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## FROM THE EDITOR

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Although there is a plethora of criticisms of the social climate on the hill, the lack of school spirit has received the most attention. The recent "Fall Festival" attempted to address the lack of unity on campus by bringing students and faculty together in an organized social event. While this was an enjoyable event, it did nothing to address the greater issues of a balkanized Tufts community. If the university is truly concerned with the lack of spirit on campus then it should look no further than its own administration. It is indeed ironic that politically correct campus governors are now making a concerted effort to enhance school spirit even while failing to realize that their own social engineering policies are a hindrance to any attempts to create even a semblance of school unity.

Tufts' attempt to bring social utopia to Walnut Hill has resulted in the establishment of a segregated community. The sponsorship of culture houses and resource centers has created a separatist mentality at Tufts. Students of different racial backgrounds interact with each other even less as they now frequent such establishments as Start House, Capen House, the International House, the LGB Resource Center, and the Women's Center.

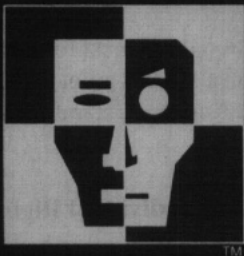
Proponents of these centers, programs, and houses argue that minority students need to have the opportunity to associate with people from similar backgrounds so that they will feel more comfortable at Tufts. Such special interest groups often claim that their organizations are open to everyone, but that majority students do not give them a chance. Supporters of cultural resource centers fail to understand that they artificially limit students' choices as to what associations they can make on the basis of race, gender, and sexuality.

The liberals cannot have it both ways. If they want to build a sense of school spirit and community, they should not limit themselves with the skin-deep issues that envelop much of their ideology. The university should discard those structures that serve only to divide the community and allow students to voluntarily grow together. Campus leaders must realize that school spirit can only be attained in a setting that permits students to relate to each other via their thoughts and ideas. Until they do, administrators will continue to pat each other on the back for a job well undone.

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# Commentary

## Caribbean Catastrophe

The Clinton Administration has finally reached an agreement in its latest round of bidding wars with Cuba over the refugee situation. The President has offered to allow increased legal immigration provided that Cuban dictator Fidel Castro take measures to curtail the exodus. The administration has refused to bring an end to the expanded economic sanctions it imposed last month. Meanwhile in Haiti, the military dictatorship clings to control the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere.

The official Clinton policy of the week with regard to Cuba is interdiction of refugees fleeing the political and economic catastrophe that has engulfed that island for years, and transport of them to the American military base at Guantanamo Bay. Simultaneously, Clinton foreign policy experts are sailing the Caribbean in search of soldiers to help with the invasion of Haiti now called a "near certainty." Clinton is sacrificing the wrong people in both situations.

The 30-year old trade embargo on Cuba has left Castro's island in a time warp. His subjects are trying to enter the nineteen-sixties while the world is being catapulted into the twenty-first century.

Having been exposed to the benefits of capitalism by The Voice of America, Cubans set out for the beach to build (and sell) rafts that would cross the Florida Straits. The best course of action for America is to help Cuba lift the sanctions and let the people's will to re-join the rest of the world overthrow Fidel.

On the other hand, President Clinton is about to send American and Grenadan troops ashore in Haiti to replace a group of tyrants with a democratically-elected despot. Jean-Bertrand Aristide is not the savior of the Haitian people President Clinton makes him out to be. He frequently eliminated political appointees in much the same way the Cédras' regime has. Given Haiti's track record with heads-of state (like the Duvaliers), little can be done to help. As the election that supposedly validates Aristide's claim to power is in question, no legitimate military or political goal can be identified. Haiti has no strategic value to the United States and is irrelevant to America's national security.

The Commander-in-Chief's flip-flops on such vital issues as Cuba and Haiti indicate that he and his team are entirely inexperienced when it comes to developing a coherent foreign policy that places America's interests before the political fortunes of the President. Clinton's waffling on these matters is further indicative of his desire to come to the politically expedi-

ent outcome rather than a resolution that is best for both parties. President Clinton has proven himself to this point to be a foreign policy disaster who can only hurt America's standing in the new world order.

## Abusing Families, Abusing Individual Rights

On May 23, 1994, a Georgia mother was arrested and imprisoned for child abuse when she reprimanded her son in a grocery store. Lynn Kivi slapped her son Chuck after he defied her directions to behave. A supermarket clerk who saw the exchange notified the local authorities, paving the way for a ludicrous situation.

Mrs. Kivi faced indictment on felony child abuse charges which carry a 20-year prison sentence. She was, in fact, imprisoned for two months while she spent thousands of dollars raising a defense. State and local child welfare agencies cried foul and demanded that the mother be further reprimanded for her in consonant behavior. The groups were overly concerned with the "viciousness" of the "crime" and failed to see that such an action does, in fact, have a place in child-rearing. Moreover, they overlooked the right of the parent to determine the proper way to

raise a child. Brutality has no place in child rearing, but the "slap heard 'round the world" was neither brutal nor the business of anyone but Mrs. Kivi and her son.

The liberals that involve themselves in victimized groups are nothing more than advocates of big government and big brother. They invade people's privacy and mask their activism in the cloak of compassion. They are the same people who set up intricate bureaucracies to manage the various child welfare agencies that take away the rights of parents. Their actions are symbolic of the alarming policies of bleeding hearts who want nothing more than to replace the family with the state.

## California Dreamin'

AIDS paranoia in the Golden State has caused officials in San Francisco and Los Angeles to take leave of their senses. In the former, the District Attorney has relaxed anti-prostitution policies; in the latter, the Mayor has authorized the subsidization of illicit drug use.

Harlotry has been rampant in the Bay City for years. Three to five prostitution cases are tried in San Francisco each day, and city police make more than 2,500 related arrests annually. In



recent years, the District Attorney has included used condoms found at prostitution sites in its prosecution of hookers and johns. Based on the logic that an arrest is worse than the contraction of a fatal illness, however, politically correct forces have argued that this policy discourages the practice of safe sex in the city's whorehouses and sleazy motels. The D.A. has agreed, and now promises to exclude prophylactics as evidence.

Likewise, three hundred miles to the south, residents of the City of Angels often behave in an impious fashion by using intravenous drugs and then sharing needles with their friends. The drug scene is a highly effective conduit for HIV. Consequently Mayor Richard Riordan has decided to distribute clean needles to the city's drug-users.

Both cities' governments naïvely believe that the hazards of a vice can be prevented by promoting it. It is prostitution and drug use themselves— not the scarcity of condoms or clean needles— that causes AIDS. The chances of a celibate person contracting HIV from a prostitute are non-existent, whereas condoms are at best 80 percent effective. Similarly, given the drug addict's obvious disregard for his own health, it is doubtful that he will take the time to obtain a clean needle instead of enjoying a quick fix. Facilitation will only succeed in fostering such behavior. Many would-be strumpets, johns, and drug-users abstain from dangerous vices precisely *because* they fear incarceration or AIDS. By eliminating the legal and health barriers to drug use and prostitution, Los Angeles and San Francisco have not only given immoral and illegal conduct their seals of approval, but have offered their citizens false notions of safety.

### Vet School Becomes Capitalist

On July 28, 1994, the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine finalized an agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that will allow Tufts to make the school a for-profit institution. The deal clears the way for the development of a biotechnology research park which will house the laboratories of several major companies on the Grafton campus. Since Massachusetts had originally given the 634-acre piece of land to Tufts "for the express purpose of creating a non-profit institution," the university needed the state to change the laws regarding the status of the school in order to deal with private for-profit corporations.

Governor Weld and Dean of the Veterinary School Franklin Loew support the deal because it will improve the quality of

instruction at the school and help develop new bio-medical technologies. Additionally, this is expected to recoup some of the school's operating expenses that had not been covered in previous years. However, as a part of the deal, the Vet school is required to share up to 30% of its profits with the state.

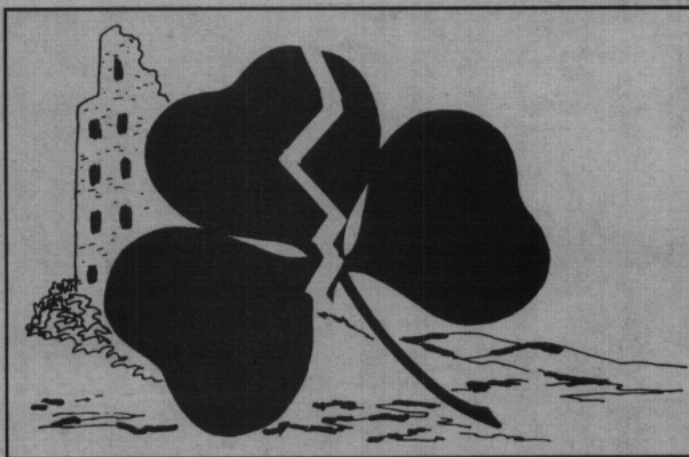
The old agreement was good in that it provided for the construction of a school of veterinary medicine which benefits the community while exacting a negligible cost from the state. However it precluded the economics of capitalism from aiding in the educational process. The new agreement removes artificial government regulation and limitations from the School and allows it to be manipulated by the invisible hand of free-market economics. This, like any venture that privatizes what was once the domain of the government, is beneficial to both consumers and society as a whole.

### Peace and Freedom for Ireland

Recent declarations by the British and Irish governments and the independent Irish Republican Army (IRA) have signaled an end to the 25-year old guerrilla war in Northern Ireland and a possible resolution of the Protestant/Catholic conflict that has raged for centuries. On September 1 the IRA unilaterally ceased fire in its war with the Protestant unionist militia in Northern Ireland and the British army. Unfortunately, certain political elements in Protestant Northern Ireland have refused to accept the truce. Tri-partite negotiations are about to begin on the future of Northern Ireland.

The best possible resolution for this conflict is giving the people of Northern Ireland home rule. The territory should not be governed by either Dublin or London, but by those who live there. In addition, the IRA must go beyond the cease-fire and finally end the war, and the United Kingdom must then begin withdrawing its soldiers who have been "protecting" the rights of "all" Irishmen.

The start of negotiations is encouraging because it indicates that all parties have acknowledged that none of their methods of government is best. The Irish will not be ruled by anti-Catholic ministers of state, nor will the Protestants be ruled by a theocracy in Dublin. Most importantly, the IRA's guerrilla tactics will not have been rewarded with the trappings of Marxist nationalism. Here, as in any case, democracy and self-rule are the only causes worth fighting for. Thankfully, the warring parties have finally come to that realization.



# Fortnight in Review

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
--Aristophanes

**PS** Debbie Harry, of the seventies supergroup Blondie, recently went ballistic upon seeing two men, dressed as women, lip-synching her "Heart of Glass" at Greenwich Village's annual dragfest, Wigstock. Dumb move, blondie. Those were your last two fans.

**PS** Kentucky tobacco-growers burned First Lady Hillary Clinton in effigy last week to protest her administration's assault on their industry. Said farmer Stan Archikavitz, "Hillary didn't last as long as my Marlboro." Her administration will last only a little bit longer.

**PS** Julia Sweeney, AKA "Pat" of "Saturday Night Live" fame has teamed up with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals in protesting the Gillette corporation's experiments on woolly creatures. Sweeney claims, "I will never shave again until Gillette stops testing on animals." Looks like Gillette has its next guinea pig...

**PS** Earlier this month in California a young gang of hoodlums robbed at gunpoint a truck loaded with "Mighty Morphin Power Ranger" action figures. The good news is that the thugs have been apprehended. The bad news is that no one has been around to run Film Series in two weeks.

**PS** Maryland's most-wanted deadbeat father, Charles Farace, who owes his former-wife some \$43,000 in child-support payments, was nabbed by police posing as pizza-deliverymen at his door. The smell, however, should have given the cops away. Mr. Farace didn't order donuts on his pie.

**PS** At a gathering after the funeral for slain Massachusetts State Trooper Mark Charbonnier, hundreds of troopers got drunk, sang through their megaphones, and relieved themselves publicly. Strangely, liberals have publicly condemned the men in blue for this behavior. Stranger still, they didn't seem to mind at Woodstock.

**PS** The Center for Media and Public Affairs claims that

Hispanics are under-represented on American TV, and that fewer Latinos appear on American programs today than in the 1950s. OH Luuucy, I'm Hoooomie!

**PS** THE PRIMARY SOURCE welcomes all articles and other submissions on a variety of topics. If, however, you care to write a social commentary interspersed with diatribes against God, we recommend you try another campus publication.

**PS** According to a lawsuit filed by a former employee, the CIA is ripe with womanizing and drinking. Alas, Tufts has prepared us for at least *one* potential career...

**PS** Briton Keith Osborne, the world's leading expert on beer bottle labels, has been arrested for stealing rare and unique examples from public archives. Experts predict that Osborne might get jail time, but we think he should be put in a mental hospital. With beer bottles, it's the *inside* that counts.



**PS** The Des Moines Mattress Co. has been commissioned to manufacture a custom made, guaranteed not-to-sag bed for Clint Eastwood and Meryl Streep to share in the upcoming film of *The Bridges of Madison County*. Looks like Meryl is going to make Clint's day.

**PS** *The Boston Herald* reports that Teddy Kennedy's newest campaign advertisement "tries to woo women voters." Teddy must be slipping, he never needed TV to pick up babes before.

**PS** *Boston Globe* readers have no doubt noticed the ads for "private lingerie modeling" that frequently appear in the sports page. According to police in Woburn, one such enterprise was (gasp!) a prostitution ring. *Boston Globe* sports, when you want to score.

**PS** Scientists have discovered that zinc, long considered by many to be an aphrodisiac, may cause Alzheimer's disease. Take zinc and you'll have a great time... but you probably won't remember it.

**PS** Kevin Elders, son of US Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, has been sentenced to ten years in prison for selling cocaine. Given some of his mom's public statements, it would appear



obvious who at least one of his clients was.

**PS** Charles and Wendy Pasaro of Bridgeport, Connecticut, have been charged with "public indeceny" and "breach of peace" for consummating their love on an outdoor table at a McDonald's in the neighboring town of Milford. Is that what Ronald means when he says, "Food, Folks, and Fun"?

**PS** Pop icon Michael Jackson was spotted smooching with Minnie Mouse during his honeymoon to Euro-Disney with bride Lisa-Marie Presley. That's funny, we would have expected Michael to have eyes for Huey, Dewey, and Louie.

**PS** During his vacation on the Vineyard, President Bill was given a \$50 bottle of champagne from a nearby table of media sycophants. Break out the Bubba-ly!

**PS** Pizza deliveryman Patrick Raymond of Shrewsbury is one of six Democratic candidates vying to unseat Congressman Peter Blute this November. He has offered this innovative approach to reducing crime: eliminate money. Raymond believes that without cash, there will be no incentive to rob. If he really wants to eliminate theft, he should consider abolishing government too.

**PS** Raymond's anti-crime program contains more than just plans for prevention. When asked his position on the death penalty, Raymond suggested traditional means be replaced by "a wood chipper— feet first." Maybe he was just joking, but we at THE PRIMARY SOURCE take offense to Raymond's suggestion—it belittles the suffering and age-old oppression of trees.

**PS** Had would-be armed-robber Joe Campbell simply waited his turn in line, he would be a free man today. Instead, however, the Oklahoma native cut in front of two undercover police officers before attempting to rob a convenience store with a knife. It also probably didn't help that when he cut he said, "Move over bacon."

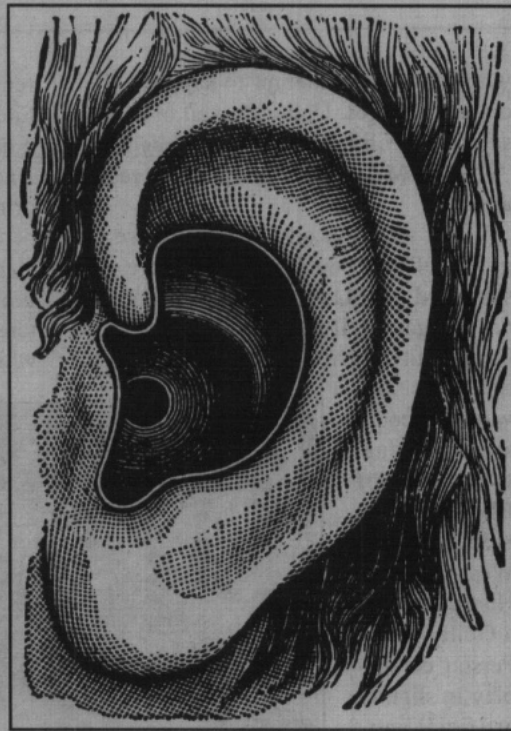
**PS** Jeff Gilooly, former hubbie of ice-skating slugger Tonya Harding, has entered boot camp to complete his sentence for his part in the conspiracy against Nancy Kerrigan. Gilooly reportedly hopes that the training will build up his arm strength and

improve his swing.

**PS** Lyle and Erik Menendez's parents' \$1.3 million California mansion was auctioned last week to pay for the young murderers' legal fees. Those poor boys. Not only are they orphans, but now they are homeless as well.

**PS** The following headline was recently spotted in *The Boston Globe*: "Man shot in head remains critical." Call us foolish, but we never expected a nearly fatal wound would inspire optimism.

**PS** In the September issue of *Artnews* magazine, First Lady Hillary Clinton reports the details of her first date with Bill, which included carrying trash for a museum janitor so as to be allowed into an exhibit. Trash is as trash does.



**PS** Top ten reasons why Wessell will be no better after its \$21 million facelift:

10. The book will be even harder to find
9. The administration will need to hire an additional door watchman
8. Reserve desk staff members will still have neon hair
7. Courtyard elephant fountain will continue to be dysfunctional
6. There will be twice as many broken photocopiers
5. Still no *Playboy*
4. Still no *American Spectator*
3. It will be tougher to find the Wessell Wacker
2. "Tisch Wacker" doesn't sound as funny
1. No beer allocation in renovation budget

get

**PS** Feminists are up in arms about a Wareham program that requires its female cheerleaders, but not its male football players, to host tupperware parties to raise money for high school athletics. Fine, but if the boys are going to have to start selling them, then the girls should have to start wearing them too.

**PS** TUPD will have to add another category to its crime-prevention awareness program. Last week a Medford man, walking in Somerville, was assaulted and bitten on the ear by two assailants. Apparently MacPhie had another off night.

# Orientation '94- A Freshman's Perspective

Colin Kingsbury

As a freshman who came to Tufts with four years of boarding school under his belt, I expected the various politically correct presentations that comprised Orientation.

Although I anticipated a more radical atmosphere than the one I had encountered at prep school, the events of orientation week were surprising.

Orientation began with Matriculation, a relatively innocuous event. It was a straightforward ceremony, that served as a fitting beginning to a college career at an institution as well-reputed as Tufts. Curiously, the event was free of politically correct rhetoric, probably because parents were present. In fact the speakers only mentioned the value of a good, solid college education. It was not until after the parents had left that the university embarked upon its politically correct path.

Convocation was one of the more memorable indoctrinating orientation events. On one hand, the Jackson Jills were sweet and the Beelzebubs were characteristically terrific. However, we were also warned that although the vast majority of us graduated in the top twenty-five percent of our high school classes, seventy-five percent of us would not fare as well at Tufts. The message that followed was that we must now learn to not measure our successes by established academic standards (such as grades and class rank), but by our own values. Essentially, the university broadcasted the notion that we do not compete with each other to achieve absolute levels of success. Success, as it was defined at Convocation, is relative to the individual.

"Why No Means No" was another well orchestrated program with a political agenda. The event began with a horrific demonstration in which a male's treatment of his female peer undeniably constituted rape. Given the current muddled definition of date rape, however, which includes mutual inebriation and coercion, the nature of such incidents is rarely so clear. A more constructive forum would have allowed the issue to have been explored more thoughtfully and carefully. Instead, by painting an intimidating portrait of absolutes, "Why No

Means No" succeeded in little more than polluting the waters of male-female discourse and simplifying an important campus issue. The event also endorsed the unfair notion that all men are rapists at heart,

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who can at best attempt to suppress their diabolical urges. Under the veil of campus safety, the Politburo of Proper Thought used "Why No Means No" to promote its radical aims.

Just when we all thought that we had gotten all we could take, we were then subjected to "Many Stories, One Community." Again well-run, "Many Stories, One Community" gave us an opportunity to visit the Tufts Zoo where we could see individual specimens of Blacks, Asians, Homosexuals, West-Coasters, Hispanics, and a Guilty White Person on display in slightly artificial surroundings. This should have been called Many Stories, More Tokenism. The central fallacy of such an approach is that as individuals, an individual African-American student is not fit to speak for the whole of the African-American community. Such panels encourage us to think of people first as members of an ethnic group, and then as individuals.

This brings to mind one comment by a panelist, an Hispanic girl from Maine. She

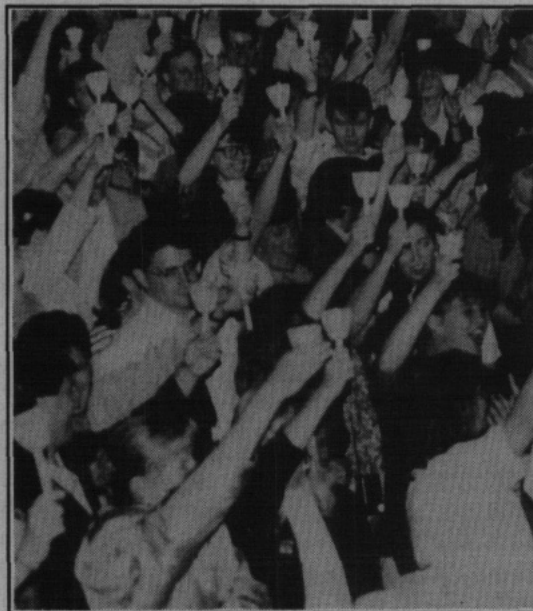
expressed indignation that certain people had said that as she was only twenty-five percent Mexican, that she wasn't really Hispanic. She made it a point to describe herself as a member of an "oppressed" group. Instead of simplifying her identity as mainly a product of her race, she could have focused more on her ideas and beliefs as they constitute her character. Unfortunately, she chose to present herself as an "oppressed person."

As if this wasn't bad enough, the lone ethnic white on the panel, after remarking on how interesting other cultures' holidays were to him, saw fit to ask "I mean, what do we have, St. Patrick's Day? And what's that, an excuse to go out and drink?" He feels so guilty about being part of a "majority" group that he is compelled to slander his own group. While minority groups these days have expressed great interest in exploring their own roots, guilty white liberals downplay the importance and significance of their own heritage.

As Orientation drew to a close, I had mixed reactions. Nausea, headache, sick stomach... I mean excitement, anticipation, and a good degree of weariness. Yes, I was highly concerned about the highly political atmosphere of Orientation, but I knew I was embarking on

what would be one of the high points of my life. No degree of political indoctrination could dampen the enthusiasm I felt for that.

*Mr. Kingsbury is a freshman majoring in International Relations.*





Here at Tufts, we know just how concerned you all are about the environment. However, simply separating your plain white office paper from your Xerox paper is not enough to save our Mother Earth. You may think you are living green, but in fact you are only making the problem worse. You may be eating the vegan-meatless dishes in the dining halls, but that merely prolongs the evil and wrongful oppression of vegetables through modern agricapitalism. "My Gaia!" you say to yourself, "You're right!" But all is not lost. To help you learn how to truly eat green, we have assembled this special menu for a pleasant dinner party and love-in. We thank Gaia, Goddess Mother Earth and all our sisters and brothers at the commune who helped us assemble this special menu. And now, we present you with...

## ECO-RECIPES FOR THE 1990's!!!

**Beverages for the evening:** Green Tea and Natural Light

### **First Course: Bogwater Soup**

*Begin with 16 oz. water, fresh from your local wetland. Be sure to stir up the bottom of the bog first, or you'll miss out on all the great vitamins and minerals.*

*Add fresh algae and season to taste.*

### **Second Course: Five-Grass salad with Dandelion-Wine Dressing**

*For a real party-stopper, try adding some ground hemlock!*

*One-half bushel each of Northeastern Fennel, Alfalfa, Cannabis Sativa, Texas Scrub, and for that special Southern sass, Kentucky Bluegrass.*

*For dressing, try native area pondscum.*

### **Entree: Indigenous Pine-Nuts in a savory Bean-Sprout sauce**

*Ingredients: 1 pound fresh pine nuts, preferably those that have already been digested and excreted by one of our planet's many species*

*1/2 bushel of organic bulger-wheat, grown by a South American indigenous tribe*

*3 cups rainwater caught in a rounded bowl-like stone*

*1 pinch sun-evaporated sea-salt*

*5 pinecones from a young conifer*

*8 oz. bean sprouts bought from a local farmer who tills his fields with a donkey that he lets sleep in his house*

*Find a hollow log laying on the ground that can hold all the ingredients. Next, combine all ingredients and let it sit in your solar oven till hot. Tastes great served over fresh marsh-grass.*

### **Dessert: Granola and Kelp Crunchies**

*5 feet of deep-sea kelp*

*1/2 lb. granola*

*3 freshly picked Vidalia Onions*

*Steep the kelp and Vidalia Onions together in some leftover bogwater. Then roll up the granola, fajita-style, in the kelp. Kids love it!*

# THE GIANTS OF MODER

A COMPARISON AND CONTRAST OF THE VARIOUS PILLARS OF TODAY  
DIFFERENT ADVANTAGES AND LIABILITIES EACH ECO-WARRIOR  
ALL ELSE THAT IS VILE. PLEASE RECYCLE THIS AFTER READING

## THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL



### NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

**Utility:** Great for starving loggers, making newspaper headlines, and inspiring federal legislation

**Recycling uses:** Feathers make great pillows and eyes are considered very tasty among various indigenous peoples

**Value as media ploy:** Conjures images of "Woodsy," thus the thought of his extinction makes children weep: A+

**Dolphin friendliness:** A+

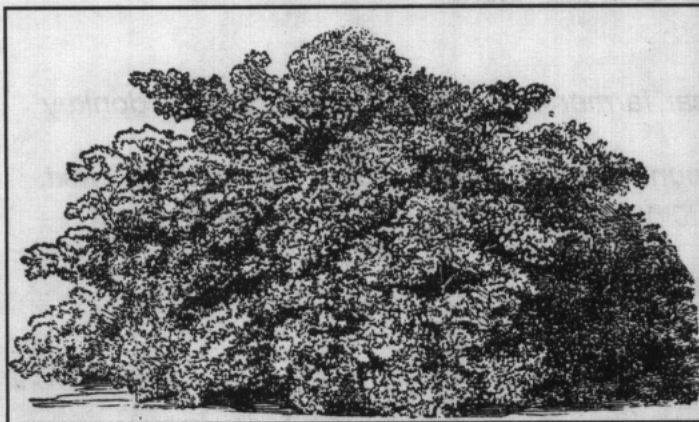
**Ozone harmfulness:** Flapping wings might cause ozone depletion-- see pending Congressional inquiry-- INCOMPLETE

**Favorite band:** The Who

**Plans for the imminent Armageddon:** Doesn't give a hoot.

**Words of Wisdom:** "Owls are people too."

## THE SHRUB



### THE SHRUB

**Utility:** Terrific Hanukkah decoration, but bears sustain human life, so very dangerous

**Recycling uses:** Once dead (but only by *nature*) makes lovely clothing in the form of headgear, berry- and thorns for body-piercing

**Dolphin friendliness:** Although shrubs are base they are very harmful to dolphins if swallowed. regulate growth and ensure that no shrub grows w miles of any body of water

**Ozone harmfulness:** "God" has been known to t such actions must be prohibited to protect the ozor

**Example of everyday oppression:** Often mista bush... 'they all look the same.'

**Plans for the imminent Armageddon:** Photosynt

**Words of Wisdom:** "Shrubs are owls too."

# N ENVIRONMENTALISM

AY'S ECOLOGICAL MOVEMENT. THIS IS AN EXAMINATION OF THE  
USES TO THE GREEN ATTEMPT TO RID THE EARTH OF MAN AND  
AND SAVE THE MANATEE!

## VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE

**Utility:** Can aid in passing legislation, but not as useful as the shrub, spotted owl, or rabbit

**Recycling uses:** Card table, paper weight, soil fertilizer, nesting material for endangered birds

**Dolphin friendliness:** Perhaps a little too friendly. Remember Al, "Rheeaaiie" means "Rheeaaiie."

**Ozone harmfulness:** Propensity to discharge hot air: D-

**Reproductive ability:** moderate, but should be accelerated so as to further deplete human gene pool

**Plans for the imminent Armageddon:** See Amendment XXV, US Constitution

**Words of Wisdom:** "I'm not only the Vice President; I'm also a shrub."

## VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE



## THE COMMON RABBIT

**Utility:** When eyes are gouged and fur shaved, makes very effective PR tool

**Recycling uses:** Key rings, television antennae, handbags

**Dolphin friendliness:** Eats carrots, which are often grown by Del Monte, Inc., a principle owner of Starkist Tuna... 'nuff said: F

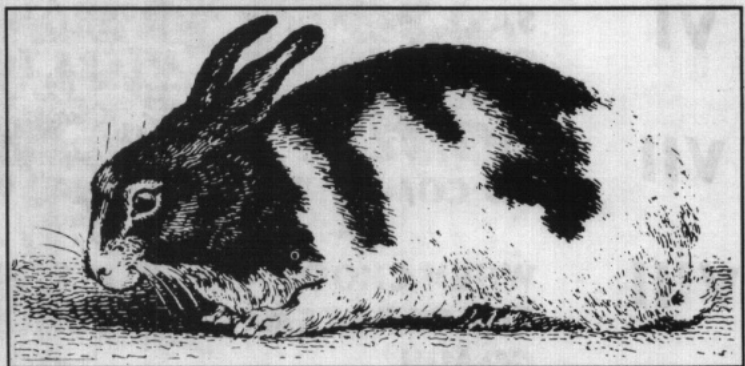
**Ozone harmfulness:** Abundance of pellet deposits create noxious fumes

**Reproductive ability:** They breed like rabbits, thus threatening overpopulation and global famine-- lapin planning, including universal access to abortion and contraceptive devices, is required for salvation

**Plans for the imminent Armageddon:** Hangin' with Foghorn Leghorn

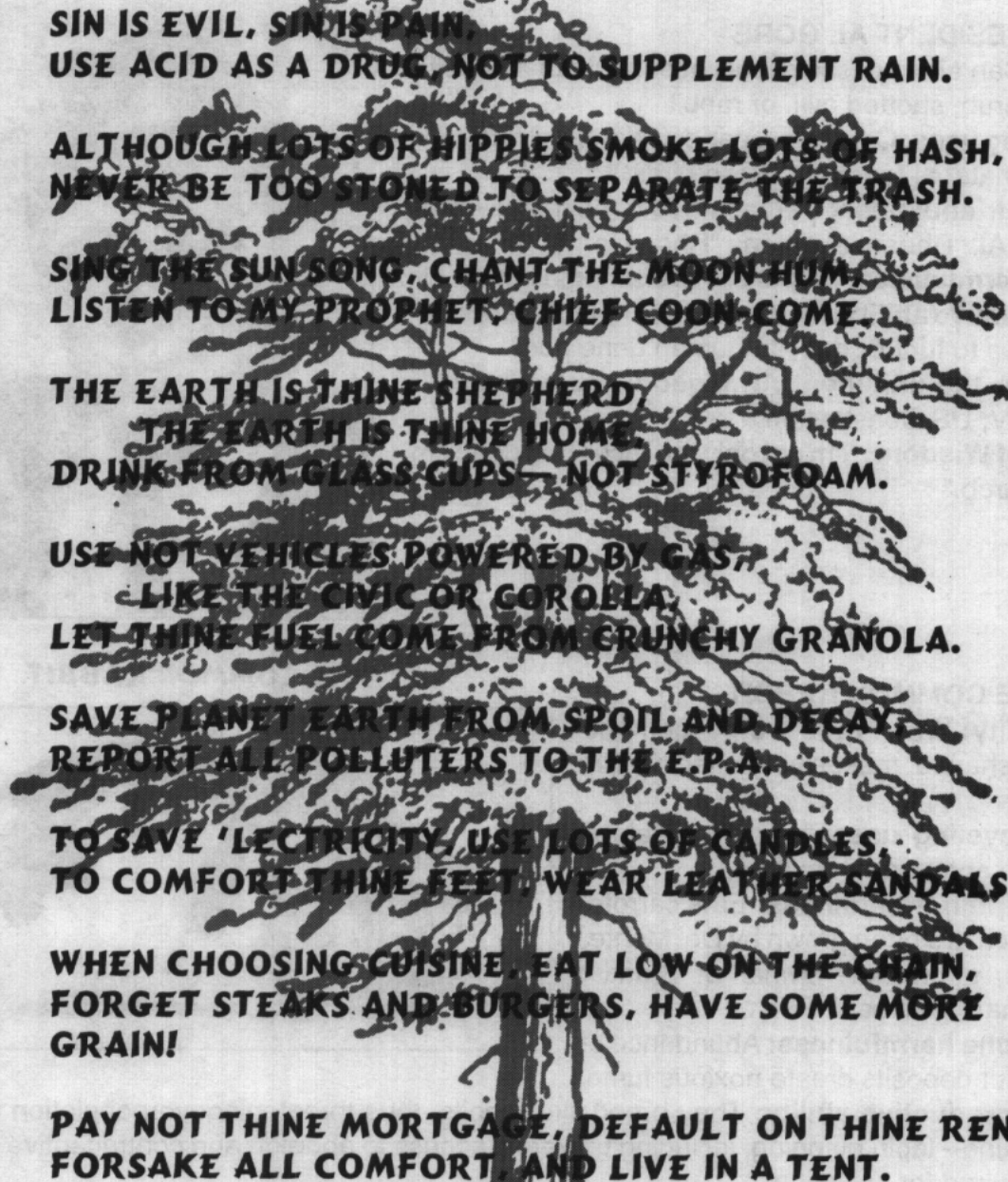
**Words of Wisdom:** "Gillette, the Best a Man Can Get."

## THE COMMON RABBIT



# GAIA'S CELESTIALLY DIVINE WILL:

GAIA, GODDESS MOTHER EARTH, IS BEING SYSTEMATICALLY ASSAULTED. SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO STOP CORPORATE AMERICA AND ITS CAPITALISTIC REGIME FROM DESTROYING THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL BEFORE IT GOES THE WAY OF THE DODO. JUST AS MOSES CAME DOWN FROM MT. SINAI OVER 4 MILLENNIA AGO TO GIVE THE DIVINE LAW TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, WE AT THE SOURCE HAVE CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF MT. WALNUT TO BRING FORTH THE REVEALED TRUTH IN THE FORM OF GAIA'S NINE COMMANDMENTS.

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- I SIN IS EVIL, SIN IS PAIN.  
USE ACID AS A DRUG, NOT TO SUPPLEMENT RAIN.
  - II ALTHOUGH LOTS OF HIPPIES SMOKE LOTS OF HASH,  
NEVER BE TOO STONED TO SEPARATE THE TRASH.
  - III SING THE SUN SONG, CHANT THE MOON HUM,  
LISTEN TO MY PROPHET, CHIEF COON-COME.
  - IV THE EARTH IS THINE SHEPHERD,  
THE EARTH IS THINE HOME,  
DRINK FROM GLASS CUPS — NOT STYROFOAM.
  - V USE NOT VEHICLES POWERED BY GAS,  
LIKE THE CIVIC OR COROLLA,  
LET THINE FUEL COME FROM CRUNCHY GRANOLA.
  - VI SAVE PLANET EARTH FROM SPOIL AND DECAY,  
REPORT ALL POLLUTERS TO THE E.P.A.
  - VII TO SAVE 'LECTRICITY, USE LOTS OF CANDLES,  
TO COMFORT THINE FEET, WEAR LEATHER SANDALS.
  - VIII WHEN CHOOSING CUISINE, EAT LOW ON THE CHAIN,  
FORGET STEAKS AND BURGERS, HAVE SOME MORE  
GRAIN!
  - IX PAY NOT THINE MORTGAGE, DEFAULT ON THINE RENT;  
FORSAKE ALL COMFORT, AND LIVE IN A TENT.

# Greening the Golden Calf

Chris Weinkopf

Karl Marx once wrote that religion is the "opium of the people." Faith in God and hopes for a perfect life in the after world, argued Marx, enable man to endure undue squalor and oppression on earth. As an atheist, Marx saw religion as nothing more than a tool of the ruling class. By keeping the proletariat's focus on the hereafter, the bourgeoisie could prevent the inevitable workers uprising that would result if the poor man would only live for the moment.

The echo of Marx's disbelief rings loudly throughout segments of the modern American political left. Among many American liberals, there exists an undeniable disdain for traditional religions. This contempt is clearly evidenced, for example, by the derisive manner in which liberal pundits discuss "the Christian Right" as maniacal and bigoted, or the connotations of disdain that inevitably accompany their use of the word "orthodox." There is little doubt that to be religious, in the traditional sense, has become "politically incorrect."

Many of these self-proclaimed "atheists," however, are very much still "religious." Although they have abandoned the traditional faiths, they are adherents to a new theology: radical environmentalism. They have a new god, planet earth, and a new code of morality, statist politics.

Unlike Marx, who rejected outright the existence of any god or gods, radical American environmentalists either restyle old gods to suit a political agenda, or create new ones. They are not atheists at all, in the true sense of the word. More appropriately, they might be called anti-religious, or even blasphemous. There can be no act more contemptuous of any deity than to deny His absoluteness. Nothing is more offensive to religion itself than relegating it to a mere product of temporal political ambitions or social posturing.

## Earth Day Meets Easter

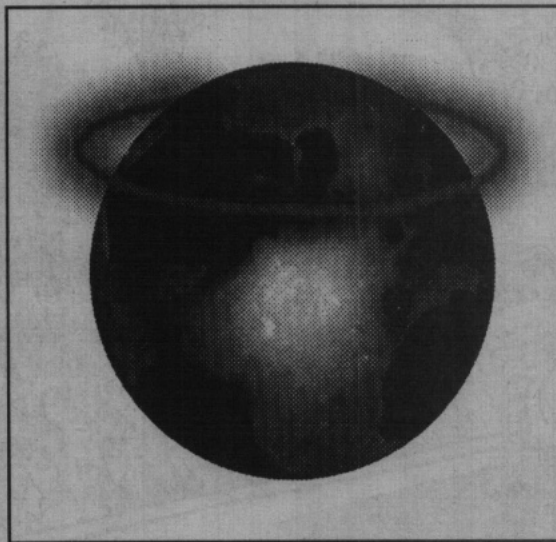
In an opinion piece for *The Wall Street Journal*, Paulist Father Robert Sirico writes about the strangely religious tone of some environmentalists' celebration of Earth Day

1994. The National Religious Partnership for the Environment (NRPE), for example, suggested that various Protestant churches

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conduct the following confessional:

*We use more than our share of Earth's resources. We are responsible for massive pollution of earth, water, and sky.... We thoughtlessly drop garbage around our homes, schools, churches, places of work, and places of play.... We squander resources on technologies of destruction. Bombs come before bread.... We are killing the earth.... We are killing the waters.... We are killing the skies.*



Similarly, at the Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit of 1992, the United Church of Christ held a demonstration which included the hymn "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord"—but replaced the word "Lord" with "Earth."

The NRPE's confessional is politically loaded. It is founded on the Marxist zero-sum notion that wealth and resources are

finite, and that Americans consume more than their "fair share." It assumes as fact scientifically controversial notions about the effects of pollution on the planet. Furthermore, it asserts a collectivist notion of guilt: we are all responsible for environmental calamity—just by being human.

The Christian environmentalists, aptly argues Father Sirico, have attributed to their faith principles that are antithetical to those espoused in the Bible. Sirico notes:

*For Western religious traditions, the role of faith in public life has been to strive for justice and to improve life, not primarily for plants and animals, but for human beings.... There is no Commandment against littering, but there is a very straightforward one about worshipping false Gods.... The earth was a gift from God for our use...*

Sirico quotes from the Book of Genesis, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the seas, the birds of the air, and all the living things that move on this earth." (1:28) He acknowledges that "no doubt there are right and wrong ways to till and keep, ways that are more pleasing to God and that show greater or lesser regard for the essential end for which the material world was made." It is such passages that earn traditional religions the disdain of the American political left. The religion is scorned because it contradicts political interests, or the liberal simply chooses to ignore the parts of the faith he finds inconvenient.

But the environmentalist not only disregards the less palatable aspects of the religion, he creates new elements that accord to his personal philosophy. Nowhere in the scriptures is recycling equated with the resurrection of Christ, or is using styrofoam listed among the Seven Deadly

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Sins, but such is the logical conclusion of the NRPE's confessional and the United Church's earthly hymn.

Attributing such notions to God, not on the basis of perceived revelation or divine inspiration, but out of personal conviction, is little different than regularly rewriting the Bible to accommodate the political impetus *du jour*.

Establishing new deities to satisfy partisan interests is perhaps the most obvious example of God being forced to submit to the will of man. Father Sirico reports that feminists who support the idea of a female deity and environmentalists who favor earth-worship, are increasingly paying homage to the Goddess Gaia. Gaia, who was first envisioned by scientist James Lovelock more than twenty years ago, is a cognizant and divine superorganism—she is also the planet earth. All that is on earth—the air, the oceans, plants, and animals—is part of this superorganism, as the hairs on our heads are part of our very person. Thus, damaging the environment is no different than raping or murdering the deity herself.

It should be noted that such groups are by no means extreme or in the minority. Although nominally a Baptist, Vice President Al Gore incorporates part of the Gaia hypothesis into his Christianity. In *Earth in the Balance*, Gore writes:

*It cannot be accidental, one is tempted to conclude, that the percentage of salt in our bloodstreams is roughly the same as the percentage of salt in the oceans of the world.... Why does it feel faintly heretical to a Christian to suppose that God is in us as human beings? Why do our children believe that the Kingdom of God is up, somewhere*

*in the ethereal reaches of space, far removed from this planet? Are we still unconsciously following the direction of Plato's finger, looking for the sacred everywhere except in the real world?*

One cannot blame environmentalists, many of whom have heartfelt convictions in

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their political motivations, for seeking a religious justification of their policies. Nonetheless, the wholesale manipulation or fabrication of religious entities and scriptures to accommodate political ends indicates a lack of respect for the authority and overall durability of the divine.

Exploiting the deity or his words for political or personal interests is ultimately disrespectful to the deity and to the notion of religion itself. Surely God is more than a point of reference in rhetorical argument,

that morality is nothing more than a human construct—designed and redesigned by nothing else than popular consensus?

When man rewrites God and religion to serve his ends, he is making God subservient to politics. The real value of God is deflated. Thus the spiritual revisionist or constructionist is guilty of the greatest of blasphemies.

The spiritual revisionist is far different from the atheist, such as Karl Marx, who simply denies the existence of any god or gods. The revisionist concedes the presence of some deity, but tramples that very entity nonetheless by prioritizing his own interests over its certainty. Of course there are some who would cynically argue that all religions are justifications for political or economic orders, but if one is to accept this conclusion and maintain a degree of intellectual honesty, he must be an atheist rather than swear allegiance to a false god just because doing so is politically convenient.

Of course environmentalists are not the first to reconstruct God to suit their purposes, and American liberals are by no means the only people who choose to overlook parts of the faith that they dislike.

There is no biblical justification for the crusades, for example, but the thousands who participated in them believed they were doing God's work. It is difficult to condemn each of those people, most of whom are not guilty of sin as much as they are victims of their own naiveté and others' deception. It is the leaders of such movements—from the Popes that advocated the crusades to the radicals that would make the Lord green—that are committing the true acts of sacrilege.

If one is willing to acknowledge the existence

of a deity, then one must also be willing to submit to His will. We must not, as contemporary environmentalists have, defile the deity by manipulating Him for our own purposes.

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and surely his infinite wisdom transcends our narrow and immediate concerns. Why should the average man put any faith in a god that is far from absolute—one that changes and is molded whenever personal interests change? Why should we trust or adhere to any morality, including the new environmentally conscious one, if it is clear



# It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World

Colin Delaney

War is being waged against democracy and freedom all over the world, yet few seem to realize it, and fewer still want to do something about it. At this moment, people are engaged in armed combat in no less than 35 separate locations, according to the Defense Intelligence Agency. Analysts at DIA are predicting that a nuclear bomb will be detonated—likely by a terrorist group—in a large population center within the next two decades.

Apparently apathetic toward threat of foreign turmoil, the United States' Congress has slashed defense budgets. Major high-tech and "smart weapon" projects have been terminated prior to their completion. The Secretary of Defense now admits that the capability of the American military to carry out two full-scale wars simultaneously on opposite sides of the globe (its stated mission) is now in serious question.

After the Iron Curtain fell, liberals failed to acknowledge that America won the Cold War under Ronald Reagan's leadership, that the notions of allies and enemies had changed, and that that demanded prudent analysis of the developing situation. Instead, they claimed that Soviet collapse was inevitable and immediately moved to gut the defense budget so that spending on social programs could go on unchecked by deficit hawks. As a consequence, the American military is a hollow shell of its former self, standing alone with the will to fight but without the money to do it.

## A Proven Track Record

During the Reagan Administration, the National Security Agency developed a strategy to wear down the Soviet Empire with economic attacks, support of opposition movements, and the nuclear arms race. Compared to previous attempts to forestall Soviet advancement, these policies and their

results prove that it is possible to defeat an enemy without firing a shot, but wholly impossible to do so without a military. The defeat of the East bloc in the 1980's proved

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that the peaceniks who demanded a stop in military spending were simply dead wrong.

Having gained access to National Security directives and their authors, journalist Peter Schweizer describes the two canons of Reagan's strategy in his recent book, *Victory*. The president first emphasized the inherent evil of communism. The bloc

defense—a structural offense—into the next century and elevated the arms race to a level that a communist system, given its inherent limitations, could never achieve.

New programs were developed by America's high-tech industries that put competition out of reach. In hard military terms, the difference is clear.

According to a former officer in the nuclear navy, the concept driving Soviet Cold War offensive and military strategy was brute force. The Soviet military was armed with weapons that were high on destruction and low on intelligence. In contrast, American smart technologies delivered destruction to the particular stone on the particular doorstep of that certain despot whom we disliked. America spent a lot of hard currency, and got exactly what it wanted. Ever fearful of American military superiority and a threat

to the motherland, the Soviets resolved to develop smart bombs of their own. The difference Reagan counted on is here. The Soviets spent billions in hard currency to research and begin development of new technologies. But the rest of the economy could not produce enough to feed the hungry bear. Defense spending rose markedly in America too, but increases in Soviet spending consumed an additional

8% of the USSR's national product every year.

## The Lull After the Storm

The demise of the evil empire meant that the United States was without a polar opposite as a military opponent. Spending on military hardware, research and personnel reached its peak in the mid 1980's, and has been on a steady decline since. The US now spends much less money on defense as



Reagan described as the "Evil Empire," truly was a brutal and deadly regime that practiced worker enslavement and demanded total subservience to the state. This proclamation re-affirmed the staunch opposition of the United States to communism's very existence and demonstrated that the Cold War would not end in stalemate. It was a drastic change from the policies of previous administrations, and as such sent shock waves rippling through the Soviet war machine.

The systemic build-up and modernization of American and NATO armies brought

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it did during the Reagan years. Liberals were quick to put the Cold War behind them and reasoned that the lack of an enemy precluded the need for a military.

The Ted Kennedys and Dick Gephardts of American politics lop off defense projects and plans without a second thought while they continually advocate such wasteful spending programs as midnight basketball. Bleeding hearts in Congress recently ended the spectacular Patriot Missile program, made the umpteenth reduction in the number of Stealth Bombers on order, and at President Clinton's directive, tabled the Strategic Defense Initiative ("Star Wars"). The trend does not stop with expensive high-tech systems. The Navy recently decommissioned an aircraft carrier and set its Battle Group to pasture without plans for replacement in the near future.

Our Navy has come to resemble a flotilla of ships in Mr. Clinton's bathtub ready to be dispatched to the coast of this week's hot spot or sent around continents to take part in political sideshows. The military is no longer able to fight two ground wars at once, still cannot put Castro in his place, and was even unable to find a Somali warlord. Soldiers are now set at giving out food to refugees in central Africa when their duty lies in protecting the national interests of the United States. Fresh off victory in the Cold War, American defense is now in disarray and disrepair.

### Threats Old and New

As the US rests on its laurels, hidden pitfalls are coming up. Bosnia-Herzegovina was an unheard-of part of the world when it was behind the Iron Curtain. North Korea is only the most recent dictatorship to be caught in the middle of manufacturing weapons of mass destruction.

Terrorist states, quiet for years, always have the ability to change their tune very quickly. Dictators put in their place by Reagan's strong-arm tactics and the Gulf War are still very real enemies with operatives ready to kill innocent civilians at any time. Having been armed by both sides during the Cold War, third world countries now stand ready to flex their muscles. The discovery of errant plutonium in Germany two weeks ago and in Hungary last week is

cause for much concern. Most terrorists and terrorist states have either the money or the friends to acquire the necessary materials to construct a crude but effective nuclear bomb. Any one of the warheads for sale by profiteering ex-Soviets can easily make a madman into a nuclear power.

## Dictators put in their place by Reagan's strong-arm tactics and the Gulf War are still very real enemies.

There are plenty of territorial disputes that can—and have—become shooting wars that threaten to envelop the greater world powers. Without the institutional stability and balance of power provided by the Soviet/American world leadership, dictators and ethnic leaders can very easily be the catalysts for catastrophes.

Conflicts over the name Macedonia could again bring Turkey and Greece into a shooting war. The former Soviet republics in Asia are ripe with ethnic strife. India and Pakistan—perennial enemies engaged in active ethnic war—are both thought to possess nuclear weapons. Stable democra-



cies such as Israel and South Korea have access to nuclear weapons that add to their already large and strong standing armies. Their long-time enemies quite plainly have access to weapons of mass destruction, but lack the political structure to temper their emotions. While they appear geographically irrelevant, especially when compared to the Soviet monster, such states have the ability to kill and maim hundreds of thou-

sands of citizens.

While terrorists have been relatively quiet (the hostages in Beirut are free and there hasn't been a hijacking in years) there have been directed actions against the west. The Justice Department has evidence that Pan Am 103 was bombed by terrorists acting on behalf of Libya. It has been proven in court that the World Trade Center was bombed by anti-American revolutionaries. The world is not nearly as safe as many would have America believe.

### Vigilance

Situations such as these, where volatile dictators lead countries with the ability to reap great damage on America and its allies, present imminent danger to the national security of the United States. While individually, none represents a horror like the Soviet Empire, together they do constitute a grave danger. Any such threat to national security is as worthy of attention as the USSR. Moreover, the possibility that a previously unseen threat could arise is reason enough to remain vigilant.

Following major victories, America has a tendency to let its guard down. Each and every time, though, another enemy has come along to fill the shoes of the defeated. It is not inconceivable that these "weekend wars" that President Clinton approaches as minor problems, in fact sum up as the next great enemy.

The US has succeeded in breaking democracy's greatest enemy and has brought freedom to an oppressed people. While Cuba, Haiti, and other third world concerns seem like minor concerns, they do represent the enslavement of peoples by tyrannical dictators and bankrupt systems of government. As the modern home of capitalism and freedom, it is America's responsibility to bring liberty to those who have never had the chance to succeed. A strong, smart military that never fires a shot is the best weapon we have to protect the freedom of mankind.

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# Depopulating Mythology

Steve Seltzer

“This conference is playing for very high stakes. This is not just another meeting. The long term fate of this planet is in the balance,” warns Joseph Speidel, president of Population Action International in Washington. Speidel is referring to the United Nations Conference on Population and Development in which world leaders have been meeting to discuss, for the third time in twenty years, the state of the earth’s population. A casual observer or follower of the conference would gather that there is a threatening population crisis. In reality, the notion of a population crisis is a false one.

According to population control advocates, the earth will overpopulate unless government-backed “family planning” programs are expanded. Thus, they advocate programs for abortion, contraceptive use, and AIDS prevention; about \$10 billion to \$17 billion annually is suggested for the funding of this massive project.

Instead of expanding the powers of government, population doomsayers should look further towards increasing the span of the free market, allowing modernization and the overall improvement of the quality of the human condition. Unfortunately, the population alarmists can only focus on exponential population expansion rather than the even faster growth trends of economic growth and food production.

## Sound the Alarms

An initial read of the morbid predictions of the advocates of population control will indeed frighten the reader. In a piece covering the conference, *The New York Times* states that over 90 million people are being added to the population each year, “the highest numerical growth in human history.” The piece also predicts that “in only 11 years,” from 1987 to 1998, the world’s population will grow from five to six billion, “adding more bodies to feed, house, clothe and educate than the present combined populations of

Europe and Latin America.” After making its radical claims, the piece goes on to offer its solutions. Then, “only if the richer nations accept some of the blame for the earth’s

social and economic inequality and wasteful consumption.” Such a statement reveals the radical agenda of the forces behind the conference.

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distress will poorer countries acknowledge their shortcomings in family planning.”

A draft of the program of action from the conference reads, “Around the world

Alarmist ideas about population explosion stem from the doctrines of Reverend Thomas Malthus. His *An Essay on the Principle of Population*, printed in 1798, states that population increases at a geometric rate, while food production increases at an arithmetic rate.

Thus, some portion of the population will always be condemned to starvation. It is interesting to note that Malthus’ ideas were highly favorable to foes of capitalism; they maintained that under capitalism the population outdistanced food supply, leaving the working class in a permanent state of poverty. Even today egalitarians argue that the only way to adequately feed humanity is to erect a post-capitalist, non-hierarchical societal structure. Malthusians focus on an exponential trend solely of population growth, and ignoring the faster growth trends of economics and food production.

Lester Brown is one of the foremost proponents of environmental disaster and population control. Brown is the president of the Worldwatch Institute, and publishes the alarmist *State of the World* annually. He has notoriously claimed that world food production had peaked, leading to inevitable famines. In 1967, as administrator of the Agricultural Development Services, he claimed, “The trend in grain stocks indicates clearly that 1961 marked a worldwide turning point... food consumption moved ahead of production.” In 1974, his book *Not by Bread Alone* predicted that the end was in sight after world food stocks were drawn down following bad harvests in 1972 and 1974. In 1989, Brown cited reductions in the world’s grain stocks and predicted global food shortages. He is consistently wrong— world food supplies continue to grow as prices decline.

Paul Ehrlich is another of the mad sci-



many of the basic resources on which future generations will depend for their survival and well-being are being depleted and environmental pollution is intensifying, driven by the unprecedented growth in human numbers, widespread and persistent poverty,

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entists of population control. His sensationalist piece in 1968, *The Population Bomb*, predicted a series of famines in the 1970s that would cause hundreds of millions of people to starve to death. In 1990, his *The Population Explosion*, claimed that starvation and epidemic disease will raise death rates over the entire planet. In the first Earth Day issue of *The Progressive*, in 1970, Ehrlich predicted that 65

million Americans will die of famine and four billion people world wide from 1980 to 1989. Ehrlich's doomsday predictions for the 1970s and 1980s never realized their fruition. While any amount of death from starvation is tragic, the levels were nothing like the apocalyptic numbers that Ehrlich predicted.

A blatant example of Ehrlich's radical agenda is included in the form of the following recommendation as part of his program to prevent population explosion: "We must institute the Chinese Communist system of compulsory abortion and various forms of infanticide so that each couple will have only one child. We must hope that our government doesn't wait until it, too, decides that coercive measures can solve America's population problem... the price of personal freedom in making childbearing decisions may be the destruction of the world."

#### The Real Facts

The Malthusian claims of Brown and Ehrlich do not mount up against the overall positive economic trends. Malthusians, such as Ehrlich and Brown subscribe to the "carrying capacity" theory. That theory holds that any given ecosystem can only support a limited number of a single species. Ehrlich quite readily applies this reasoning to human beings, "If too many people are devouring it, the food

supply declines; too little food, the supply of animals declines... Homo sapiens is no exception to the rule, and at the moment it seems likely that food will be our limiting resource." The fallacy of Ehrlich's analogy is demonstrated by the following comment from Harvard Population Center demographer Nick Eberstadt: "One of the reasons that Ehrlich's been so wrong is that he has no understanding of or sympathy for the

economic progress that human beings engage in." Humans have the ability to increase

the supply of available resources. For example, the carrying capacity of the American continent north of the Rio Grande before 1600 without modernization was between six and twelve million people. It now supports 300 million people. Ehrlich, in

the University of Chicago rejects the carrying capacity model as it applies to human beings. He says, "Except where civil wars exist or despotic governments prevail, there has never been a time during the last two centuries when the people in the developing world were better fed or when their food supply was more secure."

There are other facts to dispute the false claims of the overpopulation freaks. In East Asia, births per woman declined from 6.1 in 1960-65 to 2.7 from 1980-85. In Latin America, there were 5.9 births per woman in 1960-65, and 3.6 births per woman in 1980-85. For all of the developing countries, the births per woman rate was 6.1 in 1960-65 and 3.9 in 1985-90. According to the UN, the total fertility rate has gone from 59 percent to a level of no-growth in the developed world, and 62 percent of the way toward that level in the Third World.

Death rates have plummeted, dispelling any increasing starvation myths. Worldwide life expectancy at birth rose from 47.5 years in 1950 to 63.9 years in 1990 and the

infant mortality rate dropped from 155 to 70 per 1,000 births. Even in countries with per capita incomes under \$400, the average life expectancy rose spectacularly from 35 years in 1960 to 60 in 1985. Any population explosion is attributed to falling death rates rather than rising birth rates.

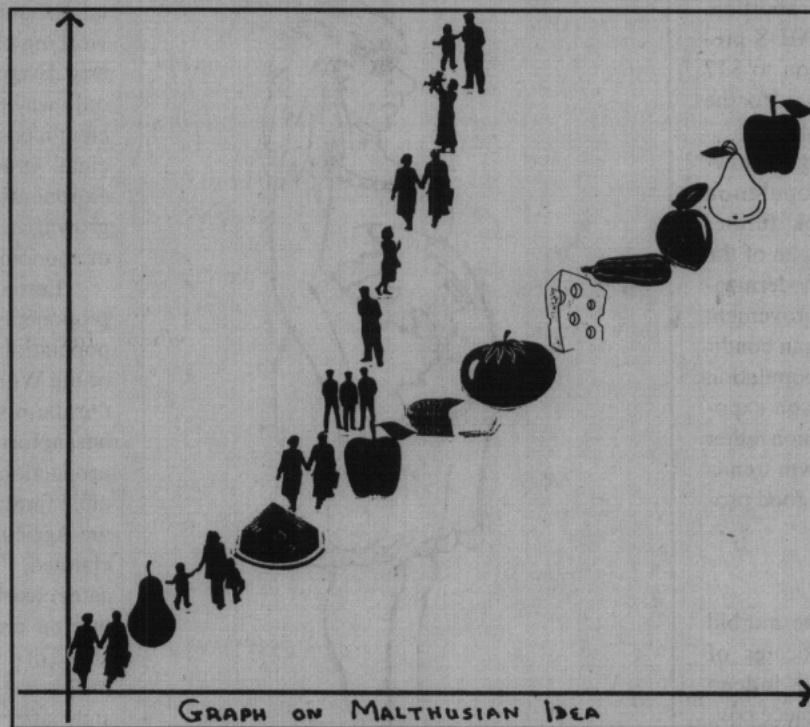
#### Feeding the "Masses"

Technology is the primary reason that the Malthusians are wrong. The Green Revolution

of the 1960s, was a scientific procedure in which hybrid plants were created. It developed high-yielding fertilizer-responsive dwarf varieties of cereal grains. As a result, more food products can be produced

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1968 made the point that developed countries "are overpopulated by the simple criterion that they are not able to produce enough food to feed their populations."

Ehrlich's claims are wrong. Since World War II, the world's population has doubled, while food production has tripled. D. Gale Johnson, an agricultural expert from

# Trickling Down South

Chad Brooker

In recent years isolationist countries have slowly opened their doors to world trade and free markets. They exchanged traditional beliefs of protection for domestic corporations from world competition in order to create a sound investment environment. Since the doors to free trade have opened, international corporations have utilized the natural resources of less developed countries, stimulating an increase in revenues for these countries. With influxes of money in their domestic economies, less developed countries now have the opportunity to expand local enterprises and make themselves even more attractive to foreign investment.

Recently, Latin American countries have followed suit in changing economic policy and are beginning to receive their respective benefits. Latin America has enjoyed strong economic improvement over the last four years. Since 1990 the Latin American region has experienced at least a three percent growth annually in gross domestic product, one of the many benefits of employing capitalism and open markets. By embracing this economic philosophy of expanding privatization and encouraging deregulation, liberals are becoming increasingly nervous that soon, socialism will be confined to college history and anthropology classrooms.

Proponents of government regulation blame capitalism for poverty rates and income inequalities. Although capitalism and industrialization have helped Latin American economies, there is still room for improvement. The increased revenues in the public and private sectors should be used to improve Latin American educational facilities. Education is by far the most vital and

effective method of preparing Latin Americans to participate in a modern, free market economy.

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Through education Latin American countries will also acquire the ability to restructure faulty political systems. These faulty political systems are responsible for the current government corruption—the commonly recognized source of civil uprisings. Contrary to leftist beliefs, social programming, government intervention, and redistribution of wealth are not productive solutions. They do not attack the source of the problem; thus these policies are costly,

minimally effective, poor short-term solutions. Latin America cannot afford such results when the economic welfare of so many is at stake.

Until more Latin Americans are able to participate in a free economy, far too many peo-

ple will suffer from poverty, unemployment, and increased income disparity. In addition, there are underlying social reasons that prevent a quicker spread of capitalism. Latin America's lower classes may be reluctant to make the cultural adjustments necessary to thrive in a capitalistic environment.

Many lower class families of Latin America associate being wealthy with being materialistic and pretentious. This correlation on such a widespread basis creates

a region that lacks innovation and ingenuity to create wealth. Instead, most aspire to lead pious lives, earning a living to support basic needs rather than upgrading their standard of living. The Latin American dream does not include a white picket fence or a better life for their children. Furthermore, when individuals encounter financially troubled times, they have neither the skills nor the mentality to recover from their impoverished position.

Adjustment to a capitalistic system is a highly complex process requiring both governmental and individual changes. On a governmental level, education must be improved to create a work force able to compete with international competition. In addition, the political system itself must be flexible to permit and encourage free enterprise while accepting refinements to avoid corruption and civil unrest. On an individual level, the mentality of the work force must be such that it provides a resource to industry. Furthermore, individual mentality must not serve as a hindrance to taking advantage of the economic opportunity in a free market. The average Latin American must realize that economic growth will directly benefit him, his family, his community, and his entire nation.

Most importantly, however, the social problems of Latin America, such as poverty and unemployment, must be solved by attacking the source. Easing these problems with bulky bureaucratic programs provides no long-term solutions and misuses precious resources which may otherwise be used toward a productive and successful future. Just as the people of Latin America must recognize the opportunities which lay ahead of them, we in the United States must also recognize the advantages inherent in a strong Latin America. As a strong trading partner, where US companies could conduct business, and one which is ripe with natural resources, the United States should not overlook Latin America.

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on smaller land space. India has doubled its wheat yields within a few years; China supports 22 percent of the world's population on only 7 percent of its arable land. China's farmers increased food production by more than 50 percent in only six years once the communist government let them grow crops on privately-owned plots.

Over the past forty years, corn, wheat, and soybean yields per acre in the US have increased 220 percent, 107 percent, and 60 percent respectively. Since the 1970s world wheat yields are up 36 percent, rice is up 38 percent, and coarse grains are up 30 percent. Veery wheats, suitable for subtropical Africa will increase yields up to fifteen percent. Chinese hybrid rice increases yields upwards of 30 percent.

High-yield agriculture has also produced many other success stories. A hybrid rice has been developed in China that has the potential to increase yields by 25 percent for almost all of the world's rice plantings. Shorter season corn varieties have expanded the world's corn belt by 500 miles, benefiting Canada, Russia, and China.

There have also been developments in animal husbandry. Bovine somatotropin is produced naturally in the body of cattle, and functions to control milk production. Harmless bacteria have been genetically altered to produce the hormone so that it can supplement the amount in the cow's body. Thus, the amount of milk yielded can be increased by 25 percent on the same amount of feed. Bovine somatotropin is safe for both cows and people. Before 1950, the average cow produced 5,314 pounds of milk annually, while the same cow today produces 14,300 pounds due to bovine somatotropin.

There are also ways to increase soil fertility. Fertility rates can be increased by

90 percent in the Amazon rain forest by planting the kudzu weed. Furthermore, new irrigation techniques are being employed to eliminate the phenomenon of water logging which causes salt salinization. Dixie Lee Ray, the former governor of Washington, writes in her book *Environmental Overkill* that, "New irrigation techniques are replacing the old style general flooding. Sprinkler, drip, and trailing tube irrigation systems

double the efficiency of water use. Adoption of these newer procedures

may sometimes seem slow, but they are happening—and modern high-yield agriculture is as involved in environmental conservation programs as it is in increasing

try in the 1980s, and somalian warlords created famine in the 1990s. These tragedies in no way indicate that humanity is exceeding its carrying capacity. These despotic tactics are coming to an end as the United Nations develops a food relief program.

Many extremists cite Africa as a continent that is breaching its carrying capacity. Africa actually has over 760 million hectares (1 hectare is the equivalent of 2.47 acres) of cultivable land, over three and one half times that currently cultivated in the United States. Only 160 million hectares are presently being farmed. Why doesn't Africa produce more food?

Ronald Bailey, a science writer, provides the answer in his book, *ECOSCAM: The False Prophets of Ecological Apocalypse*. "When an African farmer realizes that he will receive only a fraction of the real value of his crops, he has little incentive to grow more than his family needs. This leaves African farmers in the precarious position

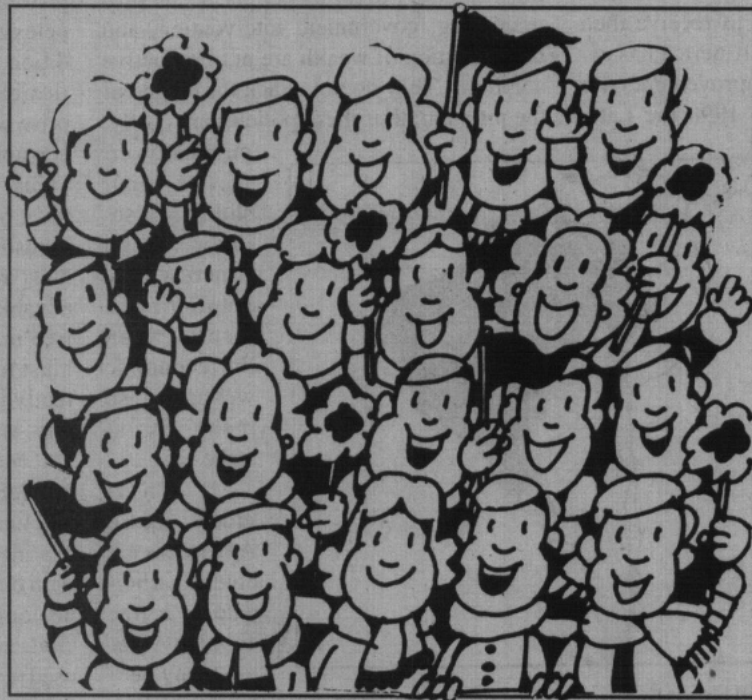
that subsistence farmers have endured since time immemorial. With no surplus to fall back on and no money earned from the sale of earlier crops, if something goes wrong, then the farmer's family will go hungry."

It is ironic that the advocates of population control support the expansion of government into private affairs. Totalitarian regimes prevent the implementation of a free economy; it is the free economy which fosters the scientific and technological advancement that feeds increasing numbers of

people. The doomsayers of population control are too involved in promoting their socialist agenda instead of listening to free market common sense.

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**The actual incidents of starvation have not resulted from overpopulation, but rather the deliberate and oppressive actions of totalitarian regimes.**

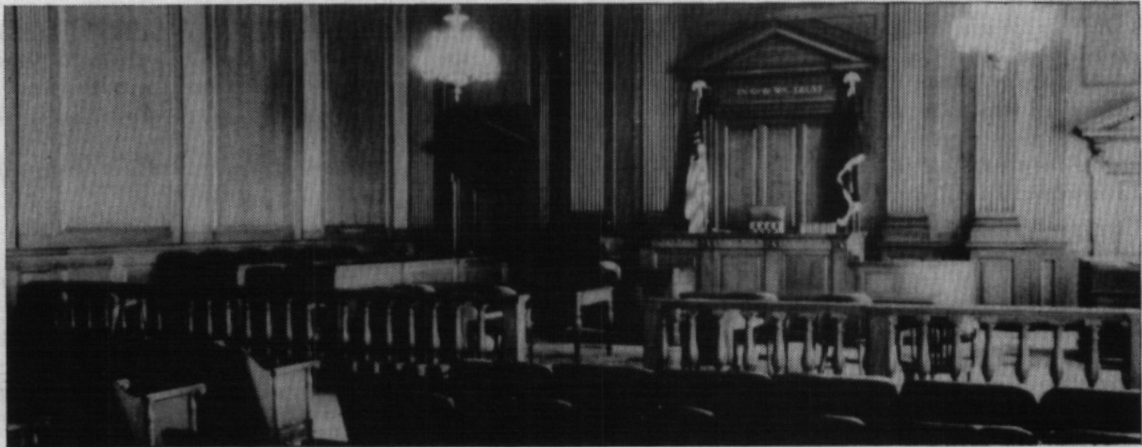


yields."

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## NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE

*A conservative may tell you that you shouldn't make fun of something. "You shouldn't make fun of cripples," he may say. And he may be right. But a liberal will tell you, "You can't make fun of cripples." And he's wrong— as anybody who's heard the one about Helen Keller falling into a well and breaking three fingers calling for help can tell you.*

—P.J. O'Rourke

*Have you noticed the anomaly? If there is a dumb thing to be done or said, it will almost always be done or said in a college or university.*

—William F. Buckley, Jr.

*Some newspapers dispose of their garbage by printing it.*

—Spiro Agnew

*How is it that little children are so intelligent and men so stupid? It must be education that does it.*

—Alexandre Dumas Fils

*University politics are so vicious precisely because the stakes are so small.*

—Henry Kissinger

*Diversity, n. A word similar to "like," "um," or "you know," used when one has nothing to say but wishes to speak.*

—D. McCloskey

*Starvation in India doesn't worry me one bit. Not one iota it doesn't, man.*

—Paul McCartney

*I do not suggest that you should not have an open mind, particularly as you approach college. But don't keep your mind so open that your brains fall out.*

—William Bennet

*Today you can go to a gas station and find the cash register open and the toilets locked. They must think toilet paper is worth more than money.*

—Joey Bishop

*There is much to be said in favor of modern journalism. By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community.*

—Oscar Wilde

*Education... has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.*

—G.M. Trevelyan

*I will have nought to do with a man who can blow hot and cold with the same breath.*

—Aesop

*Whereas once the dominant form of education in this country was private, the state now holds sway from kindergarten to graduate school. The effect of federal subsidy and control has... led to a situation in which the entire system of American higher education is academically, morally, and quite literally, going bankrupt.*

—George Roche

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

—Ronald Reagan

*You can't build a reputation on what you're going to do.*

—Henry Ford

*Talk is cheap because supply exceeds demand.*

—unknown

*The single most exciting thing that you encounter in government is competence because it is so rare.*

—Daniel Patrick Moynihan

*One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world are to be cured by legislation.*

—Thomas Brackett Reed

*Speak without emphasizing your words. Leave other people to discover what it is that you have said; and as their minds are slow, you can make your escape in time.*

—Arthur Schopenhauer

*A left wing cult dedicated to bringing down the type of government I believe in.*

—James Watt, on environmentalists

*Who's Virginia?*

—Rose Kennedy, when asked why her daughter-in-law Joan lived in Boston while her son Ted lived in Virginia

*It is easier in these United States to walk away from a marriage than from a commitment to purchase a used car.*

—Prof. Morgan Thomas

*If you can't laugh at yourself, make fun of other people.*

—Bobby Slayton

*A radical is a man with both feet planted firmly in the air.*

—Franklin Roosevelt

*The American people did not stand on the street and say, "Give us more thoracic surgeons."*

—Hillary Clinton

*Statistics show that one in three Hollywood conservatives goes on to become President of the United States.*

—Cheers scriptwriter Rob Long

*Any tree in America would gladly give its life for a day at home plate.*

—Representative Dick Darbin (R-CA)

*Public schools are the nurses of vice and immorality.*

—Henry Fielding

*I like a woman with a head on her shoulders. I hate necks.*

—Steve Martin

*Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.*

—Mark Twain

*Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today.*

—Herman Wouk

*Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.*

—Plato

*A communist is a person who publicly airs his dirty Lenin.*

—Jack Pomeroy

*There was a time when I spent 90% of my money on booze and broads. And the rest I just wasted.*

—Representative Ben Jones (D-GA)