

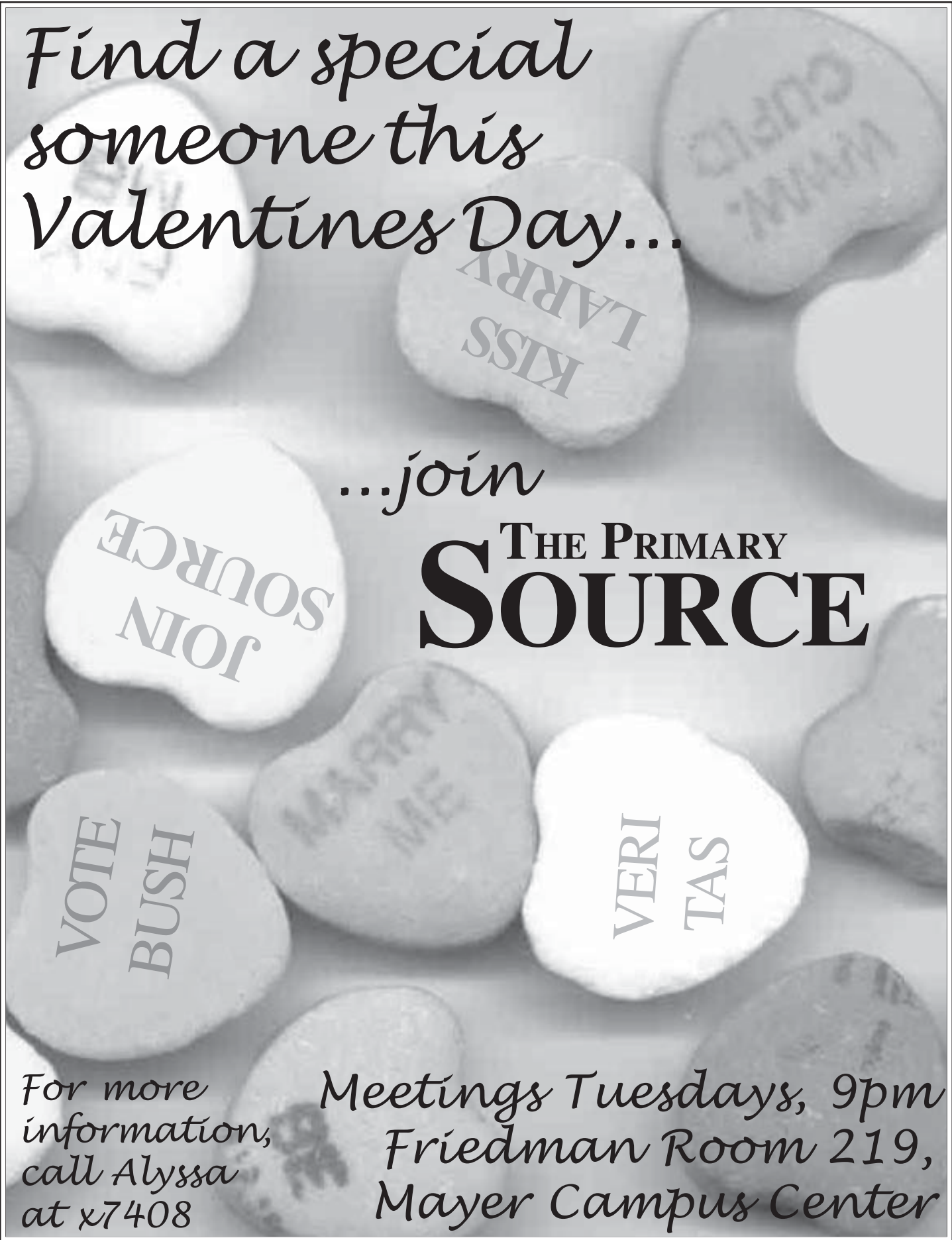
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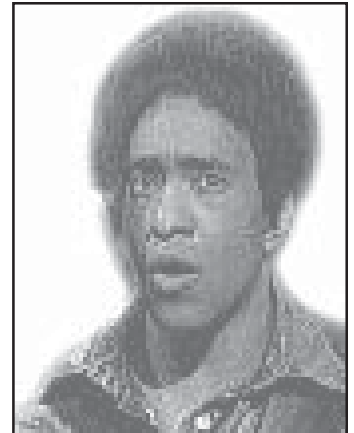
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That's Amoré?

In honor of Valentine's Day, THE PRIMARY SOURCE graciously provides advice to those less romantically savvy. It is, therefore, in the spirit of advice columnists everywhere that we present this guide for the clueless:

Common Tufts Romantic Delusions.

You'll get a lot of action in college. You know all those movies that highlight the sexual hijinks of college students? Well, they all have one thing in common—you're not in them! These movies provide excellent practice for the romantic exclusion you will feel in college, when seemingly everyone is getting it on but you. All is not lost, however—chances are, most other students feel similarly. If only you could all get together somehow! Which brings us to a famous Tufts social outlet...

You'll find your soul-mate at the Library. Why is everyone so well-dressed when they head to Tisch? No, it's not because they love to study. It's because they hope to find that special someone among the stacks. "Gee, is that a volume of Chaucer's works you're holding? What a coincidence!" Get real, people. The only thing you're likely to catch in the library is a few Z's due to the sleep-inducing quiet and comfy chairs.

Dating your TA will get you an "A." Even if they are English speakers, your TA's are not usually in the business of courting undergrads. Cleverly arranging a "study session" in your Carmichael double may seem like the solution to your academic dilemmas, but it is just as likely to end in a "C" for you, and a few choice words on your course evaluation form.

You can bag Natalie Portman by hanging out in Harvard Square. Sure, the Au Bon Pain date worked for Will Hunting, but that was a movie (see above). Chances are you will be mistaken for a street performer or a member of the "pit crew" if you spend too much time sitting at an outdoor table, nursing a mocha freeze, and waiting for Queen Amidala to emerge from the Yard.

High school relationships last through college. "I promise honey, I'll call every day!" With few exceptions, high-school relationships last but a few months, and then fizzle out in an anti-climactic manner when you start getting the eye from the cutie with a booty who lives down the hall (see "random hookup").

Don't kid yourself—'tis better to have loved and dumped than never to have loved at all.

Guys in college are much more mature than in high school. One look at Sig Ep's pledge class disproves this one. At least in high school, there were adults around to regulate the behavior of the fairer sex. College is a virtual bacchanal of Playstation, cheap beer, and *Monday Night Raw*. Walk into any all-male house on campus, ladies, and you put yourself in grave peril. These are the same guys you knew enough to keep away from in high school—don't let their smooth lines and designer jeans fool you. Fortunately for everyone, Tufts has done away with primal, all-male dorms—but this means that there are more women inconvenienced by unorthodox "hall-sports."

You can score with high-schoolers when you go home. The number-one delusion of the college freshman is that inexplicably, hometown hotties will all want to make your acquaintance when you return home after that first semester. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth. Besides, after a semester of mature college relationships (see "random hookup"), the ins and outs of high-school romance will look positively unappealing. Furthermore, while your college friends are "barely legal," your high school friends really are illegal.

Your random hookup might end in a serious relationship. "Looking for love in all the wrong places" got to be a cliché for a reason. It was probably coined after a nineteenth century teenager stumbled into a fraternity. "Forsooth! Many attractive ladies hath flocked to yon keg! One of them shall make a fair bride!" Needless to say, he ended up getting trashed and going home with a nineteenth-century skank. Anyone you meet while under the influence cannot possibly be as attractive or witty as you think they are, and few relationships begin with the line "I think I booted on your shoes." Save your romantic energies.

With this wellspring of advice, the SOURCE sends you on your way to pursue love on the Tufts campus. May you find good fortune (see "random hookup") this Valentine's Day!



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Keep Your Shirt On

Two female professors at the all-male Wabash College have taken offense to a T-shirt printed for a football game which students have subsequently worn to class. The shirt, which reads "At Wabash we don't need women... because we're doing just fine with DePauw's," makes reference to the fact that women from the nearby co-ed DePauw University frequently visit Wabash men. But professors Melissa Butler and Leslie Day call the shirt an attack against women that creates "a hostile environment to work in" and "a threat to my right to be in the classroom."

Courtesy of *The Wabash Commentary*

Let's Talk About Sex

Last semester, Cornell University hosted "Sex Week," featuring events such as a "hands-on workshop" with life-size replicas of the penis and vagina, Swedish sex and massage training, and an "Easter egg hunt" for flavored condoms. Asked the Cornell Review, "Is this what students are paying for... a middle aged Residence Hall Director to wave a giant plastic penis at them?"

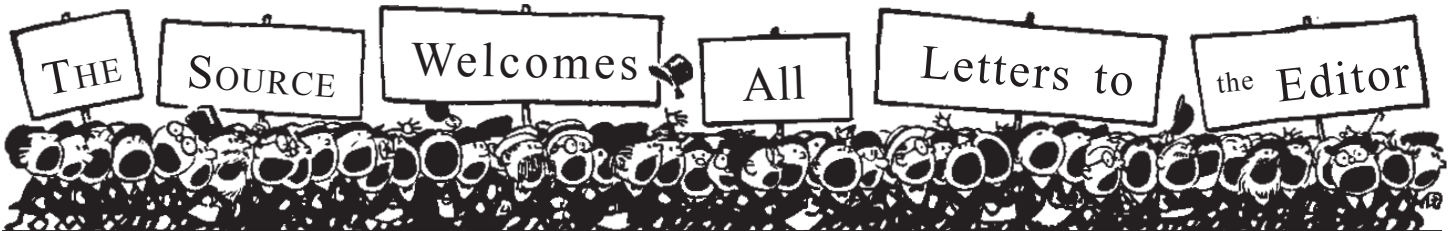
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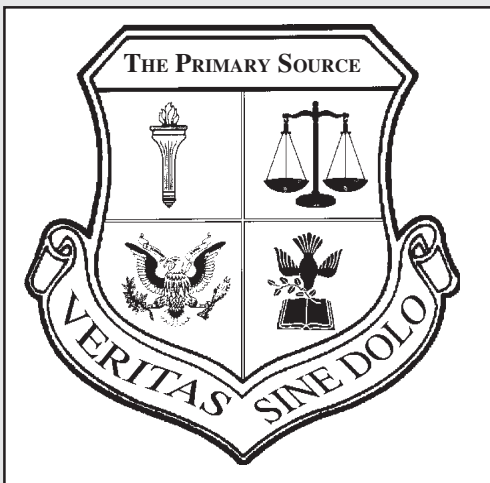
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Commentary

Just Say Dough

The Public Service Announcement (PSA) has long been characterized by the pseudo-effective and often comical thirty-second network spot designed to discourage such things as drug use, unsafe sex, and other such foibles of the American teenager. The six “major” networks (which include the rather minor WB and UPN) have long been required to air PSAs by the federal government. When it became clear that the networks were losing valuable commercial revenue while PSAs did little to help the government win the war against drugs and teen pregnancy, a mutually beneficial agreement was reached: networks could drop some of the thirty-second PSAs if similar didactic messages were inserted directly into network programming.

At first glance, this seems well enough. The networks are simply maximizing profit—something the PRIMARY SOURCE has certainly never been against—and if a fifteen-year-old is more likely to believe an anti-drug pitch during *Dawson’s Creek* as opposed to during its commercials, then perhaps it is within the show itself where the PSA should be placed...right? It is, however, the insidious, indoctrinating nature of these messages that make them so dangerous. Viewers have the right to know what of the show’s content amounts to little more than government propaganda—even “good” propaganda—and what of it was originally created by the program’s writers.

One must also wonder where the line will be drawn in regards to content. Would a Republican administration push pro-life messages on *Felicity*? Conversely, would Democratic leaders shoot for a pro-choice *Buffy*? Would states jump on this government bandwagon and start pushing lottery endorsements into the mouths of the cast of *Party of Five*? Clearly, no matter how one may feel on abortion, Lotto, or any number of other controversial issues, the government should not use Jennifer Love Hewitt and her ilk to foist opinions onto impressionable, unsuspecting teens. Granted, this has yet to occur—but as long as this policy of

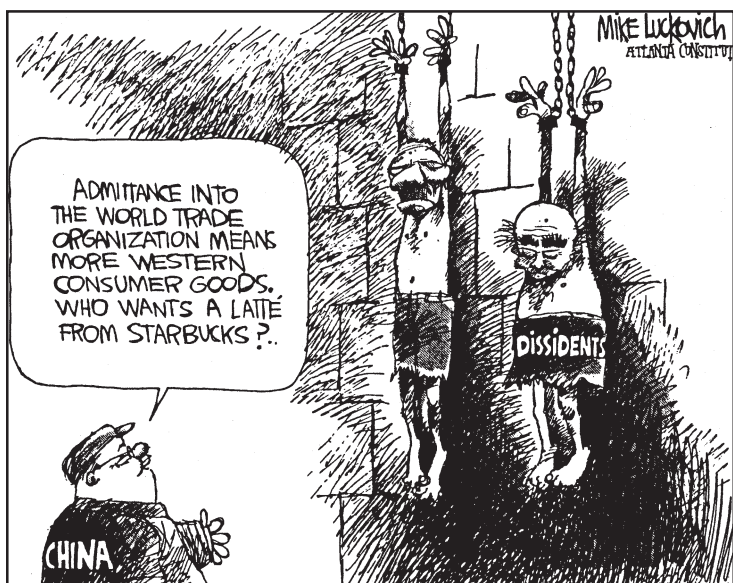
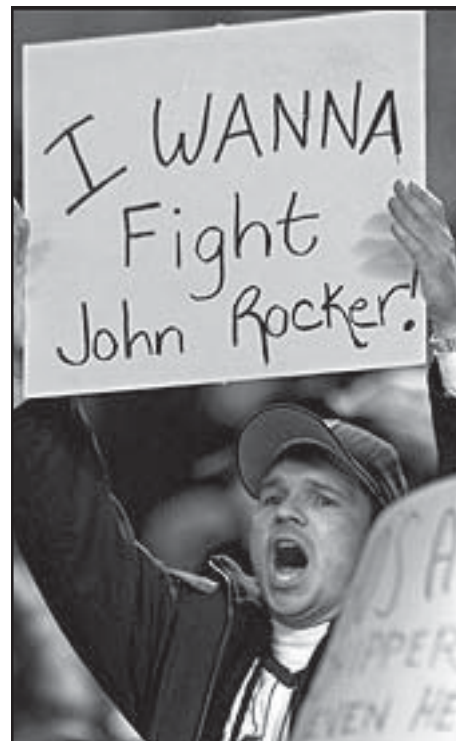
network bribery is in place, it very well could. If the government insists on public service messages, then let them take place out in the open. If, in doing so, they lose some effectiveness and cost network executives some of their year-end bonuses, so be it. The alternative is simply far too fraught with big-government peril.

Punk Rocker

Much has been said lately of Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker. In a recent *Sports Illustrated* interview, Rocker fired off racist remarks about every ethnic group in New York; indeed, in all of America. Obviously, Rocker was wrong. America is strengthened, not weakened, by its diverse population. If Rocker doesn’t understand this concept, he doesn’t understand America. Furthermore, he showed by his rash actions what is wrong with too many American “role models” today: an arrogance that they believe allows them to speak freely without thinking. In doing so, they send the wrong message to young children. Rocker claimed to have been treated so poorly by New Yorkers that his remarks were just “getting back at NYC.” This explanation is ludicrous and Rocker ought to be ashamed of himself. No scripted apology can begin to excuse his actions—only genuine remorse. At present, John Rocker is no role model. He is a coward who throws a baseball well.

But even though Rocker was wrong, he shouldn’t be censored and punished for speaking. Punishing people’s thoughts is never easy and rarely justified. Furthermore, baseball may be a sport steeped in tradition and history, but that history is not that of perfect men. Many legendary players, like Ty Cobb and Mickey Mantle, had fatal shortcomings. Baseball as an organization, moreover, did not even allow non-white players until well into this century. The history of baseball happens to be fraught with scandal, and John Rocker is just the latest example of a controversial, misguided, and confused baseball player.

The Atlanta Braves has always been a classy organization. In keeping with that reputation, Atlanta should trade Rocker to another team, perhaps one more agreeable with Rocker’s ethnic tastes. One thing, though, is certain: Rocker doesn’t deserve the opportunity to play for such a well-known and productive team. He ought to be in a smaller market more suitable to his ignorance.



Hillary And The Senate

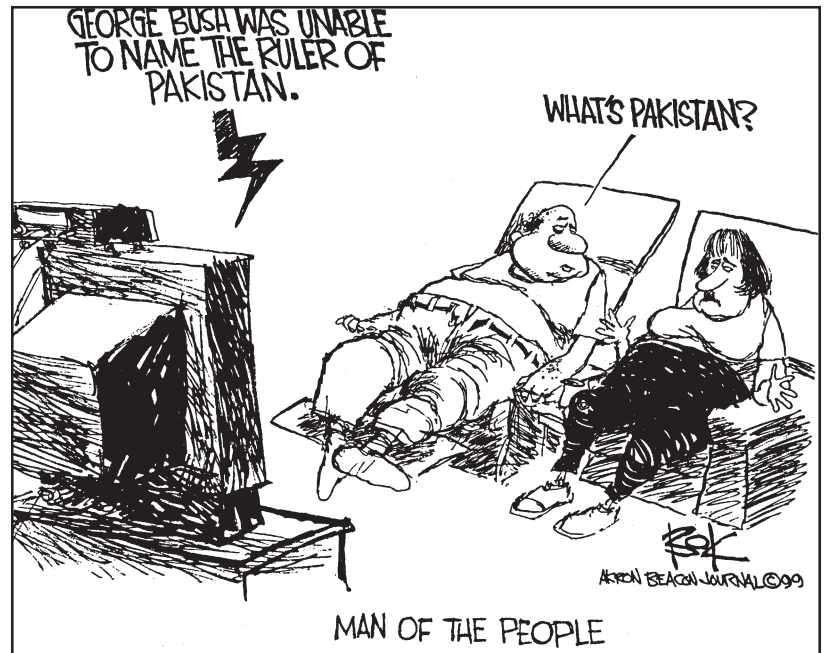
Perhaps New Yorkers have something against carpetbaggers moving into their state just in time to grab a Senate seat. Maybe they aren't wild about electing someone to the Senate whose crown political achievement is sleeping with the President (which she apparently wasn't very good at). Or maybe, as Hillary Rodham Clinton put it, it's because "I'm a woman taking those positions. And maybe some of it is people don't like my hair style."

Hillary continued: "It would be great if New York joined the rest of the country in electing a woman statewide." It is true that a woman has never been elected to a statewide office in New York, other than a lieutenant governor as part of a single ticket with a male governor. However, by suggesting that gender should be a factor when citizens choose their vote, she is emulating the actions of the very people she is criticizing. In the same breath, she both criticized New Yorkers for having let sex determine their votes in the past, and suggested that they do the same in the future.

The great irony behind Hillary's shameless pandering to the female vote is the fact that she has only advanced this far due to her husband. It is hard to imagine Hillary, a Midwesterner by birth who has never lived in New York, ever being considered as a candidate for the Senate had her husband not been the leader of the free world. She would have had to trudge her way up the political ladder like everyone else. With a little push by her powerful husband, however, whose infidelities turned into sympathy votes, she is attempting to make the jump directly from 10th grade class treasurer to the U.S. Senate. This "follow your man" attitude is hardly one that feminists promote. Neither is the joke about her hairstyle, which only serves to highlight the fact that she has spent the past 7 years as a hood ornament. Would Hillary be qualified for a spot on the Senate floor? Maybe, if she was there to visit her husband.

Beware The Enemy

The words that best describe the American public's foreign policy awareness at the moment are "blissfully uncaring." With the New Hampshire primary completed and American politics gearing up for a year of campaigns, fundraisers, and palm-pressing, the American public remains oblivious to the actions that the enemies of the United States are currently engaged in. The United States faces scores of threats in the year 2000 and in the foreseeable future, as countries like North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Sudan, and Syria are but a few of the states that have interests which conflict with ours.



As Tufts students prepare to follow the campaigns of Bush, Gore, McCain, and Bradley, it is important to remember that Slobodan Milosevic still retains power in Serbia, Saddam Hussein still has Iraq under his iron boot, and Kim Il Jong is still building up his arsenal of weapons while keeping North Korea sealed off from countries which might be able to help it.

So far during this presidential campaign, the Democratic side has focused on health care, and the Republican side has focused on tax cuts and campaign finance reform. These domestic issues are important, but it would behoove us to remember that the United States still flies sorties over Iraq, and that North Korea is still engaged in developing nuclear weapons and the ability to deliver them via ballistic missiles. At this point in time, the United States cannot afford to relax its vigilance with regards to our national security. Just because we are currently the world's only superpower does not necessarily mean that we are immune to foreign threats.

At this moment, Saddam Hussein is seeking a way to get the international community to lift the oil embargo against Iraq. When this happens, it is very likely that Hussein will begin to reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction. At the same time, the United States is engaging in a dialogue with North Korea that is reminiscent of Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Nazi Germany. The Clinton administration is under the deluded belief that Kim Il Jong is a man who listens to reason. The presidential election is less than a year away. If you are thinking of voting for a Democrat in November, keep in mind that Gore will probably follow the Clinton legacy, and that Bradley voted against the Gulf War. In the new millennium, we need a candidate who understands that the world is an unsafe place and that there are some countries which we can never turn our backs on. At this point in time, only the Republican candidates seem to understand this.

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS One of our favorite targets—um, professors—Armand Mickune-Santos, is teaching a course on men's issues this semester. Given that such a course will likely attract Tufts' manliest men, we present:

Top Ten Rejected Lecture Topics for the Ex College Course on Men's Issues:

10. Back Hair—to Shave or to Wax?
9. Tilton Girls are Barely Legal
8. Abercrombie vs. Gap—How Fruity are You?
7. A Helpful How-to Guide to Prostate Self-Exams
6. Sharing the Remote
5. Is She Mentally Undressing Me?
4. Men **Can** Pee Sitting Down
3. Yes, She Does Look Fat, but You Still Shouldn't Say So
2. Hair Extensions—Armand's Do's and Don'ts
1. The Joy of Zima

PS Over 12% of Mississippi public schoolchildren were paddled in 1997, more than in any other state in the nation. Top offenses that have resulted in spankings include spillin' teacher's beer, reading the Old Testament during study hall, and using the "Whites Only" water fountains.

PS An Oklahoma couple alleges that a teacher forced their fourth-grade son to clean a toilet with his hands after he clogged it with toilet paper. The parents wondered why the boy couldn't have just been given a few good whacks on the ass.

PS One proposed Vermont bill would outlaw all sexual contact between prison guards and inmates, thereby making all those women-in-prison movies completely implausible.

PS The South Dakota state Senate rejected a bill that would have allowed police to arrest anyone who flees on foot. State police will now be shooting fleeing criminals in order to make an arrest.

PS Alabama governor Siegelman hopes to introduce a bill requiring students to address teachers and school officials as "sir" or "ma'am." Current state regulations stipulate that students should call their teachers "Cletus," "Pa," or "Illiterate."

PS New Hampshire State Agriculture Commissioner Steve Taylor is petitioning the state Senate to legalize hemp so that state farmers can overcome the dwindling demand for hay. And get incredibly high.

PS The Immigration and Naturalization, faced with a shortage of Border Patrol agents, is now offering a \$2,000 bonus to each applicant. Furthermore, they get to keep their first catch.

PS A proposed California bill would require potential handgun buyers to demonstrate "basic proficiency" before buying a handgun. This way, only 11-year-olds with practiced aim and control will be able to purchase the weapons.

PS An 11-year-old boy who threw a carrot slice in a cafeteria has been charged with felonious assault with a dangerous weapon after the slice hit a teacher in the eye. The lunch lady who served the boy the carrots has been fined for not verifying that the boy had basic proficiency in carrot safety.

PS The Indiana state Senate has passed a bill that would stop individuals from suing the gun industry for crimes committed with guns. Among other industries to seek such protection are the lead pipe industry and the Carrot Farmers of America.

PS Residents of one San Mateo County housing project built on contaminated soil show an "abnormal" number of genetic defects, says one federal study. Scientists believe that the birth defects are most likely caused by the toxic waste discarded in the soil beneath the building. Or crack.

PS Top Ten Rejected Super Bowl Halftime Shows:

10. Jewel—reading poetry
9. A tender duet of "One in a Million" by John Rocker & Axl Rose
8. The Beelzebubs sneak on stage
7. Rosie O'Donnell's Tribute To Broadway and Ring Dings
6. Hank the Angry Drunken Dwarf sings "Ave Maria"
5. Martha Stewart Live: How to Make Your Own Onion Dip
4. John Madden Live: How to Eat It
3. Randy Moss' Interpretive Dance Tribute to Mumia Abu-Jamal
2. *Jodie's Body*
1. David Cone calls Atlanta spectators "fat monkeys"

PS A Wisconsin bill would establish a 40-year prison term for people who knowingly risk transmitting HIV through sexual contact. Gay rape is just so much more interesting when the guy next to you is in jail for giving other people HIV.

PS Seton Hall officials contacted a public relations firm within 24 hours of the tragic dormitory fire that killed three students in an attempt to rebuild its image. One suggestion: a large sign out front that reads "Welcome To Seton Hall, Where We Almost Never Have Tragic Dormitory Fires!"

PS The Amish in southwest Missouri are asking highway officials to fix the traffic problems caused by their traveling in buggies, which typically go about 10 mph. Officials have suggested that the Amish get some damn cars.

PS Encouraging state employees to take naps at work would increase productivity, said one Hawaii state senator. Furthermore, milk and cookies after lunch will keep workers from getting cranky and encourage them to share their toys during playtime.

PS Massachusetts' ban on outdoor tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of schools does not violate the tobacco industry's free speech rights, says U.S. District Judge William Young. Massachusetts' next humanitarian project is to keep outdoor GAP advertisements 1,000 feet away from human beings.

PS A Kentucky high school freshman has been charged with e-mailing a bomb threat to his principal. The bomb itself was found in time—good thing they checked the horse.

PS Orrin Hatch removed himself from the list of Republicans running for President. The Mormon senator dropped out after receiving just one percent of the vote—and those were his wives.

PS Global positioning systems are now being used to track the movements of endangered species like the red-cockaded woodpecker and Alan Keyes.

PS The University of Michigan chapter of AEPi was suspended after a freshman pledge was shot with a BB gun. If only he'd agreed to swipe those newspapers.

PS A New Jersey man has been sentenced to four days of community service after punching a police horse in the nose. In his own defense, the man said, "I thought it was my wife."

PS Kent State University lecturer Ludvik Janos blew his top and started throwing erasers around the classroom when his students had trouble grasping a math concept. Said the apoplectic prof, "What the hell are these kids whining about? Thirty years ago, the National Guard would have shot 'em!"

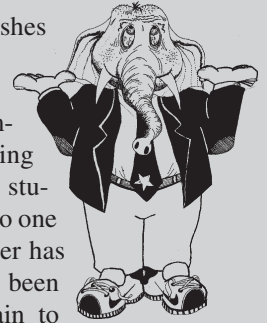
PS One proposed Arizona bill would require teachers to make note of the evidence refuting the theory of evolution when teaching. Evolution proponents are quick to point out that "'cuz the Good Book says so" isn't actually evidence *per se*.

PS Customers at one Minnesota McDonald's received bloody French fries from an employee that had just cut himself. "That's nothing," said the injured employee. "You should see what I got on their Big Macs."

PS Scientists recently cloned a rhesus monkey, the most advanced animal to be genetically duplicated thus far. Geneticists said that human cloning is a possibility, but first they must duplicate the next animals on the evolutionary ladder, the bullpen of the Atlanta Braves.

PS Late night talk show host David Letterman spent a week in the hospital recovering from quintuple bypass surgery to remove cholesterol from his nearly clogged arteries. After the operation, fellow late-nighter Jay Leno sent Letterman a get-well card, a bacon cheeseburger, and some gravy fries.

☞ First and foremost, the **ELEPHANT** wishes everyone a Happy New Millennium, whenever it actually starts... and to Tufts' Jews, Happy **Y5K**... Tufts computer czars disable **Napster**, a file sharing "community," after hundreds of Tufts students turn the university's network into one gigantic MP3 server. Now that Napster has been blocked and network traffic has been lowered, students are free once again to download MP3s from the Web... The holiday wishes of online advice dispenser **Nicole Apostola**: "I just hope the **PRIMARY SOURCE** goes on offending everyone and everything, myself included." Darn. There goes our New Year's resolution to be **sensitive and politically correct**.



☞ Okay, so a Jew, an Italian, and the Pope are in a canoe...

☞ Once again, the **Ex College** asks the tough questions. A course on Radio Art says "Think of yourself as a radio. What would you sound like?" If you tuned yourself to **TUPD** frequency, probably "CHOMP CHOMP. Hey, you know what goes great with doughnuts? Beer! Let's crash a party on P-row..." A course on Men's Issues asks, "What does it take to get men to study men's issues?" Rather than spend three hours a week with **Armand Mikune-Santos** to get the answer, the **SOURCE** suggests you grab a cold one, put your hand on your groin and watch **WWF Monday Night Raw**... Furthermore, Ex Collegians can take a class called "Children and Violence." The final project will be a trip to Somerville Middle School to observe real school shootings.

☞ Dateline, Campus Center: senators Randy Wells and Emily Jerez **desert the sinking ship**; remaining senators redouble their efforts to waste our time, blow our money, and try our patience... Says free-speech crusader **Jesse Alderman**, "The Braves should not censure Rocker for speaking but should castigate him for the repercussions of his choice to speak." We won't censure Alderman for speaking, but we will castigate him for skipping **English 1**... In the second **Rocker Observer** editorial, separate-but-equal **Dan Hymowitz** says "Unlike many Tufts students, Rocker actually interacts with Latino and African American people on most days." What are you talking about, Hymo? Just last night we walked past those two tables in Dewick... **Starbucks** opens in Davis Square as fans of the Someday and Diesel Cafés fear that the chain will put their hangouts out of business through sneaky underhanded tactics such as **better coffee** and lower prices... Cyber-deity Brian Finkelstein hosts free online auctions on Jumbo hub Brian's Rumors Daily. While no supermodel ova are available yet, **Will Kinlaw's sperm** opened for five dollars.

☞ **THE ELEPHANT** never forgets.

*Should Elían Gonzalez be granted U.S. citizenship
or doomed to a life of oppression?*

Home Free

by Craig S. Waldman

America has always been a beacon to those who yearn for freedom. Our nation's proud heritage is one of fighting for liberty throughout the world. The founding fathers risked their lives to make America free. In World War II, American troops invaded Europe with the hope of restoring freedom. America has always protected and always will protect those inalienable rights upon which it was founded. Our message to the world, furthermore, must be that the United States is the land of the free. The day America stops protecting basic freedom is the same day it concedes that this great experiment in democracy, hope, and liberty has failed. Could any politician in this country really live with himself if Elían Gonzalez was sent back to a life of poverty and oppression? A life where people live in constant fear? A life with no hope? In this country, the answer ought to be an unequivocal "no."

Undoubtedly, there is a strong case to be made for the bond of family, especially in a case involving such a young boy. Elían lost his mother on the dangerous voyage from the shores of Cuba to those of Florida, and the magnitude of such a tragedy for Elían cannot be expressed in words. There is little doubt, moreover, that under most conditions, America would do anything in its power to keep the nuclear family intact; after all, the central element of American society is the family. But in some cases, such as this one, there are other issues that must be taken into account.

Elían's father remains in Cuba under an oppressive communist regime, which leads to a problem central to this debate: Elían's father cannot speak freely. He is told when, how, and what to say by the Castro regime. His opinions cannot be evaluated fairly until the Cuban government allows him and his entire family to make the trip to America.

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When this happens, we can be sure that we are getting an honest statement from Elían's father. At such a time, the father would be free to make his case to the American people, courts, and congress. In all likelihood, though, this will never happen. Castro is afraid of what the father might say if he ever reaches freedom. Like all communist dictators, Castro has always been reticent to let his people see the various vicissitudes of democracy—be they Disneyland or a free demonstration. Castro must wonder what Elían's father might say after seeing all that America has to offer. What might he say without a gun at his family's backs? And above all, Castro knows that there is a reason that Cuba needs walls to keep people in, while free countries, like America, need walls to keep people out.

Even if the father actually does want Elían to come back to Cuba, there are other considerations that must be made. There should be no doubt that Cuba is an oppressive country with a dictator who is nothing short of brutal. Cuba is the most repressive government in the Western hemisphere, if not the world. For example, all Cuban schoolchildren are "judged" before they go on to higher education—if they are not deemed "reliable enough" politically, they simply cannot continue. Those Cubans who are caught in the waters off shore by the Cuban Coast Guard are killed. Cuban people can be arrested on the spot for almost anything—even owning a fax machine. And if the Soviet Union had won the Cold War, Castro would be sitting in New York's Central Park right now watching Americans who are not "reliable enough" being hanged. Castro has brutally murdered his enemies, condemned Cubans to a life of poverty, and until the Pope's visit removed his people's right to religious worship. Castro is on par with the most barbarous rulers of the past 500 years. And after many promises of free elections and human rights concessions, Cuba remains the same: an oppressive dictatorship whose citi-

zens have little hope. To send Elían back to Cuba would be condemning him to a life of poverty and hopelessness. Is this really what America (or Elían's father, for that matter) wants to do?

So what is to be done? Simply put, Elían cannot be sent back to Cuba under the current conditions. Every person who comes to America has the right to apply for asylum. The Administration, through the INS, has attempted to short-circuit this process. The reasoning that the INS is using to send Elían back, moreover, is flawed and the Clinton administration has acted out of line with typical American policy throughout this incident. The INS claims that reuniting families has always been U.S. Immigration policy. This may be true, but it has always meant reuniting them in free, not repressive countries. As the *Weekly Standard* points out, there is legal precedent for keeping Elían in the United States. The case *In re B.G. Vlasta Z. v. San Bernardino County* found that the mother of two Czech children, taken out of Prague by their father (who died of cancer shortly after arriving in the United States) was a fit mother, but ordered that the children remain in the U.S. because of the inhumanity of the Prague regime.

At the very least, Elían Gonzalez is entitled to his day in court. And if the boy's father cannot make the 90-mile trip to America without strings holding him back, Cuba—not America—is preventing the reunion of a family. This issue is certainly complicated, but the answer should be clear: America does not sentence innocent people to a life of repression. □



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The Tufts Ladies' Man



Good evening and welcome to The Tufts Ladies' Man, the TUTV show with all the right responses to your romantic queries. I'm Leon Phelps, sophomore, Sagittarius. How y'all doing tonight?

That's good. I'm doing fine; I've got my bottle of courvosier here... well, now let's get to the phones. Hello, this is the Ladies' Man.

Hi Leon... Say, my man... I was just wondering, why do people hand out condoms in the lobbies of the cafeterias? Here at Tufts, isn't that kind of like handing out galoshes in the desert?

Yeah, now... I'm gonna have to think about that, cuz I got no idea what you're talking about. The Ladies Man has never had a problem with fine Tufts ladies, especially with the aid of his alligator skin vest and a few splashes of Cool Water cologne to a few of my more "sensitive" areas. Just ask all the freshman honeys who want to take a ride on my safety shuttle of love. So, my advice would be, uh... what was your question?

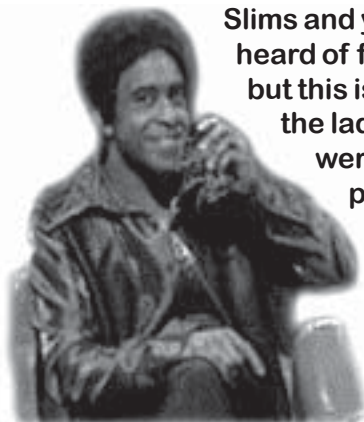


Ummm, nothing (snif). Goodbye.

Yeah, seems like we got another satisfied customer. Alright, we doin' it! Next caller!

How you doing, Ladies' Man? My problem is that, well... I just wanna know why a nice guy like me can't find a girl here at Tufts. I would be willing to treat my lady like a queen. But the ladies here seem so afraid of relationships and old-fashioned dating. Isn't there anyone here who's not just looking for a random hook-up?

Yeah, uh... damn... you're a loser. You couldn't get with any ladies if they were all Virginia Slims and you were the only lighter on campus. 'Cause you a woman-hater, boy! Ain't you heard of feminism? Now, granted, the Ladies' Man does not know much about feminism, but this is what he understands. It all started back in that great decade, the 70's, when the ladies decided to get out of the kitchen and get into the bedroom. Yeah, they were looking to have mature, responsible, and psychologically fulfilling sex with a partner for whom they have a deep and genuine emotional attachment. But luckily, they got over that. That's what the Ladies' Man calls progress, son. You've come a long way, baby!



That's not feminism! I'm a Women's Studies Major and a Man Against Violence and (CLICK)

Yeah. Let's go to the next caller.

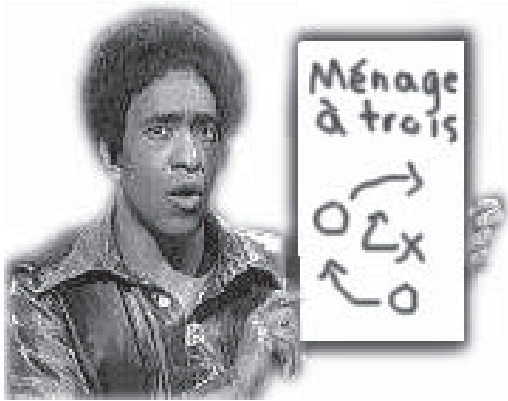
Hello... Ladies' Man?

Ooh... a lady!

Yes... my life partner and I were looking to enhance our... repertoire, and were wondering if you had any techniques for ladies living an alternative lifestyle.

Alternative? I think I know what you mean... may I recommend the butt?

Excuse me? No, I think you've got the wrong idea. My partner...



Yes.

...is a woman.

Oh, a ménage à trois. The Ladies' Man is quite familiar...

No, no... just two of us. Two women.

Yeah, well, how fair is that to your boyfriend?

(CLICK)

Wha... I think we lost the connection. Damn, 'cause that one was getting good. Well, next caller.

Uh, hello... L...L... Ladies' Man? Yeah, um, well, I'm a Tufts guy, and...oh geez... um, how do I say this... not particularly well-endowed. But you know, I once heard that girth was more important than length. Right?

Yeah, I've heard of this before. You're suffering from a medical condition known as "a small wang." Unfortunately, there is no cure for this condition. I myself am fortunate enough that... well, let's just say that if it wasn't for an intricate system of levers and pulleys, I would be tripping over myself all the way to class. So, uh, yeah. I'm glad I'm not you, dinky-dink.

Um, so do you have any advice?

Yeah. Um, don't call me anymore. Next caller.

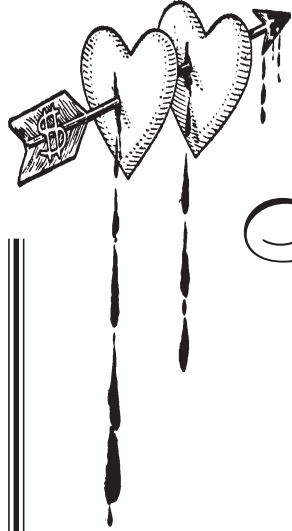
Hey, Ladies' Man. How you doin'?

I'm still doin' it. Just chillin'.

Okay, well, here's my problem. I had a random hook-up a few days ago, and now I'm having some strange discharge from-

-Uh, you can stop right there, because that's just disgusting. Besides, we're about out of time, so until next time, this is the Ladies' Man saying Happy Valentine's Day and see you next week!





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*Modernization is a critical concern
for America's aging military technology.*

A Force to Be Reckoned With

by Jonathan Perle

There is an ongoing debate in Washington about the future of the United States military forces. With the end of the Cold War came a cutback in defense spending as a complacent America no longer saw the need for a large defense budget. Slowly, Americans are starting to realize that the end of the Cold War did not necessarily mean the end of the foreign threats to the United States. On the contrary, today the U.S. faces an increasing number of threats, and while none of them are as large as the brobdingnagian forces of the Soviet Union, many of the threats have a greater chance of producing a conflict than those of the Soviet Union ever did.

While the rest of the country is awakening from its millennial slumber, the defense community is already in the midst of planning for the new century's defense. The debate in Washington is now centered upon how best to expand American security in the 21st century, given the size of the budget and the increasing number of threats. From the F-22 fighter plane, to bullets that explode at a pre-programmed distance, to planes that are flown remotely, the research teams of the armed forces and the Defense Department are working to build a military that will remain superior to that of any on Earth.

Since 1991, the strength of the American military forces has deteriorated rapidly. We are unprepared to fight in another Gulf War, much less the two Gulf-sized wars

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prescribed by our military doctrine. Our military is now an aging force that counts among its inventory B-52 bombers and F-14 Tomcats as the workhorses of our bomber and fighter fleets. Such aged equipment will

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not be able to sustain the United States' military much longer. Furthermore, all the armed forces with the exception of the Marines are having recruitment difficulties. So where does that leave the United States, and how do we restructure our force to provide an adequate defense for the 21st century?

The answer is through modernization and investment in advanced weaponry. A good rule of thumb in military conflicts is that the side with the technological advantage will win. This will become even more true in the 21st century. The time of large units of ground troops and tanks is over; the battleship has seen its day—as have the massive bomber sorties. In the Gulf War, a fleet of 1600 aircraft were used to bomb Iraq. Thirty-five B2 stealth bombers could have done the same job. In World War II, for every bomb that hit its target, 400 missed. Today, a smart weapon launched from a B2 bomber hits its target virtually every single time.

As painful as it may be, the number of military personnel needs to be drastically reduced. While a

fighter plane or a bomber is expensive to maintain and fly, the salaries of military personnel over the years take up a huge percentage of the defense budget. With the changing paradigm in military strategies, a large ground force no longer delivers the best value for the taxpayers' money. Instead, the best value is obtained through investment in technology and resources ranging from battlefield systems to information warfare systems that can neutralize the enemy from as large a distance as possible.

While many defense experts will say that more recruiting, better-paid soldiers, and more training are the key to a successful military, it is the technological developments that will make America a force to be reckoned with in the next century. China and India both have populations far larger than those of the United States. While our training and the quality of our military personnel have made them superior to other military's throughout the world, it is the United States' technological advantages that have created our overwhelming military superiority.

As we move into the next century, the modernization of American forces will be the crucial factor in determining America's military strength. While there are certainly programs that are redundant and resource-depleting (such as the Joint Strike Fighter), and new personnel must be recruited, the modernization of our forces and the development of advanced technologies (such as stealth) will be the most important steps the Defense Department can take to assure our continuing security. □



Will the Right's traditional enemies of gay rights accept Vermont's marriage compromise?

All's Unfair in Love and Politics

by Joshua Martino

Last December, the Supreme Court of Vermont decided that homosexual couples are entitled to the same rights as a heterosexual husband and wife, igniting what might be the most controversial social debate of the new millennium. Politically, the ruling provided many neo-conservatives and libertarians with the perfect opportunity to publicly support homosexuals in their quest for individual rights and public entitlements.

Right-wing reaction to the Vermont decision was swift and severe. Within days of the decision, every Republican presidential candidate voiced his disapproval of "gay marriage." Former Reagan aide Gary Bauer, who finished fourth in last week's Iowa primary, called the High Court's decision "worse than terrorism." GOP front-runner George W. Bush used the opportunity to re-affirm his belief that "marriage is between a man and a woman."

Bush forgot that the Vermont ruling did not repudiate his views about marriage. The court shrewdly avoided any mention of recognizing gay marriages. Instead, the ruling stated that homosexual couples are entitled to the same benefits and protections as wedded heterosexual couples. These benefits include access to medical and life insurance, inheritance, and hospital visitations. The judgment did not le-

galize any new form of civil wedlock; it only urged the state legislature to create a special "domestic partnership" status to make these benefits legally accessible to same-sex couples.

The opposition from the Right as well as other voices that called the decision the end of traditional matrimony are especially frustrating to gay rights activists. They undoubtedly consider this situation a contemporary parallel to that which followed Hawaii's gay marriage decision in

1993. In that case, the state's Supreme Court decided that limiting marriage to heterosexual couples constituted discrimination and was therefore in violation of the Constitution. Though gay marriage was never legalized, opponents of the decision convinced Hawaiians that same-sex couples who wished to be married would flock to their state. Anti-gay-marriage supporters petitioned the state to add a proposition to the ballot at the next general election that would annul the court's ruling.

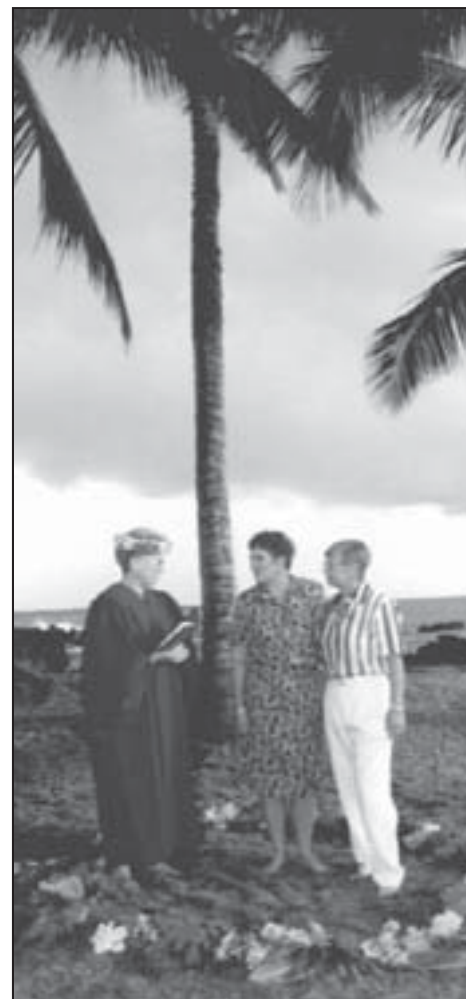
Organized opposition to same-sex marriage did not end with the repeal of the Hawaii court decision. In 1996, Republicans introduced the Defense of Marriage Act to the Senate. This act created a federal definition of marriage as a partnership of a man and a woman and also would grant individual states the power to decline recognition of nontraditional marriages legalized in other states. After a landslide vic-

tory in Congress, President Clinton signed the bill, a stab in the back to the large Democratic constituency that favored gay rights.

Four years later, Vermont's less progressive approach to homosexual partnership is treated with similar disgust. Ironically, the Right's efforts to prevent the recognition of gay marriage have defied conservative common sense. Despite denouncing "big government," the Republican Party continues to support federal intrusion into personal matters and state affairs through its Defense of Marriage Act. Libertarians and more moderate conservatives see this as the abandonment of right-wing doctrine.

Consider, for example, the speeches of politicians such as Mr. Bauer, whose thoroughly unsophisticated opinion of the Vermont ruling exposes him not as a statesman, but as

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*How do you define a marriage?
Just ask the American people.*

A More Perfect Union?

by James Lubin

The Vermont Supreme Court's recent ruling that homosexual couples are entitled to the same benefits as heterosexual couples was cheered by gay rights organizations and liberal activists. But for many citizens of the state—and indeed, the nation—the decision raised concerns over the protection of traditional values and the integrity of the American judicial system. Always a politically volatile issue, the public's tolerance of same-sex marriages has been tested recently with legislative initiatives as well as constitutional challenges in the courts. Although the Vermont court's decision may open the door for further redefinition of homosexual rights, the matter is far from settled in the hearts and minds of the American people. And for many, the battle to preserve an institution they hold dear is only beginning.

At the core of this debate is the definition of marriage itself. Until only recently, our society has taken the nature of this legal relationship for granted. However, agitation from gay rights groups over the last decade has forced legislators and their constituents to reassess one of the most sacred traditions in our culture. Proponents of same-sex marriage argue that the bond between a homosexual couple is virtually identical to that between a man and a woman—and thus conclude it should be protected equally under the law. However, this view ignores the

fundamental reality that the sexual relationship shared by a male and female is unique in its facilitation of reproductive functioning. From a physical perspective, this bond is the *only* one that can produce a child and lead to the development of a family in a natural manner. Many see this unique and significant communion

as not merely a function or whim of the physical self, but an integration of two people that has deep spiritual significance. For this reason, our society (and many others like it), has chosen to revere marriage between a man and a woman as a holy institution.

There are, of course, legal implications to the defense of traditional marriage as well. The Supreme Court has said that marriage is “the foundation of the family and of society, without which there would be neither civilization nor progress.” In keeping with this philosophy,

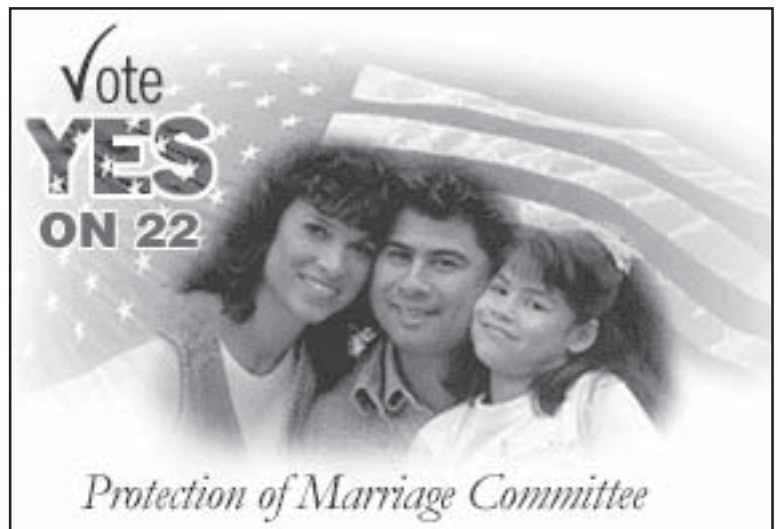
U.S. law has chosen to reward married couples with a wide array of benefits. Advocates of same-sex marriage overlook this crucial point in their misguided arguments for recognition. Though it

has certainly seen changes over the last few decades, the family unit remains the cornerstone of American society. Despite some claims to the contrary, it seems hard to believe that the parenting of a mother and father can be replaced with that of same-sex partners. By giving homosexual unions the same preferences we give to the pairing of husband and wife, we are in danger of belittling the importance of the family in our culture. There are no laws that prevent gays from having close relationships or even raising a family. However, the unique set of privileges we attach to the convention of marriage is crucial because it recognizes the integral importance of the male/female union in maintaining the backbone of our society.

Even socially liberal thinkers would agree that there is another troubling component to the Vermont decision; the gradual undermining of the American democratic process through “judicial activism.” Proponents of gay marriage initially sought to legitimize their cause through legislative means. When courts in the liberal yet remote states of Hawaii and Alaska ruled that homosexuals may have the right to marry, voters were presented with a difficult choice. In November of 1998, citizens of both states overwhelmingly decided to protect traditional marriage. By a more than 2-to-1 margin, Hawai-

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ians opted to recognize the male/female bond as the only sacred union; Alaskans wrote a gay-marriage ban into their constitutions by the same percentage. In the months since these decisions, Congress and 30 states have passed "defense of marriage" laws that restrict legal benefits and privileges to traditional heterosexual unions. Unable to convince legislators and voters of their case, same-sex marriage proponents turned to the courts in a liberal state in an attempt to attain recognition via judicial fiat. The Vermont ruling, while stopping short of granting gays the right to marry, marks a dangerous step towards negating the value of public opinion. If proponents of homosexual marriage wish to receive the same benefits as traditionally married couples, they should attempt to promote change by convincing the American people of their cause—not by capitalizing on judicial loopholes. Circuit

judges are *appointed*, not elected, and it is their job to interpret our laws responsibly. The Vermont case indicates that the balance of power in our government is tipping precariously.

Despite the American people's evident opposition to same-sex marriage, gay activist groups are predictably making it difficult for anyone to speak out against their cause. Opposition to their efforts in the Vermont case was dismissed by homosexual groups as proof of "majoritarian discomfort, prejudice, and unexamined assumptions of superiority/inferiority." However, given Vermont's generally liberal leadership and staunch efforts towards defending minority rights, these claims seem absolutely unfounded and ridiculous. In fact, this tactic of labeling opposing views as somehow less worthy or "homophobic" takes a page virtually right out of the Stalinist Russian play-book. But the argument that defense of traditional marriage is somehow a culturally-induced stereotype simply does not hold water.

Clearly, there *are* differences between heterosexual and homosexual unions—one need only take a high school biology course for proof. The privileges extended to couples who seek a traditional marriage are doled out in recognition of these dissimilarities. This does not mean that bonds of affinity—be they homosexual or other—are of no value. Indeed, the idea of so-called "domestic partnerships" recognizes that two people who are in love and reside together have a right to such an arrangement. There is much alteration, however, that would need to take place, both in social attitudes, and in dynamics within the homosexual community before recognition of same-sex unions would be a legal possibility. The message of same-sex marriage is one that must be embraced by a majority of citizens before any real legislative change can be enacted. But, with both sides firmly entrenched, it is inevitable that the public debate will continue until a conclusive ruling is made by the Supreme Court. □

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a demagogue on a religious crusade. Leaders like Bauer have poisoned conservative thought by turning political causes into witch-hunts and party stances into lofty moral dogma. These politicians are right in denoting the crumbling foundations of marriages in America. While religious conservatives like Bauer clamor about the moral implications of homosexuality, they ignore the real problems facing the institution of marriage: weak divorce laws, poor education, and the general decline of modesty in sexual relations. Indeed the conservatives of the future will view the pious firebrands blocking the wedding aisle to homosexuals as dimly as modern politicians view George Wallace, who blocked the doors of the University of Alabama to African-Americans in 1963.

Of course, the crux of the anti-gay marriage position is religion's condemnation of homosexuality. Yet, if we allow Biblical objections to a particular lifestyle to sway the law of the land, we are violating the Establish-

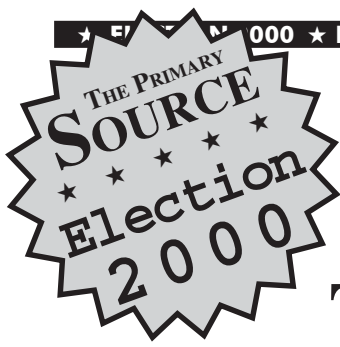
ment Clause of the First Amendment. Thus, the pious appeals of anti-gay politicians are nothing more than political sophistry.

The Americans who believe homosexual and heterosexual marriages to be equivalent institutions remain a minority. Few are willing to extensively redefine society's most fundamental and precious contract. This is precisely why conservatives ought to praise the Vermont ruling. Fundamentally, this case did not pass judgment upon the moral implications of homosexuality. The justices made their ruling to illuminate injustice and censure inequality.

The non-matrimonial "domestic partnership" system proposed by the High Court is the most just way to ensure fair treatment of homosexual couples without disrupting traditional marriage. Access to medical care, inheritance of a partner's estate, and insurance coverage are benefits that homosexuals deserve no less than heterosexuals. In addition, medical studies have proven that legally cohabited couples are healthier, happier, and less

likely to fall into poverty. Yet until the Vermont decision, no state government acknowledged these basic facts about human relationships. Said one Vermont justice: "The past provides many instances where the law refused to see a human being when it should have."

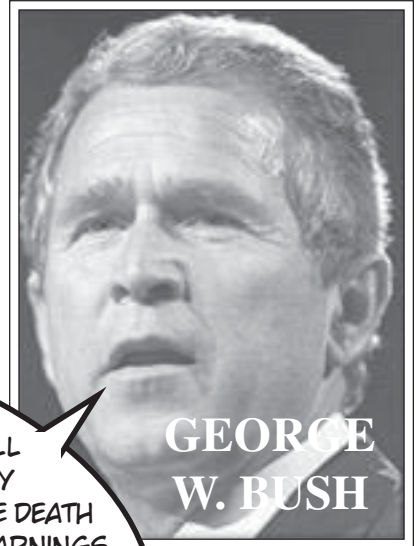
The history of this debate and the current political climate indicate that no court or legislative body in this nation is ready to allow homosexual couples to be married in the eyes of the law. Certainly the backlash caused by the Hawaii court case, which prompted nearly 20 states to declare nontraditional marriages illegal, shows that Americans are more than reluctant to call a homosexual pair anything more than "partners." The Vermont court's careful approach to this progressive topic is more acceptable to conservatives, for the decision downplays morality and focuses on human rights and equality, overlooked by current laws on marriage. Although it is a small step, the government of Vermont is moving in the right direction. □



The SOURCE's comprehensive coverage of the candidates and issues.

And in This Corner . . .

by Sam Dangremond



GEORGE W. BUSH

In this year's race for the Republican presidential nomination, the group of candidates is strong and the winner has not been predetermined. The candidates all represent the Republican Party's traditional conservative backbone, though they range in the degree to which they accept their conservative label. Ranging from the compassionate to the fiscal to the religious, each of the candidates stresses a different aspect of their vision for the future of America. In the past, the media has been accused of distorting their portrayals of the candidates, but the digital revolution now enables the candidates to bring their message directly to the people. In an effort to promote informed votes (rather than the personal impressions that too often pass for political opinion) each of the candidates' position on the issues of debate in this election is documented.

George W. Bush has served as the Governor of Texas for the past six years. Heralded from the beginning as a moderate leader, who would bring together the many segments of the Republican Party, he entered the race as the overwhelming favorite to win the nomination. Bush has been able to use this momentum, and the numerous political relationships developed through his family, to raise over \$57 million in campaign contributions. Through Governor Bush has been criticized for these connections and advantages by those who believe money plays too large a role in politics, he has been entirely open with the sources of his campaign money. As Governor of Texas George Bush has dealt with many of the important issues facing the nation, albeit on a smaller scale.

The domestic issues of tax cuts and education are Governor Bush's primary concerns. He believes, as do most conservatives, that taxes are a burden to the working family and discourage economic growth. His record on tax issues is

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"I BELIEVE THAT CUTTING THE TAXES WILL ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH. I BELIEVE CUTTING ALL MARGINAL RATES WILL KEEP THE ECONOMY GROWING. I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO GET RID OF THE DEATH TAX. I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO GET RID OF THE EARNINGS TEST ON SOCIAL SECURITY. I BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO MITIGATE THE MARRIAGE PENALTY. THIS IS NOT ONLY NO NEW TAXES. THIS IS TAX CUTS SO HELP ME GOD. THERE IS A MINDSET IN WASHINGTON THAT SAYS IF WE HAVE EXTRA MONEY LET'S CREATE MORE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THAT'S NOT THE WAY I THINK. RATHER THAN CREATE MORE GOVERNMENT, I THINK WE OUGHT TO PASS MONEY BACK TO THE WORKING PEOPLE IN AMERICA."

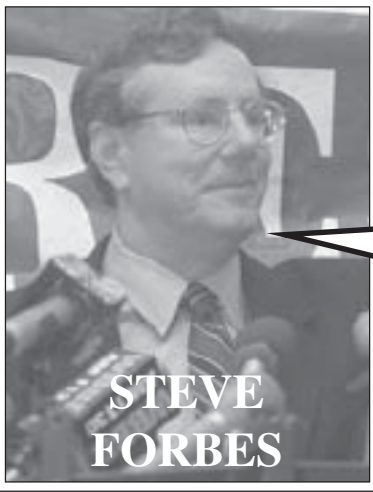
strong; as Governor he has implemented several measures to reduce the tax burden. He restructured the Texas tax brackets to create an average tax cut of 5%. This restructuring also resulted in a decrease in the marriage penalty and death tax. In addition, Gov. Bush increased the tax deduction for children, and made it easier to make charitable deductions. Bush's tax plan gives extensive tax cuts to all tax brackets, though it has been criticized because it distributes tax cuts equally to both the wealthy and the working class. This plan is based on the philosophy that tax money is not the government's money but the people's, and so the budget surplus (aside from Social Security) should be returned to the people from whom it came. Bush also opposes all taxes on electronic commerce over the Internet, a booming industry that

has helped drive our current economic prosperity.

On the issue of education Governor Bush has taken several measures to insure that schoolchildren are learning what they need to be taught, and in the best possible environment. In order to increase the quality of education, Bush supports charter schools—privately or locally run schools that offer an alternative to public schools. He also supports school vouchers (money given to a parent to spend on education for their child as they see fit) stressing the importance this would have for lower income families who are unable to pay for the quality education their children deserve. The issue of school safety is the other half of Bush's education plan. In Texas, the Governor founded Project Sentry to prosecute juveniles involved in firearm crimes, in addition to organizing information



The GOP candidates strike a pose at the Iowa caucuses.



STEVE FORBES

"THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY. THE TAX CODE IS THE PRINCIPLE SOURCE OF POLITICAL POWER IN WASHINGTON. TO CHANGE THE CULTURE, YOU MUST SUBSTANTIALLY CHANGE THE TAX CODE. I THINK WE HAVE TO JUNK IT. NO ONE OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON COULD HAVE DEvised SOMETHING MORE COMPLEX, MORE CORRUPTING, MORE ANTI-GROWTH, MORE OF A DEAD WEIGHT ON ECONOMIC ACTIVITY & FAMILY LIFE THAN THE TAX CODE WE HAVE TODAY. THE BIBLE IS 773,000 WORDS. THE TAX CODE IS 7 MILLION WORDS & RISING. THAT PUTS IT IN PERSPECTIVE."

networks between schools, police departments, and parents.

On the various other issues up for debate in this election, George W. Bush is indeed a moderate conservative. His stance on gun laws is moderate, calling for instant background checks for all firearm sales and raising the minimum handgun ownership age from 18 to 21, while opposing federal registration for firearms and supporting increased federal enforcement of existing gun laws. The issue of campaign finance reform may be the pet issue of rival John McCain, but Bush also calls for banning soft money contributions made to political parties by special interest groups as well as a law requiring full disclosure of campaign finances (something he alone has done willingly). The sensitive issue of abortion also has Bush walking the fine line. He is personally pro-life, and opposes the use of federal money for abortions in addition to supporting parental notification for minors desiring an abortion. He would require no "litmus test," however, for Supreme Court appointees regarding Roe vs. Wade. In the foreign policy department Bush supports the deployment of anti-

ballistic missile defense, with withdrawal from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty made with the former USSR if necessary. Taking a more progressive stance, he supports China's induction into the World Trade Organization.

John McCain is Bush's primary rival, and as a four-year Representative and 14-year Senator from Arizona, he certainly has the most longstanding government experience. During his many years in office he has sponsored, written, and supported many bills that have affected nearly all the issues at hand. His key issue is that of campaign finance reform. After seeing government at work firsthand, McCain believes that special interest groups distort the political process through the corrupting influence of their money. He cites special interest groups on both sides of the aisle, such as the NRA, labor unions, major corporations, and the AARP as buying their way through the legislative process without regard to the consequences for the American people. He proposes to ban all soft money and more closely regulate Political Action Committees—groups that advocate for legislation on behalf of specific clientele.

McCain also seeks to position himself as a moderate Republican, though his overall stance

on the issues puts him slightly to the left of the other Republican candidates. His tax plan is modest; by proposing the smallest tax cut he seeks to put 62% of the surplus into Social Security. McCain believes that saving Social Security and Medicare and paying down the national debt are higher priorities than tax cuts. He is similarly left-leaning on gun control, supporting both instant background checks for all firearm purchases and mandatory trigger locks. On other issues,

however, he is a tried and true conservative. He is pro-life, and though he would not support overturning Roe vs. Wade, he did cosponsor the much-publicized bill to outlaw partial birth abortions. He has also supported several bills that cleared some of the red tape from the lengthy adoption process. On a related personal note, he has adopted a child from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh.

In the areas of foreign policy and the military McCain is strongly conservative. American sovereignty would come before the interests of the United Nations under McCain's presidency. He supports the expansion of NATO and the creation of a Strategic Defense Initiative anti-ballistic missile defense. On the issue of trade, McCain is less conservative, supporting the expansion of NAFTA but also Most Favored Nation trading status for China. As a Senator, McCain has also been active in education reform, and has proposed an extensive school voucher program to be paid for by ending subsidies to the gas and oil industries.

Steve Forbes is a political outsider who has been CEO of the world's foremost business magazine, *Forbes*, for 10 years. In his first presidential campaign four years ago he was perceived as an eccentric rich guy trying to buy his way into the presidency. However, he surprised political analysts by winning the Republican primaries in both Delaware and Arizona.

This time around, Forbes' candidacy is taken seriously, especially by fiscal conservatives and those disillusioned with politics and seeking a Washington outsider. Although his appearance is considered to be stuffy and inelegant, his sly wit and intelli-



GARY BAUER

"MARRIAGE IS THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL SUCCESSFUL CIVILIZATIONS. I OPPOSE CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE TO PERMIT SAME-SEX MARRIAGES, OR THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL RIGHTS ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL PREFERENCE. I WILL STRONGLY DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BOY SCOUTS AND SALVATION ARMY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN AMERICAN CULTURE, FREE FROM LEGAL COERCION TO HIRE PERSONNEL WHO WOULD UNDERMINE THE BELIEFS OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS."

gence have won over those who prefer to listen rather than look.

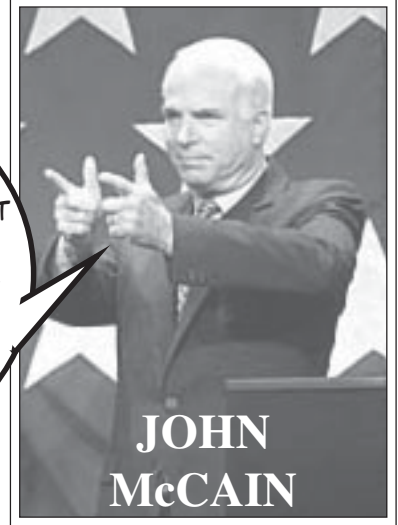
The driving idea behind Steve Forbes' campaign is the flat tax. Forbes proposes perhaps the largest and most drastic overhaul of the federal government in modern times through his plan to abolish the Internal Revenue Service. His tax strategy is the simplest and the farthest from the status quo. His entire plan consists of

a 17% federal income tax for all American citizens, with a \$13,000 deduction for adults and a \$5,000 deduction for children—that's it. Under this system, the IRS would not be needed to scrutinize thousands of pages of tax code, and so the reduction in federal income would be recovered by the discharge of so much bureaucracy. Forbes has broadened his appeal beyond just the flat tax by becoming a social conservative. He is entirely pro-life, though he favors an incremental change in our government's attitude towards life. He has thus far succeeded in capturing the vote of more traditional conservatives by appealing to a philosophy of restricted government and personal morality.

Alan Keyes is the most powerful and fiery orator among the Republicans. He is a passionate conservative who firmly believes that morality must play a role in politics. He is also an African-American. This has absolutely dumbfounded many political analysts, who simply don't know what to make of the man. Nonetheless, he has built a strong following in this his second presidential campaign. Keyes is charismatic and knows how to fire up a crowd. His eloquence is unparalleled, and in debates he clearly overwhelms the other candidates. Yet despite all this, his strong message of morality can scare off more moderate voters, and liberals are forced to confront their own stereotypes when presented with an African-American man who disagrees with them completely.

Keyes has made clear-cut proposals for nearly all areas of

"THE FACT IS IF YOU WANT TO DRAIN THE SWAMP, YOU TAKE THE BIG MONEY AWAY FROM THE BIG-TIME K STREET LOBBYISTS AND THAT WAY THEY LOSE THEIR POWER AND THEIR INFLUENCE. LOOK, ANYBODY WHO WANTS THE STATUS QUO IN WASHINGTON, THEY DON'T WANT JOHN MCCAIN. BECAUSE THERE AIN'T GOING TO BE THE STATUS QUO WHEN I'M PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. YOU TAKE AWAY THE BIG MONEY, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE AWAY THEIR POWER AND YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK THAT IRON TRIANGLE OF LOBBYISTS, BIG MONEY AND INFLUENCE OVER THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHICH HAS SO BADLY EMBARRASSED SO MANY OF US AND IT IS THE GATEWAY TO DRAINING THE SWAMP."



Gary Bauer is the final candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, and having been the President of the Family Research Council for 10 years, he is the most conservative candidate running. His message is very pro-life and very pro-family. He too is a strong believer in the role of morality in politics, and an even stronger believer in the role of religion in politics. His strong opposition to gay marriage has been construed as homophobia, but his remarks are intended as more pro-family than anti-gay. He courts conservative votes on other issues also, such as his version of a flat tax and support for the Strategic Defense Initiative, but lacks any overall vision for the presidency.

The Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire Primary represent only the beginning of the Republican nomination process. The SOURCE hopes to keep its readers abreast of the issues as they come to the forefront, and to provide continuing coverage of election 2000. □

politics. His tax plan, nearly as drastic as Forbes', abolishes the federal income tax and replaces it with a federal sales tax. He seeks to "break the government monopoly on public education" through school choice and school vouchers. He also supports school prayer and moral education. Keyes believes that guns are a matter of moral responsibility, asking who should be trusted with guns: the government or its citizens? On campaign finance reform Keyes differs dramatically from his colleagues, believing that freedom of association translates into the freedom to associate our money as we wish. This means that individual campaign contributions should not be limited, but that only citizens and not organizations have this right. Keyes is especially strong-willed on the moral issues of abortion and the death penalty. He believes that abortion is a breach of the fundamental principles of our public moral creed, while we should "apply the death penalty in order to send a clear moral message to people throughout our society that we will not tolerate that kind of disrespect for life."

"THE DECLARATION IS MORE THAN JUST AN ASSERTION OF RIGHTS. IT ALSO MAKES A CLEAR STATEMENT ABOUT THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF AUTHORITY WHICH COMMANDS RESPECT FOR THOSE RIGHTS. GOD, THE CREATOR, IS THAT SOURCE. THUS THE EFFECTIVE PREREQUISITE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS RESPECT FOR GOD'S AUTHORITY AND HIS ETERNAL LAWS. IF WE ACCEPT THE LOGIC OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THIS REVERENCE FOR GOD IS NOT JUST A MATTER OF RELIGIOUS FAITH. IT IS THE FOUNDATION OF JUSTICE AND CITIZENSHIP IN OUR REPUBLIC."



In the face of heightened missile proliferation, the Clinton administration resists development of SDI.

The Best Defense

by Stephen Tempesta

Defense—why would anyone be against it? The United States is a major target for “rogue” states, terrorists, and countries with the desire to show the world their military strength. After President Bush left office in January of 1993, plans for anti-ballistic-missile defense systems were scrapped by the Clinton administration. Subsequently, appropriations for missile defense systems were limited to Theater Missile Defense (TMD) ground-based programs like the army’s Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) system, the Patriot, and the Navy’s Theater Wide (NTW) system.

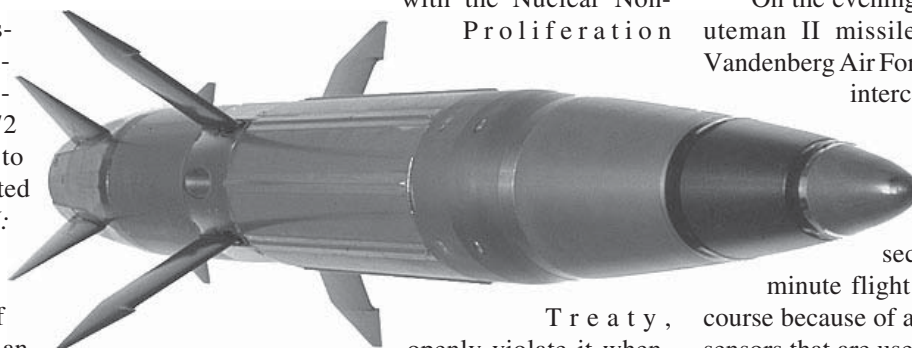
The current administration is treating the antiquated Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Treaty of 1972 as a permanent restriction to proper defense of the United States. In his book, *SDI: The Case for the Defense*, Alan Chalfont is says, “The ABM Treaty itself should not be considered an

immutable fact of international life, especially since the premises from which its signatories proceeded have proven so demonstrably false.” The U.S. has to examine this treaty for what it is: a severe impediment to the national security of the United States. On February 22, 1999, U.S. Secretary of Defense William Cohen declared that the Clinton administration was willing to modify or withdraw from the Anti-Ballistic Treaty. Russian officials have threatened that if the U.S. chooses to ignore the ABM treaty that they will not ratify START II, and that a new Cold War may begin.

On October 13, 1999, the U.S. Senate set the U.S. free from arms control idola-

try. The Senate didn’t just defeat the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty: the Senate destroyed it. Not only did the treaty fail to win the two-thirds necessary for ratification, it failed to win even a simple majority. The Senate didn’t just defeat a treaty; it defeated an idea of the parchment barriers and paper treaties that the Clinton Administration has promoted throughout the 90’s. Of course, the United States seems to be the only ones listening to these treaties. Regimes that define themselves as enemies of the U.S. will either (1) not sign the treaty (2) like Iraq, cheat, or (3) like North Korea

with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation



Treaty, openly violate it when-

ever they please.

Nuclear weapons are all the more important to the United States because the government has forsworn the development and use of biological and chemical weapons. Nuclear weapons are our only means of retaliation in the event a weapon of mass destruction is launched at us. It was that threat of nuclear retaliation that kept Saddam Hussein from using his chemical weapons in the Gulf War.

Proponents of arms control say that the weapons are the problem and the number of weapons is what matters. Both of these statements couldn’t be further from the truth. The problem with nuclear weapons that are controlled by countries that might adhere to arms control agreements (such as Russia) is not the number possessed, but the intent to use them. If one believes that the Cold War

is still going on and that Russia is a hostile nation on par with the former Soviet Union, then we have to truly be concerned about a Russian first strike capability. If on the other hand, one believes that the Cold War is over, then there is no reason to believe that Russia has plans of domination akin to those of the Soviet Union.

TEAMB, an official research group for the Department of Defense, has stated several times that Clinton administration officials have expressed alarm at the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the ballistic missiles with which to deliver them. On the other hand, TEAMB also stated that the administration’s position is one immune to any sense of urgency about protecting the American people from the proliferation threat. Russia knows it is dealing with a president and an administration that care more about Cold War-style arms talks than about building defenses. So Moscow will continue to bully the administration by threatening to refuse to cut its missile force or to ratify treaties that ask for Russia to reduce the size of its arsenal.

On the evening of January 25, a Minuteman II missile was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in an attempt to intercept a mock “interceptor” missile fired from

Kwajalein, an atoll in the Western Pacific.

Only in the last eight seconds of the near 30-minute flight did the missile go off course because of a failure of two infrared sensors that are used in the missile’s guidance system. Nothing is perfect, and a series of new tests and more research and development will be needed before the system’s expected deployment in 2005. At that time the United States as a whole will be able to enjoy security from rogue nations, accidental firings, and even a mild first strike launched by a nuclear power. A recent U.S. intelligence report estimates that rogue nations such as North Korea, Iran, and Iraq could possess ICBMs within a few years, particularly if they buy them directly from other nations, such as Russia and China. Left to their indigenous capabilities, the rogue states will likely develop ICBMs within the next decade. The U.S. is currently providing no security for its citizens. It will have to contribute money to defense development before the U.S. will be a safer, more secure place to live. □


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She was only
twelve, but...
damn,
what a body!

I never want 
to hear you saaaaay
...I want it that way!

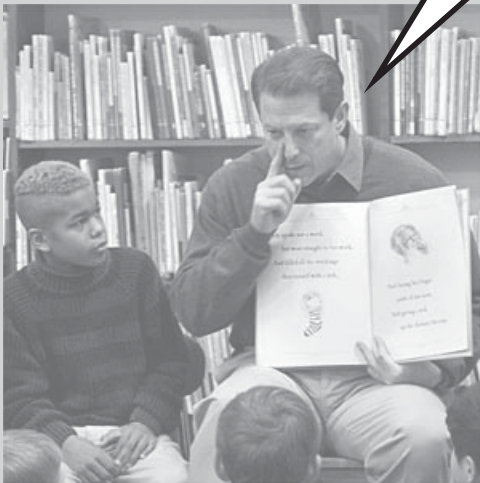


Ha Ha Ha!
Boy, Ted really
liven's up these
fundraisers when
he's smashed!



Okay, kids,
first you take a
C-note, roll it up
real tight...

...and with this
VERY FINGER,
I invented the
internet!



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

So long as we have failed to eliminate any of the causes of human despair, we do not have the right to try to eliminate those means by which man tries to cleanse himself of despair.

—Antonin Artaud

There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 380SL convertible.

—P. J. O'Rourke

It is not in giving life but in risking life that man is raised above the animal; that is why superiority has been accorded in humanity not to the sex that brings forth but to that which kills.

—Simone de Beauvoir

Life is a petty thing unless it is moved by the indomitable urge to extend its boundaries. Only in proportion as we are desirous of living more do we really live.

—Jose Ortega y Gasset

Don't be so humble—you are not that great.

—Golda Meir

The aim of art, the aim of a life can only be to increase the sum of freedom and responsibility to be found in every man and in the world. It cannot, under any circumstances, be to reduce or suppress that freedom, even temporarily. No great work has ever been based on hatred and contempt. On the contrary, there is not a single true work of art that has not in the end added to the inner freedom of each person who has known and loved it.

—Albert Camus

A nuclear power plant is infinitely safer than eating, because 300 people choke to death on food every year.

—Dixy Lee Ray

True guilt is guilt at the obligation one owes to oneself to be oneself. False guilt is guilt felt at not being what other people feel one ought to be or assume that one is.

—Robert David Laing

Sarcasm: the last refuge of modest and chaste-souled people when the privacy of their soul is coarsely and intrusively invaded.

—Fyodor Dostoyevsky

My opinions may have changed, but not the fact that I am right.

—Ashleigh Brilliant

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgement that something else is more important than fear.

—Ambrose Redmoon

For too long we have been dreaming a dream from which we are now waking up: the dream that if we just improve the socioeconomic situation of people, everything will be okay, people will become happy. The truth is that as the struggle for survival has subsided, the question has emerged: survival for what? Ever more people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for.

—Viktor Frankl

I hate California. The trouble out here is that people you go out to eat with make you feel like scum. By eating healthy food! I usually order something New Yorky. Like "Give me a bacon cheeseburger and a plate of cigarettes." Then the guy with me goes, "Oh, I'll just have a Perrier and a motivational cassette."

—Richard Jeni

I believe that every right implies a responsibility; every opportunity, an obligation; every possession, a duty.

—John D. Rockefeller

Truth always rests with the minority, and the minority is always stronger than the majority, because the minority is generally formed by those who really have an opinion, while the strength of a majority is illusory, formed by the gangs who have no opinion—and who, therefore, in the next instant (when it is evident that the minority is the stronger) assume its opinion while Truth again reverts to a new minority.

—Soren Kierkegaard

The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts.

—Bertrand Russell

Cowards do not count in battle; they are there, but not in it.

—Euripides

Life is an instinct of growth, for survival, for the accumulation of forces, for power.

—Frederich Nietzsche

The ingrained idea that, because there is no king and they despise titles, the Americans are a free people is pathetically untrue...There is a perpetual interference with personal liberty over there that would not be tolerated in England for a week.

—Margot Asquith

Without free, self-respecting, and autonomous citizens there can be no free and independent nations. Without internal peace, that is, peace among citizens and between the citizens and the state, there can be no guarantee of external peace.

—Václav Havel

The more intelligent one is, the more men of originality one finds. Ordinary people find no difference between men.

—Blaise Pascal

Should I betray the proletariat to serve truth or betray truth in the name of the proletariat?

—Jean Paul Sartre

Please get your political terms straight! 'Communism' means 'Everyone wearing glasses gets their heads staved in with rifle butts,' while 'Socialism' means 'Drinks and smokes on the middle class!'

—Steve Mayer

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then give up. No use being a damned fool about it.

—W.C. Fields