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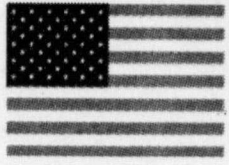
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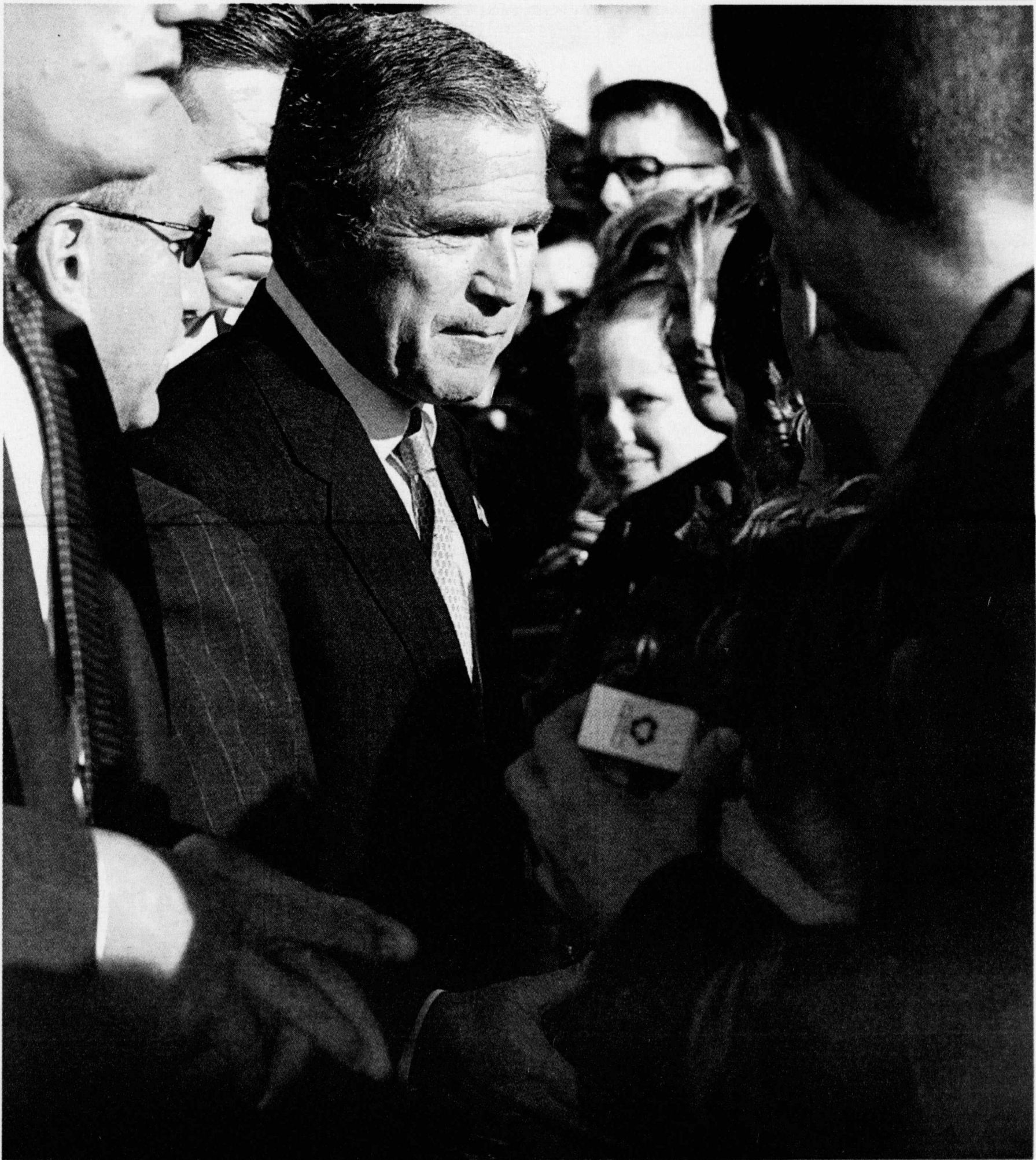
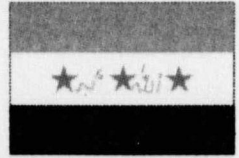
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Honor Before Politics



Despite guerilla strikes by Islamist insurgents and Ba'athist nationalists, George W. Bush pledges to support a free Iraq and defeat terrorists wherever they strike. American losses are politically turbulent and spiritually trying, but President Bush understands that the key to the War on Terror is democracy in the Middle East. He has promised to rebuild Iraq, and he will not back down. After a generation of cruelty under Saddam, the Iraqi people deserve as much.

Local News & Opinion

Living Wages Kill the Economy Such proposals would hurt those they intend to help

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San Diego's darling tricky Dick Murphy and his sweet little sidekicks on the City Council Rule's Committee have taken it upon themselves to consider imposing a "living wage" on all contractors and businesses supported by the city. Following a presentation on the proposed Responsible Wage and Health Care Benefits Ordinance of San Diego and public comment from both sides, the committee voted unanimously to contemplate such a policy.

The "living wage ordinance," as its friends call it, would create a minimum wage of \$11.95 an hour, as well as requiring that employers pay the entire cost of their workers' health insurance and provide 20 days a year paid sick leave and vacation. The employers also have the option of tacking on an extra \$2.53 an hour in lieu of health care coverage, bringing the grand minimum wage hike to \$14.48 an hour, an indecent and ridiculous increase that would have depressing effects on the San Diego area in general.

Proponents of the living wage consistently overlook the realities of market forces when arguing for increased minimums. Establishing artificially high wages reduces demand for labor by increasing the cost of operating one's business. This effect has very real and specific ramifications for the workers whom the living wage is meant to serve. First, there will be an overall shrinkage in the job market, as those who are forced to pay the exorbitantly increased wages must limit expenditures on labor. For example, a 1998 study by Burkhauser, Couch and Wittenberg gave a conservative estimate that doubling the minimum wage would lead to employment decreases of 9.2 percent.

The increased wages will also cause a surplus in supplied labor, as more people find the artificially high wages attractive and employers will become more selective in hiring, seeking out better qualified and more experienced workers. "The greatest negative impact falls on workers with the lowest levels of education and skills," says Jill Jenkins of the Employment Policy Foundation. The impending job loss and reduction of opportunity will only really hit the very people the policy is designed to help.

Living wage supporters have been vocal in maintaining that their program will assist low wage workers, and portray the primary beneficiaries as adult workers who are supporting families, both of which are false.

Bureau of Labor and Statistics data shows that over half of all workers earning minimum wage are between 16 and 24, and in fact, 30.4 percent are between 16 and 19. Of these minimum wage earners, only 25 percent are family heads who live with relatives, and over 35 percent live with their parents.

The EPF believes that "the lack of full time, steady work opportunities, not low hourly wage rates are at the core of poor families' low incomes," yet proponents use statistics showing workers who live below the poverty line to advocate a living wage. When the federal minimum wage was increased in 1990, only 22 percent of affected workers lived below the poverty line. In fact, over half earned more than double. Imposing a living wage is just not an efficient way to alleviate the strain on poorer income families. This signals a major flaw in living wage arguments. By calculating earnings without adjusting for multiple earners or federal and state transfers, their statistical motivations are weak at best.

The wage hike to \$14.48 an hour is completely unprecedented. Looking back into the history of minimum wage increases in California, one finds the largest percentage increase ever was the first, a jump up from \$0.45 to \$0.65, and that was in 1963, following a lapse in increases before which there was no minimum. More recently the largest bounce was an 11 percent bump in 1998. The proposed "Responsible Wage" represents a first-time 115 percent increase, tacking an extra \$7.73 on for each hour of landscaping or janitizing.

Advocates claim that establishing a living wage would finally show San Diego's janitors, parking lot attendants, security guards, concession operators and landscapers that our city recognizes how much we need them when, in reality, they should already know this. They aren't volunteering to wear those little Velcro security patches or sit in those goofy parking stalls; we do, in fact, pay them for it. Our taxes provide for their continuing employment, and if we really did refuse to admit our need for someone to maintain the city's facilities, we simply wouldn't pay for it.

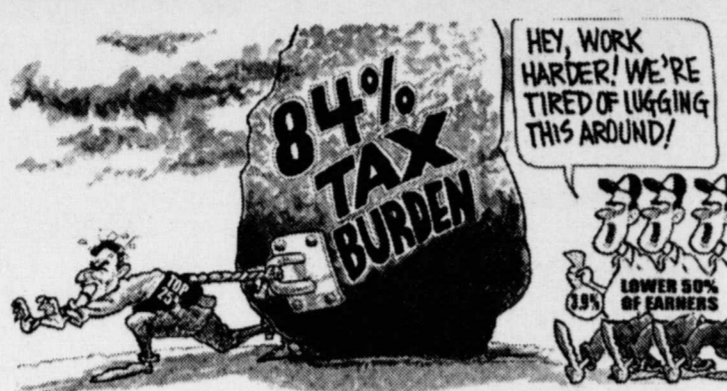
Living wage supporters have used examples of San Diego workers who have moved their family and made the commute to illustrate their claim that workers can't afford to live and work in the same area. Someone who has the option of affordable living conditions available to them but must commute to work is hardly a

foreign concept in modern Southern California. It is simply a calculated decision by the primary earner to live in one area and work in another. Whether that decision is initially motivated purely by economics or if it involves other factors, no one has guaranteed that worker a right to live here, especially when here is the second most expensive area to live in California, a state with a relatively high cost of living itself.

The classic example of beach house economics illustrates this point. If everyone in California were guaranteed the right to live in a house along the beach at a certain low price, the demand would be so high that an instant shortage of living space would be created since there are only so many beach front houses in the state. Prices help coordinate the underlying demand for the houses with the available supply and allow those who want to live there the most to do so. Likewise, San Diego is an extremely popular place to live for a number of reasons, but there is still no guaranteed right to live here, and creating such a right wouldn't provide any more opportunity to do so.

The proposed policy will also have a chilling effect on the provision of services by local nonprofit organizations that are connected to the city and serve San Diego. Lynn Lesczynski of the San Diego YMCA explained to the committee that "there is no question that the ordinance would in fact create economic hardship and significant negative impact on all social service programs that are being contracted by the city with nonprofit providers." When Detroit imposed a citywide living wage ordinance, the Salvation Army, faced with an additional \$4.2 million per year in operating costs, was forced to drop its contracts with the city.

Opponents suggest alternative policies that could better address the needs of San Diego, such as an earned income tax credit system, while minimizing the drawbacks of a living wage. Instituting this living wage law would disrupt the market and result in setting the wage rate above the appropriate skill level for workers, thereby encouraging employers to seek different employees and to reduce the number of jobs. It would not primarily benefit the poor or help heads of households all the while discouraging the organizations that help these people in the first place by continuing their service. "Living wages" are bad for San Diego.



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Student Organization Spotlight The San Diego Israel Alliance

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Guest Contributor

The San Diego Israel Alliance is the sole organization on campus whose goal is to educate students about Israel, its government and its people. The organization is composed of people with varying interests, opinions and backgrounds, and has been in existence on the UCSD campus for several years. SDIA puts on an abundance of events, both political and cultural.

SDIA bears one main purpose in their political education programs: explaining the history, context and current events relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict. As with most news, it is impossible to understand the significance of current events without proper historical background. As such, SDIA attempts to present the most comprehensive information possible to fellow students. Last year, in conjunction with Caravan For Democracy, SDIA brought Ephraim Sneh, member of Israel's Parliament to speak to UCSD about the Middle East Conflict and answer questions presented by the students. In another event they presented information comparing women's rights and sexual freedoms in different Middle Eastern countries (including Israel), handing out info cards and condoms emblazoned with the slogan "Israel: It's Still Safe to Come." SDIA also put on a lecture about the "Road Map" by Professor Lakoff, Emeritus of the Political Science Department at UCSD.

While SDIA bears in mind the importance of politics, there is a heavy emphasis on highlighting Israeli culture such as food, music, fashion, art and technology. This can best be demonstrated by the event they put on in Price Center this past Thursday, "Israel Is One Big Matza Ball." Featuring hookahs and falafel, the event aimed to highlight Israeli social action, pointing out medical and rescue aid that Israel has given to countries around the world.

Earlier this quarter, SDIA brought Ishmael Khaldi a Bedoin Israeli to speak about diversity in Israel and his positive experiences as a minority. SDIA pioneered a campaign last year called GOT ISRAEL? in which they presented many little known facts about Israel to the campus. For Example: Did you know that Instant Messenger technology was invented by Israelis? Did you know that Israel has two official languages, Hebrew and Arabic? SDIA has also made an effort to bring Israeli performing artists to the campus. Just this Sunday, Chava Alberstien, folk singer from Israel appeared at UCSD. Last year, rock star David Broza performed.

SDIA has also devoted a lot of effort to work with other student organizations, especially those with diverging viewpoints. There has been much hope recently for improved relations this year between the San Diego Israel Alliance / Union of Jewish Students and the Students for Justice / Muslim Student Association. The previous school year was one marked by several student dialogues that brought together Jewish, Israeli, Muslim and Palestinian (and other) students to get to know one another and gain a better understanding of opposing viewpoints. The success of these dialogues culminating in the signing of a resolution by the San Diego Israel Alliance, Muslim Student Association and Students for Justice. Clearly outlined in this resolution was the determination by both groups to present positive messages. SDIA would be pro-Israel and SJ would be Pro-Palestinian, rather than any one of the parties being anti anything. The signing of this resolution sets a great precedent for a peaceful and prosperous coexistence of opposing viewpoints on the UCSD campus.

For more information about the organization or if you have any questions or comments, please send them to ecohen@ucsd.edu.

Common Sense

from Ryan Darby, Editor in Chief

Is the Left the new anti-speech movement?

I've always found it very amusing that the Left seems to take some self-indulging pleasure in calling us fascists. While part of me finds that kind of rubbish annoying, the other part of me is perpetually amused by their ignorance. Their main qualm is that we sometimes question their patriotism. But how, pray tell, is that fascism? We're simply exercising our own freedom of speech to criticize their opinions; we hardly prevent them from

right to not be offended, because to speak is to offend. The *California Review* offends some on the Left, just as the *New Indicator* and *Voz Fronteriza* often offend us, while the *Koala* tries to offend everyone. Am I saying that I want you to be offended? Not necessarily. Is it morally wrong to purposefully try and offend someone? Depending on the circumstances, maybe it is. But if our society is to enjoy the right

do so in private, that would certainly speak volumes of the true nature of the party.

Regardless, the wording of this letter is very telling of the mentality of the Left at UCSD. Should the 1st Amendment only apply to groups that we as a society deem tasteful, or should it apply to all?

I find it very tiresome when people try to tell me that they believe in the free speech, but... Sorry, but there is no "but." If



Illustration by Ryan Enchelmayer, Staff Writer

saying anything. If our genuine criticism causes them to burst into rants about how they feel oppressed, I suppose they didn't really have anything of substance to say in the first place.

History also shows that conservatives are the ones who overwhelmingly supported the overthrow of regimes in Iraq and Afghanistan which tortured and executed political dissidents; moreover, we have been the primary Cold Warriors against a system of government responsible for over 100 million murders among its own populace in the 20th century. If World War II were fought today, something tells me the Left would want to give peace a chance. Dare I say that they have constantly been on the wrong side of history?

In amazing acts of modern day fascism, the leftist establishment on college campuses is the primary arbiter of the anti-free speech movement. The general attitude is that goal of the university is intellectual discovery, as long as it doesn't offend anyone. Many campuses impose speech codes, outlining what is and isn't permissible to say. Although they exist in various incarnations, their uniform characteristic is that their main purpose is to foster a politically correct culture in which no one is offended.

While some may say that's a good thing, please keep in mind that no one has any sort of legal

of free speech, then you simply do not have the right to not be offended.

The College Democrats at UCSD are a contemporary example of how the Left embodies the anti-free speech movement in this respect. Recently, they attempted to form a broad coalition of student organizations to oppose what they considered the hateful content of the *Koala*, which is fine and dandy; the 1st Amendment gives us the right to peaceably assemble. However, in her letter to student organizations, College Democrats President Kate Maul wrote that the *Koala* must not be allowed to hide behind the "rhetoric of the 1st Amendment."

I personally found it shocking that the president of the College Democrats would use such a shrill description of the single most important guarantor of our freedom as Americans. What could have possessed her to describe the 1st Amendment as "rhetoric"? I could understand if such an ignorant statement were made by the leader of a more extremist group, but the College Democrats have, by nature, an affiliation with the Democratic Party. As much as I love to despise Hillary Clinton and Tom Daschle, I don't think either would be caught in public talking about the "rhetoric" of the 1st Amendment, and if they were to

you believe in free speech, it applies to all speech.

Granted, there are certain restrictions on free speech. You can't slander or libel someone. You can't scream fire in a crowded theater. You can't perjure yourself. You can't use your Web space to help terrorists kill people. If you use a racial slur to someone's face, freedom of speech gives that person legal leeway if they assault you.

Those are all very pragmatic exceptions to the rule which are widely deemed necessary for the functioning of a free society. Moreover, none of the above reasons hinge on anyone being offended. The only possible justification for impeding the *Koala*'s right to free speech would be hard, hard evidence that its content somehow incited violence, and I seriously doubt that that will ever happen.

The primary danger of silencing the *Koala* for whatever reason is that such a precedent could affect virtually any publication that offends people, whether it's us, the *Guardian* or the *MQ*. The term 'offensive' is very subjective because what is offensive to one person may not be offensive to another, so who is to be the judge of whether something is too offensive to be printed? There can certainly be no quantifiable standard, so it would have to be completely arbitrary. Because freedom of speech inherently leads to offense, no one's voice would then be safe - including those who wish to protest one's right to free speech.



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Domestic Affairs

Judicial Appointments Stalled Filibuster of Bush nominees is unacceptable

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The 108th Congress recently began an all night "talkathon" concerning President Bush's judicial nominations to federal courts. The move was historic in that it was the first challenge by the Republican-led Senate to the Democrat-backed filibuster of the nominees' votes of senatorial confirmation, which some within the Senate deem unconstitutional.

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the United States dictates, "The President... by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint... public Ministers and Consul, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States..." In the past, the process worked as follows: The President makes a nomination to an unfilled position, and then Congress reviews and votes on whether to consider that nominee within its Senate Judiciary Committee before final votes for confirmation of the appointment are cast within the entire Senate body.

Within the current Senate, however, the nominations of a few conservative judges have caused concern within the diminishing Democratic left-wing of the Senate, which fears

being unable to muster enough votes to block the confirmations of those appointments. As a result, rather than allowing the state-elected senators to vote and to thus trust the judgment of those who voted them into office, they have prevented votes of confirmation from even being held by maintaining a constant stream of debate over the nominees -- a process known as a filibuster. And as the Nov. 6 failed vote of cloture (which forces the end of a filibuster) of Judge Pryor shows, the majority vote of all of the Republicans is not enough to meet the required 3/5 vote, and thus the filibuster has continued unchecked.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) has said, "His [Judge Pryor's] views are at the extreme of legal thinking. The people of the Eleventh Circuit deserve an nominee who will follow the rules of law, and not use the federal bench to advance his own extreme ideology."

Clearly, however, if that were the case, Kennedy should have no problem with allowing a vote of confirmation: It would surely be rejected and the matter would be finished. Furthermore, while it is doubtful that a professional and legally qualified candidate such as Judge Pryor would seek to use his judgeship to advance his own extreme ideology through his interpretation of

laws, Kennedy is doing nothing less than pursuing his own extreme ideology by not allowing those appointees with views different from his own confirmation vote.

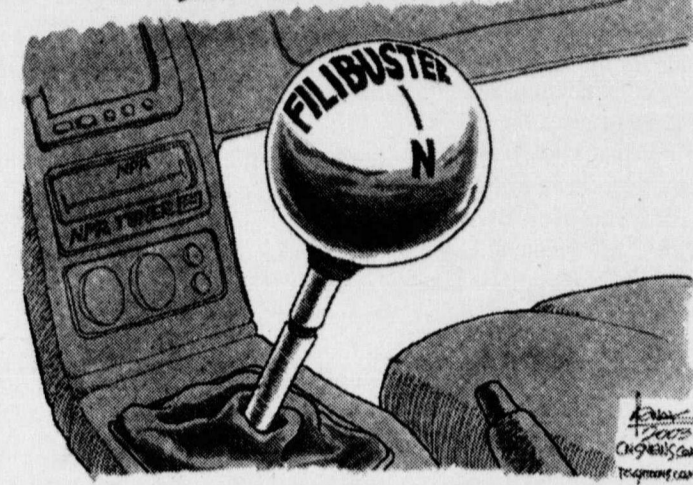
Weighing in with his own opinion, Sen. Harry Ried (D-Nev.) said, "If this [the talkathon] is going to be done, there has to be some reasonable response to it. You can't be slapped around forever." Ex-Nominee Miguel Estrada would likely agree. He withdrew his nomination after waiting more than a year for a simple vote of confirmation.

The "talkathon" attempted to free up this logjam of judicial confirmations. But still no votes of confirmation have been held for the following judicial nominees: Carolyn Kuhl, Priscilla Owens, Janice Rodgers Brown and Judge Pickering. Three of these four appointees have received the highest rating of qualification that the American Bar Association awards. Nevertheless, because of their political beliefs, they have been blocked thus far from public service.

According to a testimony by Todd F. Guziano before the House Judiciary Committee, the average wait for the Senate confirmation of nominations submitted by Bush who were not

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SENATE DEMOCRAT STICKS SHIFT:



Democrats show true colors in treatment of minority judges

Ryan Darby
Imperator Maximus

For far too long, the Democratic Party has attempted to trick the voters into believing that it is the party of minority rights. However, you need only look into Senate Democrats' treatment of minority applicants to the judiciary to realize that the party's motives are not as pure as it would lead you to believe.

It's no secret that Senate Democrats have fought their hardest to filibuster the appointment of conservative minorities to the bench. Most prominent is the case of Miguel Estrada, a very qualified appointment to the D.C. Circuit court. Unfortunately for him, he's a conservative Latino, and the Democrats fear that could result in disastrous electoral ramifications for them, since it is they -- not the racist Republicans -- that minorities are told to vote for. Although they always cited their opposition to Estrada's interpretivist reading of the Constitution, conservatives always knew it was because they didn't want another conservative minority to possibly reach the Supreme Court. And now we can prove it.

In a memo compiled by the staff of Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) following meetings with various special interest groups -- including the NAACP -- it was determined that Estrada's nomination should be stalled for as long as possible because "He has a minimal paper trail, he is Latino, and the White House seems to be grooming him for a Supreme Court appointment. They want to hold Estrada off as long as possible."

Could it then possibly be any more clear why the Democrats opposed Estrada so much? Why else would they seem to take such issue with the fact that he is Latino? Electorically speaking, the Democrats need the minority vote to win elections. If Black and Latino voters were to realize that free-dealing Democratic policies were perpetuating generations of poverty within their communities, the Democratic Party would fade

into oblivion. They want to create the impression that Republicans are outwardly racist and that their policies would usher in the next era of Jim Crow laws.

Fear is a prominent tool in setting liberal policy, as Jesse Jackson recently told a UCSD crowd that minorities voting Republican is like "chickens voting for Colonel Sanders."

The speech was entirely rhetorical, of course, but it also demonstrates why seven of eight American Blacks votes Democrat: If someone claiming to be the civil rights heir of Martin Luther King tells you Republicans are Klansmen in disguise, you tend to believe him.

However, public figures such as a Latino Supreme Court justice would help dispel those myths. It's no coincidence that the Left spews such hate toward Black conservatives like U.C. Regent Ward Connerly, Secretary of State Colin Powell, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas? They are commonly derided as "house slaves" and "Uncle Toms," and portrayed in political cartoons as caricatures serving their white masters.

Sen. Ted Kennedy clearly feels threatened by the prospect of conservative minorities on the Court: his talking points for convincing fellow Democrats to oppose Estrada read, "We can't repeat the mistake we made with Clarence Thomas."

Why is Kennedy specifically picking on Thomas when half the Supreme Court is conservative? Clearly, the Left feels quite threatened, as it should.

They want to persuade minorities that the only path to success runs through the Democratic Party, and to advance that argument, they want to block the Republicans from appointing minorities to positions of power. The truth could destroy the Democrats, and they know it.

If the Democratic Party's constant rhetoric on

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Rush Limbaugh Returns

Talk-show radio host shows integrity under fire

John Perry
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After a flurry of controversy that ultimately concluded with rehab, conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh has returned to his program, demonstrating a fighting spirit that will do what is right, and that should be inspiring to everyone, as it is rarely seen from someone who is in his position.

Limbaugh's addiction to prescription painkillers is no secret. He himself actually announced it on his morning show a month ago and subsequently checked himself into a rehab center. According to FoxNews.com, his brother David reports that Limbaugh "has successfully completed the first phase of his treatment."

The hardest times for Limbaugh, however, are not over yet. In an interview with CNN's Miles O'Brien, addiction specialist Dr. Drew Pinsky said, "The withdrawal is miserable and painful and it takes a long time to recover." Individuals experiencing the same addiction as Limbaugh are sometimes put on substitute medications such as methadone or

buprenorphine, but it is nevertheless "very difficult to stop using," according to Pinsky. But all is not lost for Limbaugh. Pinsky added, "I've seen miracle recoveries. I've seen people become better than they ever



knew they could be after having suffered this disease. And I have no doubt that he could achieve the same." Regardless of the treatment option that Limbaugh chooses, the road ahead will not be an easy one.

Prior to the his admission of painkiller abuse, Limbaugh had experienced a hail of criticism for his statement regarding Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb. Ultimately resigning from ESPN's "Sunday

NFL Countdown," Limbaugh was confronted almost immediately with the revelation by his former housekeeper, Wilma Cline, that he illegally purchased prescription drugs in Palm Beach County, Florida. Although Limbaugh's remarks about McNabb were quite unsavory, there is certainly no justification for his addiction, and Limbaugh himself admits, "I am not making any excuses."

In a series of moves that should inspire those who share Limbaugh's painful addiction to painkillers (a number which is as high as 4 million Americans, according to a 1999 report), Limbaugh demonstrated his continuing honor and credibility by his complete truthfulness in admitting he was addicted to prescription painkillers, coupled with his decision to immediately seek help. In an age where celebrities wrestle with inner demons, refusing to get help until they have hit rock bottom, Limbaugh's exhibition of integrity is unexpected but gladly welcomed. Limbaugh must be applauded for addressing and confronting his

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Social Security Reforms Required Immediately

Younger generations must demand meaningful solutions

Josiah David Peske
Domestic Policy Editor

This article is about the pressing need for social security reform. Now, as a UCSD student whose retirement is but a distant thought on a faraway horizon, you're probably thinking, "Well, I shouldn't have to worry about social security until I'm ready to retire in another 40 or 50 years." Unfortunately, you couldn't be more mistaken, unless you are deluded into believing that a secure retirement is unimportant.

A venerable product of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's failed attempt to drive the U.S. economy out of depression in the 1930s through the "New Deal" legislation, social security has greatly expanded and thus far has been quite successful at reducing elderly poverty by providing a guaranteed source of income for workers after retirement, as well as health care benefits and disability insurance. Nevertheless, imminent budget shortfalls darken the outlook of this popularly supported and well-utilized -- in 2002, 46 million people received a total of \$454 billion in benefits -- fund that many retirees count solely upon for survival.

In a recent interview with PlanSponsor Magazine, James Lockhart, the deputy commissioner of the Social Security Administration,

reported on the immediate need for crucial reforms in order to sustain the viability of social security. The 2003 report of the Board of Trustees that manages these funds sums up the bleak forecast in the program's future. On page 2 of their comprehensive report, the

Given that the majority of current UCSD students range in age from 18 to 25, in the year 2042, these same students will be on the verge of retiring, ranging in age from 57 to 64. Unfortunately for us, at this pace, social security will already be bankrupt, and we will receive

(nearly \$100 out of my last check) goes to pay for the benefits of the current crop of retirees. In theory, our benefits will be paid for by the younger generations working when we retire. Such a system, however, requires that the ratio of workers per beneficiary stays favorably high. A.U.S. General Accounting Office report shows that the current stresses, including the retirement of the baby boom generation (a huge portion of the population), the continuing drop in fertility rates -- from three children per female in the 1960s to two children per female today -- and increasing life expectancy are teaming up to decrease the worker/beneficiary ratio, resulting in the inevitable bankruptcy of social security mentioned earlier.

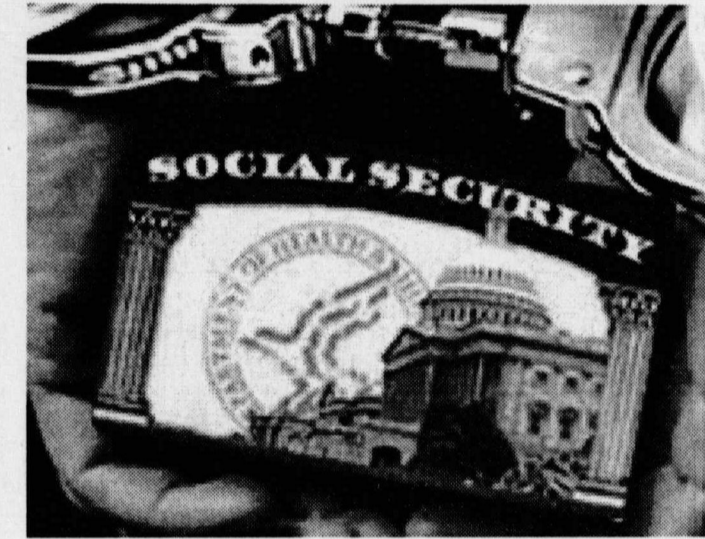
Clearly, this system is treating us UCSD students -- and young workers everywhere who will retire after 2042 -- with a great amount of injustice. Normal income and sales taxes primarily finance programs that clearly benefit us: defense, infrastructure improvement, education and law enforcement are but a few examples. The mandatory social security payroll tax, which this year is 6.2 percent of your taxable income up to \$87,000, an amount that must be matched by your employer, however, takes our hard-earned dollars and will give

us nothing in return unless changes are made.

What changes then are necessary? The obvious quick fixes are raising social security payroll taxes and/or reducing social security benefits. These "solutions," however, would both hinder the program's effectiveness at accomplishing its goal of providing a secure retirement -- a significant problem when about a third of current retirees get 90 percent or more of their retirement income from social security benefits -- and further place an unfair burden on us, the working generation to deal with the rising costs of the program by paying more into it to only receive less in the future.

Given the infeasibility of these reforms, the rational mind returns to the question raised earlier: What if social security taxes are invested into an account that accrues interest and can be utilized upon retirement? Such a system makes logical sense, and has found ever-increasing public support as the problems with funding social security are further illuminated. The advantages of investing social security taxes in such a voluntary personal retirement account similar to IRAs and 401(k)s for our young working generation are numerous. Even if social security

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Trustees acknowledge that according to current projections, the program's "annual costs will exceed tax income starting in 2018," and "the combined OASI and DI Trust Funds are projected to become exhausted in 2042." OACI and DI stand for Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance and Disability Insurance, respectively; they are the two sources of income for social security benefits.

no benefits. "Wait!" you cry. "I'm paying money into the Social Security Fund already. Isn't that money set aside and invested for me to claim when I retire?" Now although this does seem like the sensible way the scheme should be run, you are sadly mistaken.

Social security is referred to as a "pay-as-you-go" system, meaning that all that money taken out of your paycheck

Silent Shifts from Traditional Political Alignments

Conservative ideology quietly gaining greater acceptance

Bryan Gragg
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We are living in the midst of a political revolution. Underneath the deafening noise of the angry left, the tectonic plates of American politics are shifting, albeit slowly, to the right. It is no secret that we live in a politically divided America, but what is not common knowledge is that this division itself represents a dramatic change in the landscape of conventional thought over the last 20 years. Today, equal numbers of Americans identify themselves as either Republicans, Democrats or Independents, according to a recent ABC News poll. This is unprecedented in the 23-year history of the poll. Furthermore, college students, whose votes will determine the future direction of this country, are more likely to identify themselves as Republicans than Democrats. Clearly, the ideology of the voting public has shifted in the last 20 years, but what has facilitated this trend?

ABC News conducted a study of the polling data they have collected since 1981 and

found some intriguing results. In 1983, 39 percent of the voting population identified themselves as Democrats, while a mere 23 percent identified themselves as Republicans. Ten years later, 35 percent said they were Democrats and 26 percent claimed to be Republicans. Now, 31 percent call themselves Democrats and 31 percent call themselves Republican. Some corroborating data from Newsday.com show that many of the swing states Al Gore won in 2000, which at that time had had greater numbers of registered Democrats than Republicans, have since moved to the right. For example, from 1997-2000, Democrats had an advantage in Iowa with 32 percent of registered voters to the Republican's 27 percent. Today, 34 percent of Iowa's registered voters are Republican, while Democrats can only claim 27 percent -- a huge 12 percentage point swing in favor of the right.

Iowa is the most extreme example, but other states are not far behind. Looking at state governments in 1983, the Democrats controlled 23 more state legislatures and had 18

more governorships than Republicans. Today, however, the Republicans have five more state legislatures and five more governorships. It is obvious that Republicans have made some tremendous gains in the last 20 years, but it is what lies ahead

finds they are significantly more supportive of President Bush than the general public," said the Institute of Politics in a press release. The Institute found that 61 percent of college students gave the president a positive job approval rating compared to 53



percent of the general public. The same poll found that 31 percent of students identify themselves as Republicans, while only 27 percent identify themselves as Democrats.

Also, students who labeled themselves Democrats were asked which candidate they

would prefer if the primary election were held today. Based on current polls, frontrunner Howard Dean should be expected to garner the most support. In fact, Joseph Lieberman, arguably the most conservative of the Democratic pack, received the most support, with 17 percent of those students polled favoring him. Lieberman was followed closely by Dean with 16 percent, and more distantly by Gen. Wesley Clark with 9 percent and Al Sharpton with 8 percent. John Kerry only received 6 percent and Dick Gephardt could only claim 3 percent of college students' support.

So just what is driving this revolution toward a more conservative America? Ronald Reagan's restoration of a sense of optimism and pride to being an American laid the foundation. He had a unique ability to reach beyond the liberal filter of the media and speak directly to the people, and most liked what they heard. Today, because of the increasing ability of more and more conservatives to follow Reagan's example and reach the public. Despite the liberal views

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Foreign Policy

State-Sanctioned Bigotry Rears Its Head Anti-semitism: new supporters, new name, same hate

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Staff Writer

Observers of world affairs have no doubt noticed the recent rise in the "New" Anti-Semitism, or at least that is what the intellectuals are calling it. Of course, if you look close enough, you'll discover that there is very little new about this trend.

In fact, it's really just the quaint, old-fashioned bigotry with a small change of a phrase here or there, some new slogans and the cynical use of UN resolutions to hide the ugly truth. Unfortunately, this is not a small problem that only impacts a very small minority of people, but rather it is a symptom of a much larger crisis, one that when left on its own kills indiscriminately and threatens us all.

By classical standards, anti-Semitism is down; average people and employers do not have a negative attitude towards Jews, per-se. After all, the citizens of 'enlightened' and fair-minded European cities would never have an irrational hateful thought run through their superior socialist minds, would they?

Today, only a few right-wing extremist throwbacks and newly arrived immigrants from the Middle East would openly show contempt for Jews. However, modern Europeans despise and French academics supporting the boycott of Israelis and their research. This translated into an Oxford professor, Andrew Wilkie, rejecting a presumably qualified



Zionists — a movement that perpetuates the thought that Jews have a right to a homeland — and Israelis, regularly discriminating against them; the difference between Jews and Zionists is obvious, right?

The amount of "anti-Zionist" activity has been increasing. Last year, petitions were circulated among British

job applicant with an E-mail which stated, "I am sure you are perfectly nice at a personal level but no way would I take on somebody who had served in the Israeli Army." Never mind that service for Israelis is compulsory, as is where and when they served, or what that individual even thinks about the current crisis.

These actions were followed up by editors of scientific magazines returning unopened manuscripts to their senders in Israel with letters explaining to them why it is wrong to publish anything from Israel, even if it is Israelis being highly critical of their own government.

Down in the streets below the Ivory tower, this anti-Zionism has taken on a far more violent guise. As Paris pontificated the finer points of multilateralism, tolerance and respect for law to Washington in the run up to the highly "immoral" liberation of 26 million people, Frenchmen were burning down synagogues, placing threats to Jewish elementary schools and boycotting businesses. As late as this Nov. 15, a Jewish elementary school was burned down outside of Paris, and on the next Tuesday, the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism received a bullet with a note, "Jews get out, the next one won't come through the mail."

The French government, just as it had done in all the cases before, condemned the act and yet again promised to find the

perpetrators, which must be very difficult to find, since the violence seems to rise with violence in the Middle East, and the school was located in a suburb with a large Muslim population. It seems that when it comes to violence against Jews, just as in their foreign policy, the French love to talk about justice but never really want to do anything substantive about it.

The end result is that Jews are being kept out of jobs, their cemeteries are being desecrated, their safety is threatened in schools and on the streets and their business boycotted. How is this new anti-Semitism/Zionism different from the Europe of the 1930s?

Another convenient tool for modern European anti-Semites, who want to be seen as respectful, is the double standard when it comes to Israel. Every country deserves its fair share of criticism for some of its controversial policies, but the key here is fair. Israel is condemned several times a year by the UN General Assembly, in the name of righteous and moral

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Why Would They Be Willing?

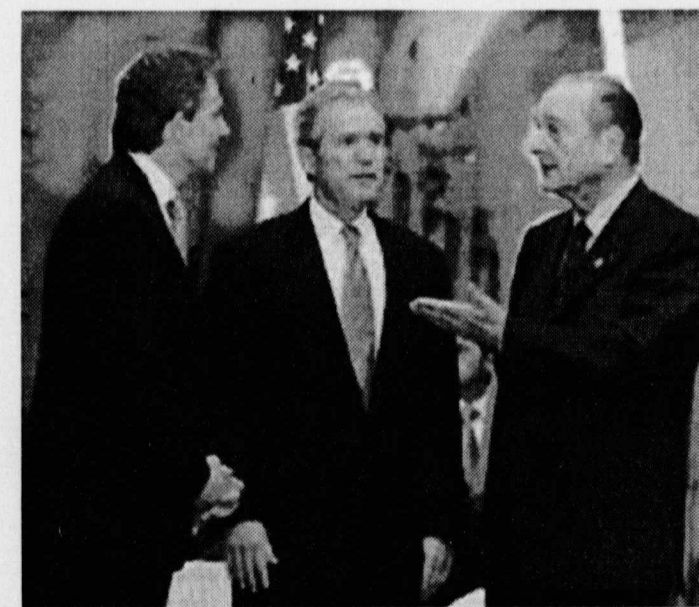
Internal motives abound for accepting or rejecting the U.S.-led coalition

Andre Chmielewski
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Coalition forces have lost approximately 500 soldiers in Iraq: 426 Americans, 53 British, 17 Italians and one Pole, as of Nov. 21. Obviously, the U.S. has taken the lead role in Iraq and, in doing so, has taken most of the burden, both fiscally and in terms of human life. In fact, with Americans making up 86 percent of total casualties among the Coalition and footing most of the bill, the question arises if America even needed Coalition support in dethroning Saddam Hussein. After all, the war lasted about two weeks with unprecedented American victories, with only the British making significant contributions to the actual fighting.

Some countries, like Spain, for example, opted to provide only logistical troops instead of combat ready ones. Internal politics kept Spain from deploying combat troops and issues of limited resources and money precluded Poland more than internal political controversy over the war. Due to their lack of meaningful contribution, we must ask, "What did these countries contribute, and was their

contribution significant?" Even though it was obvious to everyone — except maybe Saddam himself — that the U.S. would overrun the Iraqi army in



a matter of weeks with or without a coalition, President Bush still made intense diplomatic efforts to bring countries onto the American side of the impending war. This diplomacy took place despite our knowledge and ability to defeat Hussein militarily unilaterally, for the purpose of regulating moving political lines and alliances. In the months prior

to the war, the U.S. and UK courted countries like Spain, Italy, Poland, and 32 others to join the Coalition in liberating Iraq.

Germany, France and Russia formed a block to support the status quo and help maintain Saddam as the leader of Iraq. As is the nature of huge bureaucracies like the UN, the status quo is almost always favored over change. It was in this manner that the Coalition's effort for diplomatic resolution were jolted from the UN and the

willing had to go one without an "international consensus."

With these events, we have learned about the emerging nature of post-Cold War international politics. There are, in fact, three sides: the terrorists, those who oppose the terrorists and those who do nothing. The U.S. and UK have thus far lead the most intense efforts to fight terrorism around the world. The terrorist networks have suffered heavy hits but are a far cry from effective elimination. They no longer have many countries that want to house their murder-training camps and shield them from international justice; no country wants to share the fate of Afghanistan or Iraq. However, most countries fall under the latter category, the do-nothings. France, Germany and Russia have championed the status quo while carefully guarding their own interests.

Which category a country falls into depends on a crucial political decision made by its leaders: Where does the future lie? If their future lies with the United States, then that would lead toward a certain form of Pax

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Know Your Coalition

Number of troops/country

- 1. U.S. : 130,000
- 2. Britain: 9,900
- 3. Italy: 2,400
- 4. Poland: 2,350
- 5. Ukraine: 1,650
- 6. Spain: 1,250
- 7. Netherlands: 1,100
- 8. Australia: 800
- 9. Romania: 700
- 10. Bulgaria: 500
- 11. Thailand: 443
- 12. Denmark: 420
- 13. Czech: 400
- 14. Honduras: 368
- 15. El Salvador: 361
- 16. Dominican Rep: 302
- 17. Norway: 179
- 18. Mongolia: 160
- 19. Azerbaijan: 150
- 20. Hungary: 140
- 21. Portugal: 120
- 22. Nicaragua: 113
- 23. Latvia: 100
- 24. Philippines: 80
- 25. Slovakia: 80
- 26. Albania: 70
- 27. Georgia: 70
- 28. New Zealand: 61
- 29. Croatia: 60
- 30. Lithuania: 50
- 31. Moldavia: 50
- 32. Estonia: 43
- 33. Macedonia: 37
- 34. Kazakhstan: 25

Now Is a Time for Perseverance

From Turkey to Iraq, supporters of democracy must overcome obstacles

Chris Taylor
Foreign Policy Editor

Coaches throughout the world often hold "hell weeks" at the beginning of their seasons. These practices, regardless of the sport, are generally grueling. They serve two purposes. First, the players quickly increase their strength and endurance through periods of intense activity. However, more importantly, these initial weeks eliminate players who have a tendency to back down from intense adversity and moments when their endurance and strength are stretched. When the week is over, the players are better for it, and the team has a better chance of victory during the season.

At present, many parts of the world are experiencing a time where endurance and strength are being tested. Palestine and Israel are crawling at a snail's pace towards a bi-national peace. Iraqi insurgents are giving American troops, who only want to leave as soon as possible, a run for their money. Turkey is learning of the cost of their commitment to Western ideals and alliance with the United

States. And these are only examples from the Middle East. However, most of these situations are on the verge of a

Hussein has been overthrown and if both the occupiers and the civilians can outlast the insurgents, a new Iraq will no

during these obstacles. Others want to withdraw from these obstacles entirely.

In Iraq, for example, most of the population, both in the U.S. and the rest of the world, realize that if the U.S. were to withdraw before the completion of a stable Iraqi government, the consequences of such a power vacuum would be much worse than the sludge of an occupation. However, some of the anti-war crowd, desperate to criticize the U.S. for anything and everything, insist that we withdraw now, for no other reason than to 'end the occupation.'

In this instance, these doves prove that what they desire is not so much peace, but rather an avoidance of confrontation. To them, lack of war is peace; even though there is a distinct difference. To avoid war may save a few lives, but is often much worse in the long run. It is a stale, tense and unstable peace. In order to maintain a lasting peace, nations must overcome obstacles. It is these obstacles

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breakthrough. Israel, more than ever, is willing to negotiate concessions in order to end the violence. The Palestinian government is finally taking power away from their terrorist leader Arafat in order to continue the peace process. In Iraq,

doubt be a beacon of stability and democracy, as it once was before the ruin of Hussein.

Unfortunately, now is also the time of trembling knees, wringing hands and indecisive commitments. Many are questioning their endurance

U.S.-France: Just An Off/On Relationship

Complicated wartime bickering will simply resolve itself

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With a plastered smile and firm handshake, President Bush and President Chirac greeted each other last May at the start of the G-8 summit in France. Only a week before, Colin Powell had been in Paris meeting with French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin reassuring that U.S.-French relations were — to quote both of them — "excellent." President Bush's speech in early September promised to soon ask the UN for assistance for U.S. peace keepers in Iraq, a complete 180 degree turn on his policy until that point. However, one cannot ignore that back in May, U.S.-European ties were being considered 'collateral damage' of the war that had created the greatest Atlantic divide since its alliance at the end of WWII.

Why such a divide? What happened to the economic, commercial, and security partnership shared by the U.S. and its close European allies for so many years? This conflict became for more than political when anti-French sentiment swept the nation, manifesting itself in opinion columns, TV and radio talk shows, dinners and even on Conan O'Brien. Why did Americans suddenly despise the French?

Perhaps karma. As Walter Russell Mead put it in his article "Why Do They Hate Us?", "France remains the country in which anti-Americanism finds its

most sophisticated intellectual expression in the West." In this article, Mead discusses two recently published books both about French anti-Americanism by authors Jean-Francois Revel and Philippe Roger. Both authors essentially argue that French anti-Americanism is a "self-referential Franco-French phenomenon largely untroubled



by larger questions of fact." However, it does resurface cyclically.

The post-WWII world was witness to great economic and military cooperation between the U.S. and Western Europe. The Marshall Plan allowed Western Europe to recuperate economically after the war and NATO helped secure its safety in a bipolar U.S.-Soviet world. However, it was never to be assumed that Europe would be content with the U.S. as its caretaker.

The formation of the European Economic Community, which later became the European Union, was a big step toward economic autonomy. This was

championed by, above all others, France. More recently, France along with Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg called for, according to a BBC article, a "mini-military alliance" within the EU to counter EU countries' dependence on NATO. This is despite it claims this is not a counter-NATO organization. This was another step in weaning Europe off of its dependence on the U.S.

For the French, this has seemed to be a consistent priority. It may have to do with national pride and a desire for the political power it once enjoyed. After WWII, Charles de Gaulle stirred French patriotism and sowed the seeds of modern French nationalism. Since then, France has been striving to rejuvenate its worldly reputation and augment its self-reliance without completely separating itself from its current (and highly advantageous) political and military alliances.

Perhaps its first clear defiance was to develop its own nuclear weapons despite serious U.S. and NATO objection. However, France's efforts have not kept it from slowly falling into the shadows: French is no longer the language of letters, arts, diplomacy or academics. Additionally, and contrary to the common stereotype, France has a great military history and since the U.S. assimilation of many key Western military roles, France's importance has been minimized. According to an essay by Robert Kegan, "Power and Weakness,"

many European nations with a relatively weaker military strength to that of the U.S. have aversions to using military power because it is not at their disposal.

Therefore, while the U.S. may lean toward utilizing its military strength, others favor international institutions and concepts like international law, where they have far more influence. With a UN Security Council veto, countries like France and Russia are far more powerful at the negotiation table than they would be on the battle field.

There exists a virtual plethora of other French-American differences and possible reasons why Americans and French disagree: President Bush's country boy charm and ability to make complex issues simple goes over pretty well in the U.S., but meets far more resistance in France while President Chirac's interview in the *New York Times* might have made him arrogant simply because his French may not translate well.

However, Mead also suggests that this anti-Americanism does have factual basis. Many countries are frustrated with American hegemony, globalization, and the necessity to adapt to the Anglo-Saxon model of government or be left behind. Many countries would prefer a slower, gentler and kinder transformation. Naturally, these frustrations will manifest themselves in anti-

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The World

*Turkey charges nine in the blasts at the British Embassy. Already, the U.S. is being blamed. It's ironic that people tend to immediate blame the person who is standing up to the problem as the automatic source to that problem.

*Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon recently stated to his Likud Party that Israel cannot possibly keep all settlements, while in the process of establishing peace with the Palestinians. Good, the first step is admitting there's a problem. Now, if only the Palestinians can realize that they cannot possibly keep all of Arafat, then peace would come much more rapidly.

*The U.S., France, Germany and Britain have all signed onto a UN resolution draft that condemns Iran for hidden nuclear projects, but encourages its new policy of honesty. This is a good move by the UN which is trying to bring Iran's progressives to power over the extremist clerics, who have repeatedly suppressed opponents with violence. For more on suppressing opponents by violence, see the UCSD's Muslim Student Association webpage.

*Britain is considering the use of a veto against the dreadfully bureaucratic proposed constitution. Britain considers using the veto because it requires too much loss of sovereignty. Considering the state of the EU, wherein experts have been unable to verify the expenses of the \$120 billion budget for nine years in a row — and this year was only able to account for 10 percent of it — Britain is right to dread giving any sovereignty over, not to mention the recent Franco-German alliance.

Entertainment

Ass of the Month Stupid White Man: Michael Moore

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From poking fun at the victims of Sept. 11 to making fictional documentaries, college dropout Michael Moore has never been shy about making an ass of himself. He has been booted off stage at the Academy Awards, on the verge of tears while appearing on Fox News' "Hannity & Colmes" and is an accomplished liar.

Moore was one of the most outspoken liberal wackos against the war in Iraq. But once it started, Moore made an even bigger ass of himself. While there were real men fighting in Iraq, sacrificing time spent away from their families, Moore had the nerve to stand up at the Academy awards and refer to Operation Iraqi Freedom as "fictitious." But it did not stop there. At the end of major combat, he accused

President Bush of colonizing Iraq, refusing to acknowledge the fact that over 25 million people were liberated. In reality, true falacies were found not in the war, but in the award winning

"Boston, New York, D.C., and the planes' destination of California- these were the places that voted against Bush! Why kill them?"

-Michael Moore

documentary, "Bowling for Columbine," a piece of work which won Best Documentary at the Academy Awards, despite being laced with lies and inaccuracies. Starting with its title, (the Columbine killers did not actually go bowling the day

Hollywood, but in the real world, he has established himself as an elitist liberal who does not know his ass from a bowling gutter.

One month after the attacks of Sept. 11, Michael Moore was quoted in the *Weekly Standard* as saying, "If

of the massacre, as the film documents), and continuing throughout the film, "Bowling" is no less fictional than "Elf" or "The Lion King." Moore may have made a name for himself in



someone did this to get back at Bush, then they did so by killing thousands of people who did not vote for him! Boston, New York, D.C. and the planes' destination of California - these were places that voted against Bush! Why kill them? Why kill them? In other words, why not kill those who voted for Bush. It seems like Moore would have preferred that four planes from Texas and Florida to have been hijacked and crashed into buildings in Austin, Dallas, Miami and Tallahassee.

In an interview with Sean Hannity on Fox News' "Hannity and Colmes," Moore asked, "What did we have two hundred FBI agents doing three or four years investigating the

president's zipper?" When Hannity pointed out that the investigation was more about Clinton lying under oath than his zipper, Moore quipped back, "Let's see, his lying under oath? Or would I rather have had two hundred FBI agents finding the terrorists." Moore did not seem to care that the Sudanese government had offered to extradite Osama Bin Laden to the United States five times since 1996, but had been turned down by Bill Clinton.

In mid-November, while promoting his latest book, "Dude Where's My Country" on C-SPAN's "Book Notes," Moore, in typical liberal spirit, See "White Man" on Page 9

Top Radio Countdowns Are Nothing More Than Mere Musical Repeats From Outkast to Britney, songs become old too quick

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I don't understand what the deal is with popular music today. Just yesterday, I swear I heard the same song played five times within one hour. Okay, so maybe I am exaggerating just a bit, but you can't say that I am completely wrong here.

I guess that during my midterm craze, I missed the memo informing me that stations were moving from a play list of about 20 or 30 songs to 5; one of them being "Hey Ya," the first release from Outkast's double album "The Love Below" -- expect a review of that in the coming edition -- a song that I must admit is catchy despite the fact that I loathe it for no other reason than the fact that the video creeps me out with its weirdness factor.

However, as I was reminded yesterday, there is no use in criticizing it because sometime back, although no one is quite sure when exactly, it was decided



by whoever decides these sorts of things that anything Outkast is genius. Never mind that if another artist tried to release something as off the wall as "Hey Ya," people would criticize it as... well, you get the point.

So, working within the parameters of "Hey Ya," and top 40 -- I mean, top 5 radio -- I must admit that finding something current to write about and devote an entire column was impossible for this edition. Everything sounds the same to me these days, forcing me to become a '90s cliché; that's right, yours truly listens to mixed tapes (only upgraded, thanks to the marvels of technology, to the compact disc).

I've become quite the fan actually because I can just have the song repeat itself on command instead of having to wait for it. A track that I frequent, "Suga Suga," by Baby Bash and featuring Frankie J, is also one

of my more current tracks. I have to say I more than love this song, so much so that when that it comes on the radio, I get excited all five times. And no, my enthusiasm does not by any means curve, I enjoy both the first and last time it is played in the hour to the same extent.

Another song that I am a fan of is Britney's "Me Against the Music," featuring Madonna, her first release in some time and off her new album "In the Zone," out Nov. 18 (look for that one, and sound bites are available online, too).

I guess we'll see in the next edition how it is received by critics and if the hype and publicity was just a stunt to sell more albums (I can't imagine the music industry being capable of something like that). That's it for now, I guess. Again look for the Britney review in the next addition, as well as the Outkast review.

White Man

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blamed the country's problems solely on the white man. He had nothing to say about Islamic extremists' hate of freedom and he placed no fault on terrorism, but he did say that "there are a lot of angry white guys out there." He lied about the Republican Party and portrayed it as an anti-environment, anti-women, pro-segregation minority, (I did not make this up -- he did actually use the word "segregation"). Yet, Moore conveniently failed to mention the facts that President Bush has prioritized hydrogen car development, that a Republican president nominated the first woman to the Supreme Court and that Moore's party is the one with ex-Klansmen serving in the

Senate. He said that moderate Republicans "aren't actually conservatives. I think they are actually decent people," indicating that he considered right wing conservatives to be indecent people. Moore calls moderate Republicans RINOs (Republicans In Name Only) because, unlike the rest of us on the right, they want cleaner air and water, believe that women should have as many rights as men and are in favor of integration instead of segregation.

Look for Michael Moore's next fictional documentary, "Fahrenheit 9/11," to be released sometime during the 2004 election season. You can expect it to bash President Bush and endorse a President of his liking, or in other words, a future subject to this column.

Recall

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you to go out and see it, and watch the governor in action. Regardless, the message this movie drives home is that you control your actions, and that you can become anybody you want to be. You are not defined by purely your genetics, but

rather by your environment and the choices you make in it. Whether you agree with this assertion or not, I hope I have at least piqued your interest!

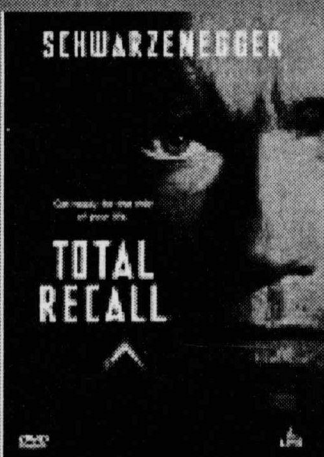
So for those of you who have not seen the new Governor in action, whether you helped him totally recall Gray Davis or not, at least refrain from anyone who tells you true lies, lies like Arnold does not do quality movies!

CR Movie Review

Movie Delivers Satisfaction Similar to Political Event

John Altick
Staff Writer

Title: "Total Recall"
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sharon Stone
Studio: Artisan Entertainment
Price: \$19.98



Arnold Schwarzenegger totally recalled former Gov. Gray Davis! I know, I'm sorry, I had to say it. It feels so good, though. He is also going to act as an eraser of Davis' legacy, and he caused him to see the end of his days in Sacramento; Arnold was like a predator on the prowl, and he got his victim, much to the delight of me and many of my fellow Californians. I could certainly keep going with this, but alas, I will focus on only one of his wonderful movies, "Total Recall!"

"virtual vacation," a vacation for his mind so to speak, while his body never leaves the machine he is plugged into. Something goes terribly wrong, however, as Arnold emerges as a top secret agent; trying to discover the truth. He knows it has something to do with Mars, and the rebel movement upon it. The rebels want free oxygen for all to breathe, and Arnold's character seems just the man to help them! The going gets tough, and the plot turns a plenty, in this philosophically satisfying, action packed science fiction thriller.

In this writer's not so humble opinion, "Total Recall" is Gov. Schwarzenegger's best movie. This film is not only a great showcase of the governor's "Mr. Universe" strength and physical fitness, but low and behold, he actually made a quality film, too. Imagine that: Conan, with a good plot!

"Total Recall" is set in the future, when Mars is colonized, and owned by one ruthless individual. The governor plays a confused, morally righteous character who is not as he seems. Arnold's character goes to a business that can give him a

Although the film has the recurring Hollywood themes of anti-capitalism as is embodied by the evil owner of the Mars Corporation, there is a more important philosophical message to be had.

I don't want to spoil this incredible film, but rather, I want See "Recall" on Page 9

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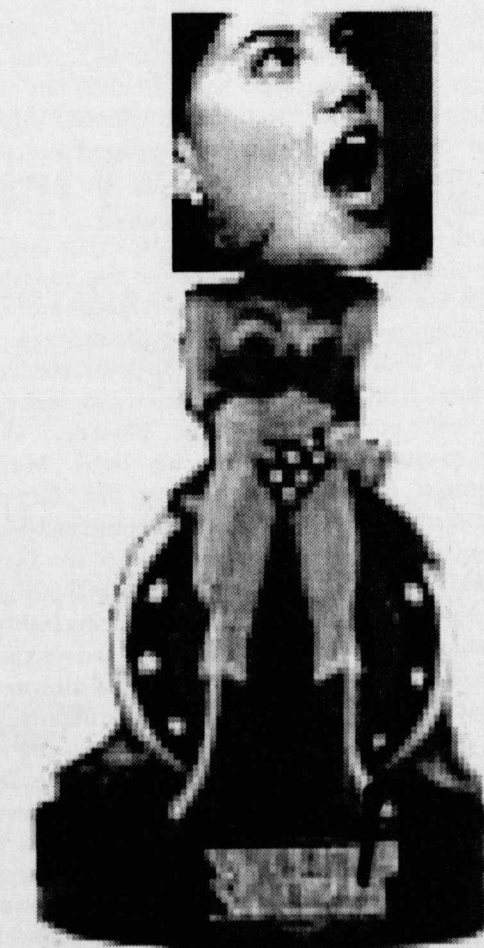
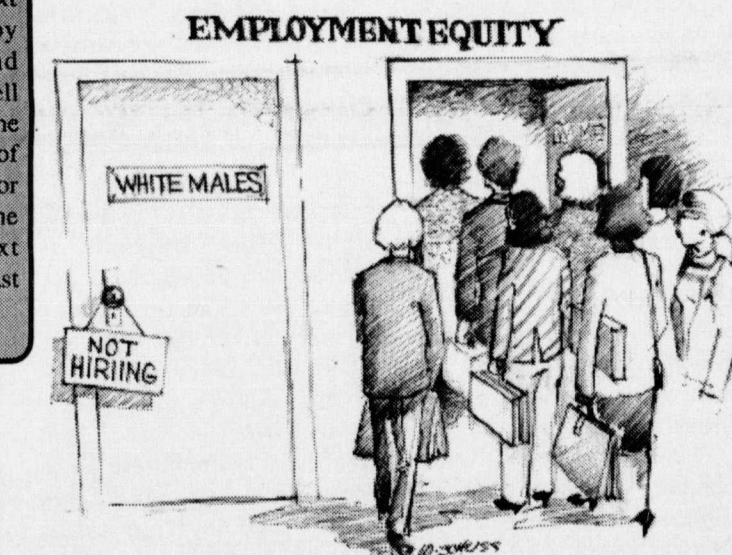


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- 1) A liberal UCSD publication that doesn't suck.
- 2) A VIP Pass to Cheetah's for lap dance from indicted Councilman Michael Zucchet.
- 3) A frequent buyer card: "Have five babies at the local clinic, and the sixth is free!"
- 4) Citizenship for illegal aliens, since we already gave them driver's licenses.
- 5) Adoption of a needy Afghan "freedom fighter."
- 6) Monica Lewinsky bobble-head toy.
- 7) ~~A walking, talking, spending Gray Davis doll. *RECALLED BY MANUFACTURER*~~
- 8) "Persons of Indeterminant Gender from Castro Street" pin-up calander.
- 9) Ryan Darby Voodoo Doll.
- 10) A multi-lingual GI Jose/Juanita UN Peacekeeping action figure.



Parting Thoughts

"My toast would be, may our country always be successful, but whether successful or otherwise, always right."

— John Q. Adams



"In seeking to make America better, we have neglected what has made her great."

— Elizabeth Dole

"Blandishments will not fascinate us, nor will threats of a 'halter' intimidate. For, under God, we are determined that wheresoever, whensoever, or howsoever we shall be called to make our exit, we will die free men."

— Josiah Quincy



"I'm very dubious of all sorts of government solutions. I do not think they work over the long run."

— Alan Greenspan

"The government of the United States, under Lyndon Johnson, proposes to concern itself over the quality of American life. And this is something very new in the political theory of free nations. The quality of life has heretofore depended on the quality of the human beings who gave tone to that life, and they were its priests and its poets, not its bureaucrats."

— William F. Buckley, Jr.



"Maybe we ought to see that every person who gets a tax return receives a copy of the Communist Manifesto with it so he can see what's happening to him."

— T. Coleman Andrews,
Commissioner of IRS

"There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100 per cent Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else."

— Theodore Roosevelt



"There is simply no other choice than this: either abstain from interference in the free play of the market, or to delegate the entire management of production and distribution to the government. Either capitalism or socialism: there exists no middle way."

— Ludwig von Mises

"We Americans understand freedom; we have earned it, we have lived for it, and we have died for it. This nation and its people are freedom's models in a searching world. We can be freedom's missionaries in a doubting world."

— Barry Goldwater

"The successful leader does not talk down to people. He lifts them up."

— Richard M. Nixon

"Capitalism is ... a social order favorable to alertness, inventiveness, discovery, and creativity. This means a social order based upon education, research, the freedom to create, and the right to enjoy the fruit's of one's own creativity."

— Ibid

- Is "The Best Damn Sports Show, Period" a better source of political wisdom than the student council?
- Aren't you glad you won't have to tell the liberated Iraqis that you opposed ousting Saddam Hussein?
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