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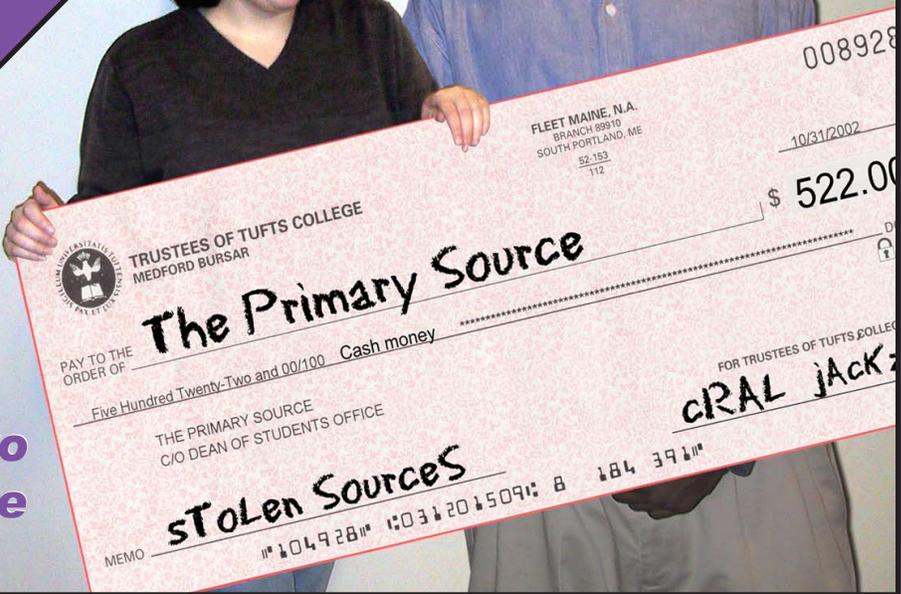
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Knowing Our Role

What's a worse character flaw: being condescending or being willfully stupid? This question appears in an online personality quiz, akin to those determining which alcoholic beverage, Star Wars character, or ice cream flavor one might be. This quiz, appropriately, happens to be "What Founding Father Are You?" and, while most questions were easy to answer, this one stumped me.

The question could be posed in a more accurate way: Are you more infuriated when berated like a 3-year-old or when someone purposefully misunderstands everything you say? SOURCE members are far more often on the receiving end of the latter. Condescension is not viable when the perpetrator respects his victim, and if nothing else, the SOURCE commands many people's respect—the ones who care enough to actually debate us, anyway. Willful stupidity, on the other hand, is the cop-out weapon of the intellectually lazy, and we see far too much of it on this campus.

The SOURCE has never been a publication to hide its true opinion, despite the omnipresent threat of vandalism, harassment, or de-funding if we cross someone else's line. When people read nonexistent meaning into our content, we cannot help but be mildly annoyed. The magazine was founded to give voice to that small campus minority that does not blindly accept leftist drivel. This calling has always meant holding people accountable for crimes committed—both literal and figurative—and casting light onto the political mainstream's hypocrisy. When we are right, people get mad, and their retribution is to pretend we meant something else. The effort is pathetic, and no one seems to learn from its futility.

Two incidents this semester point particularly to the orthodoxy's laziness. Of the two, the bid for a conservative culture rep is at the forefront of students' minds. Yes, SOURCE staff sponsored the amendment, and, yes, the SOURCE was the proposed

umbrella group (what other campus organizations' membership runs the gamut of conservative identities?), but we never proposed a "SOURCE rep." Yet people insisted on calling it that, accusing us of putting a puppet into the system to do our bidding. For the record, all politicians are the puppets of their constituents—or they are supposed to be. Kelly Condit, Kelly Sanborn, and Melissa Carson are puppets of their respective voting blocs. All of them make decisions based on what other people think. If any of them are easily swayed by conservative views, then they are weak-willed or the conservative agenda seems logical. If we have any confidence in ourselves as voters, we should assume truth in the latter.

The other incident is the settlement between the SOURCE and Carl Jackson, who organized the infamous magazine theft last year, the circumstances of which were never contested in Jackson's response to our complaint. Read his *Observer* article from two weeks ago, however, and the story changes. Not only is the SOURCE "overzealous" in pursuing reimbursement instead of suspension, but Jackson gloats that we can only consider payment an admission of involvement, not of guilt. Nothing in the mediated agreement, however, says that we cannot consider his public admission of guilt to be an admission of guilt.

Our purpose on this campus has never been clearer. We exist to keep Jumbos grounded in social and political reality—as much as possible at college, anyway. In doing so, we bang our heads against the wall of willful leftist stupidity all the time, but we can exult in knowing that we are the ones working diligently to knock down divisions between students, not those who fall back to knee-jerk emotions, the easy way out.



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Letters

To the Editor:

Hooray for Robert Lichter! His article "Pandora's Box" was simply wonderful. He hit on every point that people (including myself) have been trying to make to the *Daily* (regarding prospective parents' fear and even the fact that it can affect our endowments). No matter how liberal an institution is, printing a sex column that gives nutritional info about semen is just outright raunchy. Especially when she jokingly suggested that "swallowing" could wipe out hunger in third world countries if it were really high in calories. Okay, so now that we know that, is it safe to swallow? I mean there is no less risk of transmitting diseases via swallowing just because it lacks the calories people may have thought it had. She didn't care to hone in on that aspect of it. So it looks as though Tufts (via Amber) is promoting oral sex by discrediting the fear about it adding calories.

Thank you for actually having the guts to print something in retrospect to this. I wrote a few times back and forth via email with the editor-in-chief (Rachel Rubenson) and she actually didn't see anything wrong with Amber's column. She was 'for' the passing on of knowledge. She claimed that the issues Amber presented are on the minds of students everyday! Scary! My thing is, what if Amber were male? How would Ms. Rubenson feel then?

Jacqueline Furtado, Staff Assistant
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To the Editor:

I love the Internet. And I'll tell you why I love the Internet. Sometimes things can arise from that vast chaos that if I didn't know

better I would swear arose from the mind of some impish diety or other. I was looking for a copy of the poem 'Dulce Et Decorum Est' by Wilfrid Owen, and the PRIMARY SOURCE article appeared right under the poem in a hit list. Something made me look at the article, and if there was ever a text that proves the point that Owen is making in his poem, it's the article in the PRIMARY SOURCE. In fact, the more I think about it, I think I will believe in an afterlife for today at least, and imagine that Wilfred Owen himself arranged that juxtaposition to prove the point that we still haven't learned a thing since he wrote that poem and that there are still fools who think that it is somehow wonderful to die for their country.

Regards,
Greg Weller

To the Editor:

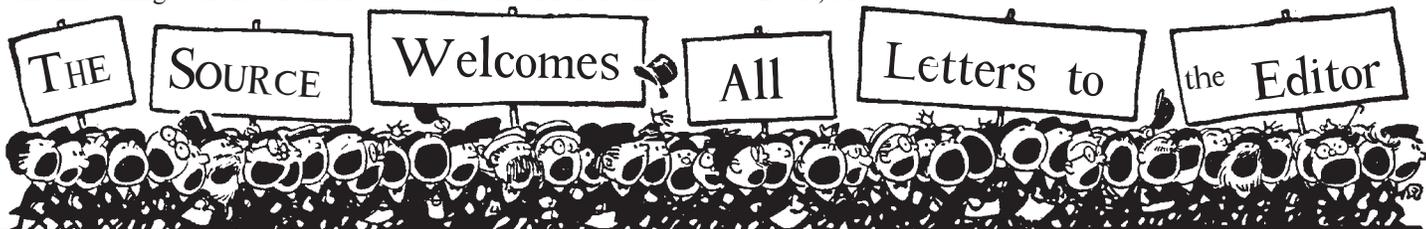
I know that we're not supposed to "gloat" or anything...but I hope that all of you guys are at least smiling inside over last week's triumphs!

How did you manage to elect a Republican governor?

We were sweating it out here in Missouri to the last minute before Jean Carnahan conceded. It was sooooo close, and we feared that some operatives would find just enough votes to give victory to the widow. But there was no doubt, no mistake when the GOP took control of the Missouri House for the first time in a million years.

So...best wishes in this new era and keep up the good work!

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Commentary

Working Holiday

Veterans' Day was last Monday, and the University had the day off, which is probably all that the average student noticed. That day, while most students slept late and got to forgo class, this nation's history and purpose was remembered. Veterans' Day dates back to 1919 and was later declared an official holiday in recognition, respect, and memory of the veterans of the United States military and the sacrifices they made for the American people. The idea was for Americans to take a moment to reflect on the people to whom they owe their freedom and liberties on this day.

The Tufts Tri-Service Organization, representing the ROTC cadets and midshipmen held a special ceremony late Monday morning to honor America's veterans. Local vets were invited and showed up in good numbers. Unfortunately, only three faculty members and not many more students decided that this short but significant event was worth their time. The entire memorial consisted of the US flag being passed up the Memorial Steps while the poem "I am Old Glory" was read, a whole five minutes of remembrance.

Standing in the cold weather, listening to poetry, and observing a solemn and quiet ceremony is not most people's idea of a good time. Few ceremonies, however, are as meaningful. Taking freedoms for granted becomes very easy when one forgets who was willing to die for them and why. America's veterans did not fight to kill, they fought to save America, its principles, and our allies. Everyone should remember.

If you gave any thought to the sacrifices made by America's veterans last Monday, then perhaps you earned your sleep-in and day off. If you did not bother to do so, you did not "get" Veterans Day off. You took it off.

White Man's Burden

As this year draws to a close, a case that may come before the US Supreme Court has brought to the public's attention the omnipresent issue of affirmative action in education. Born of the Civil Rights Movement over 25 years ago, this policy serves to make amends for years of racial discrimination in this country with a "diversification" of ethnicities in education and employment. Although the purpose of

this policy on the surface may seem proper and necessary to protect minorities from the supposed supremacy of the white man, this policy only adds more racism.

The case with the University of Michigan Law School (which started in 1997 when Barbara Grutter, a white female, was denied entry into the law school and filed a discrimination suit against the school) demonstrates that the policy discriminates against able whites. Furthermore, if the policy of affirmative action was designed to broaden the representation of each race and to diversify schools and the workplace, then it should extend to all the members of each race, including whites. No part of the policy gives preference to white members of the lower class, who have historically been the victims of prejudice. The affirmative action policy only perpetuates the problem.

Indeed, schools should embrace diversity, but diversity should not be manufactured by making race and gender part of the admissions criteria. An educational institution ought to pick the best and brightest students, which depends upon a variety of things other than GPA and SAT scores, areas where, minority leaders complain, their children have traditionally fared poorly. Affirmative action threatens able-minded students by potentially passing them over to fill racial quotas. In his book, *The Diversity Myth*, David Sacks cites the 171 average SAT point disparity between black and white students at Stanford. If after 25 years of affirmative action, racism still exists, then the policy obviously is not working. Another solution exists, and it is miraculously simple. Once the educated of this nation stop looking at skin color as a character trait and drop affirmative action, the rest of the population will follow suit.

Losing Their own Battle

The nation can thank the Democratic leadership—or lack thereof—for victory in the midterm elections. If not for the failure of Dick Gephardt, Tom Daschle, and Terry McAuliffe to form a well organized strategy, America might have seen an election where the Democrats maintained control of the Senate and the House swapped sides. Instead, the strong leadership of the Republicans helped to win them the control of both Houses of Congress.

Democrats themselves are already beginning to bicker over who is to blame for the loss. Some Democrats have pointed fingers at McAuliffe, chairperson of the Democratic Party. McAuliffe, who before the election said, "We hope George Bush goes to all our highly contested races," is now eating his own words. Seemingly in response to McAuliffe and the Democratic Party's taunts, American voters set a precedent by giving a Republican White House bicameral control. Several members of the Democratic Party have cited McAuliffe's lack of national strategy and failure to back some races with more money as part of the reason for their failure with the electorate.

Dick Gephardt also played a key role in the Democrats' inability to retake the House of Representatives. Gephardt, who has been the minority leader in the House for the last eight years, is stepping down after the recent midterm elections. He explained that his stepping aside is the best thing for the Democratic caucus since he may run for president in 2004. More likely, he is just making excuses. The probable reason for his stepping aside is the prospect of not being re-elected as minority leader in the House. After all, in the four elections since he has been minority leader, he has failed to lead the Democrats back to





gaining the majority. The fact is, Gephardt is stepping aside because he has been a disappointment at his job and lacks the ability to lead the Democratic representatives effectively.

Finally, one more Democrat cannot be forgotten in this list of failing leaders. Tom Daschle was unable to keep his fragile majority in the Senate. This fall from grace probably was due to the fact that Daschle has opposed Bush's ideas on national security and taxes. But, as Jon Stewart so aptly said, "It's easy for us to sit here and critique Tom Daschle now because, as we all know, hindsight is 51/48."

Anti-Intimidating and Proactive

In the latest of a series of superficial, feel-good petitions, Tufts' Middle-Eastern community put forth its very own version of a national pro-Israeli anti-intimidation statement. The original wording of the resolution was put together by Tufts' own President Bacow in collaboration with President Freedman of Dartmouth University. The Dartmouth community altered the wording of the resolution after the fact, specifying the Israelis as the target group of the resolution. Bacow did not feel that this modified version still embodied his original, inclusive goals. When it came back to Tufts and the Middle-Eastern community asked Bacow for his endorsement, he rejected the resolution.

In response, Hillel, the Friends of Israel, the Arab Student Association, and the Middle-Eastern community of Tufts modified the Anti-Intimidation Statement to include all Middle-Eastern groups. That all of these groups were able to work together is certainly laudable, but they must remember that the real work lies in moving from words to concrete action.

A decrease in the number of Middle-East related hate crimes committed on campus is not likely because the number of incidents is negligible, if it exists at all. This fact has absolutely nothing to do with the ineffectual petition. The work of the Arab Student Association, Middle Eastern Student Society, and Friends of Israel has not been limited to getting petition signatures, or holding "teach-ins." A broad program of mutual agreements and understanding between the Arab and Israeli communities has already had effect. For example, Arab groups on campus chose not to host an anti-Israeli speaker on "Speak Out Against Israel Day." That such a day even exists, however, is ethically questionable.

In light of the existence of groups like the Tufts Coalition for

Social Justice and Non-Violence, which includes students who proudly brag about their violence, generalizing about leftist groups is too easy. Assuming that the people behind such statements are actually doing little to solve the problem against which they petition is unfair. The Anti-Intimidation Statement is in fact meaningless by itself. Yet, the Tufts Middle-Eastern Society and Friends of Israel have set a good model for activism from which the Coalition could learn a thing or two. The hard work that goes on unpublicized, behind the scenes, is much more important than loud protests with radical cheerleaders.

A Soapbox Six Feet Under

During the recent midterm elections, a tight Minnesota Senate race between Democratic Senator Paul Wellstone and his Republican challenger, Norm Coleman, was interrupted by tragedy. Senator Wellstone was killed in a plane crash 10 days before the election. While the state was in mourning, the Democrats were forced to find a new candidate. As in New Jersey, Democrats decided to substitute a blast from the past: former Vice President Walter Mondale.

Many Democrats expected Mondale to coast to victory with sympathy votes. The Democratic Party, however, managed to squander that sympathy by turning Senator Wellstone's memorial service into a partisan rally. Before the event even started, the Minnesota Democrats' request that Vice President Cheney not attend was a hint as to its extremely partisan nature. The "memorial" was filled with speeches urging support for Mondale. Wellstone campaign treasurer Rick Kahn told the crowd that a true memorial for Senator Wellstone was victory for Mondale and went so far as to say that Republicans who had any respect for the late senator were obligated to vote for the Democratic candidate. Kahn even had the audacity to insist, "We can redeem the sacrifice of his life if you help us win this election for Paul Wellstone!"

The night was filled with partisan rancor. The rowdy Democratic crowd booed Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott. Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura walked out in disgust, saying that he "felt violated" and that the offensive display drove his wife to tears. Bill Clinton was, of course, in attendance. In typical Clinton fashion, he schmoozed with the politicians, worked the crowd, and told jokes. In only the most revolting of ironies could a memorial to Paul Wellstone, a politician who stuck to his beliefs regardless of the electoral consequences, be transformed into another Clinton Democrat show. Wellstone once referred to himself as a "liberal Jesse Helms," meaning that he would always vote his conscience no matter how far from the mainstream his views were. The Clinton-Democrats only care about victory.

Luckily, the voters of Minnesota did not buy into the issueless Democrats' call to arms. They elected Norm Coleman, a moderate Republican and issue-oriented candidate, to the US Senate. The Minnesota election was part of a national trend. Instead of coming up with solutions to problems, the Democrats relied on scare tactics and ran on a platform of criticizing "evil" Republican plans like Social Security reform, while refusing to take any concrete position at all on many important issues. Across the country, voters rejected the Democrats' "good versus evil" rhetoric and demagoguery. The Wellstone memorial is a testament to the empty shell that is the Democratic Party today. □

Fortnight in ReviewSM

Comedy is allied to Justice.
—Aristophanes

PS Boston officials unveiled the Park Smart program to ensure that rescue vehicles can get through tough intersections easily. Meanwhile, *Observer* honey Jodi Gilman has been working with the town of Medford on a local version of the plan.

PS The mother of all criminals, Jihad Miller, is being held in Arkansas for trying to cash a stolen check and is a wanted man in New Jersey for two murders. When asked for comment, Miller yelped, “Aiaiaiaiaiaiaia!!!”

PS A British multiculturalist group, Open Society, has suggested that British schools teach Arabic alongside French and German. With that in mind, the Source presents:

Top Ten Useful Phrases for English Kids to Learn in Arabic:

10. How many quid for this copy of “Mein Kampf?”
9. No thanks, I don’t want landing lessons.
8. Spotted dick for me! And my wives will share the fish n’ chips.
7. Do you carry the children’s edition of “The Protocols of the Elders of Zion?”
6. How much postage to send this package to Richard Perle?
5. No, officer, that’s not a fuse sticking out of my shoe.
4. What time is that synagogue most crowded?
3. I need two kilos of fertilizer and a large lorry, please.
2. I’m taking a holiday in Moscow. Where do I get theatre tickets?
1. Which way to the cockpit?

PS A charter school in Wisconsin plans to relocate after discovering that a psychologist who treats convicted sex offenders was doing so in his offices located above the school. In fact, patients were often seen in the playground tearing up the hopscotch court.

PS Idaho man Leslie Bowcut, a convicted child pornographer, is appealing his 30 years to life sentence, calling it excessive. Bowcut explained that when he gets out, all of the girls he knows will be over 12, adding, “My social life will be ruined!”

PS Sherman, a black bear, was captured after escaping Kipling’s Animal Refuge in Nebraska. Police apprehended the rogue bear after he was spotted by a passerby. Sherman’s lawyer, Johnnie Cochran, claims that his client is an obvious victim of racial profiling, calling the case “outrageous!”

PS A Nevada proposal would levy a 6.5% tax on amusements. Residents have asked that the tax not apply to golf, bowling, skiing, water parks, and billiards. Lawmakers protested, saying that they wouldn’t raise enough revenue if they just taxed casinos, brothels, drug dealers, liquor stores, pawn shops, strip clubs, movie theaters, arcades, hotels...

PS Three Arkansas teenagers told authorities they were tired of being picked on and were going to kill several other students. Two face charges of making terrorist threats, and the third was taken into protective custody. If convicted, all three will be required to take “creativity training.”

PS Sounding an awful lot like Tufts Middle Eastern Society, a Rhode Island school committee approved an anti-bullying policy. The ACLU objected, saying the policy is too vague and would have school officials defining gossip and deciding what’s harmful. In a statement meant to clarify their stance, the ACLU stated strongly, “No blood, no foul.”

PS Lou Esparza’s Top Ten numbers (and their significance):

- Tin. Nine (crappy Lou.S.A.’s)
- 9.0002. Four (culture reps in the TCU senate)
- 8.6. Zero (times Communism has actually been successful)
- 7.1. Six point two six (it’s above minimum wage)
- 6.9458. Forty-three hundred (SOURCE issues stolen last year)
- 5.4. Thirty-two (oppressed squares of color on a chessboard)
- 4.7. Five hundred thousand (dollars in the Diversity Fund)
- π . Infinity (hate crimes committed in each SOURCE issue)
- $2\sqrt{41}$. Eleventy billion (Number of times the Man got him down with racist “math”)
- 0. One (number of Adam Carlis’ loves)

PS A Rhode Island MD was sentenced to six months’ probation after a woman testified that he exposed himself to her when she visited his office for leg pain. The doc still defends his methods, saying, “Hey, it took her mind off her leg.”

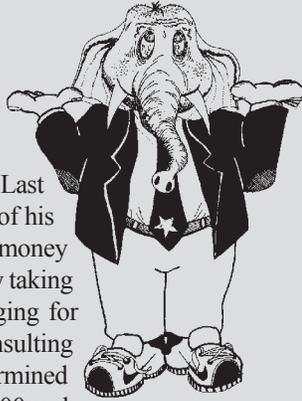
PS A federal jury awarded a former University of Arkansas teacher a hefty settlement after she was dismissed for complaining about sexual discrimination. The defense claims that she was not given tenure because she failed to publish enough scholarly articles and refused to wear short skirts on casual Friday.

PS Taking a cue from a SOURCE classic, the *Daily* printed a Course Reviews issue to give students an unbiased source of information on next semester’s curriculum. After reviewing the contents, we found:

The Top Ten courses for which you didn’t register:

10. Unsafe Studies 34: Kerri Strugg as a Modern Icon
9. Community Health 8: Amber Madison Draws Diagrams Mid-Hookup
8. French 104: How to Lose a War
7. Economics 17: Social Security with Dan Richards
6. Peace and Justice 19: Dirt and You: A Lifelong Partnership
5. Womyns’ Studies 101: I Would Love to Bake You a Pie
4. Physical Education 187: Nonviolent Blocking Stances
3. Maff Fitty-Fo’: Calculating Slave Reparations
2. Judaic Studies 73: Banking and Finance
1. English 32: Coping with Unemployment

From the Elephant's Mouth



☞ A peaceful solution to 3rd grade math: Last week, **loUSA Esparza** dedicated one of his enlightening columns to the amount of money the **fascist University** will be unjustly taking from the student proletariat by charging for printing in Eaton and Tisch. After consulting the **magical abacus** in his head, he determined that Tufts would “go from losing \$60,000 each year to gaining \$47 million—a gain of \$107 million.” That explains *Radix*’s \$10,000 budget to produce one issue so far this year... Maybe next semester, Lou can lobby for another \$5K in buffer funding, bringing their budgetary total to **eleventy kajillion**.

☞ Justify your existence: Insisting that everyone thinks about sex all the time, **Amber Madison** dedicated a recent “Between the Sheets” to explaining why her column is legitimate and valuable. Shockingly, she failed to mention the *Daily*’s dire need for filler... Picking up on Amber’s need for self vindication, the *Zamboni* printed a parody of her column in which the “author” has verbal sex with the reader. And it was funny...because it’s true... And that takes care of the *Zamboni*’s humor quota for the year.

☞ At least the *Radix* believes in its content: In a stunning tell-all *Observer* piece, **Carl Jackson** gave his side of the SOURCE-theft story. According to the terms of the settlement, reimbursement for issues stolen cannot be considered an admission of guilt. Fortunately, it does not prohibit us from **considering his admission of guilt to be an admission of guilt**... In the article, Jackson slammed SOURCE Editress Liotta for her “ballistic temper.” When asked about the “personal attack,” *Observer* orator **Jodi Gilman** defended the publication, saying, “We don’t take responsibility for anything with a byline.” So remind us again why the *Observer* isn’t fending off libel charges all the time? Oh yeah, because **nobody reads it**.

☞ Five SOURCES took the stage at a **Hotung forum** to discuss the facts about Amendment III, which would have established a conservative culture rep in the TCU senate. Only about thirty people bothered to attend, none of whom seemed especially interested in the topic at hand. ELBO chair **Joe Coletti** could not even find anyone to debate the group. Lou’s new math must be more prevalent than we thought, however, since the 5 “yes” votes + 0 “no’s” + 30 abstentions translated into a **516-1251-153 loss**... Freshman senator **Rafi Goldberg** penned a *Daily* piece urging people to vote “no” for Amendment III. In response, Rob Lichter submitted his own Viewpoint, slamming Rafi’s logic. Amendment III failed, but *Boston Globe* writer **Jeff Jacoby** only referenced one of the Viewpoints in his anti-diversity op-ed piece last Sunday. Whose? Hint: not the one starting, “**The wheels on the bus...**”

☞ THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

The Idle Tower

After a long hiatus—too long, really—the SOURCE proudly resurrects a long-forgotten tradition: THE IDLE TOWER. For those unfamiliar with this section, it is devoted to the absurd leftist happenings at other schools around the nation. Being an oppressed minority and all, we conservatives occasionally need reminding that we fight not alone. In right-wing solidarity, we present the struggles of our brothers and sisters for all of Walnut Hill.

Déjà Vu: Cartoon About Boobs, Editor Takes Heat

Editors of the *Harbus*, a student newspaper at Harvard, have been under fire from Harvard officials. The publication poked fun at the university’s computer system by printing a cartoon depicting, among other things, an error message referring to the “incompetent morons” in career services. The cartoon was a response to computer errors which wreaked havoc on corporate interview schedules. Nick Will, *Harbus*’ editor in chief, resigned after receiving “personal intimidation and threats” from the school.

Kids Say the Leftist Things

Always thought the leftist antics were childish? Never been able to appreciate the kindergarten-level reasoning in leftist slogans? Perhaps this inspired Berkeley leftists to parade pre-schoolers to protest a possible war on Iraq. School leaders led a couple hundred K-5 students to meet Mayor Shirley Dean, city council members and a representative for Congresswoman Barbara Lee, D-Berkeley. The children, who did not know whether Saddam is a “boy or a girl,” explained that they did not support Bush’s “war for oil,” comparing it to “squashing ants.” City leaders brought the children together and City Councilmember Linda Maio told them, “We heard your message. We hear it loud and clear. Bush needs a time-out.”

Déjà Vu All Over Again

The *Georgetown Academy*, a student publication at Georgetown University, is alleging that Alex Sanjenis, a Knight of Columbus and member of Delta Phi Epsilon, organized the theft of up to 1,000 copies of their magazine. The *Academy* alleges that it can identify the perpetrators of the November 3rd theft and have unassociated witnesses.



*The Left has been a higher deity's way of letting us know
we are all better off.*

Left Out of the Culture Club

by Christian Miller

Undoubtedly members of PAA, ALAS, ACT, TTLGBC, and *Radix*, to name a few, were as giddy as school girls when they heard that THE PRIMARY SOURCE had failed to institute a conservative culture representative to the TCU senate. While we on the SOURCE never enjoy detracting from a leftist's jubilation, we must say that proponents of the conservative culture rep are also satisfied with its outcome.

The points raised about conservative students and the culture rep system are still valid. These include previous thefts of this journal, Tufts' only conservative publication, attacks and verbal abuse aimed at conservative students, and

vandalism on school grounds. Knowing of these occurrences, conservative students are severely hurt and no longer feel safe, making it difficult to freely come out to their fellow students as openly conservative. Having exposed the reasons for a conservative rep, we hoped the student body would make the following logical conclusions.

The first is that the culture representative system is inherently flawed because it fails to provide an adequate voice for those minorities that are actually underrepresented. The existing four culture reps certainly were able to obtain their positions on the senate, which implies that they are not as marginalized as they advertise themselves to be. On the other hand, because Amendment III was not passed proves that conservative students are truly a silenced minority presence on campus. In a pure exercise of "tyranny of the majority," those who collectively label themselves "minorities" outvoted the more than 500 students who felt that conservatives needed a voice on the senate.

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The second conclusion, which has been obvious to members of THE PRIMARY SOURCE for some time now, is the hypocrisy and idiocy—and success—with which the opposition conducts their campaigns. Unlike last year, where Amendment III proponents were shouted down as racists, this year's counter-campaign refused to openly discuss the amendment. Public opposition to a conservative culture rep

would have been tantamount to hypocrisy because the denial of an actual minority's voice negates the other culture reps' legitimacy. Instead they waged a discrete war via email, and their public silence voiced their intent just as strongly as

an outcry would have.

A chance encounter with freshman senator Rafi Goldberg best exemplifies the hypocritical aspect of this entire ordeal. While garnering petitions to initiate the referendum, a SOURCE staff member invited Goldberg to attend an open forum at Hotung so that he could listen to our side of the argument—to which he responded, "I will certainly do that." The next day, the *Daily* featured a Viewpoint from Goldberg expressing his disapproval of Amendment III, while he also remarked that he is "committed to increasing the quality of life for all of [his] constituents, so such complaints deeply concern [him]." Rafi, however, failed to attend the Hotung forum, and in the process missed an opportunity to hear some of the constituents about whom he is so concerned. Perhaps he is only concerned about getting reelected, and knowing full well that conservatives are a minority,

chose to forgo their support, which he does not need to get that employer-impressing seat on the senate next year.

Another such example came in the weasely manner with which the Coalition for Social Justice and Non-Violence sought to get out the opposition vote. Rather than provide open discourse about Amendment III, the Coalition opted to send out mass emails decrying the evil intent of Amendment III advocates. Coalition members, and other students to whom the email was forwarded, were encouraged to "vote NO on this referendum because THE PRIMARY SOURCE has no legitimacy in becoming a culture representative" and that "[it] does not represent the conservative minority at Tufts." They went on to outright lie by saying, "THE PRIMARY SOURCE responded during that meeting that they did not have the support of the Tufts Republicans... [They] had specifically stated that they would not represent the Republicans or attend their meetings." We are disappointed that the Coalition disagrees with conservatism so much as to reduce itself to lying; avoiding cooperation between the SOURCE and the Tufts Republicans would have taken tremendous effort, considering the extensive overlap in membership.

Ergo, the SOURCE's mission has always been twofold: to remind the campus of a forgotten minority that frequently lacks a fair say in student government, and, subsequently, to point out the flaws in the existing system. We only hope to be a catalyst for change. The culture rep flaws have been clearly exposed for the campus to see, so we hope that the senate will take upon itself the work toward this change without our vote. In the end, the SOURCE will continue to press for a reformation of the TCU constitution, with or without a culture rep. □



We could have been one happy family.

KARL JACKSON FREESTYLE

live from the shelter

Hook: Fellas! Raise yo fists if you like Karl Marx!
 Cash-Money! Cash-Money!
 Ladies! Wear that burqa if you think Lou Rocks!
 Cash-Money! Cash-Money!

Carl Jackson:

Yo, when I say Lou, I mean the king of Islam
 This war with Iraq is the worst since Vietnam.
 Thought I meant Esparza? The man who can't do math?
 Miscalculated many times. Does he ever take a bath?
 You formed a Coalition on Iraq, what happened to SLAM? (da duh duh)
 Tryin' to act Black when ur whiter than Sam's ma'am!
 Oh Dangremond, the ravenous racist who brings harm.
 I'd steal dem nukes before we'd ever bomb Saddam!
 Cap'list police be killing our brothas on the streets.
 Was that Sam on the last cover, under those sheets?
 When I start to think, my mind starts to shrink.
 Can take up to 50 Sources before an eye blink.
 Get up in the mo'nin, in each arm one stack.
 Never mind the toothbrush, I'm down with the plaque!
 Me and my commie souljas, doin' magazine dumpin'.
 While Sammy strips his shirt, does some chest thumpin'.
 Quick word for my commie brotha, Gary Goldstein.
 Shave yo dang beard. This aint no Halloween!
 Or I'll put you on lockdown, have you toss that salad.
 My word is bond. Y'all feel it in this ballad!
 Now, it's time for u Sourcee hoods to show some respect.
 Oh, did I madden Megan? Ain't got no regrets!

Hook



After I dumped the proof off the roof,
 Hitched a plane to hide out with Idi Amin.
 Changed my clothes, checked out the socialist scene.
 Started a movement to put down the bourgeoisie,
 But conservative crackas kept hasslin' me.
 Misheard, they say "where them Sources?"
 Said "English? Math 4? I fail all dem courses."
 Meg Liot says guilty till proven innocent.
 With her ballistic temper, she's Hell bent
 On puttin' me down, but I can beat the rap!
 I'm a commie dog! Her case is all crap.
 Got more positions than Amber Madison.
 Stole 50 towels at the Radisson.
 Oops! Wrote my name and address.
 Now I'm punked out in all dis press.
 Maybe I should fess? What a mess.
 I'm a dumbbell. Don't have a brain cell.
 Made a quick phone call to Momma...
 "I need cash-money to get outta sweet hell."
 All I pay is 522? Food stamps do you take?
 Maybe I go right-wing, ask fo' a tax break.
 Sammy D. envies me. Can't say that I'm guilty!
 I'm just "involved..." Aint it funny?
 I write in Observer and look like a dummy.
 But it's aight, 'cause baby, Carl Jackson is a commie!

Hook

Sam Dangremond (interrupting):

Yo, yo, yo! Let's me speak on this! This song is so hot, I'm gonna drop a line on you suckas!
 When I was SOURCE editor, I moved like a predator.
 Pissed off Iris Halpern more times than her creditor.
 Y'all ask where heck is Sammy? Do my palms look clammy?
 Don't ch'all know I've got 5 houses in Miami?
 Bobbie L. startin' stuff with the "tools pull down menu."
 Yo! Step up mofa! I'll let you pick the venue.
 Listen up licentious liberals! You better respect this!
 Amber, are those genital warts or gingivitis?
 Lisa Coleman said I marginalized minorities.
 Hot damn! I just pick up them chicks in sororities.
 Got a different girl for every day of the week.
 I'm sippin' on some sizzurp while watchin' Dawson's Creek.
 I've crippled more socialists than polio.
 My flow so black, I sound like an Oreo!
 Gettin' an engineering degree and gonna make seven figgas.
 Y'all haters can see, my flow as great as Jigga's!
 Commies better wake up and respect the king!
 GOP is back; bow down to the Right-wing!
 18 charges filed against the Source,
 And we still print this mag without remorse.
 Hit it Jackson!

Hook



THE PRIMARY SOURCE wishes one and all a very conservative Thanksgiving

To celebrate Turkey Day, the Source invited a few of our favorite conservatives over for a good old fashioned feast. The guests and victuals they brought made for a wild party...

1. President Ronald Reagan regaled the group with tales of Thanksgivings long past, or not... Remember to watch out for the Reminyl[©] and Cognex[©] in the mashed potatoes.
2. Ted Nugent was the life of the party as he served up the turkey fresh from his latest hunting trip, cooked according to his own *Kill it and Grill it* cookbook. Ted provided the entertainment after dinner by performing a live rendition of *Kiss My Ass*, including a new verse dedicated to Squanto.
3. After converting the infidels, Ann Coulter said grace and served up her home-baked kroush mahshieii. Tragedy later ensued, however, when Dubya began "so a redhead, a brunette, and a blonde walk into a bar..."
4. Former Prime Minister of Great Britain Margaret Thatcher was *siiiiii*mply *deliiiiii*ghted to be reunited with long-time friend, and co-Cold Warrior, Reagan. Thatcher opened the festivities with tea and crumpets, but pocketed all the milk for herself, and ended the evening with a poll tax.
5. President George W. Bush ate heartily, licking the platter clean—only to promptly use it to serve up Osama's head. He gently reminded the other guests that "if you're not going to finish the squash, the terrorists have won."
6. Founder of *National Review* William F. Buckley caused quite the ruckus when he stood stalwart astride the table yelling, "More gravy!" He later finished off the night by sharing his "special" brownies and flask of bourbon.

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Everything you know is wrong.

A Very Capitalist Thanksgiving

by Sam Dangremond

Thanksgiving Day is one of the most distinctly American holidays. The themes of religious freedom, the pioneer spirit, and multicultural harmony have resonated with Americans for centuries. Yet the prevailing account of the Pilgrims and their early hardships gleams over the most important, and the most American, of messages that can be drawn from Thanksgiving. The holiday's story is not one of noble Native Americans saving struggling white Pilgrims from starvation in a parable of multicultural understanding. Rather, the early

Americans were saved from starvation by that most American of enterprises: capitalism.

When the Pilgrims first set foot on the New World in the winter of 1620, they found a "hideous and desolate wilderness, full of wild beasts and wild men," according to William Bradford in his *History of Plymouth Plantation*. During this first winter, almost half of the original colonists perished from exposure, starvation, and disease. The following spring, the Pilgrims were indeed aided in their farming by Native Americans, particularly by a Native American named Squanto. As Bradford put it, Squanto "directed [the Pilgrims] how to set their corn, where to take fish, and to procure other commodities, and was also their pilot to bring them to unknown places." When harvest time came later that year, "every family had their portion," although it was a "small harvest."

Today, this meager feast is commemorated as Thanksgiving Day. The Pilgrims were thankful for this feast, but more because they were still alive than because they had firmly established the well-being of their

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colony. Unfortunately, the colonists continued to experience shortages and famines for years. Often they "were in great want," and occasionally "of their victuals they had not any."

As for multicultural harmony, the Narragansett people threatened the Pilgrims with war in the summer of 1621, and a few minor skirmishes ensued. Meanwhile Squanto, the noble emissary of the Native Americans, turned to "playing his own game, by putting the Indians in fear, and drawing

gifts from them to enrich himself." The Pilgrims did not live happily ever after in a multicultural utopia following the first Thanksgiving. They starved and died in large numbers, and were repeatedly saved from extinction only by the arrival of supplies from England.

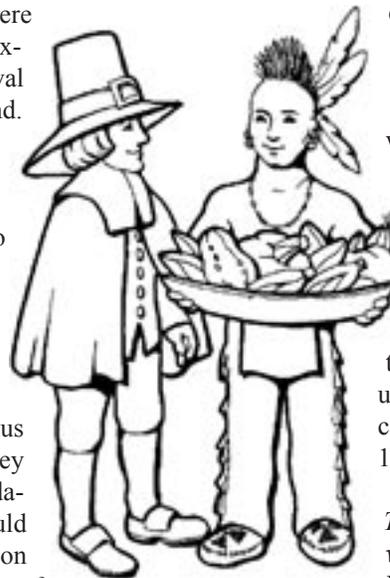
Their situation improved dramatically in the summer of 1623. The colonists "began to think how they might raise as much corn as they could, and obtain a better crop than they had done, that they might not still thus languish in misery." They then discovered a fundamental truth, which would go on to lay the foundation for the upcoming centuries of American greatness—they discovered capitalism.

Prior to the summer of 1623, the colony was based on shared community wealth—

into which each able bodied man would contribute all the product of his labors. In a pure Marxian "from each according to their ability, to each according to their need" method, the Pilgrims required that "all such persons as are of this colony, are to have their meat, drink, apparel, and all provisions out of the common stock." In 1623, however, Governor William Bradford "assigned to every family a parcel of land" and decreed that every man should farm for himself.

The change in fortune was immediate and dramatic; "this had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted that otherwise would have been by any means." Prior to the reform, "the young men that were most able and fit for labor and service did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children, without any recompense," and "this community was found to breed much confusion and discontent, and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort." In the harvest following privatization, however, "the effect of their particular panting was well seen...so as any general want or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

When Bradford looked back upon the early socialist system used by the Pilgrims, he opined "the experience that was had in this common course...may well evince the vanity of the conceit of Plato's and other ancients', applauded by some of later times—that the taking away of property, and bringing in community into a common weal, would make them happy and flourishing." After much hardship, the Pilgrims were made happy and began to flourish—thanks to capitalism. Thus, as America celebrates Thanksgiving some 379 years later, we would do well to remember the lesson learned by the early colonists: it is only under capitalism that a nation can survive and flourish, be it 1623 or 2002. □



The author acknowledges the work of historian Richard Marbury. Unless otherwise attributed, all quotes are from History of Plymouth Plantation by William Bradford, Barnes & Noble, 1908, spelling changed to reflect modern usage.

*A government run by a troll in a green jumpsuit
will never work.*

Korean Commie Crackdown

by Andrew Sinatra

The US has long considered North Korea an aggressively hostile nation. Last month, the small Asian nation revealed to the world that they have been working on a nuclear arms program for the past several years. The news was not surprising in its content—the US had suspicions about such a program—but the unapologetic nature was startling. North Korea has shown no regret for having a nuclear arms program, which both violates the Agreed Framework contract signed with the US in 1994 that was supposed to end North Korea's nuclear arms program in return for economic aid, as well as an agreement with South Korea designed to keep the Korean Peninsula "nuclear

free." North Korea's announcement reinforces the impossibility of making deals with a nation that seeks military supremacy at the expense of its citizens' welfare.

North Korea's history of aggressive behavior started shortly after the Korean peninsula was split in two in 1947. In 1950, communist North Korea invaded democratic South Korea and started a costly three-year war that ravaged the entire region, especially the South Korean capital of Seoul. The war ended in a stalemate, and each side signed a cease-fire but not an actual peace treaty, meaning the two countries are still technically at war and share one of the most heavily armed borders in the world. Since then, North Korea has remained unfriendly to its Asian neighbors, focusing heavily on its military and staging

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weapons tests and foreign kidnappings, a definitive form of terrorism. Tension increased in the early Nineties when North Korea was found to be amassing nuclear technology. This caused fear for both South Korea and the US, who were considering a military invasion to stop the aggression. Former President Jimmy Carter, however, graciously intervened.

President Carter appeals to the belief that conflicts between nations are rooted in misunderstandings that can be fixed

The only thing worse than making a deal with a terrorist nation is not honoring said deal. In classic Clinton style, the then-President simply sent Jimmy Carter to North Korea to patch things up instead of solving the problem on a long term basis.

by simple and honest negotiations. Carter went personally to North Korea to negotiate and, in under four days, proclaimed that he had accurately assessed the situation and came to an

agreement with then president-dictator Kim Il Sung. The "Agreed Framework" required North Korea to cease its nuclear program—which it had promised to do many times before—in exchange for US and allied oil and aid in the construction of two light-water nuclear reactors to replace graphite-moderated reactors, whose waste can be refined for use in nuclear warheads. When asked about president Kim Il Sung, President Carter naïvely

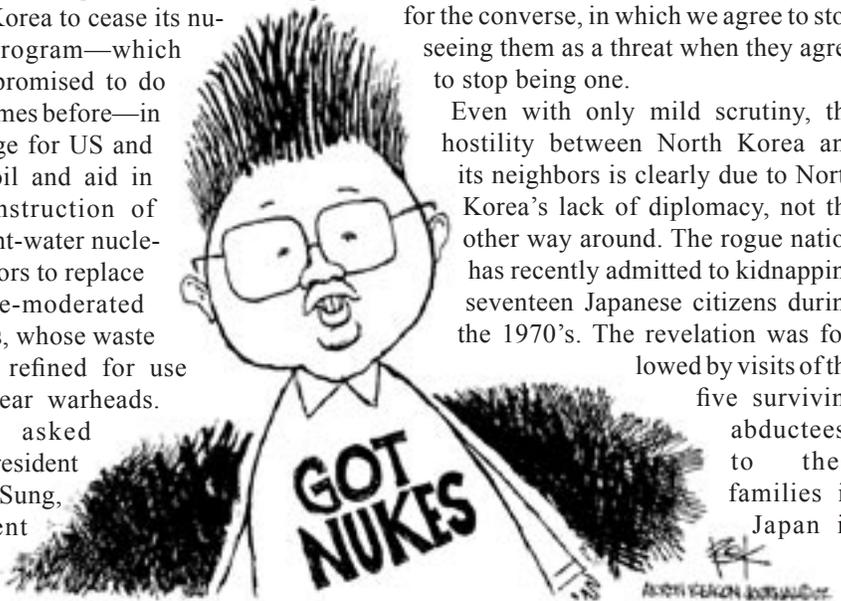
said the leader was "vigorous, intelligent, and surprisingly well informed" and mentioned that he was highly revered by the Korean people. When asked about Kim Il Sung's tyranny and his starvation of his people, however, President Carter conveniently stated "That's not for me to judge." President Carter's work on the Agreed Framework is one of the reasons he recently won the Nobel Peace Prize. Good intentions do not, however, pave the road from stupidity to redemption.

The only thing worse than making a deal with a terrorist nation is not honoring said deal. In classic Clinton style, the then-President simply sent Jimmy Carter to North Korea to patch things up instead of solving the problem on a long-term basis. Promised shipments were often delayed and the nuclear reactors went un-constructed. These blunders not only made the US look bad, but gave diabolical North Korea a reason to blame the US for breach of contract. That North Korea looks the victim in this situation is due partially to Clinton's inefficacy.

North Korea constantly cites these breaches as justification for their new nuclear arms program. They also claim that the US has not worked toward "normalizing relations," which was also part of the Agreed Framework, going so far as to say that the US has a hostile policy toward them. The North Korean Ambassador to Russia stated, "If the US legally confirms its non-aggressive disposition through a pact on non-aggression...we will also be prepared to dispel American concerns in the security sphere." The US should ask for the converse, in which we agree to stop seeing them as a threat when they agree to stop being one.

Even with only mild scrutiny, the hostility between North Korea and its neighbors is clearly due to North Korea's lack of diplomacy, not the other way around. The rogue nation has recently admitted to kidnapping seventeen Japanese citizens during the 1970's. The revelation was fol-

lowed by visits of the five surviving abductees to their families in Japan in



an effort to ease relations. Japan then asked that the children of these survivors also be allowed to travel to Japan. North Korea, however, forbade this. When asked about the fate of the other twelve abductees, North Korea claimed that all died from natural causes, accidents, and suicide. Japan understandably finds this hard to believe. North Korea recently sent back what was supposed to be the cremated remains of one abductee. Upon analysis, the Japanese government found them to be of a woman many years older than the male abductee in question. North Korea's dishonesty over the abductions is unacceptable. The fact that North Korea is unwilling to cooperate in a situation where they are completely at fault is an indication of just plain irresponsibility and definitive belligerence. Adding to Japanese fury, North Korea tested a long-range missile over the island nation in 1998.

North Korea has also been hostile in negotiations with its southern neighbor, South Korea. Not only are the North and South officially still at war, but North Korea is unwilling to even discuss compromise unless it involves food for the starving population. Their desperate economic situation is the only motivation they have for coming to the negotiations table, as they did in 2000. North Korea refuses, however, to let families living in both countries reunite and travel back and forth. North Korea sends a clear message that they are only willing to talk when they need something.

President Bush's stance when this article went to print held that the US will cancel future oil shipments and that North Korea must immediately cease its nuclear arms program. This hard-line against Korea is necessary, as they obviously will not negotiate peacefully. The best solution is for the US and its Asian allies to stop all charitable aid to North Korea until it is willing to cooperate and stop its aggressive actions. North Korea is already floundering economically and is growing increasingly desperate. A large-scale restriction in this form would force North Korea to change its attitude or risk falling apart from the inside. North Korea is more than likely going to try to use its weapon program as a bargaining chip for aid. Any country that falls for their ruse will only reinforce the North's ability to use military threats against peaceful nations to satiate its selfish goals. □

How does Sharon intend to stop terrorism with Israeli settlements?

Fanning the Flames

by Jon Halpert

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has long been a contentious figure in Israeli politics. Recent upheavals in Israel have sapped much of the support from his administration and the confidence from the Knesset, Israel's governing body. Sharon has emerged from the entire ordeal embattled and without a governing coalition behind him. Castigated by his opponents and many international groups, Sharon must now call early elections to decide the future of Israeli policy.

At the heart of the recent political crisis is the issue of settlements in the West Bank. Sharon had planned to allocate over \$140 million in the 2003 budget toward aiding radical Jewish settlers. Moderates in his ruling coalition, however, refused to go along, prompting the resignation of Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer. The resignation and resulting loss of the labor party has left Sharon without a majority and forced the Knesset to move for a vote of no-confidence. Meanwhile, Israeli settlers continue to move into Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank.

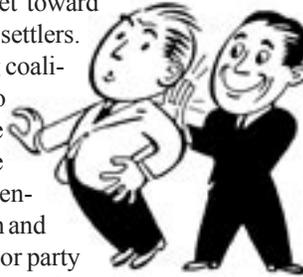
The continued expansion of Israeli settlements into what is considered Palestinian territory has long been at the center of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. For years settlers have set up outposts—some as small as a few trailer homes—in order to lay claim to unused land. For some settlers this is just a matter of convenience; unused land is at a premium in Israel proper, which consists mostly of desert and low-lying coastal regions. For others, however, the right to the land throughout Israel is a matter of faith: God gave the land to the ancient Hebrews, so Zionists have a right to it. The problem is that Israeli settlements in and around Palestinian territory serve to enflame the passions of the local Palestinians, who consider the land—and often all of Israel—to be theirs by birthright. These settlements then

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serve as the main targets of terrorist attacks, forcing the government to provide armed security for these isolated communities—a direct violation of the Oslo Accords.

Sharon's refusal to back down from a policy of unregulated expansion shows a complete disregard for the peace process and often bucks Washington's calls for restraint. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict, however, shares similar sticking points in America's struggle with al-Qaeda. The Israelis, once provoked, retaliate by striking at armed combatants, while the Palestinians attack women, children, and unarmed settlers. In both 1948 and 1967 Israel was attacked and, as a result, expanded in the wake of the victory over Arab armies into more secure borders. Israelis must, however, maintain the moral high ground by defending themselves and must resist becoming the aggressor. The recent expansion of extremist settlers into the West Bank is illegitimate and undermines Israel's claim that it only desires peace and security.

One of the hallmarks of Western Civilization is that democracies respect agreements between nations. Israel, however, has repeatedly sent troops into Gaza and the West Bank, preventing Palestinian control as outlined in the Oslo Accords. Sharon's familiar diatribe against Arafat's support of terror, while apt, loses much of its weight when he is in fact supporting settlements that violate international law. Ben-Eliezer's resignation and the resulting political instability marks a stand against unchecked aggression and echoes the opinions of most Israelis. The last two years have seen the end of the peace process and a shift toward anarchy in the region. To obtain the goal of peace and security, Israel will need the backing of the US and the world. Although Sharon is correct in asserting Israeli security and attacking armed combatants, if he wishes to maintain the support of his party, his country, and the world, he will have to abandon his aggressive expansionist policies and keep the settlers in check. □



Saddam's Square Dance

by Gerard Balan

Several months have passed since President Bush began serious talks of invading Iraq, and the square dance between Saddam Hussein and the United Nations continues. Iraqi officials have agreed to allow the UN to inspect the country for illegal weapons of mass murder. Once again, Americans can rest easy and return to their banal lives of socializing on cell phones and combating cellulite. All is right now that Saddam has assured inspectors unfettered access in 2002. Wait, or was it 1992? Perhaps he made this promise in 1995. Will he do the same in 2005? Saddam has promised access on multiple occasions, and nothing differentiates this pledge from any of the previous ones. Idealists who buy into Saddam's latest lies must finally face facts. The Butcher of Baghdad is lying, and he has a long history to prove it.

Saddam's long record of fallacies and deception dates back to the beginning of his regime and came to international light when US troops cluster bombed Iraqi invaders out of Kuwait. To suspend hostilities towards his regime, Hussein agreed to a series of demands from the UN. Near the top of the list was Security Council Resolution 688, which called for the cessation of the systematic repression of religious minorities. While Saddam gave his word to the world, he secretly continued his campaign of cruelty. His henchmen have arbitrarily arrested, beaten, mutilated, and raped tens of thousands of political opponents and Iraqi citizens. Others were tortured through burning, electric shock, or starvation. Though Saddam made headlines a few weeks ago when he released hundreds of political prisoners, scores of families were unable to

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reunite with their loved ones because Saddam had them executed long ago.

By now, most Americans are familiar with Hussein's perpetual vacillation on whether to stop building weapons of mass destruction. After its defeat in the Gulf War, the Iraqi regime agreed to stop its weapons programs and, to prove sincerity, agreed to allow UN

inspectors into the country. Between 1991 and 1995, Hussein proudly proclaimed that Iraq had no biological weapons, assuring the world that all his biological weapons were destroyed during the Gulf War, and

biological weapons agents were deactivated afterward. He was unable to keep the inspectors' heads buried in the sand, however, and they uncovered his lies. UN inspectors conducted more than 70 inspections and, in their final report in 1999, remarked that Iraq "retained suitable growth media, BW facilities, production equipment, teams of expert personnel, and the essential technical knowledge." In fact, they remarked that Iraq's biological warfare development was "among the most secretive of its programs of weapons of mass destruction." The report charged that Iraqi officials "took active steps" to conceal the program, including "inadequate disclosures, unilateral destruction, and concealment activities." In addition, UN inspectors learned that Iraq had also been stockpiling chemical weapons, including VX and mustard gas.

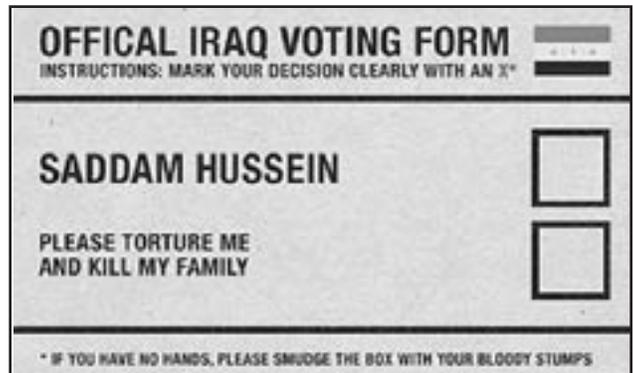
After much American political pressure and a UN-backed weapons inspection resolution, Iraq once again has agreed to allow inspectors unrestricted access to their weapons facilities. Yet,

the defiant tone of nine-page letter delivered to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan foreshadows more acts of deceit down the road. Rather than simply stating that Iraq accepts the UN demands, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri remarks, "We will deal with resolution 1441, despite its bad contents." The letter goes on to state that with respect to inspectors, the Iraqi government will "take into consideration... their improper approach in showing respect to the people's national dignity, their independence and security, and their country's security, independence and sovereignty." Of course, Jumbos with good memories will remember that Iraq often has used similar rhetoric concerning "sovereignty" as an excuse to restrict UN inspectors from searching presidential palaces and government ministries. In his doublespeak and feeble attempt to use just war theory, Saddam neglects to define a sovereign nation-state in Western terms: as a government subordinate to the will of the people, not manipulated by ruthless rulers.

The letter to Annan also claims that Iraq has not built any new weapons of mass murder since inspectors were ousted three years ago, adding, "Such fabrications are baseless." History repeats itself, and the gullible United Nations is buying Saddam's every word. At least President Bush is not foolish enough to believe a word he says. CNN quotes him as promising, "There's no negotiations with Mr. Saddam Hussein. Those days are long gone, and so are the days of deceit and denial." Indeed, the Butcher of Baghdad has lied so long and so often, if former President Clinton were to host a seminar on deception, Saddam would graduate summa cum laude.

Iraq's letter to Annan provides the best reason to ignore Saddam's latest attempt at trickery. In it, Sabri defiantly states, "He who remains silent in the defense of truth is a dumb devil." Fortunately the American Right is speaking loudly and clearly as the voice of truth. □

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Jerry Falwell, RuPaul, and Fredrick Engels walk into a bar....

Married to Big Government

by Jason Walker

The campaign in Massachusetts for the so-called “Protection of Marriage Amendment” once again returns the issue of gay marriage to political discourse. The amendment, if passed, would constitutionally define marriage as a union between one man and one woman, which would preempt bids to either legislate or litigate LGBT equality in marriage. During the recent gubernatorial race, the Massachusetts

Citizens for Marriage (MCM) ran ads against Senate President Tom Birmingham and eventually Shannon O’Brien, demanding that they support bringing the MCM-sponsored amendment to a floor debate and vote.

With Speaker Finneran’s track record on respecting the state constitution, MCM is right to be concerned about constitutional law being followed. Whether they succeed or not, gay marriage will remain a divisive battle in the great American culture wars. Fortunately, unlike civil rights, free speech, privacy, free markets, and other perennial issues, gay marriage does not require a government solution.

While the gay marriage controversy is probably the most obvious example of how government-sanctioned marriage leads to irreconcilable differences along cultural lines, it also pervades debates over taxes (both marriage penalties and tax-breaks), immigration (marriage green cards), family law (divorce, adoption, estate), gender issues (whether a transsexual counts as a wife), and victimless crime (anti-polygamy legislation). The time has come to rethink this premise.

The ancient Romans required no civil ceremony for marriage; the couple only needed a mutual understanding and consent. The rise of the Church in the Middle Ages made marriage a civil as well as religious matter.

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America’s legal tradition is so deeply rooted in this heritage that imagining alternatives to this conception of marriage is difficult. Every legal practice, however, should be evaluated not only by whether it passes Constitutional muster, but more importantly on whether it

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fine their relationships with each other does not violate any rights. Indeed, by requiring sanction, the State arguably violates the rights of the couple by mandating the cost and inconvenience of obtaining a license. Further, by making distinctions between how it treats married and unmarried couples and singles for purposes of taxation, estate law, and the like, the State practices discrimination on what can only be considered cultural or religious grounds.

A principled government dedicated to liberty should have about as much need to get involved in the marriage business as the shoemaking industry. Ideally, it would neither grant marriage licenses nor treat a (self-identified) married couple any differently than unmarried couples or singles. Just as gay couples can obtain pre-nuptial contracts and combine their bank accounts under one name, so too could heterosexual couples maintain the traditional accouterments of marriage without government sanction. The important thing is that the State is completely removed from the process, offering neither incentives nor disincentives for marriage, and

serves any purpose in protecting individual rights. Marriage, as a civil matter, cannot be defended on this basis. The way two or more individuals de-

not demanding a license before any couple could consider themselves married.

Regarding the gay marriage debate, this solution would provide a synthesis of the positions of LGBT-equity activists and Christian fundamentalists. Jack Chick-style fundamentalists would no longer have to worry about the State sanctioning “sinful” lifestyles, and could continue to consider gay unions illegitimate in the eyes of God. LGBT activists would achieve the equal protection they deserve under the 14th Amendment, as the State would no longer discriminate between heterosexual and homosexual unions. Voluntary bigamy and polygamy would no longer be criminal—although adulterers may still be liable in divorce depending on how pre-nups are written. Cases like that of J’Noel Gardiner, who was denied her husband’s inheritance because Kansas law considered her a man and therefore her marriage invalid, would be a thing of the past. Conservatives, meanwhile, could rejoice for the end of the marriage penalty in income tax law.

A defender of State involvement could argue that marriage, as the basis of the family, has a fundamental importance to the stability of the republic. This would beg the question why, therefore, the State sanctions intentionally-childless marriages while granting no incentives for unmarried families. Also, this sentiment carries totalitarian undertones. Fascist and Communist regimes alike controlled family life, which Frederick Engels himself recommended. Free societies, by contrast, generally have laissez-faire dispositions toward family structures and children, and they are markedly more stable than totalitarian

regimes. Indeed, there is no evidence that any society, culture, or nation was destroyed due to disintegration of the so-called “traditional” family unit, much less lack of incentives for State-approved marriages. If anything, the family unit could grow stronger and healthier without the State, as

people would be more likely to marry for the right reasons.

MCM’s slogan has it exactly right: “Marriage Matters.” All the more reason to leave it to the discretion of individuals, families, and their respective cultural traditions by separating the State and marriage. □



Do you take this man to be your lawfully wedded husband?

Stellar results for the GOP as the nation wisens up.

A Step in the Right Direction

by Aaron Held

Election 2002, closely watched throughout the entire country, could not have turned out better for the Republican Party. The GOP not only has the White House, but also, much to the dismay of the nation's Democrats, has gained control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives. For the next two years, significant progress will be made on both foreign and domestic issues with, hopefully, fewer stalemates. The stalled tax breaks, homeland security initiatives, and the War on Terror will now have much greater chances of succeeding. Bills will be passed that might not have been able to get through with the Democrats in control of the Senate, as Americans witnessed for the last two years.

Traditionally, the party not in control of the White House picks up seats in mid-term elections because voters tend to blame the nation's problems on the incumbent party. The fact that election 2002 brought such success to the Republican Party has to do with several factors, including the latest agenda on social, fiscal, domestic and foreign issues. The modern Republican Party has a clear and unified view of their priorities and goals. Even if certain conservatives do not personally agree on every issue, they know what the American people want, and the job of the government is to represent the people. The Republicans capitalized on the Democrats' mistakes, including their increasingly polarized stances. For better or worse, the country has seen a leftward shift in mainstream politics, and as the Republicans move more towards the center, the Democrats

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continue to push farther to the left. The American people do not want tree-huggers and socialists in power. People appreciate rationality and reap the fruits of capitalism whenever possible; no one is buying the Democratic spiel about feelings and taxes.

The Republican success of Election 2002 did not come by chance. First off, President Bush spent the two weeks preceding the election

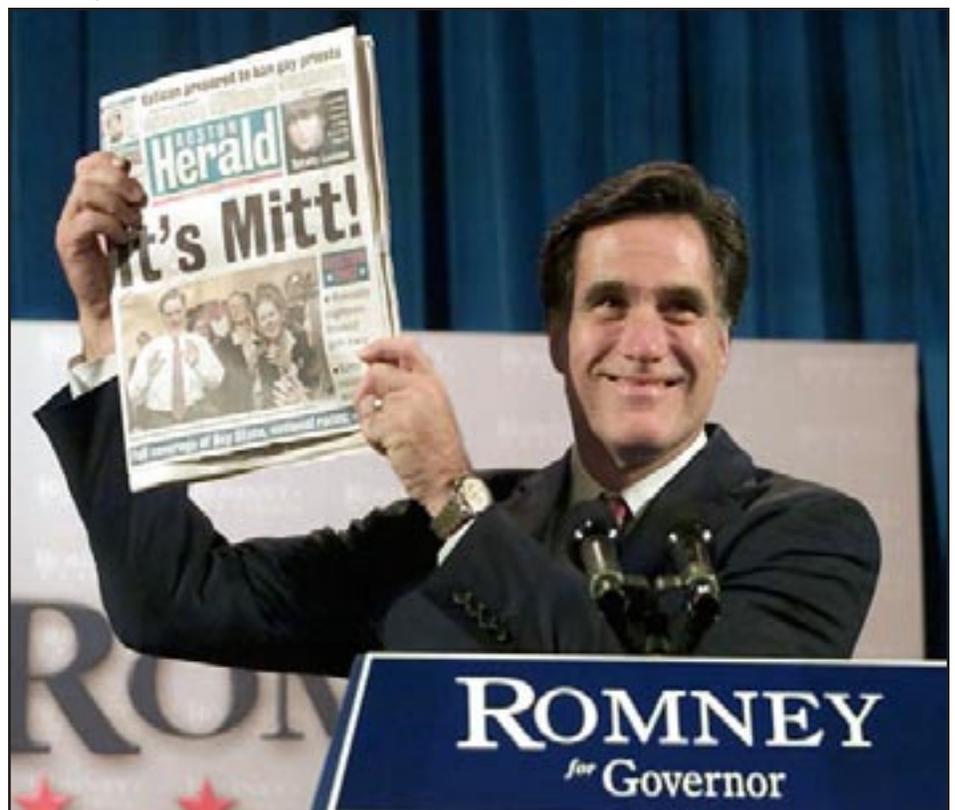
campaigning for candidates in close races for the House, Senate, and governorships across the country. He flew over 10,000 miles and visited no fewer

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than 15 states. In doing so, he took a big gamble—he was banking on the trust he has earned with the American people. If these candidates were to lose, he could be blamed. Yet at all of his stops, he took the opportunity to discuss the core issues facing the nation, including upcoming judicial appointments. That people so readily voted for Republican candidates means that they trust Bush's opinions on potential Justices.

With the upcoming retirement of Supreme Court Justices Rehnquist, O'Connor, and Stevens, Bush has the power to build an entirely new Supreme Court. He has not hidden how he feels about appointing both conservatives and moderates to the panel. Now his choices will most likely be approved. Many people have argued that the new Court will use the power of Judicial Review and overturn historically politically-contested cases like *Roe v. Wade*. These fears, however, are unfounded. The Republicans were elected by being moderate, and if they care about holding onto their seats they will remain moderate.

In the new Washington, conservative measures passed by the House but shunted aside by Tom Daschle, including cloning and partial-birth abortion bans as



Massachusetts wins with Romney.

well as faith-based initiatives, will at least come up for a vote. A handful of critical bills where the conservative agenda has clashed with the Democrats' will have a better chance of passing, including measures involving the budget, energy, homeland security, and most importantly, permanent tax cuts.

In Massachusetts residents saw that, although the state is predominantly Democratic, it does not vote for monopoly. Republicans have become better at pushing conservative views with a smile to the mainstream and timing their moves carefully. Mitt Romney's photo finish victory was due to his image as a common sense conservative. His support for English immersion was met with Shannon O'Brien's Democratic dogma instead of a rational argument. O'Brien tried to paint Romney as a heartless businessman, but the voters of Massachusetts saw through it. His honesty and straightforward policies and success with the Olympics undoubtedly captured him the victory. In liberal towns such as Brookline, O'Brien topped Romney 2:1. In previous elections, the figure was closer to 5:1 in favor of the Democratic candidate. Why? The Democratic Party, not only in Massachusetts but nationally, is growing weaker. Candidates like O'Brien faltered in debates. The Democrats' support base of academia and unions is not going to cut it when voter turnout surges upwards of 70%. Winning is all about appealing to the masses.

The way the ballot questions were voted on in the Massachusetts elections shows a definite conservative trend in the liberal voting public as well. Question One, the Libertarian-sponsored income tax rollback, almost passed—gathering a 47% Yes vote. Question Two, abolishing bilingual education, passed by a landslide despite all of the Democrats and teachers unions advocating a No vote.

With the Republicans' success on November 5th, the sky is the limit for the GOP. The election confirmed the Democrats' concerns in the final days of the campaign: they failed to make a case against the Republicans on too many issues, and they lost. They failed to offer coherent arguments. They hemmed and hawed, but in the end, they could not tell anyone why to vote Democrat. Not only did the Republicans and conservatives win in this election, America won as well. □

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Arming America
by Michael A. Bellesiles

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\$16.00, paperback

Two years ago Michael A. Bellesiles, a professor of history at Emory University, won the Bancroft Prize, the most prestigious award in the writing of American history, for his book *Arming America*. The book is a deconstruction of America's unique "gun culture." Hailed as "the NRA's worst nightmare," it attempts to refute a common defense of the Second Amendment, that guns were part of everyday life for the Founding Fathers and that to remove them from the lives of today's citizens would be un-American. Bellesiles even goes so far as to argue that guns were uncommon and sometimes non-existent in early American society.

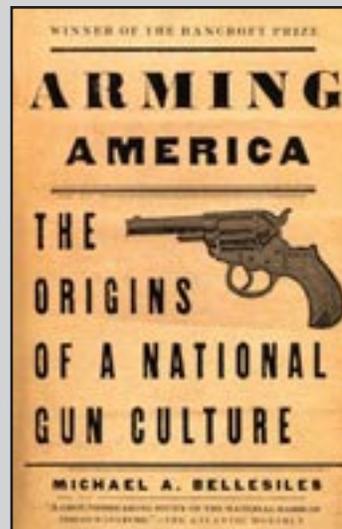
Bellesiles argues, "Gun ownership was exceptional in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and early nineteenth centuries...guns became a common commodity only with the industrialization of the mid-nineteenth century." Assuming that Bellesiles' claims hold water, his attack on the Second Amendment is akin to attacking the First Amendment on the grounds that not as many people actually read newspapers as first thought. Would Americans relinquish the right to a free press on such grounds? Yet this book has become something of a bible for anti-gun activists—it is even cited as evidence in numerous legal briefs.

Though Bellesiles' story may be based in truth, it does not even begin to rebut common-sense conservative arguments against gun control based on individual liberty and fiscal responsibility. The Left must still prove that gun control is socially beneficial enough to merit an abandonment of civil liberties and that it passes a cost-benefit analysis. *Arming America* confronts neither of these issues.

The confusion, however, is not just contained in what he fails to confront, but in the details he does give. Bellesiles' thesis is flawed for a devastating reason: his data is misleading and, unfortunately for the Left, a steaming pile of lies. *Arming America* does not lack in documentation and references; Bellesiles included a full 135-page appendix. His numbers, however,

are vague, his sources shaky, and his inconsistencies frequent. He repeatedly states that only 14.7 percent of national probate records included mention of guns. Bellesiles cites no more than county names in defense of these figures, and other numbers included in the book contradict this national average.

Probate records are a poor source of data, at best. They document items in a person's estate, and though some are thorough listings of the contents of a home, they rarely accurately show every item owned by the deceased. Some



counties only deal with real estate rather than personal property, and the standards for an item's inclusion in the record vary widely from county to county. Even more troubling, Bellesiles misquotes sources and, in some cases, invents his own data to manipulate figures. He garbles the words of George Washington, rewrites federal laws, and changes Massachusetts' census records. In one egregious error, Bellesiles includes probate data from San Francisco. His already

suspect averages were surely helped by the fact that these Californian records were lost in an earthquake in 1906.

Bellesiles' intent to misrepresent the truth evoked a recent month-long investigation by his employer, Emory University. The investigating panel concluded there was "evidence of falsification," "misrepresentation and exaggeration of data," and that Bellesiles "willingly misrepresented the evidence." Needless to say, he resigned after notification of the panel's findings.

Bellesiles' failure in his attempt to discredit the Constitution should be the least of the Left's worries. That the academic Left resorts to intellectual dishonesty and bold-faced lies is much more troubling. Worst of all is the public's ready willingness to accept this absurdity as fact. Though Bellesiles hardly gave proponents of liberty nightmares, *Arming America* does more to strengthen the Right's position than harm it.

—Simon Holroyd

FOOL ON THE HILL

In what was obviously meant to be a response to a SOURCE exposé on his dastardly doings, Mr. Carl Jackson, the mastermind of Tufts' underworld, wrote quite an article for the Observer ("THE PRIMARY SOURCE Gets the 'Big Payback,'" Nov. 1). Unfortunately for Carl, the SOURCE originally chose to keep our settlement with him hush-hush and forwent a condemnation between our pages—why add insult to injury? He incorrectly predicted SOURCE content, let his anger get the better of him, and composed a work of "personal attack" art for that other magazine. For that, we award him the dubious honor of Fool on the Hill.

Last year, Jackson organized and executed the theft of 1,000 SOURCE issues, a crime for which he could have been suspended for at least a year. In our complaint, we clearly outlined our intent to keep this case gentlemanly in lieu of a nasty hearing where the stakes would have been higher—for Carl. Veronica Carter never had to bring "[Megan Liotta's] ballistic temper down a notch." He goes on, "Let's just say that I'm not in the least bit troubled about what I actually paid back [for the stolen issues]." Swell. This could devolve into a he-said-she-said bitchfest, but Jackson gave enough insight into how people think of SOURCE members to keep us laughing until he graduates, and then some.

Among his bits of bogus blame, Carl feigns astonishment that we made him "of all people, a scapegoat in the recent, overzealous campaign of principle and justice." If Carl understood that stealing stuff is "theft"—which he always puts in quotations, as though the definition is subject to wildly varying interpretation—our "choice" would not seem so random. Indeed, Carl (or "Cral," as he signed one, now-infamous email) admitted his involvement and, in the Observer, encourages others to do the same: "By dumping the hate published in the SOURCE we too can help build a community," comparing his work to that of the Founding Fathers.

Calling such action an exercise in free expression, Carl bemoans the SOURCE'S

lack of understanding. "[Sam Dangremond] even founded his own social club on the issue," Carl writes. "[H]e's calling it the Media Advisory Board." What an interesting concept, this MAB—a social club headed by Sam, that counts Adam Carlis, Justin Race, and Lucretia Hoffman among its members.

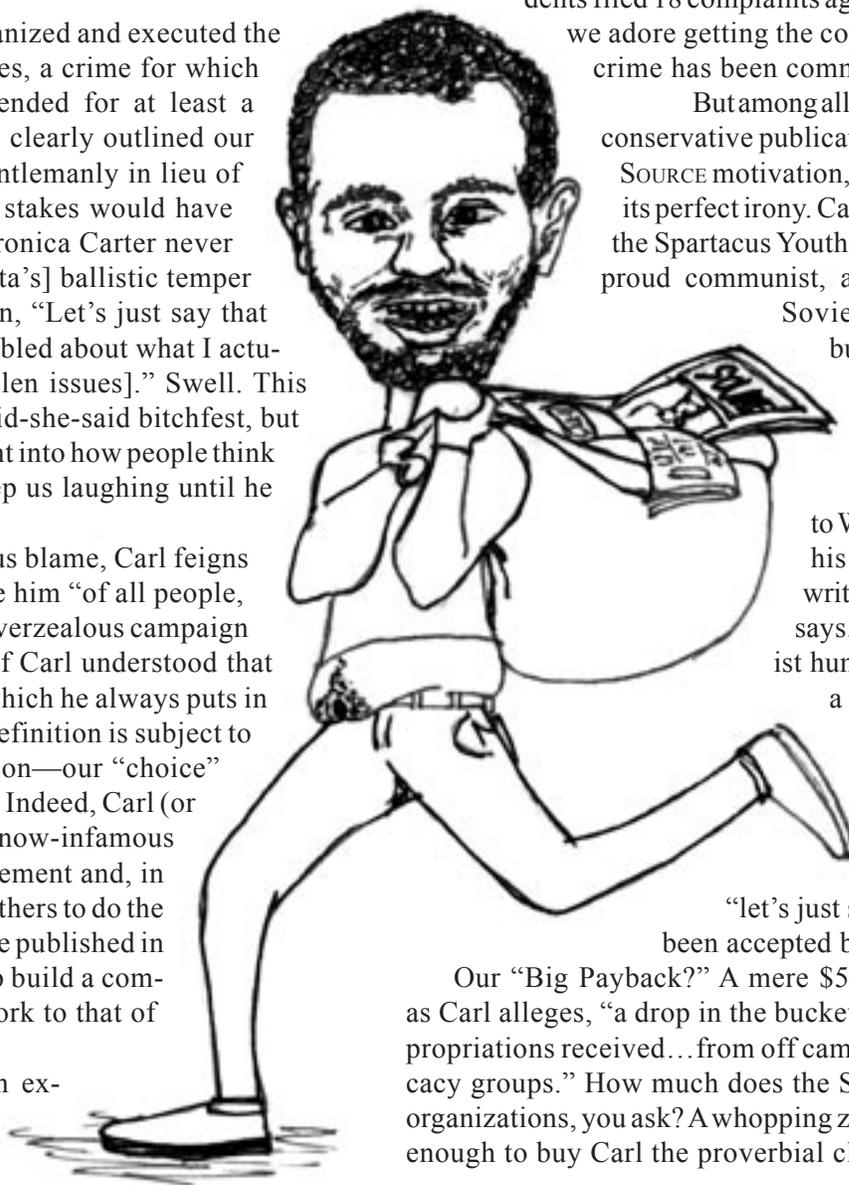
"It's common knowledge that the SOURCE loves to prosecute, almost as much as they adore getting the cops involved." Well, a SOURCE member did file a complaint after being *assaulted* last year—other than that, we aren't sure what exactly Carl's talking about. After all, students filed 18 complaints against us last year. Yes, we adore getting the cops involved—when a crime has been committed. *It's their job.*

But among all of Carl's mix-ups over conservative publications, federal law, and SOURCE motivation, one line sticks out for its perfect irony. Carl, former president of the Spartacus Youth League and fervently proud communist, attributes the famous Soviet quote, "We shall

bury you!" to Leonid Brezhnev. Time to hit the books for once, Carl—Nikita Khrushchev said that to Western diplomats, not his successor. "SOURCE writers call it humor," Carl says. Not quite. Our elitist humor standards include a tenet for historic accuracy. Maybe next time. We aren't sure what grad school he'll be attending next year, but

"let's just say" he couldn't have been accepted based on his GREs.

Our "Big Payback?" A mere \$522 "cash money," or as Carl alleges, "a drop in the bucket compared to the appropriations received... from off campus right-wing advocacy groups." How much does the SOURCE get from such organizations, you ask? A whopping zero dollars—not even enough to buy Carl the proverbial clue. □



WE SWEAR WE ARE NOT MAKING THIS UP



Nebbie is indeed a convict housed at Florida State Prison and now a SOURCE subscriber. He is currently serving a 22 year sentence for second degree murder. THE PRIMARY SOURCE is proud to aid in the moral enlightenment and rehabilitation of America's convicts.

Mr. Nebuchadnezzar N. Wisper
Florida State Prison

October 15th, 2002

Re: "Primary Source Magazine requested":

Dear Megan, or Editor:

I come to write this brief requisition, but with an intense interest in being a recipient of your "Primary Source" Newsletter, if possible.

Megan, I am a long-term listener of "The Laura Ingraham Show." And, I truly appreciated your brief interview and would find a subscription of "Primary Source" very viable and informative, if you could provide me one.

Unfortunately, I am a political prisoner whom have been divested of all my monetary funds due to overwhelming legal fees to contest a death sentence that I faced back then.

Therefore, I come to request your polite assistance to accommodate my state of insolvency by providing me a courtesy or charitable subscription of your "Primary Source Magazine" or Newsletter. Can you help me in this matter?

Megan, I have a strong passion to educate myself in all areas of life, especially politics, philosophy, psychology, penal system and polytheism.

However, I happen to be incarcerated in a Super Max Prison that denies me access to a prison library. And therefore, I must rely on freeworld citizens to aid me in combating my negative environment by providing me educative literatures to occupy my inquiring mind.

My friend, I live in a very mad environment with a very violent class of prisoners that spends most of their time studying "Bombing Manuals" that they receive from Anarchy factions and other terroristic breeding or oriented (literatures) organizations.

Personally, I have chosen to redirect my path several years ago by acquiring positive-minded friends where they are to be found and by studying positive-oriented literatures that could nurture the best qualities of my being.

So therefore, if you are unable to provide me a subscription of your Primary Source Newsletter due to some unfriendly policy, please send me some back issues of Primary Source, if your surplus permits. Thank you!

In closing, I hope that you understand that any help that you provide me is greatly appreciated. Until then, take care and I look forward to hearing from you. Peace!

Best Wishes, Bro. Yah Yah, Your Friend

NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

Call me sentimental, but wasn't it nice to see Walter Mondale come out of retirement for one last ass whoopin'?

—David Letterman

National defense is one of the cardinal duties of a statesman.

—John Adams

It does not take a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.

—Samuel Adams

Clearly, a civilization that feels guilty for everything it is and does will lack the energy and conviction to defend itself.

—Jean Francois Revel

He who praises you for what you lack wishes to take from you what you have.

—Don Juan Manuel

What a man's mind can create, man's character can control.

—Thomas Edison

It is impossible to win the great prizes of life without running risks.

—Theodore Roosevelt

The supreme value that our veterans have fought and died for—from the American Revolution to the Civil War to two World Wars is freedom. America is the country of freedom.

—Edwin A. Locke

People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

There are various conventional explanations for this week's election results; but unmentioned has been the Democrats' failure to condemn loudly and publicly the ravings of the lunatic Left.

—Victor Davis Hanson

Republicans won because they ran as conservatives, and conservatism wins every time.

—Rush Limbaugh

I wish to have no connection with any ship that does not sail fast; for I intend to go in harm's way.

—John Paul Jones

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

—John F. Kennedy

The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights, cannot claim to be defenders of minorities.

—Ayn Rand

It's easy for us to sit here and critique Tom Daschle now because, as we all know, hindsight is 51/48.

—Jon Stewart

I am the greatest. Not only do I knock 'em out, I pick theround!

—Muhammad Ali

Yes, madam, I am drunk. But in the morning I will be sober and you will still be ugly.

—Winston Churchill

Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.

—Arnold Schwarzenegger

The best minds are not in government. If any were, business would steal them away.

—Ronald Reagan

The US Constitution doesn't guarantee happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to catch up with it yourself.

—Benjamin Franklin

We would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

It's a little like Newton's law, right? For every action, there's an equal and opposite reaction. And the equal and opposite reaction is on the Republican side.

—Rudy Giuliani

A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have.

—Barry Goldwater

Although he's regularly asked to do so, God does not take sides in American politics.

—George J. Mitchell

Truth is the glue that holds governments together. Compromise is the oil that makes governments go.

—Gerald Ford

The best audience is intelligent, well-educated, and a little drunk.

—Alben W. Barkley