fear this proposition.)

This is a qualified yes. It's ok but don't feel bad if you vote against this welfare initiative.

This is a big time NO WAY. This proposition will bring Hillary-care to California. We voted NO on this last election but the socialists just got more signatures and put it back on. Say no one more time and this time with a middle finger raised in their direction.

This is an easy NO. If you don't want blackouts and higher electricity Bills, then you should vote NO on this proposition.

YES. He is smarter, more qualified and better looking. Plus he was a cop.

YES. He'll bring sanity to the council.

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News & Opinion

Proposition 75: Protecting the Worker

By **Ryan Cartony**
Staff Writer



It's arguably one of the most controversial ballot measures this election: Proposition 75. It is also one of the

most lied about, as shall soon be revealed. If there is one thing to remember, however, it is this: vote yes on 75.

Proposition 75 is quite simple, actually. First the problem it is intended to fix: in California, public employees such as teachers, police officers, and firefighters are all required to either join their public union or pay near-membership fees to opt out of said "membership". Sounds rational, right? After all, if there were no opt-out fees, there would be freeloaders. But, the problem comes in when you look at how the unions spend their members' fees.

Namely: political contributions. To be quite frank, unions are one of the largest political cash-cows in the country, specifically because of the loopholes applied to them. One case of this can be derived from the San Diego mayoral election: Democratic candidate Donna Frye received over \$100,000 from labor unions, donations well in excess of those of the highest contributors of her opponent, Jerry Sanders, whose contributions came from private sources, and thus were capped at \$300 per donation source.

All of the union money came from somewhere. It came, quite frankly, from the pockets of the members. Did these members have a voice when it came to their money being used for political means? No, they did not have that voice. Did they have representation, or an opportunity to say, "I don't support the union's candidate"? No, they did not; they were silenced.

Prop 75 is intended to restore that voice, to allow the worker to stand up and go "No, I do not want my money being used to support a campaign I do not support." It is a simple right, and one our economy is based on: the right to spend our money the way we see fit. That is why Prop 75 is so vital; the public workers we hold in such high admiration have been robbed right in front of us for far too long.

Opponents of Prop 75

would have you believe that this ballot measure was intended to take away the voice of those public workers who strive to serve us. This couldn't be further from the truth. Prop 75 doesn't keep the workers from giving their money to political purposes, nor does it ban the use of any members' funds in unions' political campaigning. It simply requires that the unions get the permission of their respective members before the members' fees can be used in political ways.

Another point brought up against the bill is how the corporations are not restricted in their donations in a similar manner: that is, why don't they have to get signed permission from their shareholders before they can donate money? The answer is quite simple really, but the opponents of this proposition would not have you think that. In short, there is one very vital point that separates the average shareholder from the average public-worker union member. The shareholder has a choice about their investment; the union member does not have a choice about their membership. So, because of this, there must be different regulations applied to both.

The opposition's points are purely fabrications intended to take the voter eye off of what really matters: the truthful issues. The unadulterated truth of this proposition is that it gives workers a voice. It does not take away the voice

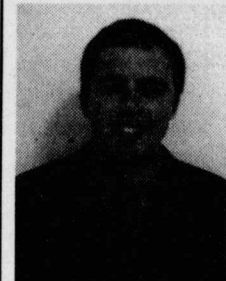
of teachers, police, and firefighters in political issues, as they can always allow their money to be used for political purposes. Thus, the worker gets to decide when and where their money is spent, and if the worker finds that they don't feel their money needs to be spent on political

issues, or worse yet, that their union has taken a stance they don't agree with, they can forbid the spending of their money. This bill restores power and control to the worker, taking it away from the vast power machine that the public worker unions have become. Proposition 75 is a very real, very executable plan that will finally give workers the control they deserve in how their union money is spent, or not spent. That is why 75 is so vital: the workers need their power, their voice, and their rights back; they have gone far too long without them. On November 8th, vote yes on Proposition 75, and help California restore the power and choice of our most selfless public servants.

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The Failure of The University to Plan Leads to Parking Shortages and Other Hassles

By **Patrick Todd**
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Planning is the key to success in any venture. However, the UCSD administration seems to want to forge ahead with a "we'll cross that bridge when we

get to it" attitude when it comes to physical infrastructure on campus. As any student will tell you, there is currently a student parking space shortage on campus. Furthermore, the campus is so spread out that getting between certain lecture halls is just about impossible in the ten minutes allotted in the schedule. The final coup de grace to the previously mentioned problems is that getting to or around within the

parking structures until 2007. The current freshmen will be juniors when the new lot is opened. This assumes that the construction is started and completed on time, and the chance of that happening is about as likely as Donna Frye winning a beauty pageant.

Another major infrastructure problem is the fact that many lecture halls are spread too far apart from each other. Two major lecture halls, York Hall and Warren Lecture Hall are particularly problematic in that they spread far apart and yet have many classes meeting in them. Woe unto the person who has back-to-back classes in York, WLH, Pepper Canyon and CICC. These lecture halls are spread so far apart that it is impossible to go between them in the 10-minute passing period allotted for that purpose.

The solution to this problem is to build more central lecture halls and halls with a higher capacity. Center hall is centrally located on campus and is a good example



campus is much more difficult and inconvenient than it needs to be.

The student-parking problem is foremost on those who park on campus. To explore the problem of on campus parking one must look at the present situation. Currently, there are 17,837 parking spaces on campus. Of these, only 36.2% or 6,454 are the student "S" space. The campus has only two parking structures, the 860 space Gilman Structure and the 968 space Pangea Parking Structure. The rest are the standard surface lots.

The university has been adding many new buildings around campus. The administration's favorite place to put new buildings is on the existing surface lots. Since 2002, the total number of "S" spaces has gone down while the number of undergraduates has risen. Interestingly, but not surprisingly, the total number of "A" and "B" spaces have increased over the same time period.

The Parking and Transportation Office has said that there will be no building of additional

of a lecture hall that is high capacity. Part of the problem of spread out lecture halls is a fundamental planning problem. Back when they were designing this campus, they should have made each college residential and research facility oriented with all of the lecture halls located in the center of the West Campus instead of having the lecture halls distributed throughout all of the colleges.

Another thing that the university administration should do is to build taller, higher capacity buildings. The university should be building eight and ten story offices instead of three story buildings. They should build more Tioga Hall size dorms instead of two, three and four story dorms. This will allow the campus to be more compact and will help resist the urge to take more "S" spaces in the name of more dorm rooms.

The third major problem that undergrads face is the abysmal problem of getting to or around

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More News & Opinion

What Mom Doesn't Know Won't Hurt me. (Or will it?)

By Kris Kowalski
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The special election is fast approaching as November 8th is not far away. Here in San Diego along with the huge pension debacle and the mayor's race we have to vote on initiatives for the state. Proposition 73 is one of the more hotly contested issues as it deals with abortion rights. While abortions will continue with or without this prop, because of Roe v. Wade, limitations can be placed on who can get an abortion and what is required.

While many people, this author included, would rather see abortion out of the spectrum that cannot happen so a proposition like this one is the next best thing. Prop 73 requires parental notification if a minor wants to go through an abortion procedure, as of now a minor does not have to notify their parent. The only way a minor would be able to obtain an abortion would be to have a parental waiver, to be emancipated from their parents which would include being enlisted in the army or being married, if it was a medical emergency, or if she went to juvenile court and obtained a court waiver.

Obviously the main argument for Prop 73 is that parents should be notified if their minor daughter is going to have an abortion. The question of whether abortions should be allowed or not put aside, it seems reasonable that a parent should be notified if their daughter is to have an abortion. This is a major surgical procedure that will weigh heavily psychologically on the girl as well as physically. As of right now a minor can not go into the school nurse for aspirin for a headache or cramps without her parents or another emergency contact being notified of what she is taking. Why then would you give her the right to make the final say on whether she should be allowed to have an abortion or not without parental notification? It seems silly since taking a pill in front of a school nurse for a headache is far less dangerous than going to have an abortion.

A big issue that arises out

of the subject is parent/daughter communication. Opponents, like Amy Denhart of Planned Parenthood who spoke at the debate held in Solis Hall held on October 4th, of this legislation say that we cannot foster communication between parents and teens by making legislation. Many parents aren't around enough and in their kid's lives and that is what precisely leads to kids going out and doing things they shouldn't be, like getting pregnant. Mom doesn't care what party her daughter goes to and dad's not around and all of a sudden there is a pregnant teen. I think it's wrong when the opponents say that you cannot foster communication. If a parent gets a notice that a doctor wants to perform an abortion on their daughter, whether they agree with abortions or not, and if they care about their daughter at all it will be a wake up call that they have been missing out and need to take a more active approach in the lives of their teen. Opponents in the "Official Voter Information Guide" also say that "the real answer to teen pregnancy is prevention and strong caring families- not new laws that endanger our daughters." This outrageous statement has many rebuttals to it. One rebuttal is that we don't have strong families as it is so teen pregnancy is not going to be prevented that way. Also, is the prevention that they are thinking of giving condoms out at high school (which they do without parent notification)? This is another way of saying "have sex, just reduce the risk of pregnancy don't prevent it." Pills and condoms don't always work that's why they aren't 100% guaranteed.

Mrs. Denhart also said that if a teen comes from a troubled home she would be afraid to talk to her parents for fear of being abused. This is why there is a provision for a court waiver to let her have the abortion and it also acts as an agent to the Child Protective Services and can actually help the teen get out of the troubled home where she is being abused. The court would actually appoint an attorney for the teen, they will not charge her for filling fees, her name and information will be completely confidential, and the proceedings will be held in the judge's chamber. It will also be done within two days of the petition being filed so as not to delay the process if the waiver is granted. The process of getting the

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Salmon Rushdie Discusses Islamic Terror at UCSD

By Travis Weinger
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On September 20th, one of the most prominent authors and intellectuals of our time came to speak at UCSD. This event was apparently unknown to the student body, judging from the amount of students I saw there. This is a great shame, for not only is Rushdie a brilliant author of fiction and non-fiction, but he also embodies the struggle between fascist Islam and free societies. The students of UCSD should have taken the opportunity to listen to an intellectual who DOESN'T universally condemn the war in Iraq, who DOESN'T pander to Islamic fundamentalists, and who DOESN'T hate our President.

Salman Rushdie is the writer whose 1989 book, *The Satanic Verses*, earned him the attentions of Iran's fanatical leader, the Ayatollah Khomeini. He declared a fatwa, or ruling based on Islamic law, which read that "I inform the proud Muslim people of the world that the author of *The Satanic Verses* book which is against Islam, the Prophet and the Koran, and all involved in its publication who were aware of its content, are sentenced to death." Ever since, Rushdie has been living with a death sentence.

In recent years, Rushdie has resumed a more public role, speaking out against extremism and fundamentalism everywhere. Right before school started, he took his message here. He spoke about his newly released book, *Shalimar the Clown*, a tale about one Pakistani Muslim's path to terrorism. He read excerpts from it and spoke about its themes and style. It was during the Question and Answer section, though, that Rushdie proved his worth as an intellectual in today's turbulent world.

The first question he received had to deal with his recent comments that Islam needed a reformation. He was asked if he thought it "wise" to make such a

call during a time when so many Muslims were angry. I braced myself for a speech about how colonialism or the Reconquista of Spain or some other "root cause" was the reason for Muslim anger and discontent. I was pleasantly surprised when Rushdie proceeded to talk about how the real problem is that the Muslim world is beginning to see anger and violence as a legitimate response to debate. He said it might not be wise to call for reform at such a time, but it had to be done, because otherwise many will get the impression that all Muslims support the "media-valist bastards" who terrorize the world today. I was most impressed when he called the problem by name- fascist Islam. With that, he identified the problem facing our world today more accurately than our President had for nearly five years- it was only last week when Bush used the same term.

Rushdie talked about the tragedy of modern Islamic culture. He noted, quite accurately, that no matter how many crimes the superpowers had committed in the past fifty years, the cultural tragedy in the Islamic world is solely the responsibility of the Muslims worldwide. The squeeze of radical Islam has driven all the major Muslim writers into exile, and, he asked, what does it say about a culture when its artists are driven out and threatened with death? Blaming the West may be easy and convenient, it's usually face-

tious. For the past fifty years of decay, the Islamic world needs to look inward, not obsess about millennia-old grudges.

A question was asked about what Mr. Rushdie thought of the state of today's Middle East. He chuckled, knowing that what the question really was - what he thought of the war in Iraq, or, as he called it, the Iraq intervention. In his detailed answer, one theme came shining through. That theme was that though a "legion" of mistakes have been made, the intervention in Iraq was a "fundamentally good idea". He said that even though innocent people die in Iraq everyday, "in Saddam's Iraq, thousands of people would die each month". It was very refreshing to hear that at least one intellectual and artist in our society

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Kanye West Doesn't Care About Black People

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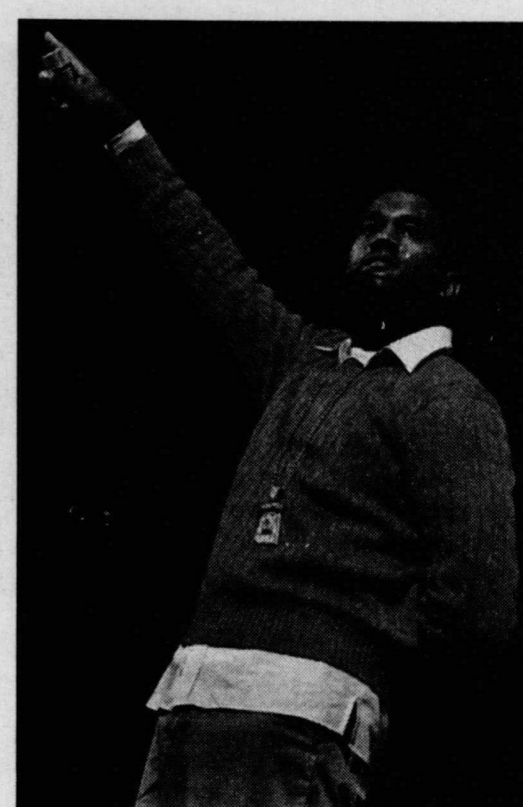


George Bush doesn't care about black people." were the words used by Kanye West on a recent television fundraiser aired on ABC. This statement sent shockwaves across the country and stirred conversation on the issue of race relations in the United States. On hearing this statement, I was appalled by what I heard. How could an individual make such an ignorant and obviously false statement? This question caused me to ponder the motivation of Kanye West's statement. After countless hours of research and much consideration, only one plausible motivation remained. This statement was made because it is actually KANYE WEST who DOESN'T CARE ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE. After examining Kanye West, looking into his background as well as investigating several radio and television broad-

cast it is apparent that he is in fact a racist who hates African Americans. West's hate for the African American community has resulted in an assault on the African American community in which he attacks through discouraging education, promoting narcotics, discouraging charity, and spreading ignorance.

The main assault on the African American community, carried out by Kanye West, is the attack on education. Today's employment market is growing increasingly competitive and as a result educational requirements for positions begin to appear. Recent statistics show that those who receive a college degree

earn on average significantly better wages than those who only have a high school degree or less. Not only do statistics show the significant differences in earning, they also reveal that many employers require a high school diploma. A true role model, would be encouraging the youth to receive an education. However, West is doing the exact opposite. Instead of promoting a college education he attacks the idea of College. In one of West's songs he addresses college as



such, "Still I, built up the nerve to drop my ass up outta colllllllll-lege. My teacher said I'se a loser, I told her why don't you kill me I give

a f**k if you fail me, I'm gonna follllllllll-ow My heart, and if you follow the charts, to the plaques or the stacks, You ain't gotta guess who's back." West is trying to lead by example and encourage dropping out of college, and although he was successful, the chances of an individual achieving the same amount of success is very slim. Kanye West is a very talented man who was able to capitalize on opportunities, and become successful, but it's not as easy as he makes it sound in his songs. Education is a sine qua non to high wages and success. However, West attacks the idea of education and addresses it as his enemy. With many African Americans living below the poverty line, one would think a prominent black male like Kanye West would promote education as a means of helping his people escape poverty. Unfortunately, it is evident that West spreads a message of dropping out and abandoning education in order to prevent African Americans from being successful. His attacks on education are a direct result of his hate for the African American Community.

Kanye West's hate for African Americans extends past

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Backlash: Bush Stabbed Conservatives in the Back; Now Republicans are Paying

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have the most adverse long term effects than any other decision he has made in his presidency. We would recover from another terrorist attack. We could recover from the negative effects of an increase in taxation. We will eventually survive the flood of illegal immigrants. But I truly wonder if we could ever recover from a decade of precedents born from unchallenged liberal decisions, or if we would ever again recognize the Constitution after its blatant mutilation, or if sometime in my lifetime I would witness, not only an end to the judicial tyranny that pursued, but a culmination to the tedious restoration of our supreme law to resemble the form it once held, as intended by it's writers.

This is what's at stake. As liberals are increasingly aware of their inability to rule by means of democracy (for all you liberals out there, that means being elected to office by the people), they have sought to make their bravest strides in the branch of the un-elected judiciary, bypassing the will of the people, and free from any accountability.

With Antonin Scalia as Chief Justice and a couple strong, established conservatives, as well as strict constructionists, such as Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, Michael Luttig or dozens others to accompany Clarence Thomas, we would still not have a majority of conservatives on the bench to protect us from the marching liberal dominion that recently took a whack at private property rights.

To quote the words of Alexander Hamilton in Federalist No.

76, "To what purpose then require the co-operation of the Senate? I answer, that the necessity of their concurrence would have a powerful, though, in general, a silent operation. It would be an excellent check upon a spirit of favoritism in the President, and would tend greatly to prevent the appointment

of unfit characters from State prejudice, from family connection, from personal attachment, or from a view to popularity... He would be both ashamed and afraid to bring forward, for the most distinguished or lucrative stations, candidates who had no other merit than that of coming from the same State to which he particularly belonged, or of being in some way or other personally allied to him, or of possessing the necessary insignificance and pliancy to render them the obsequious instruments of his pleasure."

George Bush's lack of shame or fear for Miers' lack of merit other than that of "coming from the same state to which he [Bush] particularly belonged, or of being...personally allied to him," (a.k.a. - CRONYISM) that Hamilton spoke of is why the conservative base has erupted with

disgust. As conservative columnist Charles Krauthammer said, "To have selected her, when conservative jurisprudence has J. Harvie Wilkinson, Michael Luttig, Michael McConnell and at least a dozen others ... is scandalous."

California Review has learned from an anonymous source close to the San Diego County Republican Party, that the same day of the Miers nomination, an alarming number of people called their offices in disgust and rescinded their financial support for the party.

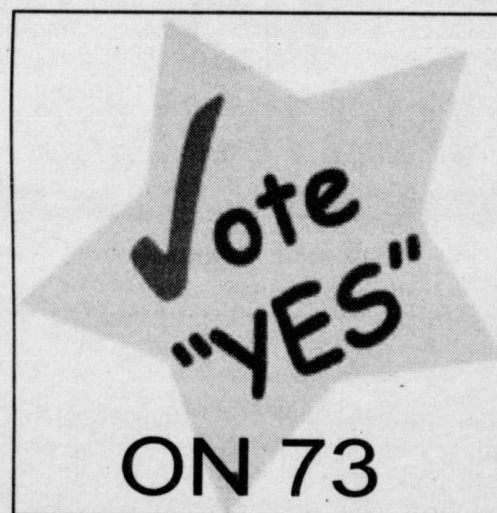
President Bush, you have not only made it hard for the Republican Party to win in 2006 (which I predict they won't), but you've made it extremely difficult for those of us who fight for conservative causes on a daily basis to endure. Refusing to control our borders, failing to control government spending, actively working against real conservatives running for public office, and playing Russian Roulette with the Supreme Court is not something that fires up young conservatives. If there was one thing that

got us conservatives out to the polls in 2004, and standing on street corners with Bush-Cheney signs, it was the fear of the Supreme Court falling into the hands of the most liberal member of the Senate. I know we are still better off than that, but by how much? I answer, not enough. This was the last straw; I never again want to see a Bush in the White House. THAT MEANS YOU, JEB. There was a time when I would defend Bush when liberals called him stupid, or when they said he was nothing more than a monkey in a suit...now I don't even bother.

In summarization...a Democratic president can nominate (and get confirmed with only three dissents) an extreme left-wing ACLU lawyer to the Supreme Court...but when a Republican wins the presidency (for a second time), with a majority in the Senate, first nominates someone we think MIGHT be a conservative, then someone with no judicial experience, no record, and who we have NO IDEA about her ideology. Well, if this sheds light on anything other than Bush turning out to be Peewee Herman with a southern accent, it's that the Democrats are the truly most disagreeable group in politics. Oh yeah...and that lawyers all over the country should IMMEDIATELY start kissing some serious Texas politician ass.

EDITORS NOTE: This went to press the day Miers nomination was withdrawn. It is still applicable though, in the general sense.

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Since when is it cool to be a mass murdering commie?

By Nathaniel H. Clark
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Ché Guevara inspired a revolution in his country. He was a man of great oratorical skill and uncommon wit. He possessed the ability to sway the opinion of thousands, and authored many convincing writings. Today, Ché is one of the most identifiable figures in our culture. But above all things, Ché Guevara really knew how to pull off a mustache. It truly makes one wonder, "Why don't students walk around with blown up pictures of Hitler on their shirts?"

Is it really that much of a stretch? I mean sure, Ché was a communist, and Hitler was a fascist, but come on people, I'm not being that out of line. After all, they were both totalitarians. But let's not turn this into a debate about Hitler, the old chap has been dead for over 50 years and I'd rather not bring up such an offensive topic.

Speaking of offensive, let's

talk about those T-shirts everyone loves to wear. Nothing screams rebel like a young man proudly showing off his favorite would be communist dictator. That's some serious in your face leftist idealism we are talking about. What better way to spit in the face of the founders of this great country? I suppose this brings to light another question: "Do these people have any clue what they are misrepresenting?" Or perhaps it's just a pathetic cry for attention? Surely they don't really want to be communists? It boggles the mind. If this is what they really want, I'm sure there are still some left over rooms in the Russian gulags that could provide a more than hospitable living environment. It may be a little nippy sure, but at least they won't have worry about those darn greedy capitalists. You know, those evil capitalist bastards that make money off of misled consumers. The kind of person that sells someone a shirt in complete contradiction of what it stands for. Of course, in the happy go lucky world of today, I guess people don't put much thought into this type of thing.

What really irks me is the idiotic nature of buying and wearing a communist T-shirt that

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creating the current budget mess. The San Diego Labor Council has been the single biggest supporter of Donna Frye's campaign, and she has been one of their most reliable allies. As Frye put it in a recent interview, "people are going to have to make some sacrifices, not just the city, and not just the unions." However, the city's priority should be to look out for the interests of San Diegans, not the interests of city hall or the unions.

Indeed, Frye's recovery plan shows a reluctance to address the excessive expense and inefficiencies that plague the city work force. Rather than solving the budget mess by trimming spending, Frye insists that the city needs more revenue. While she has proposed some tepid cost cutting measures, she has argued for a \$1.1 billion tax increase. This levy, a half cent sales tax increase for ten years, would simply be an economic burden and a band-aid fix of a much deeper problem.

Not surprisingly, Frye's tax would put San Diego businesses at a competitive disadvantage. Why buy a car in San Diego when the

same car in Carlsbad would be at least a hundred dollars less? It is ironic that a populist like Frye would push for raising the sales tax, a levy which would disproportionately impact the poor. Frye's \$1.1 billion tax increase is also a red herring. The city is facing a spending problem, not a revenue problem. When a private company faces rising labor costs, it has to reform and restructure to survive. When a city is facing rising labor costs, should it be allowed to simply pass the bill to taxpayers?



the face of our next mayor?

This is the basic question facing San Diego voters on November 8. While the election will be closely contested, voters will realize that Sanders' vision represents the way forward. As he put it in a recent interview, "the taxpayers are smart. They are not going to vote for a half-cent sales tax increase to bail out politicians for extremely bad decisions over a long period of time. That is simply not going to happen."

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Miramar Air Show Inspires Patriotism...Among Conservatives

By Alea Roach
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The events at the Miramar Air Show were truly inspiring. This great display of American power and ingenuity exemplified by the amaz-

ing air show was one more amazing and tangible example of the sheer power, respect, and genius of America and her people. Of course I knew that planes were meant to fly, but the size, sound, speed, and agility of these planes convinced me that American can kick any other country's ass, any day of the week, with half its military tied behind its back.

Every rational person knows that America has the best fighting force in the world. At the air show, this was evidenced a thousand times over. From the U.S. Navy Blue Angles to the Harrier jet, every flight, every plane,

proud to be an American; there's no where else I'd rather make my life and pursue my dreams. This is my home, the land where I grew up, the land where my children will grow up. It is the greatest and most blessed country in the world, protected by the greatest and most honorable, most respected military in the world.

Of course you can disagree; this is your constitutional right. However, the men and women in our military deserve every ounce of your respect, and if you're not giving it to them, if you're not supporting them in their efforts whether or not you agree with the

lose their lives for your freedom, if you're not damn proud to be an American, get the hell out of my country. Do us all a favor and move to France. And for all you who wish America harm, especially terrorists, you have much to fear. Be afraid. While America is patient, compassionate, and generous, she is also powerful and just, and with any luck, you will die soon. Here is an American blessing for you, modeled after the Old Irish Blessing:

May the Military lower their cross-hairs to target you

May the B-52 bomber always be at your back

May the sight of your burning homeland shine hotly upon your face

And democracy fall on your enemies

And until we annihilate you

May you live in constant and utter fear of America, her justice, and her big, big guns.



ing airplanes and pilots who flew them inspired patriotism in thousands of people who attended.

If you're a liberal, feel free to skip to the next article, because you will most likely never, ever be able to relate to the immense feelings of patriotism of which I am about to write. I am thoroughly convinced that liberals hate this country, and want to see it go up in smoke.

Think about it: how many liberals do you see who fly an American flag, stick one on the back of their car, or wear one on their backpack? Why is it that the vast majority of people who attend events like the air show are conservatives? Liberals seem to shrink away when events like this come around, it's like taboo for them. Why? Because they don't want to see these planes; they know that these planes are not used for dropping flowers, bubbles and peace signs. They hate the fact that we are the most powerful country in the world, and we use our military power to help others and kill the evil people. The liberals have the constitutional right to protest and dissent from the views of the majority and the leading political party; such is the nature and exceptionalism of America. But when America tries to give others that right by freeing them from tyrannical governments and military dictators, liberals protest saying "It's not our place" or "How do we know they want democracy?" Well, it may not be their place, but it sure as hell is my place, and because liberals value diversity and tolerance so much, they damn well better tolerate conservatives and the fulfillment of the idea that as a global hegemony, America has a responsibility to spread democracy and freedom to those less fortunate.

But for the patriots among

ever formation, every maneuver was literally unbelievable. With each plane that boomed past I was truly and utterly amazed. I kept thinking "Damn, if I was a terrorist, America would scare the hell out of me" precisely because of these astonishingly fast and maneuverable airplanes. And indeed, America does scare the hell out of the terrorists. The ominous roar of the airplanes is arguably the most intimidating, powerful, feared, and respected noise in the world. That noise is the noise of freedom coming to those around the world in need of salvation from insane dictators. It is the noise of death for those terrorists who hear it and realize that the end is very, very near. It is the noise of salvation for the U.S. Marine on the ground in Baghdad in the middle of a gunfight, when he realizes that his buddies in the air will fight his battle for him. It is the noise of pride, power, and justice when heard by American patriots, when they realize this extreme power, and that what it's used for is what sets America apart from all other countries as the most powerful nation.

After being at the air show, I decided that if American was a religion, I would convert. If national pride was a pie eating contest, I would eat the most pies. I am one of the most patriotic people you will ever meet. Call me nerdy and arrogant, call it cliché, but I am

policy they enforce, screw you. You're a shitty American and you don't deserve the freedom given to you by those who died for this country, those who believed and still believe in this country. If you're not thankful to live in such a great country, if you have no gratitude to those who give and

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Why There Was No Looting in Texas...



We think it was the guns, liberals say it was the absence of black people...
YOU DECIDE.

The Richest and Poorest U.S. Counties

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Richest Counties Surround D.C.—Poorest Line Mexico Border

Three of the richest counties in the United States are suburban communities surrounding Washington, D.C., while three of the poorest sit on the U.S.-Mexico border in southern Texas.

The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2004 collected data from 236 of America's 3,086 counties and then ranked the counties according to various criteria. Fairfax County, Va., Montgomery County, Md., and Howard County, Md., all suburbs of Washington, D.C., ranked 1, 2 and 4 respectively for highest median family income. Hidalgo County, Cameron County, and El Paso County, which all sit on the Rio Grande River in southern Texas, ranked 1, 2 and 4 respectively for the lowest median family income.

Is it only a coincidence that the border region of southern Texas is flooded with illegal immigrants, and the suburbs of Washington, D.C., are flooded with federal money, much of it paid to well-compensated federal bureaucrats?

The Richest and Poorest U.S. Counties

The Richest 2004 Vote

1. Fairfax County, Va. **Blue**
2. Montgomery County, Md. **Blue**
3. Morris County, N.J. **Red**
4. Howard County, Md. **Blue**
5. Monmouth County, N.J. **Red**
6. Somerset County, N.J. **Red**
7. Westchester County, N.Y. **Blue**
8. Chester County, Pa. **Red**
9. San Mateo County, Calif. **Blue**
10. Nassau County, N.Y. **Blue**

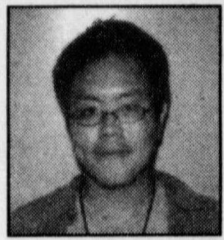
The Poorest 2004 Vote

1. Hidalgo County, Tex. **Blue**
2. Cameron County, Tex. **Red**
3. Bronx County, N.Y. **Blue**
4. El Paso County, Tex. **Blue**
5. Philadelphia County, Pa. **Blue**
6. Orleans Parish, La. **Blue**
7. Baltimore, Md. **Blue**
8. Caddo Parish, La. **Red**
9. Nueces County, Tex. **Red**
10. Kern County, Calif. **Red**

Insight and Awareness

ACLU: American Communist Lawyers Union

By Eric Tsai
Staff Writer



I recently read a letter I had received from ACLU (American Center for Law and Justice) during the summer, which was named by one of the big magazine, which if my memory serves me correctly is the Times Magazine as the counterpart of the largest liberal legal group, ACLU. However that also gave me the bitter feeling as the name ACLU makes me remember how the liberal had treated Christians, like me, and other fellow conservatives.

ACLU or American Civil Liberties Union is known to many as an organization fighting for the rights of the minorities. But in fact, they are fighting to destroy the foundation of America, which is the basic rights of the First Amendment, the freedom to speech and religion.

ACLU sued the city of Redlands and the county of Los Angeles in 2004. They found it offensive that there is a cross on the Redlands city emblem. What was the reason behind such actions? They found the cross offensive in a place where the majority of the people are Christians, which is just the most ridiculous thing! Doesn't it say in democracy that the majority rules? They're not fighting for civil liberties for everyone. They are just ignorant about the fact that there is a God and that there is so much proof against what they believe in, which is atheism; everything is just too perfect to come from nothing as they put it.

Also, in the case of teaching the theory of evolution in biology classes across the nation's public education system, ACLU has been threatening the school with a lawsuit, if they teach creation or anything that suggests that. If they actually sue the school the ACLU will loose, since in the code of education of every state does not state that the theory of creation can not be taught.

In the ruling of the case of Epperson vs. Arkansas, Justice Fortas stated that "Government in our democracy, state and national, must be neutral in matters of religious theory, doctrine, and practice. It may not be hostile to any religion or to the advocacy of nonreligion; and it may not aid, foster, or promote one religion or religious theory against another or even against the militant opposite. The First Amendment mandates governmental neutrality between religion and religion, and between

religion and nonreligion."

But ACLU completely ignores the fact that evolution is not a proven theory; it is a religion, not real science. Therefore creation science should be taught in classroom as stated in the 1963 ruling of School District of Abington Township v. Schempp that "It certainly may be said that the Bible is worthy of study for its literary and historic qualities. Nothing we have said here indicates that such study of the Bible or of religion, when presented objectively as part of a secular program of education, may not be effected consistently with the First Amendment."

Also it was stated in the Supreme Court case of Stone v. Graham, 1963, "where the Bible may constitutionally be used in an appropriate study of history, civilization, ethics, comparative religion, or the like."

Both of these Supreme Court rulings meant that Bible can be taught in school. Even though the public school cannot require it to be taught, it is still legal to teach creation science.

ACLU also supports same-sex marriage, which is an intolerable act. It was stated in the Bible, a book that had been the foundation of Western society, that marriage is between a man and a woman, and even looking at it from a secular view, homosexual is looked down upon. But the ACLU believes otherwise. They believe that homosexuals should be allowed to marry, even though marriage is already defined as a union between man and woman in many states by amendments to the state constitution, where California had the Proposition 22 in the year 2000.

ACLU, which was known to many Christians and fellow conservatives as American Communist Lawyers Union, are just as their nickname says, communists, since they believe in what the leftist believed to extreme. Their founder, Roger Baldwin, said "Communism is the goal." They are not promoting civil rights; they are trying to destroy the true freedom, given by the Creator to men. And this true freedom, is the freedom to express our beliefs, which is given by God to us and guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America so that we may truly be free.



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remembers the history of Saddam Hussein's regime, a history from which we are not so far removed. It is because of this history that we must support the Iraqis today - whether or not we agreed with the war in the first place, Rushdie made it very clear that it is our duty as humanitarians to reject the terrorism happening in Iraq today. In regards to our President, Salman Rushdie said something that disquieted the generally liberal audience - he asked the audience to remember how easy it is to make armchair decisions with 20/20 hindsight. He asked them to put themselves in Bush's position and ask themselves if they would have made a different decision. I was very impressed with Rushdie's bravery and willingness to tell his audience things they found unpopular and distasteful... then I remembered that for nearly 20 years, he has been standing up to murderous religious fanatics. In

comparison, a crowd of angry liberals didn't seem so frightening.

I am saddened that more UCSD students, and more Americans in general, didn't hear Salman Rushdie's message. Islamic terrorism is not some ideology of liberation or resistance, as too many people in the West and on our campus seem to believe. As Mr. Rushdie knows all too well, Islamic terrorism is a deadly poison not only to our society, but to Muslims across the world. We need to remember the words of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, said during another worldwide war of ideologies: "In this war, we know, books are weapons." Books are weapons in the war of ideas, and Salman Rushdie is the crafter of some of the finest weapons for freedom today.

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Teens: Abort the Idea of Deciding Alone

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court waiver in a timely matter is so that it doesn't become harder for the girl to get an abortion because she moves into another trimester.

A parent's notification can be very helpful for a number of reasons one of which is the parent's ability to be there emotionally for the teen. Remember this legislation doesn't stop the teen from getting an abortion and no one can make the decision for her. Michalene Friedberg, who was on the pro side of the debate, said that when she had her abortion she didn't tell her parents and she regretted that because they would have been able to help her along the emotional process. A parental notification also will save the shock of finding out later if the teen has to go to a hospital to be treated for an infection or hemorrhage. If the parents don't know what is wrong and have no clue what the girl has done and something goes wrong how will they be able to know what to do or how serious her complications are.

Lastly another argument from people against 73 is that "we want to know when our daughters face a decision like this so we can be helpful and supportive. But also, as parents, our daughter's safety is more important than our desire to be informed." How is their safety being threatened again? The court, if she chooses to go that route, will take her out of an abusive home if she is in one. If there are complications with a major surgery like this the girl could die, so opponents don't want to be informed before hand

that their daughters have a chance of dying if something goes wrong. As a parent you are responsible and will be held accountable for the health, safety, and well being of your child. Parents have to sign off on everything a doctor does to fix up their child because it is the parents job to make sure the minor's safety and well being are not being compromised. Not being notified when a major surgery, that under certain circumstances can cause death, is going to happen will inhibit you from being sure of the child's well being and you as a parent will still be held accountable for that.

While abortions are still wrong and should be outlawed this legislation takes a step in the right direction for those who want to see Roe v. Wade overturned. For those in favor of abortion the upside is you can still obtain one but it's harder and might make parents take a role they should have taken long ago in their teen's lives. It still leaves the decision in the hands of the teen and she is free to make whatever choice she thinks is right. Whether she makes the right choice is up for interpretation but whether or not this legislation is good for teens and parents alike isn't.

VOTE YES ON PROP 73.

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West: Yet Another Problem With the Leadership in the African American Community

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his assault on education and into verbal attacks on the African American community. He has, in fact, been very vocal with his racism on radio broadcasts and television appearances. One such example is taken from a radio broadcast where West was quoted as saying, "My Niggas, Drug dealin jus to get by stack ya money till it gets sky high Kids Sing Kids Sing." It's obvious West is promoting the using and selling of narcotics in the African American community. But what is most disgusting about this quote is that West is targeting children, the future of the United States. In a time when drug use is on the rise and the percentage of African American males in prison is increasing, Kanye West is making his money promoting the illegal activity of drug use and sales. He is blatantly trying to cripple the African American community by targeting the youth, through glamorizing drug dealing, in hope that they too may become addicted to such substances or be incarcerated as a result of narcotic use or sales.

On another occasion, Kanye West addresses the topic of charity, and helping those of low income in the African American community by saying, "It's funny how these wack niggaz need my help, Wasn't around when I couldn't

feed myself, Dog, If I was you, I wouldn't feel myself, Dog, If I was you, I'd kill myself." Yet another disturbing quote from the lips of West, who recently on a television broadcast accused President Bush of not contributing enough to

hurricane relief in Louisiana. West is not only a racist but a hypocrite as well. From this quote it is apparent that he has no concern for his fellow African Americans who live in poverty. Instead of providing charity his solution to poverty is for those of low income to commit suicide. This is a quite disturbing proposal, and one that could only be made by an individual who is truly racist and has a pure hatred for the African American Community. It is evident that Kanye West hopes that individuals in poverty, stay in economic distress, or better yet commit suicide and remove these so called, "wack niggaz" from society.

radio broadcast West was quoted as saying, "Who gave Saddam anthrax?" The fact that these statements are false, makes no difference to him, however they result in the spread of ignorance among the African American community as well as a distrust of the government. This distrust of the government only hurts the African American community, in a time when the government is doing anything it can to help

West's repulsive attacks do not end at discouraging education, promoting drug use, and denying charity. He demonstrates his clear hate for African Americans by his several attempts to spread ignorance and false information

throughout the African American community. A relationship which is under constant scrutiny and is always vulnerable to outbreaks of unnecessary violence and mistrust. Kanye West hopes to spread ignorance and mistrust to prevent any benefits which may occur as a result of a successful relationship between minority groups and the government. It is clear that West wants to prevent the African American community from receiving assistance from the government or anyone else.

It is distressing to see such a prominent member of society attack his fellow man, especially when the attacks target the youth, preventing them from achieving success. Today the issue of race and race relations is a very sensitive subject, which is rarely touched upon. As a result such travesties as Kanye West's racism goes unnoticed. Unfortunately he will continue to spread his hate and continue to gain popularity.

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within the campus. The loop shuttles take way too long to get people around campus. It is often faster to walk between Peterson Hall and York Hall than it is to take the shuttle. Add to that the often ten minute wait for the next shuttle and any semblance of convenience is removed from using the loop shuttles. Repeated studies of public transportation have shown that in order to be useful to people the public transportation must be frequent and reasonably fast. The loop shuttles fail on both counts. Two steps to fix the Loop shuttle would be to decrease dwell time and add more shuttles to increase frequency to one every three to five minutes.

Along the same vein, driving on campus is frustratingly slow. Instead of roads directly across the campus, one must use the loop road to get across to the other side. Since the roads to get across exist but are barricaded, one must conclude that this was a deliberate action on the part of the administration.

Another symptom of this disease is the Coaster connection shuttle. The train offers a convenient and inexpensive method of getting to campus for students living along the Coaster route. The trains run every 30 to 60 minutes, which matches well for the school's

50 to 80 minute classes. The problem is that the Coaster connection shuttles run only very early in the day and very late in the day. The Transportation & Parking Services Office needs to run shuttles much more frequently if they wish to get students to use this service. USD runs frequent buses for their students, why doesn't UCSD?

The infrastructure problems on campus impact the daily lives of undergraduate students. However, the university administration doesn't seem to care. They frequently give the excuse of budget constraints or the classic "It's not me, it's someone else making this decision" excuse for the current problems. It's also insulting to all undergrads to reduce the number of "S" spaces and increase the number of "A" and "B" spaces and then shrug and say there's nothing that can be done about student parking. It is time to stop the excuses and start working on solutions. Marye Anne Fox, you are newly to the helm; will you make the changes necessary to improve student life at UCSD?

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someone is making tons of money off of. Perhaps idiot isn't the right word, that's a little bit too harsh. No, wait a second, idiotic is pretty much the only word I can possibly use to describe it. Do you honestly think those dollars are going to something constructive towards your cause? Do you truly think you are funding some sort of underground socialist network bent on overthrowing capitalism? Because you definitely aren't changing anyone's mind by showing off Ché's ugly face wherever you ungracefully present yourself. The sad thing is that's the only part of Ché that you can reveal. You certainly can't show off his accomplishments, because he had none. Unless of course you consider setting back his country a few decades a notable achievement. Or maybe on the back of your red Ché you could have a nice photo of all of the dead bodies he is responsible for. Sorry, I'm getting a little worked up over this T-shirt thing. I'm going to move on.

Let's talk about the Ché Café. It really rolls off the tongue doesn't it? So fluidly does it roll, that one could almost compare it to the freshly decapitated head of a victim of a communist revolu-

tion. Sorry, there I go, getting all worked up again. It's just that the Ché Café is loaded with all of the same contradictions I previously elaborated regarding those ridiculous T-shirts. Once again, I don't believe those Benjamin's are helping any sort of reconquistador movement right under our noses. And asides from the occasional pair of red you-know-what T-shirt wearing couples, I seriously doubt the coffee is fueling many anti-capitalist convo's.

So in conclusion, I'd like to leave you with a quote, but I'm going to let you guess who said it. Here's a clue: it's not Hitler. "Hatred is an element of struggle; relentless hatred of the enemy that impels us over and beyond the natural limitations of man and transforms us into effective, violent, selective, and cold killing machines. Our soldiers must be thus; a people without hatred cannot vanquish a brutal enemy." Ah yes, good old Ché, he was such a great guy. It's really too bad he had to pass away ahead of his time. He could have made a killing off those T-shirts.

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Proposition 75- Pulling on the Unions' Leash

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In the upcoming November 8th Special Election, voters are going to be faced with a series of propositions; some new, some not-so-new. However, in an interesting turn, most of these propositions are focused on reforms intended to safeguard the state against the rampant and destructive spending that was seen most recently under the Davis years.

One of the propositions on the ballot, Prop 75, is quite the controversy in the local media. The intent of this proposition is quite simple: force public labor unions to require their workers to give them consent to spend the fees they collect in political campaigning. The Labor Unions have long since been a political powerhouse, delivering massive amounts of funds in a way no private donor ever could. As an example, in this year's San Diego mayoral election, Democratic candidate Donna Frye received well over \$100,000 from Labor Unions, while Republican opponent Jerry Sanders' top contributors were all private donors, who's contributions were capped at \$300 per person or donor organization.

But, despite this loophole, the Left would have you think it were completely innocent; after all, the unions are just making their voices heard. The problem with the union support of politicians is that this support is taken from member funds. To add onto the union robbery (to call it any less would be to sugar-coat it), public jobs in California require paying into the union pot. This means that a member could oppose a political candidate or legislative proposition, but if their union supports it, it is their money that is used to support a political agenda that the worker is against. This isn't the workers' voice, this is the bureaucracy and political agendas of the union "leadership" silencing the voice of the worker, and worse yet, using the workers' own money to do it with.

Enter Proposition 75, "The Public Employee Union Dues, Restrictions on Political Contributions, Employee Consent Requirement, Initiative Statute." The title alone is enough to bely an underlying complexity, but rest assured the power and effect of the legislation is quite simple. In short, should Proposition 75 pass, the unions would need to attain each worker's written permission before their fees could be used in political campaigning. Those

workers that don't mind or even like the unions' work in politics could simply sign a waiver form permitting the use of their fees in this way. The workers that find themselves in disagreement with the (often radical) political stands of the unions would simply not sign, and rest assured that their membership fees are not lining the pocket of a political agenda they would be otherwise against.

Opponents of Prop 75, instead of facing the facts that the almighty union is actually robbing their workers, instead turn a blind eye to this robbery. Chances are good that this eye is only blind from the money these very unions throw at it.

One of the favorite arguments of those against 75 is that this proposition will take the voice away

membership. Buying stock in a corporation is optional. Buying membership in a union is, quite unfortunately, not. Thus, different kinds of restrictions must be placed on these two organizations.

Time for a new argument: "CURRENT LAW ALREADY PROTECTS WORKERS."

[Cue Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake- Characters "Ambiguity" and "Fact Manipulation" enter stage left and begin political bullshit ballet]. Fact: In the workplace environment, this sentence is correct. Current local and federal laws protect workers quite thoroughly. This is one of the prime arguments for the abolition of unions as a whole. However, there is one point that is being missed: Prop 75 isn't intended to protect workers from the companies they work for. It's intended to protect the workers from their own

member gives permission for their fees to be used, Republican ninjas will fly down from the ceiling and kill them with specially made ninja stars (most likely constructed from the bones of children slaughtered by American soldiers in Iraq, with a little blood-oil mixed in for good measure). These ninjas will then go to the worker's home and kill their spouse using these assassination techniques. Once this is done, they will take the children and sell them into slavery, and once that's done, the money will then be funneled into helping big corporations strengthen the glass ceiling - or, in other words, making the rich richer while making the poor poorer.

Now, it's time for a little realism. When the fee records are audited, the only thing that is done is making sure that the amount sent to political donations lines up with the number of people that signed their hard-earned money away. The only true report that shows any kind of numbers, or who donated what, is a report by the union stating what they donated too. If there is to be any worry about who gets the names of those who sign and don't sign, look first to the union leadership.

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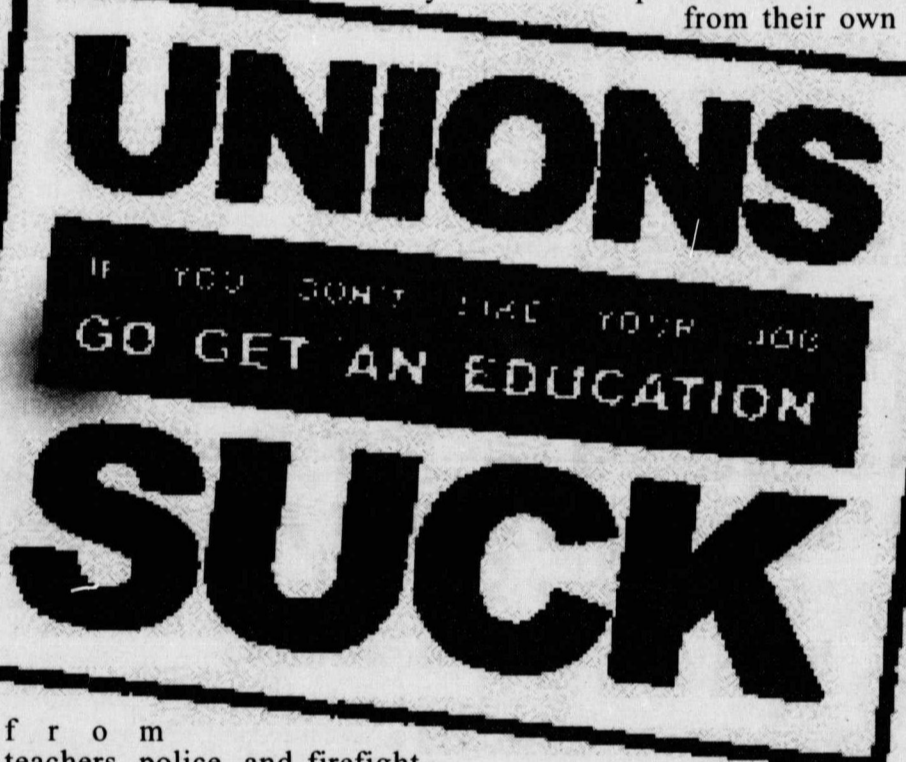
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Another argument made, eloquently proving the opposition's lack of knowledge in regards to economics, is stated, "Prop. 75 only restrict public employees. It does not restrict corporations-even though corporations spend shareholders' money on politics."

This is all well and good, and it is true that corporations can donate to political campaigns with their finances as well. The difference comes in that employees do not pay their companies for the right to work there, whereas unions force membership, or at the very least, force fees to opt out of this

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Sydney's Rant: Kanye West Hates White People

By Sydney Reily
Staff Writer

So, I've decided that I'm going to be African American. Now, I'm not black mind you. I'm white. And I mean white. Like Casper-the-Friendly-Ghost white. Not Caucasian. I can't even spell Caucasian without dictionary.com and, besides, calling me that doesn't make me any less Albino-esk. Just like no matter what you call it, you're still black, people can still tell by looking at you, and you're still the only one who cares. But, back to my being African American. I don't have to worry about technicalities, like the fact that I'm not a citizen of Africa, because Africa is, well, a continent. No one really has citizenship there. All in all the title really makes no sense. It should be something like Nigerian American, but that would mean that you would have to be a citizen of that country to claim its nation-

ality and most African-Americans have NEVER BEEN TO AFRICA! I, on the other hand, have been to Africa. I'm such a good African American. They should give me an award. Ooh, I want to be on BET! But I digress. The way I see it, that evolution/Out of Africa theory that you all purport means that we all came from Africa and, therefore, I have just as much claim to the heritage as anyone else. And, as we all know - its not about the color of one's skin, it about OUR cultural heritage. So bring on my extra affirmative action points... and the hate mail.



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Top Ten Problems with network TV:

By: Matt Pfohl

10. "Reality TV" has become an oxy-moron.
9. The media has a ubiquitous liberal slant.
8. It provides jobs other than making coffee and flipping burgers for liberal arts majors.
7. There are enough anti-drug commercials nowadays to drive you toward alcoholism.
6. It offers a means to advertise on a national scale to any dumbass with a few bucks and too many dumbasses take advantage of this.
5. Cartoons are by far the most insightful shows on TV...
4. P. Diddy and Adam Brody give voting tips to the public on TV.
3. B.E.T.
2. No nudity...yet.
1. Carlos Mencia...

Letters to the Editor

"...First, Proposition 22 is five years old, and if it were on the ballot today, it's highly unlikely it would pass again, certainly not with 62% in favor...California is a dynamic place with rapidly changing demographics, so if you can't take the change, go to one of the 11 states where laws like Prop 22 are firmly on the books (or better yet, go to a third world country where you won't be allowed to vote because you're a woman. I imagine that would give you a taste of what it's like to be a homosexual.)

Next, you're wrong in saying that domestic partnerships are a fair compromise; they are in no way equal to marriage. They create a separate class through public law, much like sending black and white children to separate schools (by the way, that was declared illegal in Brown vs. Board of Education). Further, domestic partnerships don't offer all the benefits of marriage, because California can't enforce federal marriage protections for domestic partners...

Lastly, I assume you've never studied the Constitution of the United States, because Prop 22 is flagrantly unconstitutional under the full faith and credit clause, which says that all states must

recognize legal agreements from other states...No matter what the majority thinks, the Constitution must be upheld, especially by our governor. The voters of California wouldn't have even been able to consider Prop 22 if it weren't for a similarly unconstitutional federal measure called the Defense of Marriage Act that was pushed through Congress by partisan groups and still faces future challenges in the Supreme Court. You're not a very good conservative if you support such a loose interpretation of this country's most important body of law.

But maybe you didn't even intend to be taken seriously, since you make fun of lesbians as a group and end your article with the word bitches. Serious or not, you've offended me ten times more than the Koala ever could, so please keep your lies, ignorance, and thinly veiled hate the f**k off my campus."

- Emily K.

Emily, we couldn't be nearly as ignorant or intolerant as you. You need to start treating gays as equals. The same law applies to everyone: no man, gay or straight, can marry another man. Special rights aren't equal rights.

"Recently an article in the California Review gave one side to the immigration argument ... An analogy to this situation can be made between San Diego and New York City. If a company were to offer Jenny Smith a five thousand dollar a year pay increase to move to New York, Ms. Smith might consider the option...Now imagine that the quadrupled salary is offered...but informs Jenny that there are new border controls on the state line of California and that she must illegally cross the border to get to New York....And what if Ms. Smith's family already lived in New York?"

This hypothetical situation is strikingly similar to the situation between Tijuana and San Diego... when we increase the border patrol and stop more immigrants from crossing the US border, we increase the labor pool in Tijuana, lowering wages, and shrink the labor pool in San Diego, raising wages...there is further incentive for those considering an illegal crossing to risk the trip...

Finally, I would like to point out that there is no supply without a demand. If American companies continue to demand illegal labor, there will continue to be a supply - period...a government that helps business cannot

also force business cease hiring undocumented workers. This is a situation of the hand slapping the face: one part of the Republican Party demands a stop to illegal immigration, while another side of the Republican Party demands that its demand for illegal immigration not be curbed. We have thrown our party into a paradox over the issue which cannot be so easily remedied.

I believe that the most important function that border control provides is keeping out those that would hope to do damage to our nation and state...

...In my view, we conservatives are at our best when we are thoughtful about the issues and legislate based on realities, not on pure vitriol. I believe the President understands this philosophy and hopes to continue his work on immigration the right way, not just the popular way."

-Jason J.

Jason, your letter only explains why illegal immigrants desire to come to the U.S. It doesn't address at all the negative externalities associated with illegal aliens. California spends billions of dollars every year on social services for illegals.

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It's Time To Fix California

California Propositions: What They Mean and Why They are Good for California, for You

Proposition 74: Put the Kids First Act

Regardless of their performance, once California public school teachers have completed just two years on the job, they are virtually guaranteed a job for life. Under the present system, poor performing teachers can have multiple unsatisfactory evaluations and it is still virtually impossible for them to be dismissed.

Proposition 74 requires new teachers to work successfully for five years before they get tenure and a job for life. Only capable, qualified and proven teachers should be given a job for life.

But the big government public employee union bosses who control the Legislature have fought to make sure our education system protects even teachers who have repeated unsatisfactory evaluations. They have created a maze of complex rules and requirements designed to protect poor performing teachers from dismissal. In fact, California is one of only 10 states in the nation with such requirements.

In the San Bernardino School District, a teacher called her students derogatory names, told students to "Shut up," swore at them, showed R-rated movies and once even sent a 4th grade student to her car to retrieve a butcher knife. Was she fired? No! Instead, because of tenure rules, the school district actually paid the teacher \$25,000 to get her to resign! (Riverside Press Enterprise, 4/7/99) Even parents of the children in the classroom are virtually powerless to do anything about poor performing teachers.

Proposition 75: Pay-check Protection

Proposition 75, also known as "Paycheck Protection," gives workers like police officers, firefighters and teachers the right to choose whether or not union dues money from their paychecks should be used for political purposes. It simply requires public labor unions to get consent from employees before deducting money from their paychecks for any political purposes.

Union bosses currently spend hundreds of millions of dollars, taken without permission from workers' paychecks, on political activities that their members may not even agree with. If you are a Democrat, you should not be forced to pay for campaigns, which support Republicans, and vice-versa. Proposition 75 simply gives workers a choice as to whether or not they want their money used for politics by their union.

Public employee union members should be given a choice of whether their dues can be used to fund political campaigns or not. This proposal will make union leaders more accountable to their members.

This issue is based on the premise of fairness. Labor unions should receive permission before they automatically begin deducting political contributions from employee paychecks to give to campaigns or candidates that the employee may not support.

There are tens of millions of dollars being spent to defeat this measure - millions of dollars that could be going to local organizing or for benefits for workers.

Proposition 76: The Live Within Our Means Act

California doesn't have a revenue problem -- it has a spending problem. Our Legislature is addicted to spending taxpayers' money.

Proposition 76 will force the Legislature to live by the same basic rule California families live by: Don't spend more money than you bring in.

Proposition 76 will force politicians to stop autopilot spending and set clear funding priorities each year based on what's best for the state.

Proposition 76 puts into place, for the first time, a firewall to block the state from raiding funds dedicated for local health and social service programs. The measure has no effect on dedicated funding for local public safety programs.

It will place reasonable, responsible limits on state budget growth by limiting year-to-year budget increases to the average growth in revenue for the past 3 fiscal years. This will prevent legislators from creating costly new programs during economic booms that demand ongoing spending when revenues drop.

Proposition 76 requires the state to use extra revenue from peak years to build "rainy day funds" to prepare for inevitable future economic downturns. When revenue shortfalls occur, it will allow the state to spend reserves to maintain essential state services. It also allows the governor to make mid-year cuts when the state faces a fiscal crisis, which will help to fix budget problems in the middle of the year before things get out of hand.

Proposition 77: The Voter Empowerment Act

It is a blatant conflict of interest to have politicians draw the boundaries of the districts in which they run. Proposition 77 will allow independent judges to draw election districts instead of the politicians and allow voters to approve or reject those districts.

The redistricting process in California is controlled entirely by entrenched politicians. Incumbent members of both political parties meet behind closed doors and agree to carve up the state into very safe districts that virtually assure the same party will always win in that district.

Under our current gerrymandered legislative maps, districts are drawn in every conceivable shape in order to maximize partisan advantage for incumbents. The 23rd Congressional District is very narrow and stretches hundreds of miles down the California coast to take in coastal Democrats and leave out Republicans. The Sacramento Bee wrote that the district "is so narrow in spots that a big tide could submerge it." (2/20/05) According to the Wall Street Journal, the 23rd district has earned the nickname the "ribbon of shame." (3/11/05)

Proposition 77 will take redistricting out of the hands of politicians and make them more accountable to the voters. Instead of politicians, a bi-partisan independent panel of three retired judges will draw fair and competitive district lines.

One vote should mean one voice. Redistricting isn't about Democrats versus Republicans; it is about making sure we have fair elections.

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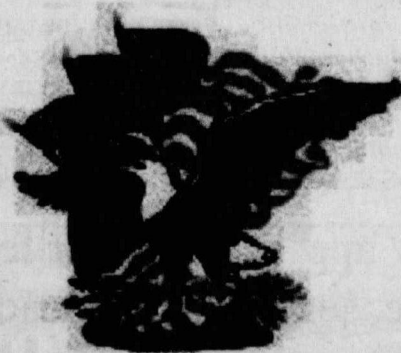
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