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Gov. Arnold Is Ready to Bring California Back

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The lights are out in Sacramento. This time around, it's not because of the energy crisis, but because of the shady, failed administration of a man whose name is absolutely perfect for him: Gray. For indeed, if there's one thing clear about the deposed governor, it's that he is ambiguously gray. But what's plain as black and white is how voters feel about him; apparently there is a bipartisan and even multi-partisan agreement that the citizens of California can see eye to eye, this being the ineffectiveness of Gray Davis as governor of California.

With an approval rating of 26 percent, no one seems to like the job he's done. The recall election on Oct. 7 effectively removed Davis from office. But is that enough? It seems unfair that he only loses his job, while the rest of the state has to pay the bill. He took a \$12 billion surplus and turned it into a \$38 billion deficit; all mind you, without any electricity. Now, that is impressive! What is baffling is that partisan politics are still being played at the capital on the part of the left.

Can no politician be in the wrong according to his or her own party? What else must Davis do to convince people he has failed? After lying about our budgetary problems, mismanaging the world's sixth largest economy, raising taxes, raising student fees, cutting programs, tripling car licensing, failing to address worker's comp and all while leaving us (literally) in the dark of the

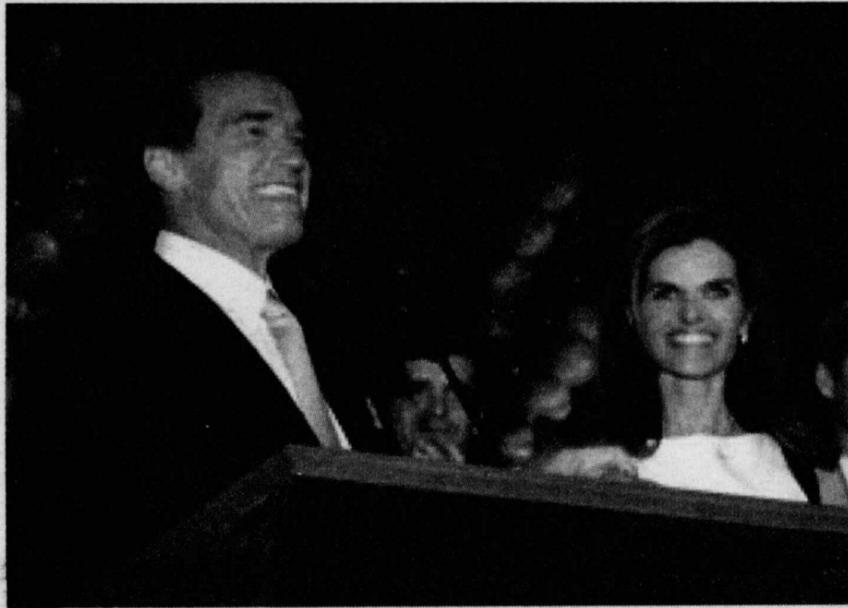
energy crisis, Davis' remaining supporters need to wake up and realize that his performance is beyond partisan politics. Despite all of his shortcomings, there are still Democrats who cannot accept the decision of the recall, and in fact, previously threatened to recall whoever won it. The irony of it all is that while accusing the recall of being a "right

although Davis would like for you to believe that. The simple fact of the matter is that Davis wants to take the credit for the "benefits" of his administration (if in fact there were any) while bearing no responsibility for the mistakes he, and he alone, could commit. Was it the "right wing" who was elected to govern California? Clearly not, yet Davis refuses

up, and they made their voices heard. Davis feels that this recall is the result of a "hostile takeover by the right." Now, is that a complaint or a compliment? Is he admitting that he doesn't have the mandate or resilience to thwart the eventual mutiny? Despite his radical accusations, even someone like him surely can understand that the recall election would not have proceeded without the overwhelming approval of voters outside of the Republican Party. In a state that is overwhelmingly supportive of Democrats, Davis' waning popularity in his last days as a leader, amongst even his own party, really gives you an idea of what kind of a leader he was.

While Californians finally had the opportunity to remove Davis, the devastation left behind will continue to hurt Californians long after he is gone. Education has taken some of the hardest blows. Virtually every program will be drastically cut over the next year. No faculty will receive pay increases! The most blatant and devastating effect of the Governor's misappropriation of taxpayer money is the 30 percent increase in student tuition. This is in addition to a \$405 increase that was already passed. Davis should have valued California's education more, as he did in a "California Schools Magazine" article where he states, "Good education is a passport to a better life." And thanks to Davis and the Democratic Party that defends him, an education will be much more expensive.

Fortunately, the dark, cloudy days of Gray are over; let's see what happens when the sun shines through.



wing conspiracy," such opponents have demonstrated their own partisan hypocrisy. Which is the bigger conspiracy now? Allowing people to make a decision about who should govern them, or denying them such a right? The answer is simple. All of the above are not delusions created by "the right wing,"

to acknowledge his own role in his own administration. And if that truly is the case, then the man needs more help than the recall can bring.

The average citizen has little money left over from taxes to pay for energy they cannot afford, let alone receive. Californians, Republicans or not, are fed

Mismanaging Student Fees A.S. Council still wasting your money

Jennifer Noguchi
Local News Editor

With the new year under way, students and their parents have been hurt with raised tuition fees from the budget crunch in Sacramento. Yet with over \$1.3 million collected by the Associated Students of UCSD, the council's new budget should cause some alarm for the cash-strapped students whose money is likely being wasted on unwarranted activism.

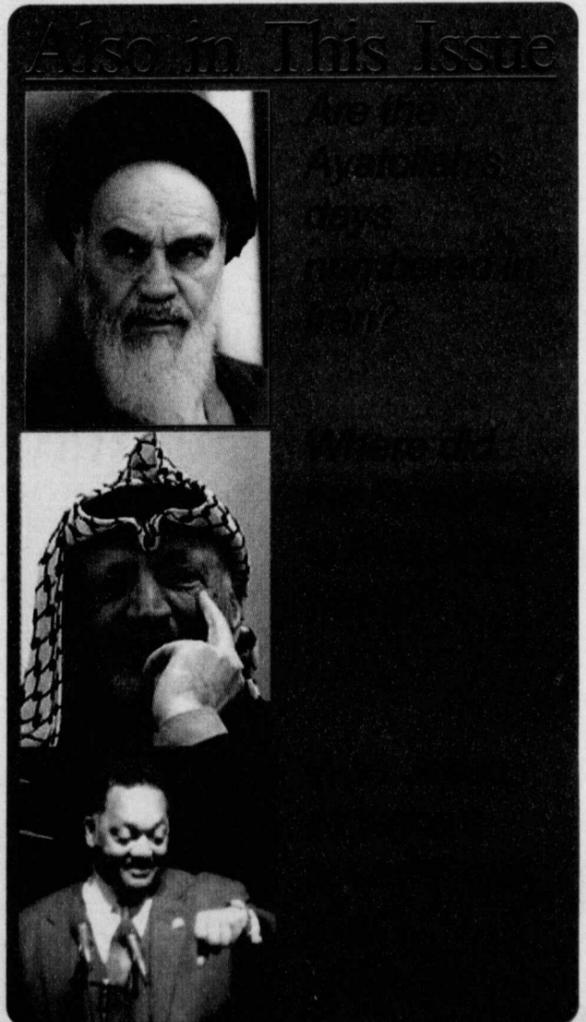
A.S. has allocated \$33,230 for "external affairs," which really means lobbying groups. It lists three items: the University of California Student Association contribution, United States Student Association membership and "outreach, forums, rallies and campaigns," which has raised questions regarding to the extensive No on Proposition 54 campaign.

If the council members didn't think that was enough for themselves, they added another \$31,000 under "leadership programs." If leaders don't have leadership, no amount of money - particularly our money - should have to fix that problem. This item also includes \$9,250 each for the University of California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex Association and "Cultural Celebration." In addition, under "student organizations unallocated," \$65,000 is set aside for "Cultural Awareness Programs/Unallocated," and \$8,000

for "graduations unallocated." All of these go towards encouraging multiculturalism, and the last item goes toward individual groups like African, Asian and Latino cultural groups for individual graduation ceremonies.

Also, \$3,500 is set aside under "diversity affairs" for a National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. You will also find \$3,000 for the "Alliance Program." Mind you, this is a fixed sum versus other organizations that have line item budgets. While there is nothing wrong with learning about our differences, there is something ironic with emphasizing them in a financial crisis that leaves us all similar. Furthermore, if such cultural groups truly want to celebrate their own graduations distinct from the rest of us, they should fund it themselves, since it is an exclusive privilege and benefit.

Speaking of exclusive, A.S. has a few benefits of their own listed under "A.S. Travel" (\$26,910), and again under "Student Org Conference Travel Unallocated" (\$22,000). Add that to the \$61,539.35 for executive student stipends, and it doesn't take a math major to figure out that's a whole lot of non-essential money being allocated. I could think of a lot of ways to cut this whopping seven figure budget, and I'm no auditor. When student fees are increasing drastically, A.S. needs to show its concern for how funds are being allocated, and make decisions that reflect that through cutting unnecessary programs and giving the money back to the students.



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"There are times in politics when you must be on the right side and lose."
-John Kenneth Galbraith

"You can't ignore politics, no matter how much you'd like to."
-Molly Ivins

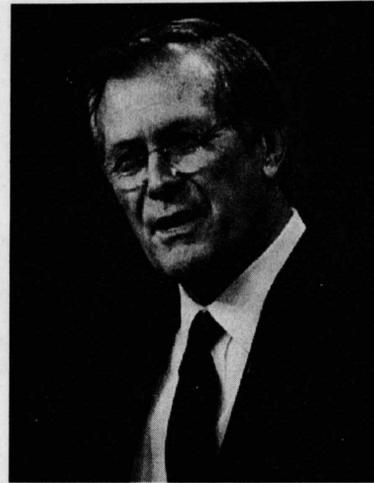
"Let's have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it."
-Abraham Lincoln

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."
-Theodore Roosevelt

"When tyrants fall, and resentment gives way to hope, men and women in every culture reject the ideologies of terror, and turn to the pursuits of peace. Everywhere that freedom takes hold, terror will retreat."
-George W. Bush

"I could not at any age be content to take my place in a corner by the fireside and simply look on."
-Eleanor Roosevelt

"With each step forward that you take, they see any remote chance of returning to power slip further and further away, and they are right. The coalition will not



be dissuaded from its mission in Iraq, not by sabotage not by snipers and not by terrorists with car bombs."
-Donald Rumsfeld

"There may be times when we are

powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest."
-Elie Wiesel

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."
-John Wesley

"To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right."
-Confucius

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose."
-Lyndon B. Johnson

"Welfare's purpose should be to eliminate, as far as possible, the need for its own existence."
-Ronald Reagan

- Do you think Janet Jackson and Samuel L. Jackson are better entertainers than Jesse Jackson?
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Common Sense

from Ryan Darby, Editor in Chief

The laughable Left rears its collective head once again

My oh my, we're barely a quarter into the school year, and sanity is already falling victim to liberal zaniness. Within a few short weeks, here's just a handful of what the Left has tried to spoon feed us:

-Proposition 54 was truly "evil," whereas the "Axis of Evil" described by President Bush represents a typical misunderstanding of foreign cultures by the hawkish religious right.

-Black activists like Jesse

decent human being.

Based upon my experience with Connerly and philosophical agreements with the man, I think he compares very starkly with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who recently spoke on campus. Having never met Jackson, I can't begin to speak on his qualities as a person nor the sincerity of his message, but I found his speech very high on rhetoric and low on rationale.

The first 10 minutes were pretty good; he described the

Unfortunately, I'm just a simple collegiate conservative journalist lacking the intellectualism proprietary to the Left, so rather than attempting to do justice to Jackson's witty quips, I'll simply share the gist of them:

Bush's tax cuts only benefit the wealthiest one percent of Americans. There is truth in the notion that the wealthiest benefit the most from the tax cut, but that's because they're the ones who pay the highest taxes in the first place; common sense tells you that if taxes are cut, those who pay the most will benefit the most. Consider the fact that the wealthiest 10 percent already shoulder 2/3 of the tax burden in this country; it's also worth noting that a husband and wife attempting to raise three kids and pay their suburban mortgage are barely scraping by on a combined \$80,000 salary, but they're considered "rich," so God forbid granting them tax relief. I won't even get started on the elementary fact that taxes are staggering to a free market system designed to reward those who generate capital and provide jobs; that's simply common sense.

Bush lied about Saddam's weapons of mass destruction and went to war for oil. Aside from the president's former entrepreneurship in the oil industry, there's no justification for such an assertion. However, we knew Saddam had such weapons before he forced the departure of weapons inspectors in 1998 - especially because he used chemical weapons to end the war with Iran, and then on his own Kurdish population following Desert Storm. President Clinton - whose strong conviction that Saddam possessed WMDs was echoed by congressional Democrats - responded with a devastating bombing campaign on Baghdad, and the American people largely ignored the problem until recently, when Middle Eastern terrorism made us wonder what exactly happened to Saddam's weapons. As British Prime Minister Tony Blair put it, to believe that a treacherous butcher like Saddam destroyed his weapons while leaving nary a record of such is foolhardy.

Bush is dumb. President Bush graduated from Yale with a C-average back when it was actually possible to graduate from the Ivy League with a C-average. He's the first president to boast an MBA and the second to be proficient in a foreign language. Regardless, his Texan drawl and often sub par public speaking skills are too much for the cosmopolitan Left to stomach.

And, finally, *Right-wing forces stole the election from Al Gore.* We won. You lost. Get over it.



Jackson are heroes because they fight to end racial discrimination, whereas Black activists like Ward Connerly are contemptible disgraces because they fight to end racial discrimination.

-Southern segregationists dominating the political climate of the 1950s were somehow the forces behind the recall of failed Gov. Gray Davis.

-Tax cuts are still for the rich; the war is still about the oil; Bush is still dumb; and Al Gore still won Florida.

Now, either the Left at UC San Diego lost its marbles after reading too many Arianna Huffington columns, or their skewed perception of reality irreconcilably conflicts with the strong majority of our society. Regardless, they have once again demonstrated that the more they talk, the quicker we realize they really don't have anything to say.

How amusing it is that the left would call Prop 54 "evil," as I've heard and read on numerous occasions. I assure you, there was nothing "evil" about it; in fact, after meeting its creator, UC Regent Ward Connerly, I can also promise that it was created with nothing but the best of intentions. My distinct impression was that this was not a man trying to eliminate racial statistics in a fanatical crusade toward white supremacy.

Instead, Connerly holds the sincere belief that the government's collection of racial data a blow to the dignity of the individual. Regardless of where you stand on such issues, I think it's absolutely deplorable that anyone would consider Connerly a traitor, a puppet or anything other than a very

civil rights struggles of the 1950s, a battle that any decent person agrees needed to be fought and won. However, Jackson then transitions seamlessly into a discourse on contemporary American politics with the implication that his role in the politics of yesterday gives him a moral authority on the political climate of today, yet he never establishes any causal link to justify such an assertion. Instead, he concentrates on rhetorical rants intended to demonize conservatives by painting us as a sinister Caucasian force aiming for world domination, largely through the exploitation of minorities.

Funny that I wasn't aware of such motives, seeing as how I'm a rather critical component of the right-wing conspiracy here at UCSD. As far as I can tell, we're primarily fighting for a fierce capitalist economy here at home geared toward the natural creation of jobs and multiplication of capital, and arguing for a foreign policy chiefly concerned with protecting ourselves and our allies from attack while fighting for freedom and democracy abroad. But, maybe 110-year-old segregationists are pulling my strings from the grave and I don't know it.

The one thing I wholeheartedly acknowledge is that Jackson's substantial oratorical talents are a bona fide crowd pleaser. Granted, all it takes is a few Bush jokes to make 500 UCSD liberals make more noise than a Miramar air show, but Jackson at least does so with a piquancy that explores such dull stereotypes in creative new ways.



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Local News & Opinion

Let There Be Light - Just Don't Offend Anyone

Leftist indoctrination at UCSD breeds zombies rather than intellectuals

Ben Boychuk
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"Before a young man of our time may liberate his spirit and so set up shop as a free agent in the street of ideas, he must first wrestle with his professors, and survive the savage wallops of his professors. And if, by any chance, he escapes them, there are higher authorities who will look to him." H.L. Mencken, 1921

"We have to bend over backwards to be sure that we promote tolerance for different opinions and allow different opinions to be voiced. But I do not regret speaking out forcefully against public speech that is deliberately hostile to individuals or groups just because they are 'different.'" UCSD Chancellor Robert M. Dynes, *State of the Campus Address*, "Changes and Challenges," Nov. 22, 2002

What do "Charlie's Angels" and sexual harassment have in common? At first glance (other than the obvious fact that Cameron Diaz wouldn't give most of us the time of day), the connection may seem tenuous at best. Happily, UCSD's Office of Sexual Harassment Prevention & Policy has an answer. To kick off its "Sex in the Cinema" series, the

OSHPP is screening "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" during Welcome Week. According to the description found on the web, "The Angels once again defy sexual stereotypes as masters of disguise, espionage and martial arts." Ah, yes! Of course they do! I can practically hear the disclaimer before the house lights go down: "Boys, please no ogling, no catcalls and absolutely no inappropriate laughter. We're here to defy stereotypes!"

Only at the university could a mindless piece of Hollywood garbage be transformed into a profound statement about female empowerment. Indeed, only at the university could the office of sexual harassment prevention (!) sponsor a series of films about sex. But there it is.

And so, in the most innocuous of ways ("Hey! Free movie!"), the political education of the college freshman begins. Forgive me, I mean *freshperson*. No, no, that's not right. It's *first-year student* now.

Very well, then, first-year student, let me be the 99th person to welcome you to UCSD, the most politically repressive institution this side of Cambridge, Mass., Berkeley and Pyongyang. I exaggerate, but only a little. As you may or may not know, the university experience is about

tolerance. Tolerance, and learning to accept and respect our differences, and a fanatical devotion to diversity in almost all its forms. And going to class at some point.

Do those priorities seem amiss? Out of order? Then kindly direct your attention within the reams of material foisted upon you at orientation time. Somewhere among the sheafs of propaganda about student life and the glories of Division II athletics is a document called, "The UCSD Principles of Community." It's well worth reading since it lies at the very heart of your political education.

The Principles of Community set the tone for the next four or five years. They begin with a preamble: "To foster the best possible working and learning environment, UCSD strives to maintain a climate of fairness, cooperation, and professionalism." They got "learning" in there, at least. "These principles of community are vital to the success of the university and the well being of its constituents." Not poetry, exactly, but not terribly objectionable, either. So what are the "principles"?

There are nine of them. They profess to "value each member of the UCSD community for his or

her individual and unique talents" and "applaud all efforts to enhance the quality of campus life." They "affirm each individual's right to dignity and strive to maintain a climate of justice." They "value [and]...celebrate...diversity and support respect for all cultures." Naturally, they "acknowledge that our society carries historical and divisive biases based on race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, and political beliefs," and therefore "seek to foster understanding and tolerance among individuals and groups, and...promote awareness through education and constructive strategies for resolving conflict."

Only around point seven do we stumble upon some affirmation of the "value" of "freedom of expression." But it's saddled with the usual and expected caveat that such expression take place "within the bounds of courtesy, sensitivity, confidentiality and respect."

It goes without saying that civilized discourse in an academic setting must be free from vulgarity. Of course, it should be courteous, respectful, and all that. But that isn't really what the Principles of Community are all about. They are, in their own deceptively moderate way, tools of political correctness,

of thought control, if you will. A pall of orthodoxy hangs over the academy. This is why campus conservatives often feel so embattled. Even if it's exaggerated, it's certainly true that the climate of opinion is hostile to deviation from the conventional wisdom, and the conventional wisdom is almost wholly left-liberal. Who in their right mind would be against diversity? And so the principles are, in a very real way, a threat to the true purpose of the university, which is the dispassionate search for truth, wherever it may be.

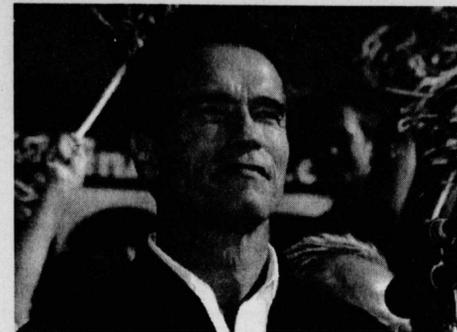
If the university says, as a matter of principle, that all cultures must be respected equally, then that's *final*. Free expression is immediately in conflict. Even UCSD's departing chancellor, Robert C. Dynes, admitted this much in his "state of the campus" speech last fall. He noted the "tension that exists between free speech and our own UCSD Principles of Community." Dynes was criticized by the campus paper, *The UCSD Guardian*, for being "all too eager to quash any speech that isn't courteous, sensitive or respectful." This was not hype. "I think it's a fair criticism," Dynes said, adding later that, "This campus must be big enough to embrace people of all cultures, all backgrounds, all beliefs. If we do that, and it's a nurturing campus, we will be very much stronger for it."

Except it isn't true. And most people understand that, if not rationally, then viscerally. The tensions remain unresolved. We're never quite diverse enough. Past injustices are never fully redressed. Despite that (or perhaps because of it), Dynes was named president of the UC system this summer.

UCSD is a fine school, widely regarded as one of the top public universities in the United States. They will teach you a lot at there. They'll teach you that the Holy Roman Empire was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire. They'll teach you how to balance a chemical equation. They'll teach you about 500 years of Western imperialism and the oppression of dark-skinned peoples. They'll teach you the elements of quantum mechanics. If you like, they'll even teach you how to weave a basket underwater.

But they won't teach you how to think, or how to at least think *clearly*. For that, I'm sorry to say, you're on your own.

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SB60 Sells Out National Security

Illegal alien driver's license law fails

Eric Gorinstein
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What do Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein have in common? They can now both get California drivers licenses and move freely about the country. One quick shave of the beard or mustache, a few lies here and there and even the FBI won't know who is driving our roads armed with a nationally recognized photo ID. We have to give our thanks for these dramatic turn of events to our newly recalled Gov. Davis and his signing into law of SB60, otherwise known as the "Illegal Alien Driver's License Law."

Previously, the law stated that in order to apply for and receive a Drivers License in the state of California an applicant must provide a Social Security number, a form of identification available only to legal residents of the U.S. However, in this new law proposed by State Sen. Cedillo (D-Los Angeles), an applicant can now conveniently use an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) provided by the IRS if they do not have a Social Security number. The catch is that even according to the IRS, an ITIN does "not establish immigration status" and is "not valid for identification outside the tax system." The IRS then further warns that "we do not conduct background checks or further validate the authenticity of identity... and (ITINs) should not be offered or accepted as identification." Effectively anyone, from an illegal farm worker to a terrorist, can now make up a new identity and receive an ITIN and then a driver's license, granting them greater access to mainstream society, making it easier to then procure other valid forms of ID, and even allow them to vote.

One major implication of this legislation is the further blurring of the line between legal immigrants and illegal trespassers into our country, essentially a slap in the face to the hardworking masses who filled out their applications and waited their turn in order to lawfully immigrate. Federal and state governments have spent

Can't Beat the Real Thing

Arnold's ideas terminated the competition

Kristen Rhodes
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Although the variety of the candidates in the monumental recall election led many to label the situation as absurd and even comedic, I found the election's legitimacy come rushing back to me when I attended a rally for gubernatorial candidate Arnold Schwarzenegger. I didn't know quite what to expect from a Schwarzenegger rally after seeing "The Governor" shirts all over the internet and listening to political analysts speak about Arnold's star appeal and marked lack of political experience (not to mention never ending a segment without a quip from one of his movies). Critics of Schwarzenegger in recent weeks had criticized that his stance on issues was too vague, and that while his popularity gained and approached Bustamante in the polls, it was due to his celebrity status. "Sure, Arnold's popular," many have said, "but we need a politician to run the state."

The candidate I found at the Schwarzenegger rally surprised me with his confidence, his plan for dealing with the state's \$38 billion + deficit and his outlook

for the future of the people and businesses that make up California — a stark contrast to the movie star with no political know-how many had presented him to be.

By speaking directly to the people about his philosophy for recovering California, a simple philosophy acknowledging the hard work that needs to be done in the months ahead, Schwarzenegger has appealed to many. Californians seem to be changing their mind about what they look for in a political leader, and realizing that perhaps an honest man with a good direction and a plan to renovate without over-taking could better serve the people than could a career politician.

Schwarzenegger's motto — if you're not happy with the way things are, join him in changing in the state — was greatly reflected in his speech at the rally. He called for bipartisan support to pull California out of its current slump and addressed issues pertinent to everyone, such as the outrageous car tax, the need to improve the state's education system and the goal of making California more business

friendly. The authenticity of Schwarzenegger's good intentions came through to me as I listened to him cite current policies as problems of the state instead of focusing an attack on Gray Davis or the Davis Democrats. I felt this tactic gave him credibility as a progressive leader whose desires for the state appeal to Republicans, Democrats and independents. It also made me notice that his level of maturity was above other candidates', who seemed to be making more attacks on each other and the ones responsible for California's mess than suggestions how to fix it. He stressed his point that our current leadership was not working, and he offered solutions to fix the deficit and "bring California back" to a thriving economy with good policy and an even better quality of life — a description befitting "the jewel of the nation." Not a career politician, Arnold Schwarzenegger presented himself as an honest man with a good philosophy, a combination that has worked for a famous California governor before who wound up taking the White House.

Watts

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a cell phone and he looked at me and he was like, 'Fuck Off!' But he was a Berkeley communist, so what can you expect?"

So what will it take for Watts to consider his campaign a success? "If the major

candidates in the race, all of them, had adopted a lower student fees plank into their platform so that way whoever is the next governor will reverse the fee increases. Peter Camejo's campaign had actually contacted me asking for specific numbers on the budget and how much would have to be

redirected back towards education to make up for the fee increases. And then Arianna during a debate said that her first act as governor would be to lower student fees. If both Cruz and Arnold said that they would reverse fees, then I would be completely happy."

CR Spotlight: Daniel Watts

Warren College junior ran for California governor

Scott Jennings
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By now, you are all aware of the three-ring circus recall election with candidates ranging from porn stars to current Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. What you may not know is that one of UCSD's own students, third year political science major Daniel Watts, was on the ballot. He did not intend to go head to head with the likes of Arnold or McClintock. Instead, his sole mission was to draw attention to the increased student fees that we face this year, and to get the major candidates to take up the cause. He funded his campaign partially with his winnings from Wheel of Fortune.

Daniel has always been interested in politics. "When I was 6 years old, Ronald Reagan was my favorite president because his name reminded me of Donald Duck, because Ronald rhymes with Donald. They're both alliterative, RR and DD. So that's when I decided that I was going to be a Republican; when I was six and I liked Ronald Reagan." He remained a Republican all through high school, and then he mysteriously re-registered for

the Green Party in February of 2002.

Not only does Daniel have a lifelong love for politics, but he has also held several key offices which were oftentimes plagued with controversy. He was president of his elementary school and was almost forced into resignation because lunchtime detentions conflicted with the mandatory meetings. He was also elected Warren College Student Council president this past March, but resigned in June due to a conflict of interest with his position as Associate Opinion Editor of the *UCSD Guardian*. "During that 2 month tenure, I attended one A.S. Council meeting. They took role, and I said 'here' and that was essentially my accomplishment."

"This was really the first office I've run for statewide. I've thought about earlier running for secretary of state and things like that, but you know, the fundraising didn't come together and I didn't get the corporate backing I wanted. The Indian gaming casinos don't support me as much as I would think they would considering how much I've spent at their casinos."

His platform was extremely simple and focused. "I was not running on anything else but lowering student fees. I have a lot of other views that people disagree with or agree with very strongly, one way or the other, and I'm not making any of those an issue in my campaign. And so I'm telling people not to treat my candidacy as an actual run for the governor's seat but rather a referendum on the issue of lower student fees. I didn't have any delusions of actually winning the race. I'm not insane. I knew I'm not showing up in the polls. I'm not going to become the next governor of California, although I may wear that T-shirt at times. I was running to force the major candidates to adopt a lower student fees plank into their platform, and that's it. I'm not talking about gay marriage or anything like that. I'm just talking about student fees. So, people can rest assured in the fact that if they voted for me, they were voting for that single issue of lowering student fees. And if they didn't like any of the



other major candidates, or they didn't see a difference between the two of them, or they were just fed up with the whole process, I would have encouraged them to vote for me because at least they knew that every vote that I got means another voice shouting out to the major candidates. 'We're not a constituency to be taken advantage of, and we want our student fees lowered!'"

For the most part, Daniel received a very warm response from the general public, as well as other gubernatorial candidates. The only negative response he could name occurred while trying to get signatures to waive the filing fee. "One time in Berkeley, when I was getting signatures, I was like, 'Hey I'm Daniel Watts. I'm running for governor and I need 50 signatures of Green Party people.' This guy walked by on

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CR Interview

Donald Luskin: Long Live the Free Market

National Review writer & economics advisor talks money

by Al Canata, Staff Writer

California Review: *Why did you start writing for the National Review?*

Donald Luskin: I've been writing investment and market stuff for a long time and found that it was, like so many people nowadays, kind of drifting toward the political. So much of what matters in Econ turns out to be very much joined to politics. If you look at the really big drivers in the the Econ, the most predicate agents of change are always policy. It's always tax policy, monetary policy or trader policy or military policy or regulatory policy. And so, simply understanding that for investors means you have to understand politics. You can have any wish you want about how society should be organized politically and what party should be in power and all that stuff. If what you're trying to do is to make money on this, you want to put all that aside and just say, "Here are the things that would be good for bonds, or would be good for stocks." So most of the seemingly political stuff I write is actually coming from that angle. It just so happens that in general, that so-called 'conservative agenda,' is generally slightly less unfriendly to investments than the Democratic agenda. So it appears that I'm a conservative, but I'm not particularly. I'm pro-growth and the strange bedfellows I wake up with in the morning tend to be more often Republican, but I'm not a Republican; I have no interest in parties.

CR: *How long have you worked for TrendMacrolytics?*

DL: I founded TrendMacrolytics two years ago with one other partner.

CR: *For how long have you been doing investment work?*

DL: Well, pretty much all my adult life. I guess I started officially as an options trader in the late '70s. And was very early on, options theory was relatively new; the Black-Scholes model was only published in '74. And back in the late '70s, if you merely had simply that tool, you were the one-eyed man in the land of the blind. It was a truly a license to steal for a while. I started trading on the Pacific Stock Exchange and became very close to Mark Rubenstein, Ken Leland and a bunch of other pioneers of option theory. Really became part of that whole revolution in the '80s, where financial theory got embedded in various ways in investment management. I found myself running by the late '80s the investment process at what was then called Wells Fargo Investment Advisors, which was the company that invented indexing. That place was an amazing revolving door for basically everybody who's anybody in the world of finance. The list of Nobel Prize winners in economics who did their prize winning work in finance were either employees or consultants there: Bill Sharpe, Myron Scholes, Fisher Black, Mark Rosenberg and an amazing number of characters. I worked there for 11 years, a time when index funds were seen as this crazy, goofy academic curiosity, to 11 years later when we had a half trillion dollars under management. And you don't have to convince anybody anymore, you just have to run this giant investment factory without screwing up.

CR: *Where did you go to school?*

DL: I went to Yale for one year, and dropped out. I don't recommend that nowadays, but it seemed like a good idea at the time.

CR: *Who are some of your favorite economists?*

DL: I'm not very much a fan of economics; I think it's a soft science. I guess I tend to gravitate toward the economists, the classical economists who laid down the great principles. The modern stuff, that's all about trying to mathematicize and scientize what is in fact, I'd say, a branch philosophy or perhaps psychology that is mostly really false. The ones I really respect are the economists working in finance. So I have a tremendous amount of respect for Sharpe and Black and Scholes. As far as I am concerned, the Nobel Prize in economics is coming out tomorrow; God forbid it'd be Krugman. There is a long line of financial economists who ought to get it like Gene Fama, or Ross or Roll or Rubenstein; there's an endless number. I like those because those are the economists because their work stands the test of being put in the marketplace, where if it doesn't work, you lose money. Now, with the economics that's practiced by government, if it doesn't work, you just do it bigger. The experiments are so uncontrolled and subject to so many variables, you can have all the theories you want about tax cuts or particular tariffs or this or that. At best, their arguments are first principles and it's difficult to look at the empirical results and see if they've worked or not.

CR: *Your column has become the Krugman Truth Squad; why?*

DL: Well, no one asked me to do it; I just started it. And after two or three of them, it became clear it was a feature. I started because of this book I am writing, "The Conspiracy to Keep You Poor and Stupid"; I found it very difficult to write the book. I'm very clear in my own mind about all the different tentacles of the conspiracy, which live in the level of media, government policy, fed policy and academic economics. In some sense, the worst purveyors of it are the so-called capitalists and big business, like Warren Buffet, whose sole mission in life is to pull the ladder up behind him. And I found Krugman to be an easy target in a way. He's a good poster boy. If the conspiracy is administered by media, academics, business and government, he was two out of four. You could even say government since he's so politicized, so you can get at least get 2.5 or 3 out of 4 by focusing on him. So focusing on him has been kind of a warm up or batters box for writing this book. But I still haven't written one word.

CR: *Do you think the recent dividend tax cuts went far enough?*

DL: Far enough for what? Anything is a good step.

CR: *The President originally wanted to eliminate all the dividend taxes, then it went to 15%; should Congress have passed the president's original plan, would that have been the best move?*

DL: No, I don't think so; I think the deal they got was better. He gave up half the dividend cut for a capital gains cut; it wasn't like he gave it up and got nothing for it. He gave it up and got something which I think is better. I would actually rather have seen the capital gains tax cut to zero and have the dividends stay unchanged., if I had

to have one single thing. The capital gains tax is the single stupidest tax, the single tax that is most demonstrably on the laffer curve all the way to zero. The optimal capital gains tax is zero, with its revenue maximizing. I think it worked out great. It was really quite remarkable, where Bush went in asking for \$725 billion in tax cuts, we have to recognize that number is a fake number. Not because he lied, but because the language with we developed those numbers is a language of stylized estimates. It means nothing. Given that were gonna use the dollar in that way, \$725 billion of the denominated tax cuts, like you might do yards or inches or other things, went in \$725. Half of that was really good, solid pro-growth stuff; the other half was welfare entered into the tax



code. Through the process of the trimming down the tax cut, remember when he finally got it passed many in the media said it wouldn't do any good because it was too small. The good news is that they threw out all the welfare and kept all the pro-growth stuff. It was really good. I was delighted the way it turned out. Could you have gone further? Absolutely. Eliminate all taxes, as far as I am concerned.

CR: *Do you think Bush's 2001 tax cuts were helpful?*

DL: No. We should have learned from the Reagan tax cuts that a deferred tax cut is not a tax cut until it all takes place. People are smart enough to defer their economic actions until they phase in. Behaviorally, it could be argued that it causes people to perform less economic activity in the early years of the phase in and save it up. It was small, but it's better than nothing. I was going to quote Milton Friedman by saying, "I never met a tax cut I didn't like." But, that's not true. I'm not a starve-the-beast guy who wants to simply deprive the government of revenue. I want to create incentives for growth. I guess I'm a supply sider, and to me, a tax cut, from the bottom, would be pure welfare because it wouldn't have any effect on anybody that would make them do anything any different; it was just be a gift, whereas tax cuts at the top end of the scale are incentives to get yourself up to the top end of the scale. Tax cuts on the returns from capital investment are incentives to take more risk because they increase after tax returns, so all else equal, you'll take more risks. Those are incentives; they are behavior alterers they are supply side because they get people to supply more capital, more labor, more risk, whereas tax cuts from the bottom are demand side. Larry Linite said before he was thrown into a well deserved oblivion, "They put money in people's pockets." That sounds like welfare to me; it is welfare.

CR: *What better growth policies could help grow the economy more?*

DL: What I would do, what I've learned about the Bush administration, is Bush's policy strategy with economics, I gather it's this way with other things, I just don't study it closely: He has the strategy of realizing he's there for a short period of time, only so much he can do and only has so much political capital. He can only put it on so many spaces on the roulette wheel, so he's picked a couple of things he wants to do big, and for real and relentlessly and he's basically going to let everything else to go hell. And that's probably a wise strategy in a 50-50 hanging chad world. Where if you don't let basically everyone have what they want, they won't even let you get your goals. If you're gonna get anything at all, you might as well get the one thing you want and sacrifice everything else, because you're going to lose everything else anyway. It's like, relax and enjoy the inevitable and get something out of it. And the something he wants out of are big tax cuts, and got them. One of the boars he has chosen not to rock and he really should. There are number of regulatory issues that are huge taxes and very cruel taxes. That were reduced or eliminated during the Reagan years and were gradually put back on during the Bush-Clinton years. The most cruel of all is anti-trust. The reason, back in the '70s, America was experiencing the same kind of competition it's getting now from China, from Japan and Europe. Can anyone believe we worried about Europe as a competitor?

Cities like Detroit, Chicago, the whole rust belt; we were talking about massive massive unemployment, dislocations, ghost towns, everything. The kind of world that spawned Michael Moore. The thing that made it possible to cope, was Reagan's willingness to let creative destruction take place, and to let those old industries be destroyed and reabsorbed, and redeployed, their resources redeployed. The wave of

mergers, takeover, consolidations that were made possible by the relaxation of antitrust and by the arrival on the scene of what looks like an indispensable man, Michael Milken. If he hadn't been there, maybe there would have been someone else; maybe greatness was thrust upon him. He worked a great restructuring of American industry when we desperately needed it. Unfortunately, antitrust has gotten to the point where it's kind of an amber that's been poured on the economy, where ancient creatures are preserved forever. The Hartzog-Redino Act that triggers antitrust review anytime to companies want to merge. Nestle wanted to take over Dreyers ice cream, and that triggered an antitrust review that was simply absurd, where they invented a market for super-premium ice cream, and said this combination would monopolize that. There's no such thing as the market for super premium ice cream; maybe there's the market for food. And so they blackmailed these guys; God knows what they made them do, probably made them build daycare centers somewhere, homeless shelters or parking lots. What would have happened, if... how would the tech revolution of the '90s gone differently if that judge hadn't decreed he wouldn't have broken Microsoft. How would things have gone differently if Sprint and Worldcom been allowed to merge? The fundamental problem with the corporate form of capitalism is that corporations are like gods and they have eternal life, and they have a will to survive and to keep reinvesting shareholders' money until there isn't anymore, so you see these ridiculous suicide pacts like these big telecom companies started to do in the late '90s. And if they can't merge and extinguish redundant capacity, you know the word for this, I'm sure you've been taught in your courses is 'exit.' How do companies exit? They die. Either bankruptcy or merger, merger is the productive way to do it; if that seems socially difficult, then bankruptcy is the way it's going to be. And those bankruptcies can either be long drawn out affairs, or these desperate suicide acts like Worldcom's fudging on the books. If I had a choice of the tax cuts or do that, I think I'd much rather do that.

CR: *You're not saying end all antitrust laws, are you?*

DL: Oh yeah.

CR: *I know many times in school we're taught about how competition is good and antitrust is meant to keep competition in place. If antitrust were to end, do you think competition would go away?*

DL: Well, no; Microsoft is a good competitor. It's been made less so because of antitrust. The problem with antitrust is that if you compete too hard, you're a predator; if you don't compete enough, you're colluding. It's a crime that has no definition. It's a classic political crime of which everyone is guilty at the whim of a prosecutor. That's an environment in which competition becomes competition for the favor of the prosecutor.

CR: *Questions about deficits: In one of your columns, you wrote about how the debt payment to GDP was about 1.5 percent and the Heritage Foundation talked about how the Medicare proposal would be a huge burden on the economy.*

DL: They're right. This is one of these things that Bush... I had the opportunity to meet the guy. It was a long meeting where it was possible to ask very frank, difficult questions. And this was where I got the idea he's got these two priorities: tax cuts and reforming social security, which is, unfortunately, very difficult. I said, "Personally, I think reforming social security is the single most important thing you can do for the future of America for a hundred different reasons. Don't you realize while you're reforming social security, you're about to make medicare so much worse, you might as well not even bother with Social Security?" He said, "Look, I can't do everything; I'm gonna leave that to the next guy. But I can't reform social security if I don't make medicare worse, they won't let me. So I'm gonna do it this way; I know I'm making medicare worse."

CR: *This is what he told you, flat out?*

DL: Yep, right across the table. He's an honest guy, he really is, at least in person.

CR: *Many say this is going to be an unfunded benefit or entitlement...*

DL: Oh sure, you bet it's going to be unfunded. The least of the things wrong with it is that it creates a deficit. I suppose you could say that those are goods and services that are managed privately today. Maybe some people could do without. The present value of all future expenditures on those goods and services you could say is a kind of debt we have today. Just like we say people need cars. Just like we could imagine the present value of all the cars to be bought over the next 50 years and call that unfunded liability. But you know, personally, I tend to work and earn money and buy my next car, my next prescription drug and my next hamburger and everything else. These things only become big, unfunded liabilities when government takes them on. Now, as soon as government takes them on, that frees up that unfunded liability from the private sector. Basically, just taking a duty to pay from the private sector, where it was voluntary and subtle, and putting it on the government where it's involuntary and crude and where you create free goods, and people over consume because there's no price discipline. It's not that it creates a deficit, because these things are going to get bought, anyway. What it does is move that economic activity from the smart private sphere to the stupid, corrupt government sphere. That's the problem. People are going to take that money and say, "Medicine is free now. So I can go and see more movies." That's what makes the problem. Now, if they said, "Oh, medicine is free now, and I have to pay for the free medicine through taxes," that would be fine. But that's not the way it's being sold.

CR: *Do you see the budget deficit eventually becoming a burden, considering the way it seems to be growing right now?*

DL: Look, it's a burden. I wish it were none. I wish government were smaller. But what are the alternatives? The alternatives are to cut spending, which would be great; we just slash and burn stuff. I'm with Grover Norquist on this, where we could go on a program right now to commit to cut the size of government in half over 25 years. Agree to define it as ratio of government employees to the working population, ratio of government expenditures to GDP, ratio of government ownership of property to national value. You could collapse that down to half or better in the next 25 years without flooding the streets; no one would be hurt, you gradually privatize all that stuff. It's not that you wouldn't do it, it's not that you wouldn't have retirement insurance; you just make it private like it was 100 years ago. The problem with the deficit is that makes so many stupid things possible. If you're going to do these things, you've got two choice: do you deficit finance it or tax finance it? Deficits do work a hardship on the economy in any number of ways, but so do taxes. So, its not like you can wave away these deficits and say, "Let's not have them because it's hard on the economy, so lets raise taxes." Well, that's hard on the economy. So choose your medicine. I think the critical thing people have to realize about today's deficits

and the dynamics of deficits at this particular moment, is if you look at the trajectory of federal tax revenues for the last four or five years. You see them peaking in 2000, and the 2003 projected income tax revenues are going to be 23 percent below what they were in 2000. That's why there are deficits. Yeah, we're spending more, but the graph of spending growth is fairly linear; it's turned up a little bit. But, the problem is that money is not coming in. Now its interesting to look at that graph superimposed on a graph of cumulative GDP. I guess throughout the whole recession experience, we've have three negative GDP quarters. GDP is 5 percent higher now than it was in 2000 when we were getting peak revenues. It's not the case like it used to be, that revenues are indexed to level of GDP; today, revenues are indexed to the rate of change of GDP.

Why is that so? That's because America has shifted from being a industrial wage-based economy to a service, incentive-based economy. So think about how a guy like the CEO of Cisco, John Chambers, gets compensated. He gets compensated when he makes change happen; he's mostly compensated by options. And options become valuable when the stock becomes valuable, and the stock becomes valuable when the growth rate of Cisco's revenues goes up. So, if Cisco just grows at the rate of the economy, the stock is going to collapse and he won't make much money. If Cisco grows faster than the economy, then the stock goes up and he's a billionaire. The IRS is compensated the same way now; there are 4 million Americans who don't pay income tax, just social security taxes. We have not just a steeply progressive tax system structure, we have a cliff. The bulk of taxes is not just paid by the rich, but the growth addicted rich. It's paid by salesmen who get a bigger commission not if they sell more cars, but if they sell more than they did last year. There's all these growth oriented incentives, and stock options are just the tip of the iceberg. So, same thing is responsible for California's short fall. The key is, you just can't tax your way out of that kind of short fall. Problem is on the revenue. What are you going to do, beat the cow to get more milk? You can try that, but, you know, people don't tend believe the laffer curve on the upside; it's very unintuitive to believe that you can make more money by lowering tax rates. I think it's fairly clear to most people that if you raise taxes too high, you'll eliminate revenue. People will stop working or they'll evade or they'll move or go to the underground economy. There's really no choice, cut spending or try to reignite growth. Bush has made a great gamble that the way to get out of this hole is to reignite growth. It's an uncertain world, we'll see what happens. But, I think he's doing most of the right things, so it ought to pay off.

CR: *Do you think some of the exporting of white collar jobs is a real fear we should having or is it a temporary effect?*

DL: I think it's a healthy fear. I guess its just the large version of a fear that everyone who works in a competitive economy wakes up with. For example, you know I'm a shoe salesman at Nordstrom and I'm competing with the other five shoe

So, shouldn't we let competition reign? There will be winners and losers and we are not guaranteed winners. But I think we've got one hell of a track record.

salesmen, and when the lady comes in, I have to figure out some way for her to buy from me. And if I fall behind this month, I might lose my job. Different regions may feel that way, different states may feel that way. Remember, a lot of the manufacturing jobs we're losing out of the Midwest and the South to Asia were jobs the South and Midwest stole from New England 100 years ago. And New England was bat-shit about it; there was all kinds of protectionism stuff and I guess we're programmed to feel bad about it when it's another country and worse yet another race, but the reality is that its good old fashioned competition. That's the thing; we have these antitrust laws to enforce. So, shouldn't we let competition reign? There will be winners and losers and we are not guaranteed winners. But I think we've got one hell of a track record. If our challenge is to gradually morph from a dirty fingernails manufacturing economy, where the best thing you can hope to be is an overpaid human robot; welding bumpers on to SUVs or tying laces on Reeboks, that's nothing you should seek to preserve. That's a living hell. The dignity of labor is an opiate of the masses; it's this thing that industrialists came up to tell undignified laborers that they were dignified, so they would work harder. And those people should seek to work with their heads instead of their hands, and this is the opportunity. We've got a bunch of people over there who think it's a great honor to work at all. And for those whom it is, it's their highest opportunity. Let we compassionate people who think the rich ought to be taxed for the sake of the poor and unlucky, and let the poor and unlucky, who just happen to live in another country, have a chance and let us be liberated from industrial slavery at the same time and yes, there will be some dislocation along the way.

CR: *Why do you think Paul Krugman has become so revered?*

DL: I think its because people very much want to believe, people want to have good arguments for believing what they want to believe before they had any arguments; they already made up their mind. When a guy who has the double pedigree of economics professor, so its like he's "objective," he's not part of the media or Washington, he's a smart guy, and then, the *New York Times* has tremendous brand power. You put those two things together, someone who is willing to tell the masses the lies they want to hear, will be a very popular man. So I mean, it's a really the worst kind of pandering. It's giving what the people want in the most; I suppose there's nothing wrong with giving people what they want, I mean, let them learn their own way that they didn't really want it. Here's the case: What they want is unreality, they want someone who will help them lie to themselves by lying for them. And because people generally have internal limits, and he doesn't, what he is providing is in very short supply.

Domestic Policy

Global Warming is a Meaningless Outcry Lack of definitive links to human activity harms push for renewable energy

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Concern for the environment is certainly poignant at this juncture in history; we have developed the technologies that will allow mankind to exploit renewable sources of energy, but we don't utilize them. According to the Energy Information Administration, only 4.5 percent of the world's energy usage is provided by renewable sources. It's clear, however, that humanity cannot go on consuming fossil fuels forever. Some experts predict that within seven years, we will have consumed half of all the easily extracted fossil fuels that exist on Earth. And even if fixed supply were not a concern, pollution certainly is.

The smog created by vehicle and industrial pollution has become so hazardous that many cities declare "smog alerts" on days when heat, gaseous pollution and particulate matter combine to create excessively dirty and dangerous air (you can

check out San Diego's smog status at <http://www.sdapcd.co.sandiego.ca.us>). People are warned to stay indoors, avoid physical activity and keep their doors and windows closed to protect against the smog. The South Coast Basin - including Los Angeles, Orange and parts of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties - suffers from twice the federal health standard level of smog on around 100 days each year. According to Reuters, Milan residents inhale as much benzene from the air each day as they would from smoking 15 cigarettes. Smog can irritate the eyes and lungs and, in high doses, cause headache or nausea. It is even more dangerous to people suffering from asthma or those who already have heart or lung disease as it exacerbates these conditions.

These are just a few of the reasons that it is important to continue research into hybrid and fuel cell powered vehicles

and to limit pollution from manufacturing processes. Limited supply of fossil fuels and health consequences of smog are excellent reasons to make an effort to choose green energy whenever

while billed as legitimate scientific fact, actually has more in common with an old wives' tale than reality. Overzealous environmental alarmists seem to believe that the truth is not as com-

contrary and thus global warming has become the poster child for environmental efforts everywhere.

Few deny the evidence that the mean temperature of the earth has risen 0.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the 150 years that such changes have been charted. The important question, however, is not "whether" but "why." The change in global temperature simply cannot be definitively linked to human activities, nor is there sufficient evidence to even lead to such conjecture.

One argument which nevertheless attempts to create such a link is made by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Their study is based on computer models of the earth's climate and the so-called greenhouse effect, whereby greenhouse gases - mainly water but also carbon dioxide and methane among others - in the earth's atmosphere capture heat from the sun and trap it within the earth's

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we can.

Global warming, on the contrary, is not. The concept of dangerous global warming caused by human activities,

pellling as this trumped up scare tactic. The public has somehow been convinced that a human-induced global disaster is inevitable despite evidence to the

Separation of Church and State? Ten Commandments monument hardly a violation

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On a cold moonlit night in the summer of 2001, Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore installed a monument to the Ten Commandments out of concern for the frayed moral condition of the United States. On an equally cold day in the summer of 2003, a federal court ordered the monument removed for violating the implied constitutional principle of Separation of Church and State. What could have incited the federal court to make a ruling that totally disregarded the will of the people?

known as the Ten Commandments Judge, was elected by the people of Alabama to the highest judicial seat in their state, they knew what they were getting and were obviously pleased. Thus, does suspending him disenfranchise the votes of those who elected him? Possibly, but an even more pressing and tragic issue is that this is not an issue about separation of church and state but rather of the far left im-

to serve as moral guardians and combat the evil of atheism? The answer is a resounding and indisputable "No." This monument is as benign as saying "One nation, under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance. No one forces a student to say the words "under God" nor believe that it has any meaning, just as no one has forced the people of Montgomery, Alabama to embrace Judeo-Christian beliefs. Declaring the monument to be a violation of the Separation of Church and State indicates there is something terribly amiss with our government.

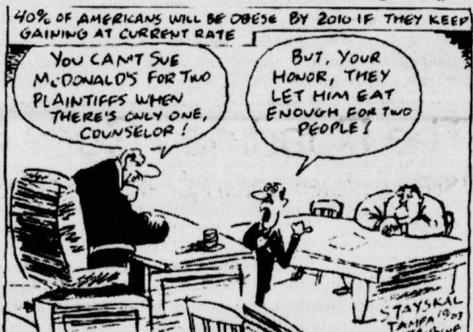


posing its will upon everyone else.

Despite allegations to the contrary, having religious references does not constitute government-mandated religion, which would violate the First Amendment of the Constitution. For example, our currency bears the phrase "In God We Trust." Congress opens each day with a prayer. Courts swear in witnesses with a Bible. Our President mentions God in every speech. Even the Supreme Court is not immune to religious references, as its building is adorned with statues of Moses, Confucius, Justinian and Hammurabi. Are these references here to assail our civil liberties or

For the past few decades, a strong bias has been building against conservatives who align themselves in defense of Christian religion. Even on our UCSD campus, *The Koala* finds itself unscathed as it tactlessly defaces Christianity, yet any attacks on Islamic traditions are met with deafening protest.

Given these facts, the monument should be restored. The people elected Moore knowing full well he was a Ten Commandments aficionado. Also, the federal courts had no right to intervene with a state matter. And finally, if this is unconstitutional, then so must every other entanglement of religion and government. We trust the courts to be final arbiters of this country, and if they themselves cannot distance their biases from their livelihood, cannot distinguish a symbol from a propaganda tool, what does that say of the condition of our country?



Get Fat and Be Happy! Become a true American capitalist

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In a recent study, Australia was found to have nearly 60 percent of its population either obese or overweight. More surprisingly, this puts the United States ahead of the Aussies by only 2 percent. So much for Mickey D's being as American as apple pie.

According to the survey of over 11,000 adults aged 25 or over, "39 percent were found to be overweight while almost 21 percent were obese" as per *CNN.com* on May 5. This is a close second to the 35 percent of Americans who were overweight and 27 percent who were obese in 1999. "Slim" margins on those fat statistics.

Nauseatingly, the number of lawsuits against food companies who sell fattening food is increasing. On May 13, 2003, Reuters reported that a British-born lawyer sued Kraft Foods to ban Oreo cookies in California because they contain trans fat, an unhealthy ingredient. I will

not deprive my future children of Oreos because some lawyer can't control his appetite. Lawsuits against McDonalds continue to sprout up from left and right. People, however unsurprisingly, are not taking responsibility for their own appetites. People need to learn: spoons do not make you fat any more than guns make you commit crime.

So what ought to be done? Besides 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise only three times a week - buy stock in Kraft, Mickey D's, and every other allegedly heartless company that is contributing to the "expansion" of America! What on earth could rationalize such an action, you say? Look: go ahead and eat less-than-healthy foods, then buy all that stock to ease any lingering guilt pangs (your hunger pangs should already be long gone). You get rich, eat what you want and stay slender. Is this not the best of all possible worlds? Be a capitalist pig, eat

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Foreign Policy

Iran Deserves Democracy Oppressed people looking to U.S. for liberation

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Two Ayatollahs of note continue to mount pressure against the Islamic Republic of Iran. The first, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri, was supposed to succeed Ayatollah Rulloah Khomeini. The second is Ayatollah Khomeini. Not that Khomeini, his grandson Hossein Khomeini.

Ayatollah Hossein Khomeini has recently praised U.S. action in Iraq, saying that U.S. action made Iraq a "free" country, and has consistently slammed the Iranian regime. He, as well as a number of other Ayatollahs, recently fled from the holy city of Qom in Iran to practice in Iraq. He spoke on Sept. 26 at the American Enterprise Institute with some less-than-friendly words for the IRI: "Today, after the revolution, Iran is one of the worst dictatorships."

Hossein Khomeini also slammed Iran's support for terror. "No Muslim should be allowed to have such activities," he said. "Unfortunately, Iran is a long supporter of terrorism. This

regime is one of the most active supporters of terrorism." In fact, Khomeini called on the U.S. to get involved and support the democracy movement in Iran. He hoped that Iran's actions in Iraq would make the U.S. look at Iran.

Ayatollah Montazeri hasn't shared Hossein Khomeini's positive view of the U.S. This is understandable considering that he originally helped found the IRI. However, his stances on two important issues are very significant.

The first is terrorism. In a fatwa issued in April 2002, Montazeri condemned suicide bombers. The fatwa was reported by Michael Ledeen of the American Enterprise Institute for the *National Review Online*. The article states that Montazeri's message was that "Suicide terrorism is antithetical to the teachings of Islam, and those who practice it, and kill women, children and babies, are doomed to eternity in hell." Montazeri is probably the highest figure in the Shia Islam faith to issue such a statement. On Sept. 21, 2003, the BBC reported that Montazeri called the 1979 seizure of the

American Embassy "wrong." He also stated that the Iran should "resume ties with the U.S."

Montazeri's second important stance is on the internal struggle in Iran. In mid-September, he made his feelings very clear about the situation in Iran: "The majority of our population is now dissatisfied with the ruling establishment. The matter should be put to popular vote." He's also slammed President Khatami on at least one occasion for failing to fulfill his promises to the people of Iran. Such positions are not necessarily new for Montazeri. However, they probably cost him the chance to be the Supreme Leader of Iran. Montazeri's views were too liberal for Rulloah Khomeini. Khomeini wrote to Montazeri, "Since it has become clear that after me you are going to hand over this country, our dear Islamic revolution, and the Muslim people of Iran to the liberals, and through that channel to the hypocrites, you are no longer eligible to succeed me as the legitimate leader of the

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Playing 'Gotcha' With the War Democrats jump off the deep end... again

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Last year I wrote in an article printed in this publication about how use of negative campaigning had apparently caused a dementia in the leaders of the Democratic Party, manifested by their ludicrous, yet often vicious attacks on George W. Bush. But that was before the war with Iraq.

The Democrats now seem whipped into a frenzy that borders on the insane, and which in many cases clearly shows that they care more about regaining power than they do about serving the national interest. Presidential candidates John Kerry and Wesley Clark don't seem to have quite figured out what their position on the Iraq war is. Kerry now says he supported the congressional resolution giving the president authorization to go to war with Iraq, but only to put pressure on Iraq. He seems to forget that that "pressure" alone, did not succeed in getting Saddam to comply with UN Resolution 1441. What then, Mr. Kerry?

Dick Gephardt stands by his vote and thinks going to war to take out Saddam was a good idea, but we shouldn't have "gone it alone." Gone it alone, alone, including Britain and a couple dozen other nations.

When Democrats say that we went "alone" into Iraq, what they mean is that we didn't get UN authorization, or, more specifically, we did not get the ok from France and Russia, who were set to veto any UN resolution that would have specifically authorized military intervention. So the question is, how would Dick Gephardt or John Kerry have brought along those two countries whose immense commercial entanglements with the Saddam regime essentially ruled out their cooperation? Kerry and Gephardt and many of their Democratic counterparts seem to believe if they had been president, they wouldn't have had to deal with reality. The only reality they are dealing with is Howard Dean's polling numbers in Iowa and New Hampshire. Like a past Democratic president, many in the current crop of

hopefuls seem to believe that "leadership" and "core values" are demonstrated by following polling data.

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Delaware) complains that we "poisoned the well" with our "unilateralist" approach so that now we won't get much support from all those countries we insulted by not allowing them a veto on our foreign policy. The fact is, though, Mr. Biden, without our "unilateral" action, Saddam would still be in power and 200,000 U.S. troops and sailors would still be sitting in the Kuwaiti desert and on ships in the Persian Gulf providing the "incentive" for Saddam to cooperate minimally with UN inspectors. Is that Democratic alternative?

But all this sort of yammering, as nonsensical as it may be, at least qualifies as legitimate policy debate. It is perfectly legitimate to argue the merits of the war, to question aspects of its execution, or to express doubt about the Bush vision of a democratic Iraq leading to a freer, more modern, and less terror-ridden Middle East. But many Democrats have been doing more than that.

Democratic congressman Jim Marshall wrote after returning from a trip to Iraq in September that "the falsely bleak picture [of the situation in Iraq] weakens our national resolve, discourages Iraqi cooperation and emboldens our enemy." He was talking about the negative U.S. media coverage, but the same is true of all the sky-is-falling rhetoric coming from other, less responsible members of his party. According to all the Democratic presidential candidates (with the possible exception of Joe Lieberman), we've made a real mess of things in Iraq, the situation is getting worse by the day, and the Iraqi people have lost all patience with us. Given their fascination with polls, it is odd that they ignore polls that routinely show that two thirds of Iraqis are glad the U.S. ousted Saddam despite the destruction it involved, and are optimistic about Iraq's future.

Recently, former President

The Roadmap Goes Off Course Israeli-Palestinian peace process stalls. Again.

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To the casual observer of the Middle East, the Israeli-Palestinian peace process seems to start and stall about as often as the I-5 during rush hour. In those terms, it is about five o'clock on a Friday, right before Christmas and the car in front of you has just exploded into flames. If it hasn't been made clear already, the current peace process is in shambles and President Bush's "Roadmap" has been put away into the glove compartment. This state of affairs is not new; the question is why it has occurred.

The problem lies not in a lack of ideas. By all objective accounts, President Bush's peace plan was ambitious, fair and struck at the root emotional cause of the failed state of affairs; namely the lack of trust between the two sides. Numerous polls and sheer common sense reveal that the most people on both sides of the conflict do want peace and a return to negotiations. The failure then was in actions taken, or rather the lack of them.

For all of the rhetoric coming from both sides, dreadfully little was done in terms of real action to adhere to Phase I of the Roadmap, as proposed by the State Department. This phase

included confidence building steps requiring the "IDF withdraws progressively from areas occupied... [and] freezes all settlement activity," while the Palestinians "declare an unequivocal end to violence and terrorism and undertake visible efforts on the ground to arrest, disrupt and restrain individuals and groups conducting and

out of the territories. The problem of course is that instead of disarming these terrorist groups, Abbas left them alone and they simply saw this respite from fighting as an opportunity to reload. This became abundantly clear when Hamas re-initiated their homicide bombing campaign barely a month after they vowed to put



planning violent attacks on Israelis anywhere."

In reality, the Israelis began to slowly withdraw from the West Bank, while in Palestinian controlled territories, former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas organized a cease-fire at the end of June among the various terrorist organizations operating

their arms down. The alleged trigger for the murders was Israel's continued hunting down and arrest of known terrorists. While incursions into Palestinian territories were clearly not part of any confidence-building measures, the Israelis were essentially carrying out the task that

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Entertainment

Fashion or Political Agenda?

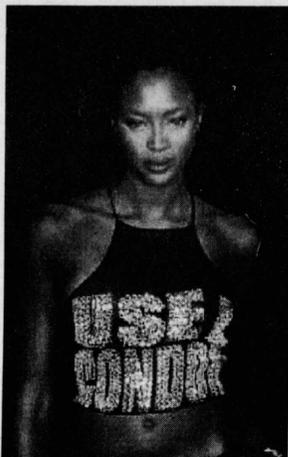
Genuine concern for issues or predictable vanity?

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Throughout the decades, many fashion revolutions have caused us to look twice, snatch it off the rack or perhaps even think again. Our grandparents lived in poodle skirts and clam diggers, our parents in super bells and polyester and now we seem to love select items from trucker hats to Louis Vuitton handbags. However, a new item is being debated that some celebrities seem to love to sport: anti-war and political statement designer clothing.

Many celebrities such as Sheryl Crow and Shiva Rose were found posing in their new duds with political slogans reading, "War Is Not The Answer" and "No Blood for Oil." While it may appear to some that these women, as well as others, do have a genuine concern for the current political agenda, one cannot stop to question why it was so important for their clothes to be so, well, fancy. Take Sheryl Crow, for example, who sported a shirt with the message, "War Is Not The Answer" in sparkly sequins. The shirt itself was tight and lowcut. Did she care about the message, or was

it truly a fashion statement? And Shiva Rose, another example, wore a blue T-shirt with "No Blood for Oil" in red letters, by Hayley Star. Another example is the bikini that Naomi Campbell wore on the runway with "Use



Condoms" in sequence across her chest, made by designer Katharine Hamnett.

The question that comes to mind is whether these celebrities truly care about the political issue, or if they simply care about the reputation of their wardrobe and themselves? It is

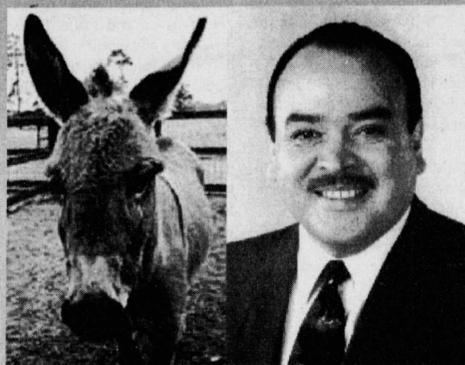
one thing for them to have a care about the cause, but why did they feel the need to have designers make the shirts? Could they not have made it themselves? And why were they so tight, so nicely done up to fit the latest fashion trends?

If there is an issue in society, the person who is found to be most passionate about it is usually wearing the shirt that was made by themselves or screen printed. They make their own signs, and they have an opinion or a cause, while these women are prancing around in their too-small anti-war, anti-A.I.D.S. gettups, they are solving nothing except causing skepticism amongst fashion critics and advocates.

How funny it is that many celebrities are anti-war, yet so few really show a genuine concern for the issue. Wearing a shirt that says "No Blood for Oil" that barely covers their tops doesn't make them appear smarter or concerned, but rather inconsiderate. For once, stop showing off and do something. They may be celebrities, but showing skin isn't helping the foreign policy.

Ass of the Month Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante

by Anthony Kohrs



Cruz Bustamante, California's balding lieutenant governor and the Democrats' only hope to retain power (which, to a Democrat, is more important than food and water), spent his college days conspiring with a collection of Fresno State students at meetings of a group whose motto reads, "For the race, everything. For those outside the race, nothing." If you guessed that Bustamante was a Ku Klux Klansman or a Nazi, you came very close. The group is called the Chicano Student Movement of Aztlan, MECHA, and advocates donating California to Mexico.

How can anyone take a gubernatorial candidate seriously if he wants to give his own state to an impoverished country such as Mexico? One would expect the new governor to, at the very least, ensure that the state remains part of the most prosperous country in history. Even the incompetent Gray Davis has managed to keep California as a state in the United States. If you are worried about one day waking up as a Mexican citizen, fear not; the founding fathers planned for jackasses like Bustamante, writing in Article I of the Constitution that "No state shall enter into any Agreement or Compact with a foreign Power." Mexico should not be considered a power, but the intent of the founding fathers is clear: Given the power of governor, jackasses such as Cruz Bustamante are forbidden from giving the state away.

Bustamante made it clear to us during the election that it should be legal for Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden to prance into the DMV (holding hands) and get a California driver's license and a wedding certificate. People that enter this state illegally are criminals and should not be permitted to enjoy the privileges of legal citizens and taxpayers, such as getting a driver's license.

While it is not surprising that Bustamante vigorously

opposed Proposition 54 and supports affirmative action, his reasoning is hysterical. Folks, for the sake of heart disease and diabetes research, Cruz wanted you to vote against banning the collection of racial data.

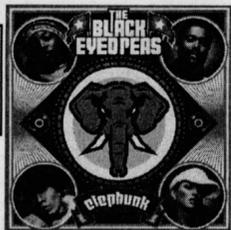
Bustamante wants you to think he is concerned about your health, but when it comes to which doctor operates on you, he does not want the best. Cruz would prefer that your surgeon be a doctor who was admitted to medical school and hired not on the basis of merit, but on the grounds of race. When your life is on the line, Cruz Bustamante will hold a protest in front of your hospital and do whatever it takes to prevent the best doctors from caring for you while ushering in a sub par doctor (probably the illiterate and incompetent son of one of his MECHA buddies) who got into medical school on sub par grades and sub par test scores, earned more sub par grades in medical school and will perform a sub par surgery on you, because of affirmative action.

But the ass who preaches his concern for healthcare must come to the realization that the best healthcare comes from the best doctors and his racist agenda will ensure that the pool of Californian doctors is not as strong as it could be. Cruz, like most Democrats, recognizes that it is more likely for Bill Clinton to tell the truth than for someone from their party to win an election on the issues. They realize that liberalism is a threat to public health, safety and morality, so they do not even bother to offer a vision for a better America. As this campaign has shown, Democrats pander to certain groups and use smear tactics against their opponent. Cruz Bustamante's vision for California consists of the Mexican flag flying atop the state capital, Americans being considered illegal immigrants and California school children enjoying a holiday on May 5.

CR Music Review

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Title: "Elephunk"
Artists: Black Eyed Peas w/ Justin Timberlake
Label: A&M Records
Price: \$18.98



Hip-hop artists The Black Eyed Peas and pop star Justin Timberlake collaborate on the Black Eyed Peas' third album release, "Elephunk." The end result is the track titled, "Where Is the Love?" The song itself has boded well with the masses and has been featured on numerous top 40 countdowns, as well as MTV's "Total Request Live," which in today's MTV culture translates into success.

Although I must admit that the song does have some catchy beats, I find some of its lyrical content offensive. In one of its opening lines, it is suggested that "the whole world addicted to the drama; Only attracted to things that'll bring you trauma." I don't know about you, but this is one of those things that irritates me to no end about everyday life. I absolutely hate it when someone suggests that people get off on the drama. Whilst I admit that there are a few petty, immature individuals

that do enjoy drama, it is unfair and rather presumptuous to assume this about all Americans. Now, you may ask yourself why I say "Americans" while the lyrics themselves reference the "whole world." Well, in the line that follows, it is stated that "Overseas, yeah, we try to stop terrorism; But we still got terrorists here livin'." In the USA, the big CIA. This line I find particularly offensive.

While it is their First Amendment right to say whatever they want, I feel it's an undeserved slap in the face to this country's government institutions that are still hurting as they are forced to make decisions in a post-Sept. 11 world. I mean, I think that sometimes people forget just how much the government has

done for the country to ensure its freedom; the same freedom that allows artists like the Black Eyed Peas to criticize it.

It is usually at this point that I change the station, but in preparation for this article, I took the time to listen to it a couple times through, only to find that the lyrics themselves don't get any better. The song goes further, and later suggests that truths are being swept under the rug and that all people care about is money. The artists also suggest that people would rather ignore the tragedies associated with war. Again, this is an unfair presumption. I mean I don't think if you walked down the street anywhere in America, even in New York City itself, that you could find someone who, when asked if they liked war, would respond yes.

Because of such offensive content, I find the song lackluster despite its success. I also must question what Justin Timberlake was thinking; I mean, it's one thing to want to cross over into the hip-hop genre, but really, he should have found another song to do it with.

Gotcha

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Bill Clinton stated that when he left office he believed that Saddam had chemical and biological weapons, and probably also had an active nuclear program. Indeed, that belief, and Saddam's refusal to cooperate with UN inspectors was why he ordered an extensive (unilateral) cruise missile attack on Iraq in 1998. The now ambivalent Sen. Kerry had the same beliefs, and even indicated at the time that he didn't think Clinton's limited attack went far enough in dealing with the apparent Iraqi threat.

What a difference a presidential campaign makes. It now seems that Saddam may not have had ready-to-use chemical or biological weapons. But how can Senator Kerry say he was "misled" by the Bush administration about things he thought in 1998 based on Clinton-era intelligence? Easy, he's running for president. And to many Democrats, it seems, lying about president Bush, even if such lies tarnish our image abroad or undermine U.S. foreign policy, are just fine if they help to get Democrats back in power.

One theory now making the rounds is that the unaccounted for stockpiles that the UN was looking for really did not exist because Iraqi officials may have over-stated production in order to make Saddam happy. Another is that Saddam destroyed all of his weapons but wanted to make his neighbors think otherwise in order to keep them fearful of him. Both of these now seem plausible, if unproven. But would it have been responsible for Bush to just assume one of these theories before the war?

Even Hans Blix commented shortly after the war began that if Saddam didn't have anything to hide, his behavior towards the UN inspectors was puzzling.

Some leading Democrats, particularly Ted Kennedy, go even further than Senator Kerry and others who claim the Bush administration "cooked" the intelligence regarding Saddam's weapons programs. Kennedy takes the next logical step, assigning an ignoble motive to the Bush administration's supposed dishonesty. The reasons for war, according to Kennedy, were all concocted because Bush thought war would be good politically for Republicans. Undoubtedly, this was Prime Minister Blair's motivation, too. Kennedy's baseless assertion is as silly as it is disgusting. But, of course, his response to criticism that his remarks "crossed the line" was to attack his critics for questioning his patriotism. When Samuel Johnson said that "patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel" he had in mind the likes of Senator Kennedy.

It is odd that Senator Kennedy, so touchy about supposed attacks on his patriotism, apparently does not seem to think that accusing the president of sending American troops to war for base political ends is not an attack on the president's patriotism. Or perhaps it is not so odd, as many in his party seem to feel that there is nothing inherently unpatriotic with putting their own political ambitions ahead of the national interest.

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Welcome to San Diego!

A welcome guide to the best city in the nation

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I have grown up in San Diego and lived here almost my whole life. I was accepted into UC Berkeley, and you know why I wanted nothing to do with it? Of course, the liberal, communist hippies, duh! Really though, I chose UCSD because San Diego is an awesome place to live with so much to do!

First I'll start in the east, and then move west. It is little known that Palm Springs, the popular desert community, is actually in San Diego County. The beautiful Mojave Desert is less than a two hour drive away. There is amazing hiking, camping and shopping out in the desert oasis cities of Borrego, Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Continuing westward, there are the mountains of San Diego, again with some wonderful camping and fishing spots. Lake Cuyamaca is also located just off Highway 8 in east county, and provides some first class camp sights along with first class fishing. I recently camped on Mt. Laguna, which is next to Lake Cuyamaca, and saw the most beautiful sunset ever overlooking the Mojave Desert. Granted, I am a guy, and sunset observation sessions are not exactly my cup of tea, but it was an amazing sight!

San Diego is also blessed (or cursed) with several Las Vegas-style casinos. Viejas and Barona are located within half an hour of UCSD, complete with enough blackjack tables, poker tables and slot machines to fund

a small revolution.

There is also plenty to do in the city of San Diego itself. There is, of course, the world famous San Diego Zoo, which is honestly an incredibly fun place. There are hundreds of exotic animals, including pandas, gorillas, bears, lions and tigers; oh my! Right next to the zoo is Balboa Park, which has numerous inexpensive museums and exhibits. The Reuben H. Fleet Center is a fun, interactive science center that offers hands-on fun. The Fleet Center also houses an IMAX theater, which hosts a variety of science films on its huge, domed screen. Downtown San Diego, otherwise known as the Gaslamp District, is home to numerous bars, clubs and is generally a classy, clean, fun area. There are also several bay cruises available and world class fishing. There are several fishing companies along the waterfront, offering anywhere from afternoon trips to week-long excursions into Mexican waters. I went on one such trip, and it was a blast. The excitement on board a fishing boat when it reaches a happening spot is an amazing thing.

There is also, of course, downtown La Jolla, which is incredibly high class, but occasionally offers affordable nights to poor college students! Several of the bars boast happy hours and specials on appetizers. Moondoggies, the Hard Rock Cafe and Jose's Courtroom are all located on Prospect Street, about 10 minutes from campus. You also

can't forget about the \$2 pints at Karl Strauss on Wednesday nights; some of the best beer in town!

When discussing San Diego in general, one cannot overlook the beach! San Diego's most obvious attraction does not disappoint. La Jolla offers world class surfing, as do several beach communities along the coast from Encinitas to Carlsbad. Anyone looking to check out the variety of San Diego beaches can hop onto Highway 101 and cruise all the way up to North County to the Marine Base at Camp Pendleton, which is the northern border of San Diego county. Along PCH there are many quaint, beach front communities with shopping, good restaurants and cheap Mexican food!

Pacific Beach is one of the best hangout areas, even if you're under 18. Sinbad's is an 18+ hookah bar that allows you to smoke some very fine fruit-flavored tobacco on the premises, and lets you buy plenty of good stuff to take back to the dorm with you. Moondoggies, the PB Bar and Grill and Typhoon are some of the better bars and should not be missed.

This is in no way an exhaustive list of all that San Diego has to offer; it has but skimmed the surface. Just hop on PCH, or I-5, or I-15 to the east, and any number of fun, interesting things can be found! There is no better county for young people than San Diego, so everyone enjoy it!

Roadmap

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Mahmoud Abbas was obligated to perform but was unwilling or unable to at the time.

The final breakdown in this latest round of peacemaking came in early September when Abbas resigned because, as President Bush stated, "Prime Minister Abbas was undermined at all turns by the old order -- that meant Mr. Arafat."

Hopefully, current Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia will heed President Bush's advice that "the people of the Palestinian territory must understand if they want peace, they must have leadership who is absolutely 100 percent committed to fighting off terror." Frankly, that is the one thing that has never been tried. The Israelis have withdrawn from the territories, eased restrictions on movement, dismantled illegal settlement outposts and none of it has been satisfactory to the Palestinian militants in the past. For their part, the Palestinians have attempted ceasefires but, honestly, going three weeks without a homicide bombing while still shooting at Israeli soldiers and citizens is hardly anyone's definition of peace.

Global Warming

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atmosphere. These facts are discussed in greater detail in a paper entitled "Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide," which is supported by over 17,000 qualified scientists and can be found at <http://www.oism.org/pproject/s3p36.htm>.

It is altogether feasible to imagine that the earth may naturally become warmer, as it has been in the past, and that this natural alteration might bring challenges for the human race, but we did not cause it and we are powerless to stop it. The earth could also become much colder, as it has been for the majority of its history and as was predicted by the scientific community during the 1970s, and this would doubtlessly mean far more dire consequences for humanity than warming. In geologic terms, we are in the midst of a very brief period of warmth between ice ages which bestows a plethora of benefits in terms of agriculture, technology and population support. If it were possible for the human race to take actions to lengthen this warming, it would likely behoove us to do so. Science's current understanding of the atmosphere on a global level is extremely limited. The models that predicted disaster are

being proven wrong as the years pass.

The recent surge in environmental interest and support is a wonderful trend, but it is wrong to lie to people, even if it is to convince them to do a good thing. Environmentalist Stephen Schneider made his position clear: "We have to offer up scary scenarios, make simplified, dramatic statements and make little mention of any doubts we may have. Each of us has to decide what the right balance is between being effective and being honest." [Quoted in Jonathan Schell, "Our Fragile Earth," *Discover*, Oct. 1989, p. 47.] This attitude is sick and unethical, and it stinks what should and can be an honest movement. When the world realizes that they have been fooled they will be apprehensive about all of the truthful information that encourages environmentalism. Relieved that we will not all die in some industrially wrought apocalypse, humanity will lapse back into jaded disinterest and the environment will suffer the consequences of a lie fabricated to help her. If the environmental community wants to keep the worldwide support it truly deserves and desperately needs then it should drop the global warming act and emphasize the real reasons we need to move to renewable energy sources and limit pollution.

Iran

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state." Later, Khomeini chose Ali Seyed Khomeini to succeed him. Khomeini in 1997 had Montazeri put under house arrest until Jan. 2003.

One must keep in mind what Montazeri and Hossein Khomeini are condemning: core beliefs of IRI government. Support for terrorism began almost immediately after the IRI formed, especially in the cases of Hezbollah and Hamas. Hate for America and Israel is still practiced by the government of Iran. One need to look no further than the paintings on the now abandoned American Embassy in Tehran. Islamic law and beliefs are central to theocracy; the ideals of consensual government are not.

The fact that Iran continues to ramp up its nuclear and missile programs should be enough reason to act. Even Hossein Khomeini believes that the Iranian regime will make attempt to acquire atomic weapons. Critics citing paranoia and naiveté of Hossein Khomeini should be referred to a comment made by Hashemi Rafsanjani, head of the Iranian Expediency Council at a Friday prayer session in Tehran: "If a day

comes when the world of Islam is duly equipped with the arms Israel has in possession, the strategy of colonialism would face a stalemate because application of an atomic bomb would not leave anything in Israel but the same thing would just produce damages in the Muslim world."

The IRI is even in the process of working on a missile (with North Korea) that could strike as far as London. Recent missile tests that prove that Iran could hit Tel Aviv is just another reason to do not sit idly by; Iranian meddling in Iraq is another.

Big Mac

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the junk (delicious junk) we Americans eat, become rich off of everyone else's fat burn and don't forget to compulsively exercise.

The global expansion of our homegrown media conglomerates and junk food market could make us all rich, so who cares if the rest of the world is fat? Let them eat what they want too. Then we'll sell them in-home exercise machines. Like mom always said, "fat and happy". Go America Go.

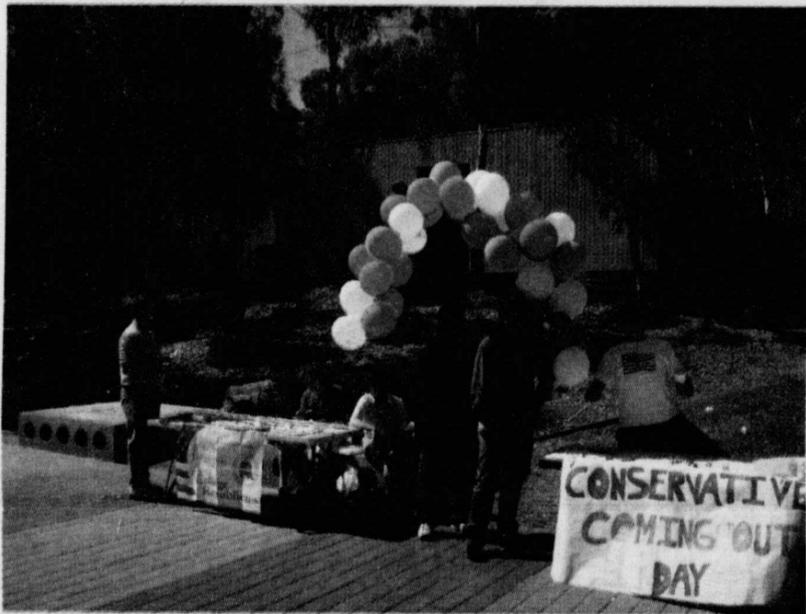
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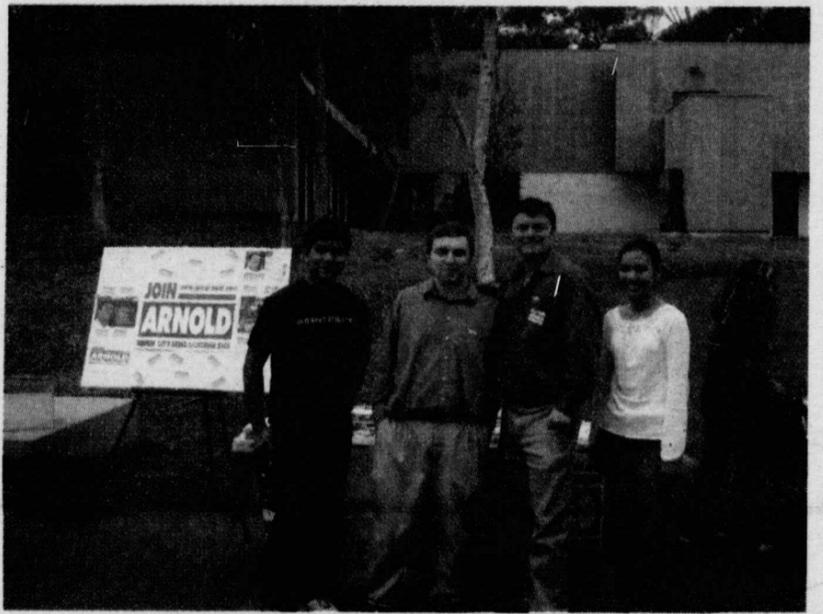
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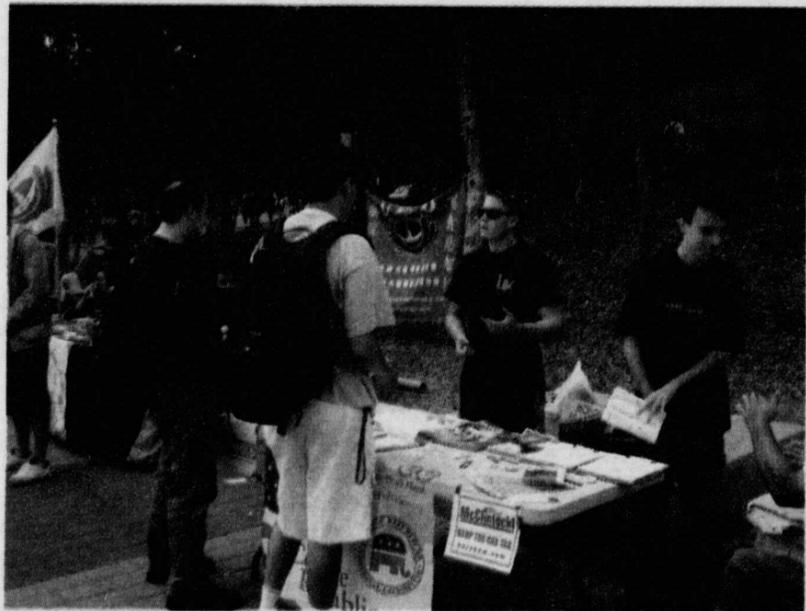
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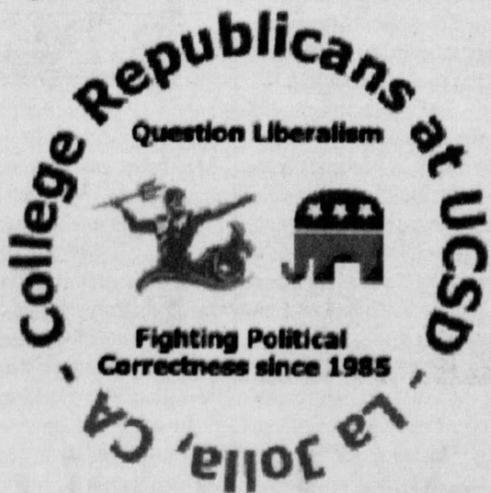
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