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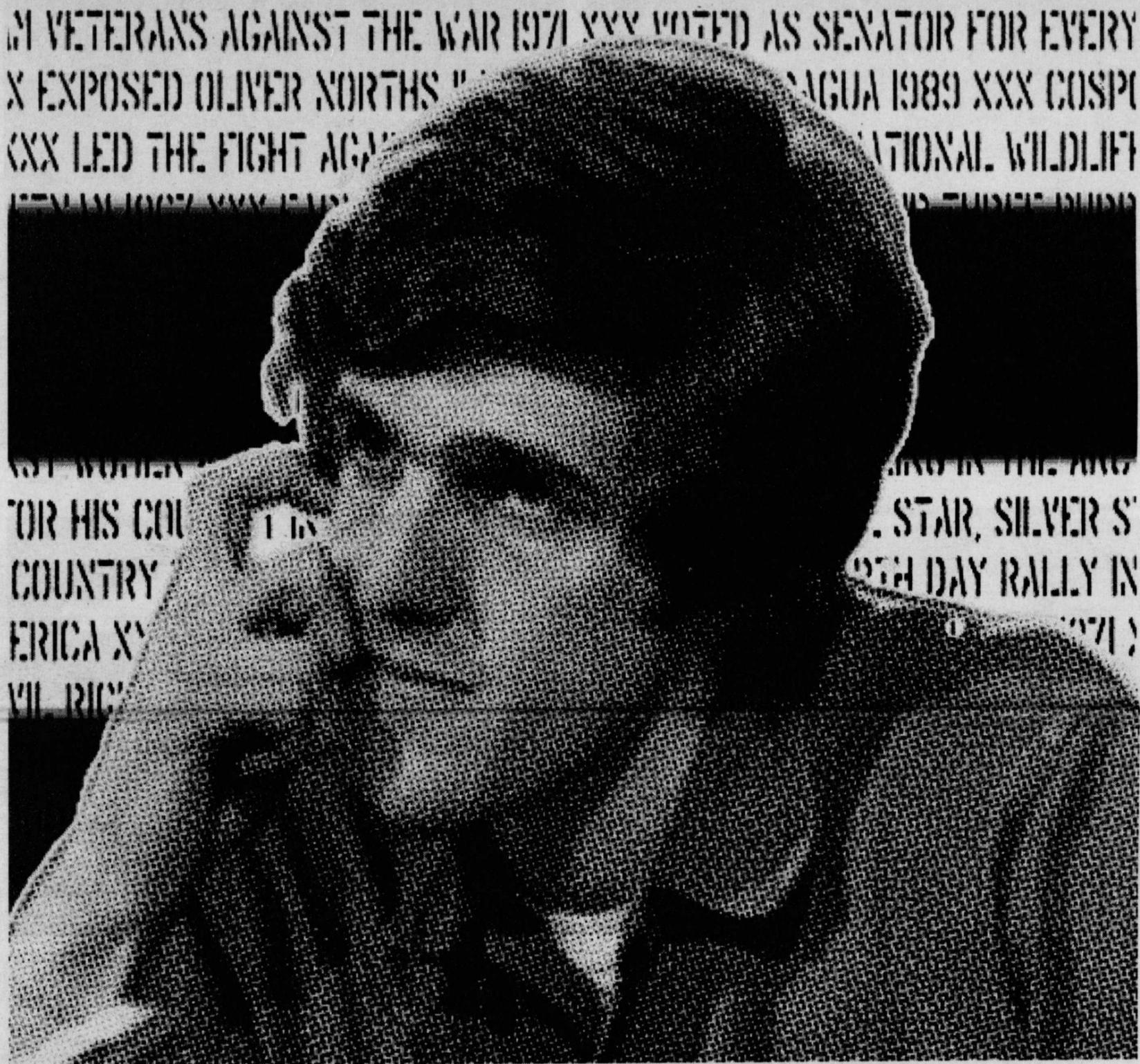
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## John Kerry ... the 44th President???

*Little has changed from his days of protesting Vietnam*

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Associate Editor

Sen. John Kerry presents himself as a moderate politician whose votes are in line with the sentiment of mainstream America. However, his voting record paints a different picture. Overall, Kerry's record shows him to have very liberal tendencies. In the year 2003, Kerry was the most liberal person in the U.S. Senate, besting even Ted Kennedy.

Several partisan and nonpartisan groups have taken it upon themselves to rate the Massachusetts senator on his "liberalness" and "conservativeness," or lack thereof. The *National Journal*

recently rated Kerry's 2003 Senate voting record, in terms of liberalism. He received a 96.5 on a scale of 0 to 100. The next closest liberal, Maryland Sen. Paul Sarbanes, received a 94.7 out of 100. Our own Senator Barbara Boxer, who's running for reelection this year, only received a 91.2.

*Congressional Quarterly* has noted that during 10 years of Kerry's Senate career, not a single senator was ranked more liberal than Mr. Kerry on social issue votes.

Also, the left-wing Americans for Democratic Action gave him a 93 out of 100, placing him among the Senate's liberal elite.

The American Conservative Union

has rated Kerry's senatorial record as well. On a scale of 0 to 100 – 100 being most conservative – they gave him a lifetime rating of 5.

Kerry's voting record has become significantly more liberal over the past three years, as well. In 2001, he was the 12th most liberal member of the Senate. Later, in 2002, he moved up to ninth place. In 2003, Kerry retook the top spot.

Further evidence of Kerry's left wing extremism can be had once one examines his actual votes for 2003. He was on the wrong side of most Senate votes last year; that is when he bothered to show up and vote. Kerry was present for just 28 percent of the recorded votes.

Kerry voted against the Miguel

Estrada confirmation. He voted against repealing the death tax. He voted against the phase out of the taxation on dividends. He voted against funding the rebuilding of Iraq and Afghanistan. He voted against the President's tax cuts. He even voted to force the United States into compliance with the Kyoto Treaty.

Despite his clear left wing stance on the important issues facing the Senate, Kerry denies that he is a liberal. Kerry called it "a laughable characterization" and "the most ridiculous thing I've ever seen in my life" when told of his rating by *National Journal*. He also said "labels are so silly in American politics." Apparently, the truth hits too close to home for John Kerry.

# In Review...

## What's Happening Around San Diego



At the California Republican Party Convention, UCSD Republicans Merrilee and Sylvia party the night away with some UCSB friends and L.A. activist Ted Hayes.



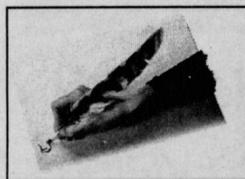
Outside the convention, disillusioned vagrants are bored and want in on the action; they can keep on knockin', but they can't come in.



The UCSD Marksmanship Club knows how to have a good time; first they pick out their guns and ammunition....



And then they discharge them in the company of other gun enthusiasts in an exercise of sportsmanship and gun awareness.



### Letters to the Editor

Publication a Welcome Addition to College Environment

Dear California Review,

Bravo on your publication (yes, I'm just discovering it now; lame, I know). When I went to college in the late 1980s, there was NO SUCH THING as a "conservative" campus newspaper (well, there were some, but VERY few; The Dartmouth Review, maybe, and you never heard of them, anyway).

In any event, thanks to the wonderful internet (something else we didn't have), I discovered your newspaper. All I can say is, Bravo to your reporting and standing up as a voice of reason on the Left Coast.

That's really the only reason I was writing - to congratulate you on a fine publication.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Levisay

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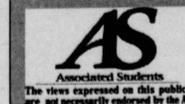
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# Common Sense

from Ryan Darby, Editor in Chief

## Kerry flip flops, Council impervious

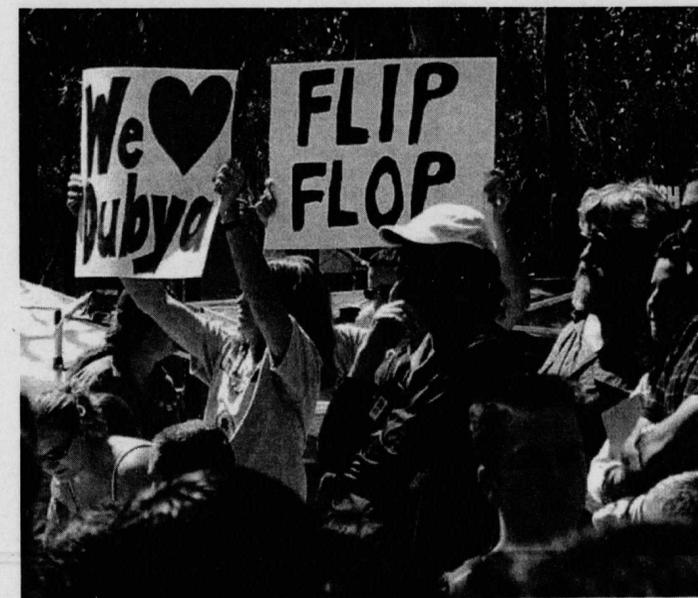
As most of you no doubt know, Sen. John Kerry visited our fair campus at the beginning of the quarter. The College Republicans caught wind, and they were determined to give him a very fitting welcome to UCSD!

Around 15-20 CRs from UCSD, SDSU, CSU San Marcos

economic principles, or he was purposefully misleading UCSD students. Take your pick; judging by his voting record, you clearly can't trust him, anyway.

Kerry is clearly an unreliable, flip-flopping extremist -- the man has a more liberal

allowed and practically endorses Kerry, the council devoted time for (favorable) sign making, made it clear that anti-Kerry signs would not be permitted, and the Regents shuttle was temporarily renamed "The John Kerry Shuttle"... but an E-mail was sent the day beforehand



and even Redlands University were down in Price Center, waving their flip flops as a symbol of how the senator has a habit of changing his mind on any major issue when politically advantageous; another dozen were making their voices heard on Library Walk.

Just look at his record: He voted for the war in Iraq, and is now against it. He voted for the Patriot Act, and is now against it. He voted for No Child Left Behind, and is now against it. He stated on record that voting against the \$87 billion Iraq funding bill would be turning his back on the troops; he wound up voting against it, but then in a speech I'm sure made sense to at least Sen. Kerry, explained that he actually voted for it before he voted against it. I think Sen. Kerry summed it all up right there. Besides, I actually voted for John Kerry before I voted against him.

Therefore, it's only fitting that the theme of the UCSD rally was his newly found desire to lower gas prices. This is the same senator who stated on record a few years ago that he favored a gas tax increase of 50 cents per gallon, and we're supposed to believe that all of a sudden he wants lower gas prices?

Nonsense! In that same speech, he said that it's his goal to lower gas prices... while at the same time lowering demand. Either the senator has absolutely no comprehension of basic

voting record than Ted Kennedy, for crying out loud. What infuriates me is that the Associated Student Council at UCSD hosted a partisan political rally. The A.S. is a non-profit, non-partisan institution, and it therefore should be working for the well being of all students rather than as a tool for a major political campaign.

Yes, tool is the proper terminology because if the Kerry campaign wanted to pay for Price Center use as an independent entity, it would have cost them thousands of dollars. Well, it so happens that I don't want my student council acting as a partisan tool for John Kerry! It's not right for the many fee-paying students here who don't support Kerry, and I'm not a lawyer, but I think it should be a violation of their non-profit status. If a student organization such as the College Democrats had hosted the rally, that would have been completely different because student organizations are not intended to represent the interests of all students.

Ironically, after doing all the work to procure Kerry and specifically reserving all the proper facilities under its name, the council tried to shift the credit to the College Democrats. Right. Then-A.S. President Jeremy Gallagher and University Relations Director Jared Feldman do all the work to get him here, Gallagher sets up a cheerleading section behind the podium within which only supporters are

offhandedly mentioning that the College Democrats are hosting it is supposed to mean anything?

Sorry guys, but it is perfectly clear who hosted this rally. It's clear that the Kerry campaign used a body which is paid by our student fees to host a partisan political rally for itself, and hardly paid a penny for all the publicity it received. The council is fully within its rights to host an educational rally, as this was originally billed, but anyone who was there could tell you that this was a blatant endorsement of John Kerry, and that was flat out wrong of the council to do.

Clearly, last year's student council did not care about conservatives on this campus, and it's doubtful that this year's will be any better. The Students First slate went completely out of its way -- even at the rally -- to make it clear that conservatives do not have a place on this campus.

I find it very saddening that the Council would blatantly ignore such a sizeable constituent; while not a majority, there is a considerably large conservative population on this campus, especially in the math, science and engineering departments. The A.S. should remind itself that as a non-profit organization, it is here to serve all students -- including the thousands who don't have a (D) next to their name.

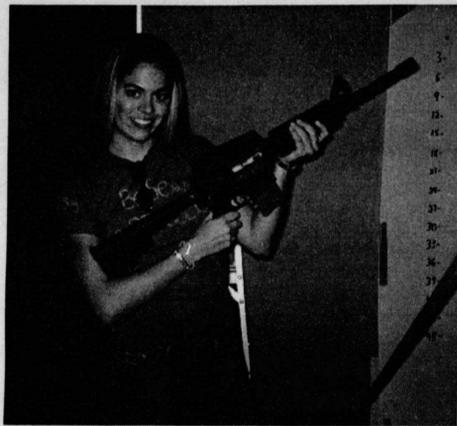
# Local News & Opinion

## Marksmanship Club Visits S.E.A.L. Base UCSD firearm advocates earn rare tour at Coronado

Adam Richards  
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The Marksmanship Club at UCSD is fast becoming a popular and exciting club to join. The main goal of the organization is to promote firearms safety and provide students with a fun and safe environment for learning to shoot a variety of firearms. Regular events include free, hands-on safety lectures where members learn proper shooting technique and range safety protocol before they actually head to the range and shoot at a later date.

In addition to familiarizing themselves with these techniques, students also have an opportunity to learn about the different types of guns while examining them firsthand. Once per quarter, the marksmanship club receives funding from the school to hold a free shooting event. This even has limited



Armed and Republican - Missy Williams in action

enrollment and takes place on a weekend morning, typically in the second half of the quarter. It is open to about 30 shooters and

takes place at the American Shooting Center, an indoor shooting facility in Kearny Mesa.

In recent months, the Marksmanship club has gone through some changes and has expanded to encompass activities outside its original scope. Recently, a group of 25 Marksmanship Club members had the rare opportunity to go on a special tour of the Naval Special Warfare base in Coronado. This base is more commonly known as SpecWar and is one of the major Naval installations for the Navy SEALs and the main location of various phases of BUD/S, a comprehensive training program that all Navy SEALs go through. The base is a restricted military installation that rarely grants access to non-military personnel.

The tour consisted of a brief lecture about the daily operations at BUD/S followed by a tour of the Navy SEAL armory, the obstacle course, a firearms training facility and many other training apparatuses including a 50 foot deep water tower used for dive training. All in attendance gave rave reviews of the tour and looked forward to upcoming marksmanship club activities.

The last event was our quarterly shooting range event that was a complete success as usual. A trip to an outdoor range or an event in the desert is in the works to allow for longer range shooting and a larger variety of targets and guns. We look forward to providing the student body and Marksmanship Club members with other exciting events in the future. To sign up for the e-mail list or to get more information about the club, send an email to [ohsmily@hotmail.com](mailto:ohsmily@hotmail.com) with MARKSMANSHIP CLUB in the subject line.

## Opportunism at Its Worst

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Dick Clarke has been in the news lately. No, not the New Year's Eve host; this Dick Clarke is a former presidential advisor who has recently gone public with his criticism of the Bush administration's perceived ineptitude in dealing with al Qaeda leading up to Sept. 11.

As untrue as his comments might be, the most disturbing aspect of it is that it is in direct contrast with the praise he showed towards Bush's policies just a year and a half ago.

Clarke's comments are the most prominent and harsh of those testifying before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, a group formed to investigate supposed failings by the Bush administration in regards to the Sept. 11 attacks. Clarke testified that while the Clinton administration (whom he also served under) had no greater concern than its dealings with al Qaeda, it was simply "important, but not urgent" to President Bush and his staff.

Clarke had supposedly repeatedly attempted to warn Bush and his administration of the threat that al Qaeda posed to U.S. security, but they simply ignored his warnings and therefore did not do enough to prevent the terrorist attacks.

In response, Republicans are attempting to declassify a two-year old testimony by Clarke in front of the Senate and House intelligence committees. In the testimony, Clarke, under oath, praised the administration's handling of al Qaeda. He had similar

compliments before reporters in 2002. His closed-door sessions with the current terrorism commission were apparently also very different than his nationally-televised testimony. Even panelists were shocked with what he had to say, prompting one to tell Clarke that he has "got a real credibility problem." Clearly, Clarke has his story confused.

Clarke's testimony follows the release of his new book "Against All Enemies," a sort-of expanded version of his public testimony. Could he have been critical of the Bush administration in his public testimony just to sell more copies of his similarly-themed book? The answer is probably "yes." After all, a nationally-televised hearing is a perfect free-press for a book that few Americans would otherwise pay any attention to.

The real question then is why Clarke had a change of heart in his sentiments towards the Bush Administration. There are a number of plausible ones, none of which would actually help his most recent anti-Bush stance.

The most likely explanation, however, is Clarke's current ties to the Democratic party and, more specifically, to John Kerry's run for President. Clarke is most likely attempting to land some spot in Kerry's administration should Kerry win. In addition, Clarke has been donating to Kerry's campaign and is a close friend of Rand Beers, Kerry's advisor on national security.

Supporters of Clarke claim he has no such intentions, but why then would Clarke wait until election season to express his criticism of Bush? If he had such strong concerns about Bush's

handling of al Qaeda, he should have taken a more proactive role in the months leading up to Sept. 11. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice said that Clarke would not always even attend her staff meetings, causing her to send him multiple e-mails to attend the meetings. Obviously, he was not so concerned about it to show up to work. Clearly, the timing of his criticism is not merely coincidental, given his support of Kerry.

Finally, it should be noted that Clarke's claim that Bush was not concerned about al Qaeda is false. Rice told reporters that President Bush had dozens of briefings from CIA head George Tenet about al Qaeda. Bush had kept all of Clinton's counterterrorism experts in place, so if Bush was failing in gathering intelligence than so too was Clinton, who Clarke actually praised. Clearly, the team was doing their best, but even so the Sept. 11 attacks could not have been prevented. Officials from both parties and from both Clinton's and Bush's administrations have said that nothing more could have been done to stop the attack. It is also interesting that Clarke himself said two years ago that Bush had increased efforts against terrorism five-fold compared to the Clinton administration.

But, I suppose that Clarke's word isn't good for much. Much like John Kerry's voting record, his stories are conflicting and exaggerated. It is probably a good thing that such a non-credible person is out of public office. Just like the boy who cried wolf, no one knows when to believe him.

## Breaking the Law SF Mayor disregards California statute

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Gay marriages in San Francisco have been temporarily halted due to an injunction by California Supreme Court barring them from issuing any further licenses; apparently, the City of San Francisco is finally concerned with obeying the law.

The issue has been ongoing since Feb. 12, when Mayor Gavin Newsom sent a letter to County Clerk Nancy Alfaro requesting that marriage licenses be granted to same-sex couples.

Newsom cited the California Constitution's equal protection clause as reason for this decision. This move comes amidst a national fervor over the gay marriage issue, with strong opinions on both sides. Gov. Schwarzenegger stands strongly against the illegal actions of Newsom. Schwarzenegger, while strongly against gay marriage, does support domestic partnership rights very similar to those of married couples.

Over 3,500 same-sex couples have made their vows since Feb. 12. Among those married in San Francisco is ex-talk show host Rosie O'Donnell. Her stance is the strongest political support that the movement has garnered.

Francisco falls squarely against the purpose of this act. Ignoring this motion of the people, Newsom decided to take the law into his own hands.

His decision is one of an obviously illegal nature. He can and should be prosecuted.

This illegal act in San Francisco has prompted a similar decision by Mayor Jason West of New Paltz, New York. 21 gay and lesbian couples have been married there so far. This too was against state law, as New York state health officials issued a warning to West that anyone who issues a license is violating state law and therefore punishable by the law.

These two illegal actions have been in the national spotlight over the last few weeks. The intention here is to raise awareness through so-called civil disobedience. Because this disobedience is of an illegal nature, prosecutions will ensue.

The issue is far from over, but in the end the law must prevail and order must be restored. In a form of response to the marriage crisis in America, President Bush announced his support of a constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages.

Politicians on both sides of the political realm have challenged this very gutsy move. President Bush referred to heterosexual marriage as "the most fundamental institution of civilization." The koala rules.

The institution of marriage is being challenged. It will take all the fortitude that those standing on moral and legal ground can muster to preserve the sanctity of such an institution.

# Californians Rally Behind Arnold

## Props 57 and 58 overwhelmingly passed while 56 sank

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Four statewide propositions were on the ballot for the March 2 primary election. Included were the "Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act" (55), "The State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve. Voting Requirement. Penalties. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute" (56), "The Economic Recover Bond Act" (57) and "The California Balanced Budget Act" (58).

Proposition 55 authorizes a \$12.3 billion bond to upgrade public school facilities, as \$10 billion will go to K-12 educational facilities with the remaining \$2.3 billion going to public universities. The cost over the 30-year repayment period will be roughly \$24.7 billion.

Half of the money will be directed to the construction of new school buildings as designated by the school districts. Remaining funds will be directed to modernization of current facilities as well as funding to districts with "critically overcrowded school."

Proponents of the proposition argue that it will fix old and outdated classrooms, claiming that it is a necessary remedy to the crisis of

overcrowding and outdated school systems.

Opponents make the argument that Proposition 55 will cause a raise in taxes or a cut in other benefits. In the 2003 fiscal year, the state spent over \$3.5 billion on school construction. This allocation of funds is only 3.5 percent of the state budget. They also argue that all that is necessary for increased school

will be eligible for any funds. The schools that need the help the most will not get anything out of this bond. Proposition 55 may appear to be a move in the correct direction for the improvement of schools, but in reality it will raise taxes and only help the schools that are already in wealthy communities.

Proposition 56 would have eased the ability for the state

to expedite the process by easing the voting requirements to pass tax increases.

Those opposed to Proposition 56 hold that it would have facilitated tax increases by removing all bipartisan aspects of budget making, allowing a single party to have complete control over the fiscal future of the state. Consensus requirements set up in Proposition 13 would have been removed.

Proposition 56 itself would not have raised any taxes; however, it would have opened the door for the legislators to do so in a very relaxed manner, without requiring bipartisan consent.

Propositions 57 and 58 go hand in hand; if one didn't pass, neither would have taken effect. Proposition 57 will allow for a one-time bond of \$15 billion to the state to pay off current high interest loans, and balance the current deficit under a single loan. The bond will cover the current \$10.7 billion bond as well as \$4 billion of the state's deficit.

There will be a short-term savings with long-term costs due to the increased term of the bond. Those if favor argue that this bond is going to help get the deficit in check before budget balancing can take place.

Those in opposition argue that will lead to tax increases, and that there are easier ways to fix the deficit problem, including a 13.4 percent cut in spending that would cure the entire deficit in 18 months.

Proposition 58 requires an enactment of a balanced budget where General Fund expenditures do not exceed estimated General Fund revenues. It also prohibits any future deficit bonds.

Those in favor argue that this is the first requirement of a balanced budget that the state has seen. It will prevent the sort of deficit we are now encountering from ever happening again. Influential members of both parties endorse it as a way to end the budget crises far into the future and recover the California economy.

Opponents claim that the proposition does not go far enough, and that the only way to ensure protection from deficit spending is spending limits. This proposition does not put any in place.

Proposition 58 is a balanced budget proposition that does not include spending limits, but does require that spending does not exceed income.



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## Domestic Affairs

### The Anti-Progress Progressive Kerry would undo much of Bush's beneficial work

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With the almost certain nomination of Sen. John Kerry as the Democratic presidential nominee, we must look at what a Kerry Presidency would look like. While doing so, this will also be why President Bush needs to be re-elected.

The first thing that a Kerry presidency would bring the United States would be the largest tax hike in the history of the United States. You must read between the lines here to understand what Kerry means every time that he says, "I will repeal all of the Bush tax cuts." This in no uncertain terms means that he will raise taxes across the board.

The Democrats will tell

war or not, rebuilding Iraq is probably one of the most important endeavors of our lifetime. If we do not, Iraq will fall into the hands of Islamist militants and will become another huge training area much like Afghanistan was. Also, with a successful rebuilt Iraq, the rest of the archaic Middle East will see first hand the power of capitalism, and more importantly, the justice of Democracy.

After World War Two, the United States was the leading influence in the rebuilding of Germany and Japan. We had lost hundreds of thousands of our best and brightest, but we understood that leaving these two countries without a stable, functioning, just

uncertainty is a man who has a history of cutting funding for both of these things. The world is a very dangerous place, probably to some degree more dangerous than it has ever been before. The citizens of the United States can not afford a man like Kerry to come into office and impede the safety of all American citizens.

Whether or not you agree with the war in Iraq, great things have come from it. First off, we have gotten rid of the biggest threat to Americans in world, by getting rid of Saddam Hussein. We no longer have to fear another threat to freedom, in Muammar Quadaffi. Thanks to the principle driven foreign policy of President Bush, former

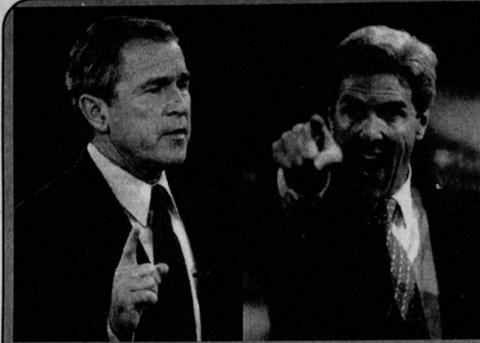
enemies are no more, and our current enemies have their days numbered. In a world that does not understand "love," but only understands violence or the threat there of, the Bush Presidency has dealt with these people in the only way he can. If we have learned anything from the past it is this, containment does not work, looking the other way does not work, and lobbying cruise

missiles with no further threat of violence does not work.

To me, the choice is crystal clear. I cannot vote for a man that I feel would weaken the United States for the benefit of the terrorists throughout the world. I will also vote with my pocketbook. My first year out of college has been rough. But I have seen first hand how the economy has been steadily improving. I strongly feel that raising taxes now would be a huge mistake.

While I do not agree with Bush on many different areas, I agree with him wholeheartedly on two: the war on terrorism, and the economy. Kerry would be a disaster on those two issues, as well as many others that are too numerous to count. That is why I'm voting for President Bush.

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### Bush Vs. Kerry, 1 on 1

Analyzing what should be a close election

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Primary season has all but come and gone, and with it we have seen the meteoric rise and earth-shattering fall of Howard Dean, once a favorite to win the Democratic nomination for president. Taking his place is one of Massachusetts's senators, John Kerry.

The election will be a tough one, make no mistake. Conservatives who hoped for a Howard Dean nomination so Bush could sail through November are out of luck, as Kerry has proven a much better politician than the hot-tempered former Vermont governor. Democrats are largely united in their desire to oust President Bush, and therefore have voted tactically rather than their consciences. They believe, rightly or wrongly, that Kerry has a better chance of beating the president than Dean.

Whether Kerry has more of a chance to beat Bush than Dean is debatable. Yes, Kerry is a more experienced politician than Dean, and therefore less likely to make gaffes that plagued the Dean campaign from start to finish. However, Dean at least was consistent — he was against the war from start to finish. Kerry, however, has been all over the map, almost as much as former contender Wesley Clark.

First he was in favor, and voted to give the President authorization to use force against Saddam Hussein, and then he suddenly rediscovered his old anti-war days, voting against the money to fund the occupation and reconstruction of Iraq. This leaves him very vulnerable to attacks from both left and right.

Recent polls have put Kerry one or two percentage points of the president. Those on the Left have taken

these numbers and screamed as loud as possible that Bush is doomed, and Kerry is destined to be the next president of the United States. Several factors have contributed to these figures, and none will last until November.

First, Kerry and the other Democratic candidates have had the field to themselves for months now — people have heard nothing but their rhetoric, and very little from the president. That will change once the primaries are finished and the nominee certified. There is also the fact that Bush has a war chest of millions of dollars, not to mention money that will be raised once he actually starts to campaign.

The election will be close, but it is still likely Bush will win. He is a successful wartime president, and the lack of weapons of mass destruction will not hurt him as much as it seems. It has not had an enormous effect on the public's view of the war (a majority still believes the war was the right thing to do), and Bush's call for a special investigation into the intelligence leading up to the war has helped mollify his critics.

Bush's largest obstacle is his constant alienation of his conservative base. He has time and time again proposed the very policies that conservatives hoped to avoid by voting for him over Al Gore. It's unclear whether they will show their dissatisfaction by staying home, or if they will recognize the consequences of a Kerry presidency and vote to keep Bush.

Both candidates have an uphill campaign. Bush would like to run on foreign policy and national security, while Kerry hopes to keep things focused on the economy. Only time will tell which one is right.

## Dishonoring the Honorable Discharge

### The Democrats's poor judgment may cost them the election

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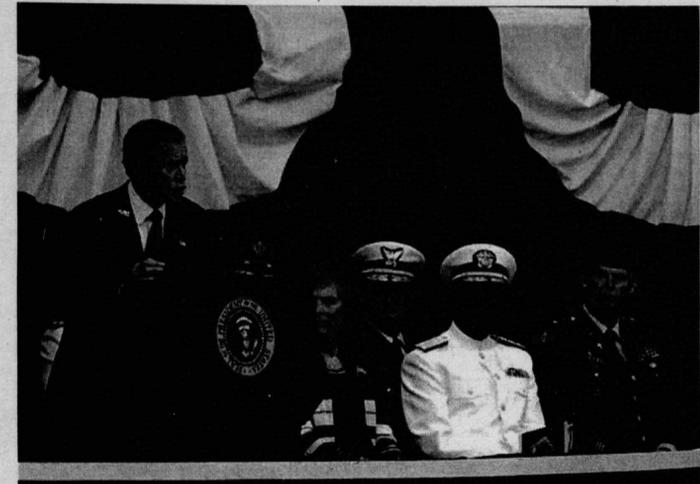
Political season is in full bloom in the United States: False allegations are appearing everywhere and the left is beginning to re-establish records for levels of political spin. Conservatives are often busy with "small things," like keeping America safe, liberating millions of people from oppression and propelling the economy with the help of tax cuts; unlike liberals who take care of the "big things": coming up with ridiculous allegations, criticizing every bit of progress we make in the War on Terror and attacking the positive things this administration has done with every chance they get.

The Left is really its own side. At best, Democrats can be described as confused. Take the "eminent" Terry McAuliffe, who told ABC that "George Bush never served in our military and our country." Apparently, for McAuliffe, the National Guard is neither a part of the military, nor the United States.

So what kind of attacks should we expect from other Democrats if the Chairman of the DNC is confused about American institutions? But this attitude is understandable: At this point, Bush is looking in little danger of losing his job and the Democrats have some pretty weak candidates; one is a veteran turned flower child, another keeps talking about two Americas and the one that was supposed to win according to all polls dropping out as he had had a screaming problem. Seems like confusion in the Democratic Party is running wild.

As the economy continues to grow fueled by the recent tax cuts, consumer confidence is on the rise and we are more and more successful in the Middle East, the Left is launching more and more ridiculous attacks. The last unsuccessful attack was aimed at the president's National Guard duty. (Yes, it's the same thing that they tried doing back in 2000 unsuccessfully.) Pioneered by McAuliffe, the attack claimed that George W. Bush didn't show up for duty in the National Guard.

So, here's what the President has to back himself up: First, there's the honorable discharge. The military won't honorably discharge anyone unless they have served and completed their duty. The confusion was centered around the fact that Bush applied for a transfer in Alabama so that he can work on Winton "Red"



Blount's campaign for Senate.

His transfer to 9921st Air Reserve Squadron in Montgomery, Ala. was denied by the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, despite that the 9921st was willing to have him there.

The big problem that emerged out of this is that Bush didn't take his physical in 1972. The spin put on by the Left is that because he missed his physical, he was denied from flying. Dan Bartlett, Bush's spokesperson says, "You take that exam because you are flying, and he was not flying. The paperwork uses the phrase 'suspended from flying,' but he had no intention of flying at that time."

Next, there's a memo written by retired Lt. Col. Albert Lloyd Jr., director for the Texas Air National Guard from 1969 to 1995. The memo claims that after a review of Bush's records, it shows that he had "satisfactory years" for the period of 1972-73 and 1973-74, "which proves that he completed his military obligation in a satisfactory manner."

Finally, the White House made public all the records of the President's duty in the Military: black on white proof, in the form of pay stubs and other records that prove that he was paid during his service and thus obviously served. Bush himself went in front of Americans in a televised interview and declared that he was present for duty in the early 1970s.

So the Air National Guard claims Bush served, his pay records say he

can blame them... they're too confused to think straight, and too busy throwing mud to talk about any real issues.

The way things look like right now, one thing is working right: freedom of speech. But that's it — freedom, not significant speech from the Left, just free speech: played out issues (e.g. who won in Florida), misunderstood issues (e.g. the world is not safer without Hussein) and plain out strange statements (e.g. "Yeaaaah" — Howard Dean). The circus just got more interesting as Nader decided to

do his thing again, at the horror of the other Left-wingers represented by the Democrats. This is the most amusing campaign ever and a great time to be a Republican.



you that they won't raise taxes on the "working class," but the truth to be told is that they will raise everyone's taxes. Kerry has never seen a tax that he didn't like. Every time there has been a bill on the floor to raise taxes, Kerry, chances are, voted to raise them. You can check his voting record for yourself, and you will see that this is true.

The United States will be less secure against terrorists and others wishing to do us all harm than we are today if Kerry becomes President. As a senator, Kerry has voted nine times against improving our intelligence gathering capabilities. While his recent announcement that he wants to now "improve our intelligence gathering," it is without weight. Once again, please check his voting record. Our military will also suffer under a Kerry presidency. Kerry has never voted to improve our military either. Once again, check his record.

The United States will withdraw from Iraq, without first rebuilding this country, if Kerry is elected president. Whether you agree with the

government would not only be damaging to a new Europe, but for the peace-starved world. The same goes for Iraq; we must rebuild it not only for the newly freed people of Iraq, but also for the rest of the world that strives for peace.

We know that with President Bush, taxes will remain low. For all of you graduating seniors, this should be vitally important. There is no secret that it is difficult to find a job. We have made it through a recession and a terrorist attacks, and now finally our economy is coming back to where it was in the mid-to-late-90's. Raising taxes now would lead to stagflation of the likes that we haven't seen since President Carter. Also, any tax raising would destroy our rebounding economy.

Bush has shown a dedicated commitment to improving our intelligence gathering capabilities, as well as a firm commitment to improving our armed forces. Our intelligence gatherers caught Saddam Hussein, and are now closing in on Osama Bin Laden. What we do not need in this world of

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## Foreign Policy

# Israeli Assassination of Yassin Justified

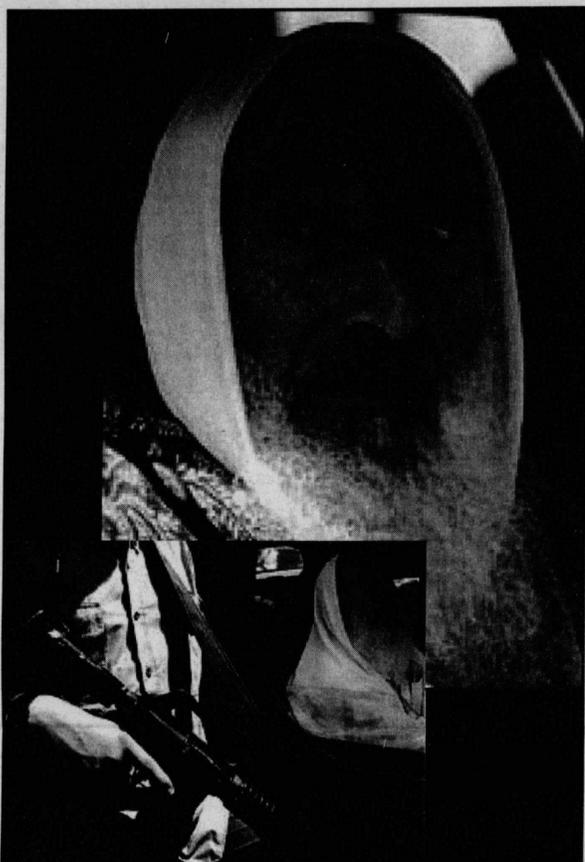
### "Spiritual Leader" responsible for hundreds of Israeli murders

Max Kuperman, Staff Writer

On a Monday morning in the Gaza Strip, the Israeli Defense Forces fired three airborne missiles at Hamas "Spiritual Leader" Sheik Ahmed Yassin, killing him and his cronies. Of course, you may be thinking, "It is wrong to kill in cold blood a man of God, a spiritual leader!" I would agree with you, killing an innocent priest, pastor, rabbi or sheik is unacceptable. However, Sheik Yassin was not an innocent clergyman who was unfairly murdered by the "occupying" force. Historically, his terrorist organization called Hamas was attributed with dozens of deaths that resulted from suicide bombings in Israel. Here is a rundown of his life's work:

- 1987: Sheik Yassin founds Hamas as the Islamic resistance against Israel.
- 1988: Hamas publishes its manifesto calling for Israel to be driven into the sea.
- 1989: Hamas militants kill Israelis in dozens of shooting attacks; Israel outlaws Hamas as a terrorist organization.
- April 6, 1994: First Hamas car bombing kills eight in Israeli city of Afula.
- April 13, 1994: First Hamas suicide bombing kills five in Israeli city of Hadera.
- Oct. 19, 1994: Hamas suicide bomber blows up Tel Aviv bus, killing 22 Israelis.
- Feb.-March 1996: 47 Israelis killed in three suicide attacks masterminded by Hamas.
- March 6, 2001: Hamas announced a new campaign of suicide bombings to welcome Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's new government.
- May 29, 2001: Israel declared a cease-fire with the Palestinians; Hamas responded by blowing up a car.
- June 1, 2001: Hamas suicide bomber blows up outside Tel Aviv disco, killing 21 Israelis including many teenagers.
- Aug. 9, 2001: Hamas suicide bomber blows up Jerusalem restaurant, killing 15 Israelis.
- March 27, 2002: Hamas bomber blows up Netanya hotel, killing 29 Israelis celebrating the Jewish holiday of Passover.
- Dec. 4, 2001: Hamas proved that it still has the power to prevent negotiations for peace by sending a wave of suicide bombers into Israel, which culminated in a double bombing on a crowded Jerusalem street that left at least 10 Israeli civilians dead.
- June 13, 2003: Hamas released a press statement calling on: "all military cells to act immediately and act like an earthquake to blow up the Zionist entity and tear it to pieces."
- Aug.-Sept. 2003: 39 Israeli civilians killed in three Hamas suicide bombings.

So why are thousands of Palestinians flooding the streets of Arab countries and protesting his death? The only message I see in this is that many of them support Hamas' terrorist activities. It was the same people who celebrated in the streets after Sept. 11. As long as this happens, Israel must continue to rid the Palestinians of terrorists like Yassin who aim to murder vulnerable innocent civilians.



Yassin was not very passive for a spiritual leader, as indicated by his (heavily) armed escort.

## The Best Party on Campus



College Republicans from UCSD, SDSU, CSU San Marcos and Redlands protest a John Kerry fundraiser in La Jolla. Judging by the police presence, apparently Ted Kennedy was also in the area. As the donors left, it was great to see that so many 70-year-old Democrats are so articulate with their middle fingers -- I think we ruined their day!



Editors from Berkeley's Cal Patriot enjoy some margaritas at UCLA with one lucky California Review editor

## Not with Our Fees

### The California College Republicans write an open letter to UC President

Dear President Dynes,

Recent lobbying efforts by the UCFreeSpeech organization have prompted us to send this urgent letter.

During the recall election, student government funds and resources were used in a coordinated effort to lobby against Proposition 54. The University of California correctly took immediate action to propose changes to the UC Policy and Procedures to stop future efforts of this nature. These changes include text that prohibits the student governments from using student fees to support or oppose non-University candidates or propositions.

We STRONGLY support your proposed changes, unlike UCFreeSpeech. We believe it is unfair to allow our fees (which should be used to enrich our lives) to fund political campaigns. Just as tax dollars cannot be used to fund political campaigns, our student fees should also be barred from funding political campaigns.

This is not an issue of free speech. Our student government officials in conjunction with other students may, on their own, form private organizations to fund their political ambitions. However, the idea that they can force all students to fund their personal ideologies is unconscionable. If you ultimately decide to allow the student governments to fund political campaigns, then you should also make the student fees voluntary.

We represent the California College Republicans (CCR). All five of us constitute the only statewide elected representatives of the CCR. As an organization with over 6,000 members statewide, we ask you to stay the fair course you have outlined for the University of California

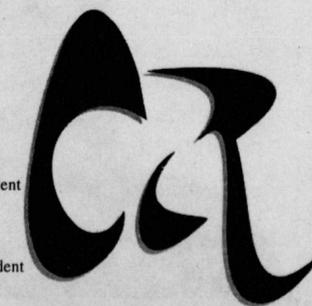
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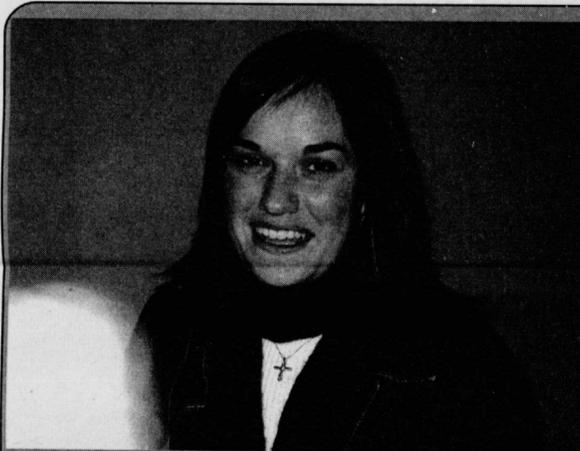
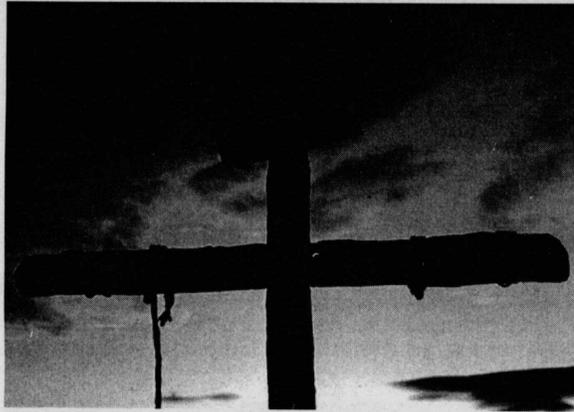


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## Entertainment

### "The Passion" a Smash Hit Across the Country Mel Gibson's work inspires faith & dialogue in United States

Mel Gibson's "The Passion of The Christ" swept into theaters on Ash Wednesday and brought sold out shows and long lines for tickets. The *California Review* recently caught up with a couple of Passion moviegoers.



*"Very gory, but it pulls on your heartstring, I guess; it tells the story very well."*

Michelle Black, Freshman, Sixth College

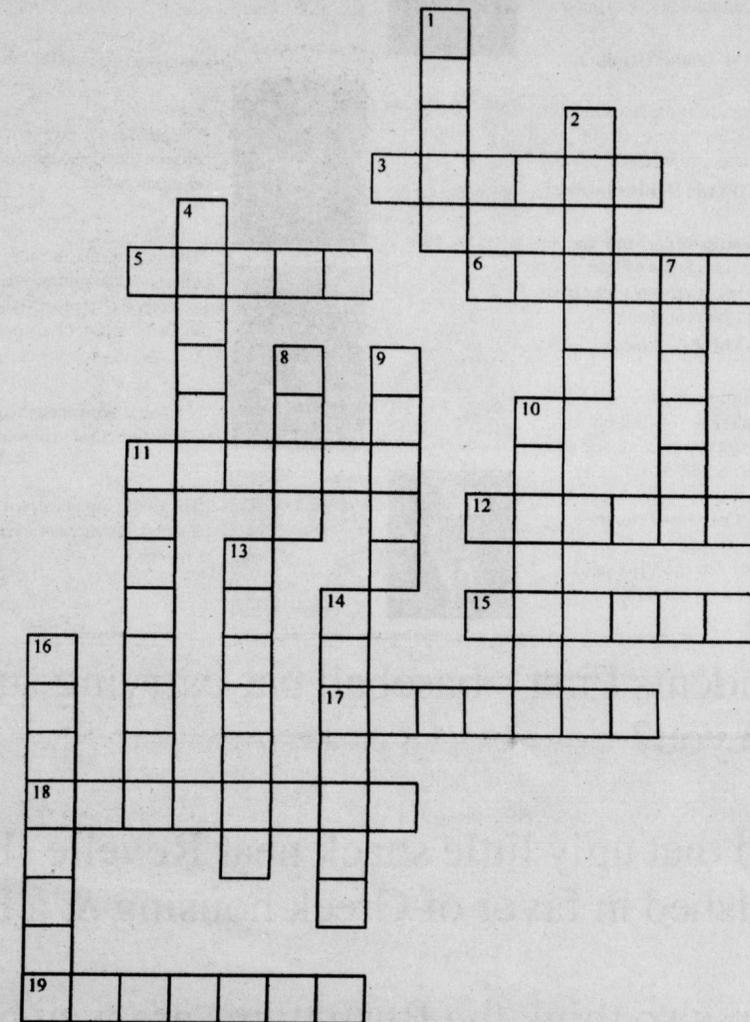


*"It seemed pretty accurate, but I'm not quite sure. See it with an open mind, I guess."*

Althea Jakosalem, Senior, Marshall College

## The CR Crossword Puzzle

Compiled by Jessica Tarman, Managing Editor



### ACROSS

- 3 Fresno man who killed 9 family members
- 5 Democrat presidential candidate
- 6 Venue of 2004 Olympics
- 11 Lakers star accused of rape
- 12 French lawyer who will defend Saddam
- 15 Hamas founder
- 17 President accused of pounding sand in Afghanistan
- 18 New Hamas leader
- 19 Government that protects al-Qaeda

### DOWN

- 1 Breast-bearing Jackson
- 2 American Idol judge who accidentally flipped the bird
- 4 Clinton administration National Security Affairs Assistant
- 7 Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator
- 8 Former Democrat presidential candidate
- 9 Substance found in Kerry's forehead
- 10 Home decor queen found guilty of obstruction of justice
- 11 Mastermind of September 11
- 13 Captured in a spider hole
- 14 King of Pop indicted for child molestation
- 16 Former Secretary of State

