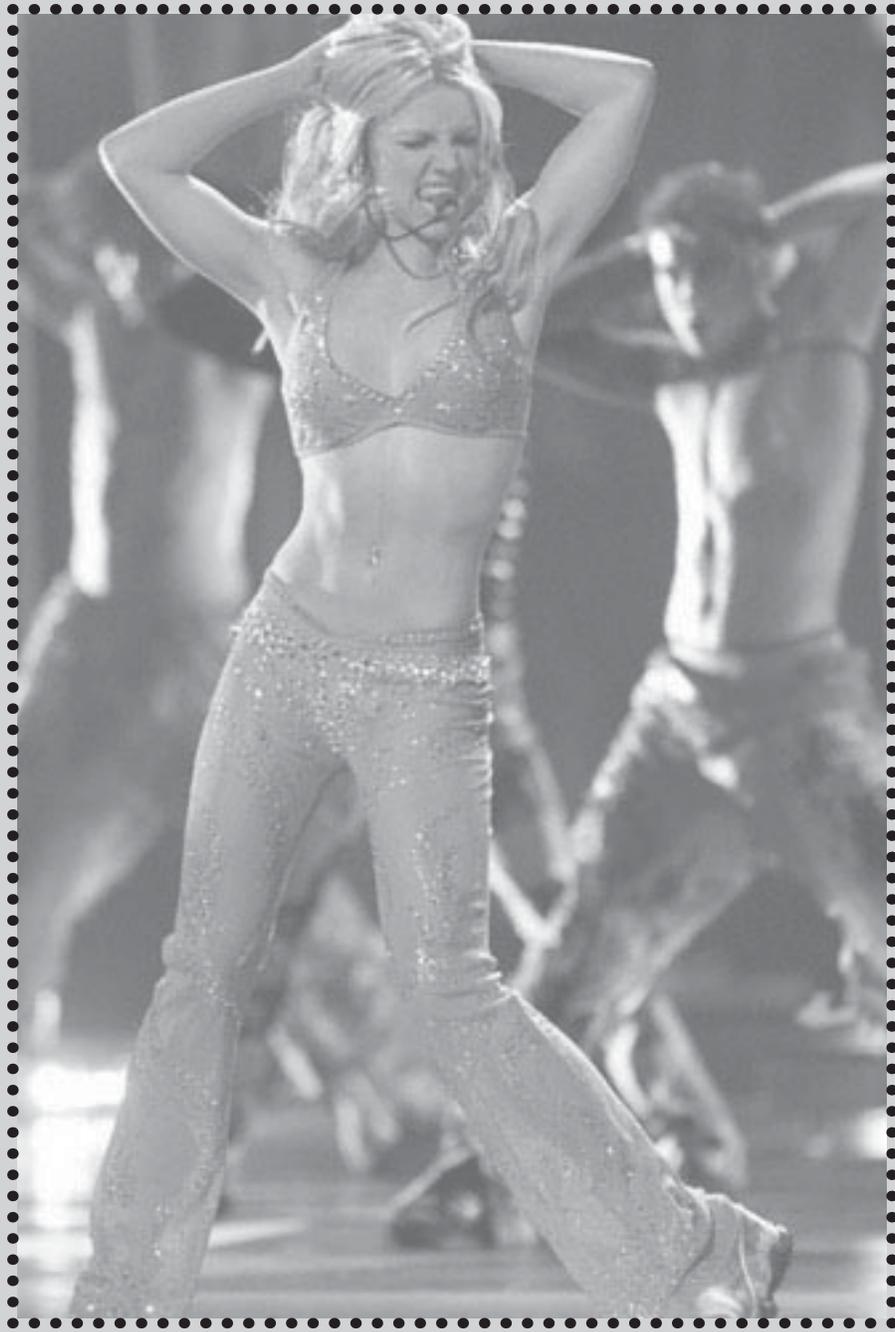


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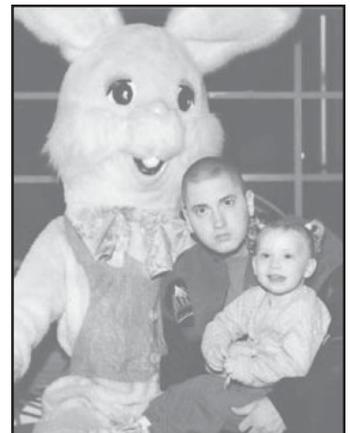
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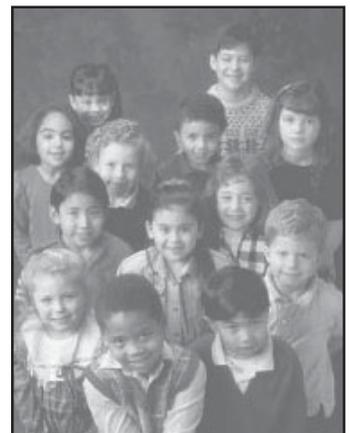
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# Our History

It was more offensive than anything ever printed in the Source. There I was, walking through the CambridgeSide Galleria outside Borders Books when I stumbled upon that store's Black History Month display. Under plastic casing was a copy of *The Harriet Tubman Story*, a biography of Martin Luther King, Jr., Sisqo's latest album, and a DVD of "Big Momma's House."

When it comes to holidays, there is no legal authority that decides how that holiday is celebrated. Once institutionalized, its meaning is destroyed. Therefore, arrogant feminists can turn Valentine's Day into Vulvapalooza, a day to celebrate their genitalia. Revisionist historians can turn Columbus Day into Native American Appreciation Day in protest of the Italian explorer's exploitation of Indians. And store managers at Borders Books (probably white guys) have the gall to equate Martin Lawrence to Martin Luther King. They're both black, right?

Blacks should be outraged. The Borders employees' crude homage to Black History Month indicates that the holiday is the wrong approach to the nation's racial ills. It is poor compensation for the historical wrongs suffered by black Americans. It is cold porridge disguised as filet mignon. The holiday's premise: white America is supposed to care about famous blacks and issues of race for one month (which, by the way, is the shortest and coldest month—forget that Black History Parade). When March 1<sup>st</sup> arrives, the blacks have had their month, so the rest of us can stop feeling guilty about slavery, Jim Crow, and vaudeville minstrel shows.

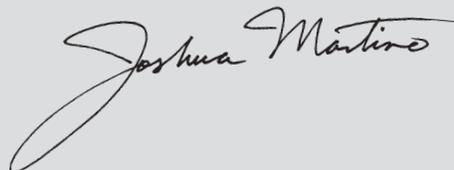
This is obviously the wrong approach. To qualify and categorize history is to foster ignorance. Every month is Black History Month because black history is American history. We do not publish separate black and white history texts; we read about Abe Lincoln in one chapter and Malcolm X in another. Likewise, we do not listen to Nat King Cole records only in February. The cultural and historical achievements of black Americans benefit everyone in the United States.

The existence of Black History Month

speaks to this nation's racial division. Mixed messages abound. Throughout our lives, we are taught that race should not matter. But in this February observance, race is all that matters.

The same racial confusion exists at Tufts. Lionel K. McPherson, an associate professor of philosophy, expressed his frustration in the *Daily* that Clarence Thomas and Ward Connerly do not have a racial identification—basically, they are not especially committed to black progress. McPherson implies that every black American ought to have the same concerns and observe the same racial doctrine—essentially, they must not be conservatives. This is certainly an illiberal view, and a disappointing, unscholarly racial outlook. As a Supreme Court Justice, Thomas is committed to defending the Constitution, whose laws protect all Americans. Likewise, as a University of California Regent, Ward Connerly is concerned with the education of all collegiate Californians. Therefore, they are concerned with the black community because they serve America.

I applaud Justice Thomas and Ward Connerly not for their political views, but for defying antiquated notions on race. To not identify oneself as a color is noble; to not favor one sector of the population over others is a selflessness that we should demand of all public officials. Mr. McPherson calls race a social construction. And what society has made with the creation of racial identities are differences where none should exist. Mr. McPherson and the authors of several other campus editorials on race have insisted that with race comes a responsibility; we must celebrate our differences. However, it has been and will continue to be the opinion of the SOURCE that the day we can ignore these differences will be the day when all Americans are truly equal.



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# Letters

## Reparations Money Not Unprecedented

Dear editor:

A Commentary appeared in your Valentine's Day edition entitled "Punishing the Ugliest Crime," in which the author argued that reparations for slavery would "waste government resources." Because of the article's presumptions and factual inaccuracies, I feel the need to express my opinion.

My primary difficulty with this commentary is that it does not accurately define the term "reparations" as it is being used by current civil and human rights activists. The author assumes that "reparations" equate to payments to individuals who have black ancestry. However, supporters of reparations are requesting that money be granted to black communities, not individuals: their focus is on increasing the quality of education in primarily black schools, creating more livable housing conditions in black neighborhoods, and creating job opportunities within primarily black communities. Activists recognize that empowerment does not come through the individual, but through racial solidarity.

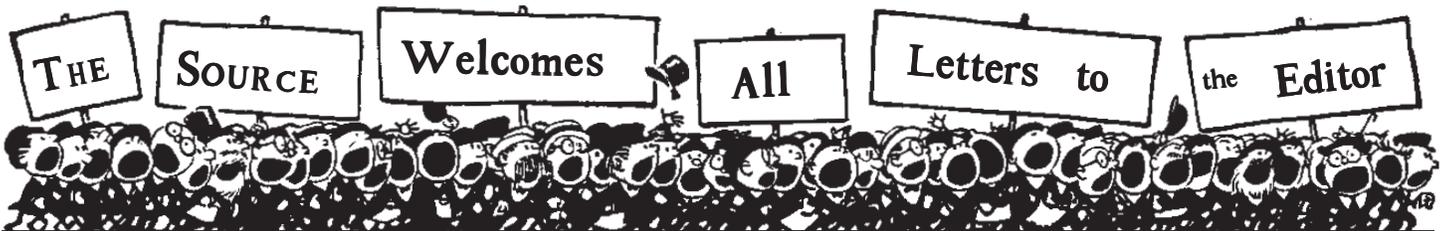
Another weakness of the article is that the author does not know, or at least fails to mention that our government currently

issues reparations to other minority groups that have been violated over the course of American history. According to the *Seattle Times* of Feb. 11, 1999, \$20,000 payments were made to 82,210 Japanese Americans whose families were directly affected by the internment camps of the 1940's. Native Americans also benefit from certain monetary programs, such as tax breaks and free college tuition, created by the U.S. government in order to atone for centuries of exploitation, slaughter, and relocation. With these precedents already set, how can one ignore the enslavement of 50 million blacks between 1619 and 1865 or the 15 million deaths caused by the Middle Passage.

When President Hayes withdrew troops from the South in March 1877, Reconstruction came to a sudden end, as did the dream that African Americans would become respected citizens of the U.S. Only if reparations are paid to black communities can this dream ever become a reality.

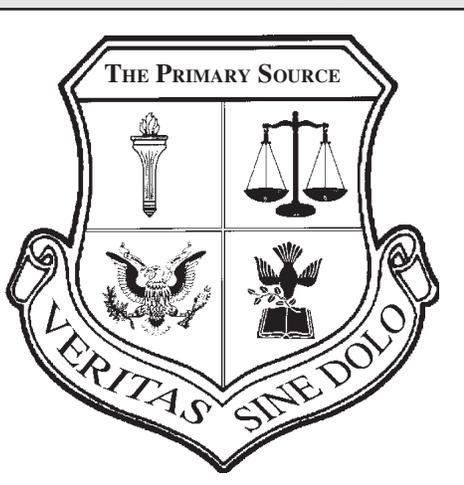
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# Commentary

## The Patriot

Apparently Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma City has no room for conservatives on their faculty. Dr. David A. Yeagley, a self-described “neo-conservative American-Indian,” has been fired from his position as an adjunct professor of humanities at the University. A proponent of patriotism classes in public schools and other conservative causes, he stuck out at Oklahoma State like a dimpled chad. Yeagley wants to be treated as an individual, but the University clearly views him as a token Native American.

Racial diversity is a good thing, but intellectual diversity, especially at a state-supported university, is even better. Just because Yeagley holds opposing views to those of the University’s administration does not mean he has nothing to offer to the students. He’s a staunch conservative with numerous distinguished academic characteristics. Yeagley has received degrees in music, art and ancient humanities, and his published accomplishments include a grand opera and an epic poem.

While at Yale, a priest suggested that Yeagley use his heritage to begin a profitable career speaking out against our nation’s mistreatment of American Indians. Instead of jumping at the opportunity, Yeagley walked away, professing his life-long love for the United States. A state-subsidized University with no place for a patriot should be reexamined by the legislature, for it no longer adheres to a code of academic freedom that ought to be the foundation of every American academic institution.

It would be nice to pretend that Yeagley is losing his job over a substantial issue, but it appears that it is intellectual discrimination typical of the academic Left. Yeagley refused to take his assigned role in the liberal script. Just as the Native Americans actors of the 1950s could only find work as Indians on television westerns, today’s Native American must think in

his assigned academic track. As one liberal commented on Yeagley’s status, a Comanche warrior can’t be an American patriot. Liberals find many places for a diversity of color but few for a diversity of thought. There is no space for a conservative American Indian in their world.

## Pardon Me

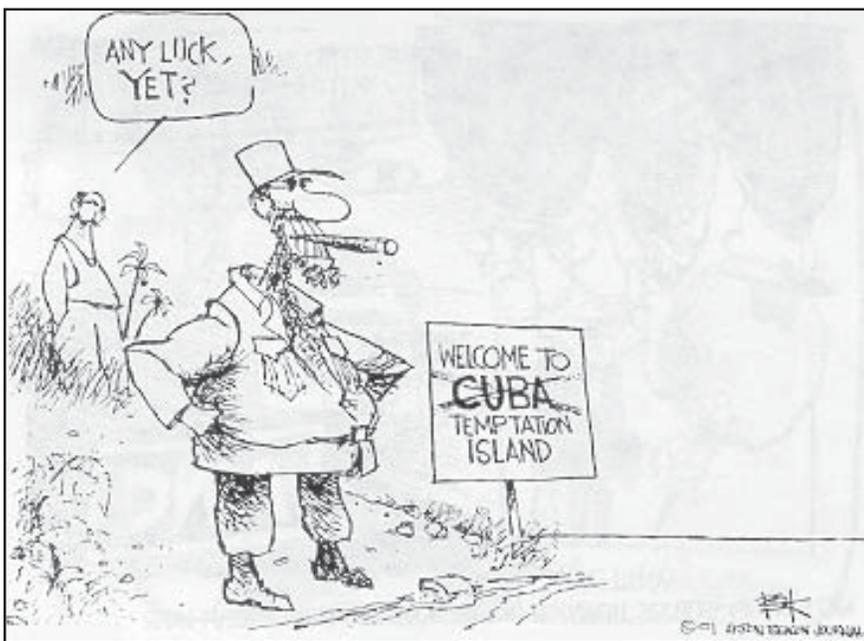
As Congress begins to take the necessary steps to investigate the extremely controversial pardon of fugitive Marc Rich, one question comes to mind: will Bill Clinton ever stop digging his own grave? After eight years of public malfeasance and having his name dragged through the mud, one has to wonder if he takes some sort of masochistic pleasure in seeing all of his actions examined under a microscope. Did he really think that no one would notice that he pardoned Rich?

Clinton vehemently asserts that there was no *quid pro quo*, but this contradicts every bit of evidence surrounding the case. Aside from the well-known mountains of cash donated by Rich’s ex-wife, Clinton also cited a plethora of high-ranking Israelis and Jewish community leaders who fought for the pardon because of the many donations Rich gave to various Israeli charities. Should these contributions have affected Clinton’s judgment? No, but they did, as Clinton made a last-minute attempt to salvage some of his reputation after his failed attempts to find peace in Israel.

Presidential pardons are usually used in an effort to extinguish controversy rather than revisit heated debate. In the last two hours of his presidency, however, Bill Clinton phoned in pardons for over 162 people, including his half-brother Roger, four people involved in the Whitewater scandal, and Rich. Although there have been some controversial pardons in the past, criticism of Clinton’s last-minute laundry list is well-warranted. Gerald Ford’s pardon of Richard Nixon probably cost him his reelection, but Ford recognized that Nixon had

some redeeming presidential qualities and wanted to make sure he wasn’t remembered solely as a crook. How can Bill Clinton justify his pardon of Marc Rich as anything other than an underhanded political favor? Marc Rich is a self-aggrandizing, anti-patriot who uses his money to buy freedom and asylum from US laws. But it is not Rich’s fault for misusing his financial resources. It is Clinton’s fault for rewarding this criminal with a clean record in exchange for a few more bookshelves in his library.

As hard as Bill Clinton worked on a legacy with which to leave office, the effort has blown back in his face. His efforts for peace in Israel were admirable but, in the end, all for naught. His claim to a booming economy only rode the coattails of huge technological innovations. His only legacy is that of shame, punctuated by the Lewinsky fiasco and extended further by the Marc Rich debacle. As Clinton sets up camp in New York, one can only imagine the misadventures that lie ahead.



## Conservative Courts Rule

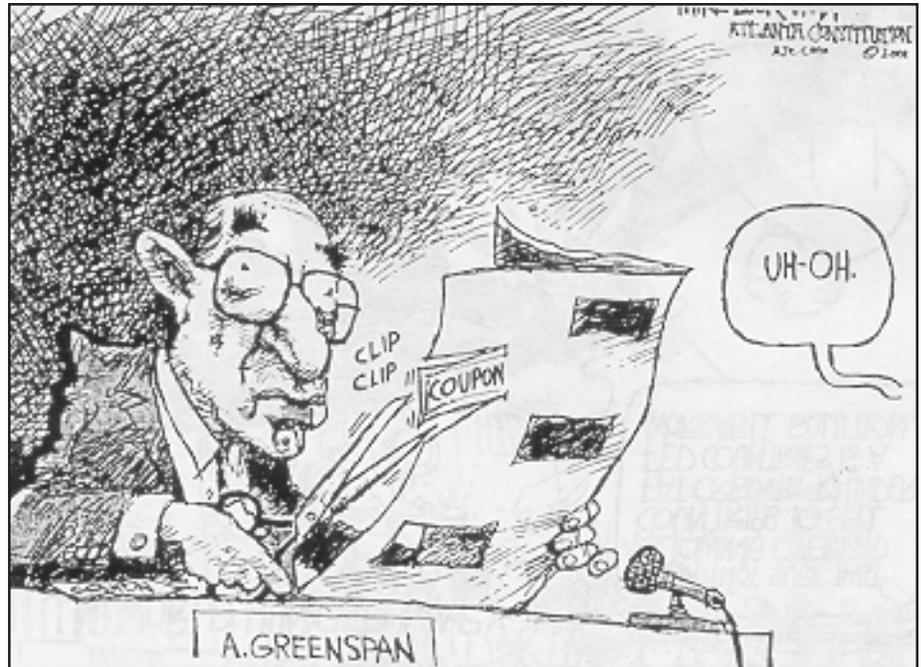
A three-judge panel for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Philadelphia decided a victory for all those who believe in the sanctity of free expression. The court ruled unanimously on Wednesday that a Pennsylvania school district's overreaching harassment policy violated the students' first amendment rights. The removal of this policy, which defined harassment as "verbal or physical conduct based on race, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics that has the effect of creating an intimidating or hostile environment," is a welcome step away from the trend towards increasing political correctness and decreasing liberty in education.

The ruling came as a response to a lawsuit by two students who feared disciplinary action if they were to express their religious belief that homosexuality is a sin. The court agreed, opining that the policy intended would cover "a substantial amount of speech that would not constitute actionable harassment under either federal or state law." Silencing unpopular views is never an acceptable way to achieve a greater good. Promoting tolerance is certainly an admirable goal, but attempting to do so by limiting debate achieves nothing. When crusaders of political correctness add rule after rule governing what one can say or do, they slowly erode the freedom that has been the cornerstone of American society for over two centuries.

There cannot be free speech without offensive speech. No one likes to have his feelings hurt, but having to deal with the occasional offensive remark is the price one must pay for living in a free society. When offensive speech is limited, the result is always an attack on freedom, and a step towards tyranny. A society stripped of its ability to offend is simultaneously denied the right to disagree. Promoters of political correctness try to solve society's problems by engineering how we can communicate ideas, ignoring that all previous attempts at social engineering have failed. History has proven that there is only one way to guarantee liberty: through an open market for ideas. Limiting the ability of students to disagree is not just ineffective, irresponsible, and autocratic. It's un-American.

## Better Late Than Never

The great bull market of the 1990s is winding down. Current economic indicators portend stormy seas. Consumer confidence ratings have plummeted, the NASDAQ is at its lowest since early 1999, and the Dow Jones declined 700 points in February. As the national economy edges dangerously toward recession, cries for tax cuts will only swell as time goes by.



Americans want to see new tax policies that foster capital investment and expand the job market and economic productivity.

How can the US encourage growth to prevent the bull from turning into a bear? A key ingredient in the economic remedy is President Bush's proposed across-the-board tax cut. Those who support Bush's policies also urge capital gains relief and more leniency toward individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and 401ks. Tax-cut supporters also favor a substantial reduction in the corporate tax rate, which would encourage both saving and investment.

The costs of Bush's proposal are less than one might think. Although liberal skeptics have estimated the cost of the cut at as much as 1.6 trillion dollars, the real cost is probably lower than \$1 trillion. In addition, poorly informed critics of the President fail to account for the tax cut's sure stimulation of the economy. They have wrongfully based their cost analyses on the "static" assumption that the tax cut will not affect the macroeconomic behavior. Not only will lower taxes encourage corporations to invest and create capital and new jobs, they will also give purchasing power back to the people and allow them to increase their consumption. Bush's proposal is a skillful combination of demand and supply-side economics.

D. Mark Wilson and William Beach from the Heritage Foundation predict that by implementing Bush's proposal, the economy will grow by almost two and a half billion dollars in the next decade. In addition, the two economists estimate that 1.6 million more Americans will be employed in 2011. Increased rates of economic growth would recoup nearly half of the revenue that the government would lose from the tax-cut. The cut will also allow corporations to expand. The development of a larger tax base will help to repay the government into the future. □

# Fortnight in Review <sup>SM</sup>

*Comedy is allied to Justice.*  
—Aristophanes

**PS** A year after it was created, the state of Ohio still hasn't gotten the funding for its registry that tracks birth defects. The state is urging all parents of flipper babies to contribute.

**PS** Georgians are sturrin' up some tourism with tours of rabbit-fearin', peanut-farmin' former president James Earl Carter's boyhood home. Included in the tour are ways to score with Southern chicks and hide your half-assed brother-in-law. Bill Clinton, incidentally, is a tour guide.

**PS** Top Ten Grammy Award Travesties

10. Dolly Parton's outfit insufficiently pornographic
9. Jon Stewart's outfit insufficiently pornographic
8. Elton John in *those colors!*
7. Lack of Insane Clown Posse lifetime achievement award
6. Eminem's middle fingers blocked from TV viewers
5. Eminem's tiny genitals blocked from TV viewers
4. Norecognition of Geddy Lee's first solo album—best bass player ever!!!
3. Tufts a capella groups snubbed yet again
2. Country music
1. The Grammy Awards

**PS** Police arrested two men on drug charges at an Illinois daycare center. The men were caught sniffing Elmer's and eating play-dough and were sentenced to ten minutes "Time Out" in the corner.

**PS** A Connecticut murderer locked up for life won't receive a penny of a 2.1 million dollar settlement after guards beat him during an escape attempt. Instead the con will be paid in cigarettes and porn.



**PS** The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied a request by Mattel to force a Utah photographer to stop selling pictures of a nude Barbie in compromising positions. The verdict had been delayed, however, because the Chief Justice was not able to stand up to give the verdict .

**PS** In Marion, Ohio, a fourteen-year-old boy was arrested after sending a death threat to the President fraught with misspellings, bad writing, and grammatical errors. Worse yet, you should see all the mistakes in the letter Bush sent back!

**PS** In other news, the president *can* read and write.

**PS** Evelyn Tucci, an 82-year-old Floridian who usually shoots in the low 100s, sank two holes-in-one during one round of golf. "I prayed that before I died I'd get a hole in one," Tucci said. This miracle came in response to recent criticism of God for making women suck at sports.

**PS** Veteran jazz-rockers Steely Dan, who took their name from a sex toy in *The Naked Lunch*, won a whole slew of Grammys for their comeback LP, *Two Against Nature*. This is the first time a band named after a dildo has won a Grammy since Michael Bolton.

**PS** Dr. Dre, who produced Eminem's Grammy-nominated album *The Marshall Mathers LP*, believes he and his protégé were robbed of the album of the year award. In an unrelated story, Steely Dan has been gunned down by Suge Knight.

**PS** A Baton Rouge grandma posted fifteen grand for her grandson's bail—and he promptly returned the favor by murdering her. "Sure, I appreciate the dough," the young man told police, "But her chocolate chip cookies sucked!"

**PS** Jazzland, an eight-figure New Orleans theme park with Disney-sized dreams, is on the verge of bankruptcy. Park officials hope to appeal to the standard Big Easy clientele with the addition of "The Bourbonater" roller-coaster and an arcade consisting of loose interracial women performing sexual favors for a few quarters and assorted trinkets.

**PS** Kansas City's public school system is in big trouble, with sixty-nine of seventy schools in danger of poor reviews. Most troubling were the many students that didn't even realize they weren't in Kansas.

**PS** Kansas City, Missouri students realized where they were when Charles Darwin was mentioned without effigy-burning and prayer vigils.

**PS** A recent study ranks Mississippi women at the bottom of numerous categories, including politics, economics, and health care. In a stunning tri-

umph for gender equality, Mississippi men are ranked dead last in the same categories!

**PS** In news at the opposite end of the economic spectrum, a wealthy Hong Kong jeweler has finally realized his lifelong dream of creating, owning and using a solid gold toilet. Sadly, he still hasn't figured out how to get the diamonds out of his ass.

**PS** The senate has just approved a new liberal political magazine. Here's our Top Ten Rejected Names for Tufts' New Leftist Rag

10. The Secondary Source
9. The Manifesto of the Communist Party
8. The Tufts Daily
7. Barely Legal
6. Trotsky Today
5. Proletarian Digest
4. Submerge II
3. The Radish
2. Highlights
1. CarlisBeat!

**PS** A Pennsylvania man appeared in court to answer charges that he ate a forged state automobile inspection sticker during a 1999 traffic stop. The incident is being considered as a possible test case for the controversial "munchies" defense.

**PS** In his 1999 inaugural speech, DC Mayor Anthony Williams said one of his priorities would be having city employees answer phones

quickly and politely. But 25 months later, testers found delays in answering calls and rudeness. Williams' defense: "At least I ain't a mutha%&\$#n' crackhead."

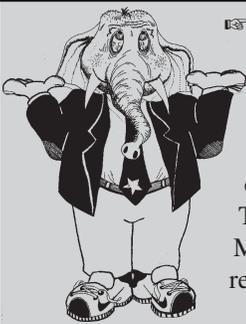
**PS** Brain worms have killed about 20 yearling elk in eastern Kentucky, officials said. Scientists say that when contracted by humans, these same worms are responsible for 96% of the Nader vote.

**PS** One-third of fatal bicycling accidents in Maryland from 1985 to 1997 involved cyclists with elevated blood-alcohol levels, a study reports. The suspected cause: biking when you're wasted is awesome!

**PS** The University of Southern Mississippi faces a campus crowding crisis of too many untamed cats. In other news, Kee Kar Lau is extending franchising opportunities to university towns in the South.

**PS** A 20-foot baby humpback whale suddenly surfaced and leaped onto the back of a whale-watching boat in Hawaii, breaking the knee of a woman passenger. In a related story, Rosie O'Donnell is enjoying her tropical vacation.

**PS** Ohio tourism officials decided to dump the state's 17-year-old slogan, "Ohio: The Heart of It All!" in favor of "Ohio: So Much To Discover!" Other slogans that were considered: "Ohio: Yes, we are a state" and "Ohio: The one next to Pennsylvania."



**PS** Who got kicked out of Model UN? English grad student **Joe Ramsey** tells the *Daily*, "the Palestinians are using violence to *resist* an army of occupation, while the Israeli forces are using arms to *repress* the general population." Phew! Thanks for simplifying that, Joe! We hear George W. is looking for a **skilled negotiator** to head the peace process... The **Peace and Justice Studies** Department is looking for students to join its executive board. Applications are available in Eaton, while lobotomies are available at Health Services... In order to give death penalty advocates a reality check, the *Observer's* **Mara Vatz** says she supports televising Timothy McVeigh's execution. THE ELEPHANT says, "Where's my JIFFYPOP? I guess I'll have to tape Ally McBeal"... Rumors fly that Guster and Jurassic 5 are slated to play Spring Fling. Couldn't we just watch them receive LETHAL INJECTIONS instead?

**PS** Since Jumbos keep getting **smacked by cars**, the University will renovate the Boston Ave./College Ave. intersection. Plans to improve safety include not allowing drivers from New York, New Jersey, or Massachusetts to drive on the intersection... Perhaps in response to SOURCEF Megan Liotta's article, which corrected the group's poor knowledge of anatomy, TFA changed the name of its "Pin the Clitoris on the Vagina" game to "Pin the Clit on the **Vulva**." We still hope that no TFA grads decide to enter the body piercing profession... With April decisions looming, the Tufts Admissions office cites geographic diversity as one of its major goals. Insert your favorite **Long Island** joke here.

**PS** The ironically titled play "Eat," which addressed **eating disorders**, came to campus last week and was attended by fifty students. The lucky audience was treated to a free fried chicken dinner after the show. For dessert? Their middle and index **fingers**... In this past week's daily feature, TCU treasurer **Michelle Shelton** expresses the need for campus organizations to implement their own sexual harassment policies. THE ELEPHANT asks, is this insurance in case some **inter-senate nookie** goes wrong? Wink wink... nudge nudge... Also expressing sexual harassment opinions was *Observer* head-honcho **Erica Goldberg**, who asked, "If you act one way with a person outside of the newspaper, how do you know it's okay to act that way inside the newspaper?" Well, that just depends on how loudly your anti-abstinence columnists are **moaning**.

**PS** THE ELEPHANT never forgets.

# Agenda of a Different Color

by Sam Dangremond

"Why should minorities all vote as a block, I mean—isn't it more important that they vote at all than that they vote for who *you* feel they should?" questioned one brave student of the panel of experts convened by Tufts' prestigious Education for Public Inquiry and International Citizenship program (EPIIC). The question was met with a curt reply and then an awkward moment of silence from EPIIC's collection of authorities on the subject of race and politics. Apparently, that student had offered an opinion that the panelists had not even considered.

This year's EPIIC symposium has chosen to focus on the delicate topic of "Race and Ethnicity." The EPIIC program's ability to draw the top leaders in various fields often makes the symposium one of Tufts' premiere educational opportunities. Yet, it appears from this year's kickoff event that this symposium will do little more than spoon-feed Tufts students the standard liberal doctrine on race.

Nearly one year ago, this author forewarned of the disservice that would be done to Tufts students should this year's EPIIC program present only one perspective on the issues surrounding race and ethnicity. After reviewing last year's parade of liberal speakers on the topic of race, the SOURCE noted in our previous Commencement Issue that the 2001 EPIIC program could be a unique opportunity for real discussion and debate on the topic of race. It appears that Mr. Sherman Teichman is not among our regular readers.

The EPIIC symposium on "Race and Ethnicity" held its first event on February 21<sup>st</sup>, a community forum entitled "The Dream Deferred: Race and American Politics." The forum was composed of a panel of six experts on the topic of race and politics. The focus of this panel was the 2000 presidential election and the voting patterns among minorities in this election. The major topics of discussion were

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the voter irregularities in the Florida election, and the more general issue of how more minorities could play a role in government. Unfortunately, this discussion amounted to little more than decrying the racism inherent in "the system" and pleading for minorities to unify behind their own in order to elect them to government offices.

The topic of voter irregularities in Florida was first addressed by Dr. James Glaser, chair of Tufts' own Political Science Department.

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He described the Florida election debacle whereby the greatest amount of undervotes (votes not counted because no clear choice could be distinguished) occurred in the counties that were predominantly minority. Noting that the "same types of people weren't counted" with "correlated errors," he deduced the existence of a "systematic bias in the system." Yet it appears that Dr. Glaser and others who believe that minorities were systematically denied their right to vote in Florida did not look beyond the color of their subjects' skin to correlate the data of their studies. For if they had, they might have compared the voting problems in minority communities in Florida to conditions in economically equivalent white communities. Had Dr. Glaser done so, he might have found that the voting problems he described were not caused by a racial bias, but poverty. Similar voting problems in poor white communities, however, would not fit well with the liberal insistence that minorities are

victims.

The discussion eventually turned to President Bush and his administration. Dr. Jean Wu, Director of Tufts' Diversity Office, discussed President Bush's inclusion of minorities in terms of his cabinet appointments. She related a story in which several Asian-American students expressed to her their support for Bush's appointment of Asian-American Elaine Chao to Secretary of Labor, and her accompanying shock. Dr. Wu was shocked because it was clear to her that as a Republican, Elaine Chao was not working in the best interests of minorities. She then explained that "unless you know your place in the racial hierarchy, you can be very confused." The message here is clear: minorities have to be reminded that they are being repressed, lest they start thinking like individuals and correspondingly vote Republican.

The sentiment that minorities ought to think uniformly was predominant throughout the entire forum and is an opinion that would be considered racist were it uttered by anyone other than minority leaders. From Dr. Gomez's plea for a "pan-Latino agenda" where none exists, to Dr. Bobo's harsh criticism of conservative African-American Ward Connerly, the panelists continually assumed that minority communities ought to think and vote entirely alike. They advocated solidarity and "coalition building" as ways of unifying the minority vote in order to elect minorities. However, this is merely an attempt to unify block votes for the causes which these panelists feel are correct, namely liberal ones. When confronted on this point by the brave student mentioned earlier, one panelist abruptly replied that by voting Republican "[minorities] were only hurting themselves." This brazen display of elitism was the panel's only response, as the remainder of the panelists were speechless for the first time that evening.

When education works, it not only instructs, it inspires. Unfortunately, this year's EPIIC program does neither. The lack of conservative voices to provide a different perspective on race and ethnicity from the liberal voices that so often predominate discussion of race could severely hurt the educational value of this respected program. Without differing opinions, there is no true discussion at all. Tufts students ought to be presented with all of the wide range of opinions relating to race and ethnicity. THE PRIMARY SOURCE only hopes that EPIIC will give students this chance, but we're not holding our breath. □

Think that Limp Bizkit is a soggy crumpet? That thongs are what you wear to the country club cabanas? Having a hard time telling your Nelly from your Mystikal? Fear not, cultural isolates! In this month of interracial edification, the SOURCE proudly presents...

# More Rap Lyrics

*...for White Folks.*

*I just took some ecstasy, ain't no tellin' what  
the side effects will be,  
All these fine bitches equal sex ta me, and I  
got this bad bitch layin' next ta me. (Dr. Dre)*  
With the ingestion of illicit euphoric drugs, I  
must say I'm feeling rather randy!

*I love p\*ssy, and p\*ssy loves me. (Eazy-E)*  
Women and I are intertwined in a highly  
symbiotic relationship!

*How many licks does it take to get to the  
center of the OH! OH! (L'il Kim)*  
For what duration must I continue cunnilingus  
in order for you to reach orgasm?

*Bitches ain't shit but hos and tricks! (Dr. Dre)*  
Women suck.

*Bow wow wow, yippie-yo, yippie-yay,  
where my dogs at? (L'il Bow Wow)*  
Arf! Have you seen my beloved hounds?

*Shake yo' ass! Watch yo'self! Shake yo' ass!  
Show me whatcha working with! (Mystikal)*  
Set your buttocks into wild gyrations! Observe!  
My, how your movements stir my innermost  
secret areas!

*Big pimpin' spending G's, we be, Big  
Pimpin' on BLAD's (Jay-Z)*  
We are peddling harlots, disbursing capital,  
and being chauffeured in motorcars with  
expensive aluminum wheels.

*She had dumps like a truck, truck, truck,  
thighs like what, what what... (Sisqo)*  
She had quite a comely posterior—  
and gams to match!

*Showing love to your hood—That's  
gangsta! (Shyne)*  
In order to comport oneself like a  
hardened criminal, one must appreciate his  
hometown.

*Give me a project b\*tch! Give me a hoodrat  
trick! (Cash Money Millionaires)*  
I prefer women who inhabit urban housing  
developments and aren't unwilling to accept  
payment for services rendered.

*Hey Hey Hey Hey... Smoke weed  
everyday! (Nate Dogg)*  
Excuse me, good sir... I implore you to  
enjoy a daily regimen of cannabis!

*I wanna lick lick lick lick you from your head to  
your toes. (Ludakris)*  
I would derive pleasure from coating your torso  
and appendages in a thick membrane of saliva.

*Undele, undele, mommy E I E I uh-oh!  
What's happenin' now? (Nelly)*  
Excuse me?

*You never heard of a mind as perverted as mine.  
(Eminem)*  
You've never heard of a mind as perverted as mine.

Toni Morrison called him “the first black president.” Of course, anyone who has seen the sunlight gleaming off his ivory, cellulose-ridden thighs knows that Bill Clinton is whiter than a polar bear with dandruff in a snowstorm. Still, since he moved his offices to Harlem, how long will it be before we see:

# LIVE AT THE APOLLO

Bill Clinton: WASSSAP? Billy C. kickin’ it East Side-style straight outta Harlem World for all of my homies! And let me introduce the special guest in da hizouse. Straight outta Louie-town, give it up fo my boy... DICKY G!!!

*Dick Gephardt: Yo yo yo! I wuz just runnin some mad ball wit my squad down in da PJ’s, know wha I’m sayin? So I come straight here lookin to get my grub on, and wat dey got for me??? Mothaf\*\*kin bagels ‘n wine coolers!! I be like “you tryin ta kill a brotha? Where da OE ‘n cornbread at?” I’s bout ready ta cap dem suckas ‘fo they found a St. Ide’s in da back. ‘Sup wit you G?*

Clinton: Yo, busted. Federal prosecutors all up in ma grill, talkin’ ‘bout me blessin’ my ni\*\*as wit’ too many pardons. And Hillary gettin’ me in sh\*t thanks to her fat brotha.

*Gephardt: Oooooo!! Shoot man, yo shorty be off da hook! She be doin’ more crime dan ODB, an’ now she be getting’ her senate on. If dat beeyotch tried any a dat feminist sh\*t wit me, I’d shut her up wit my piece down da ho’s throat!*

Clinton: Speakin o’ hos, Linda Tripp betta watch her ass now dat I’s outta office. And the GOP too. Like that fat VP—Dick Cheney so fat, dem muthaf\*\*kas had ta build a double door to da Oval Office. Homeboy takes up da entire first class section of da Air Force One, sh\*t. He gotta booty makes Jennifer Lopez look like Ally McBeal. And Georgy W.? He so dumb he thought Taco Bell was da Mexican phone company. But da brotha, he can drink, yo. Just like my man B. Yeltsin. Dat ni\*\*a brushes his teeth ‘n gargles wit Steel Reserve! You know who old? Strom Thurmond so old he logged onto eBay ta buy slaves. When he smokes, mofo uses a cotton gin ta take da seeds out his indo.

*Gephardt: Y’all hear bout Jesse Jackson? I saw dat sh\*t on BET, I be like, “Damn Jesse! You trying to catch up with Thomas Jefferson or sumtin?”*

Clinton: Yo, but it don’t matta what he did or what I did. You know why, Dick?

*Gephardt: Uh oh!*

*(Beat kicks in...DJ spins record)*

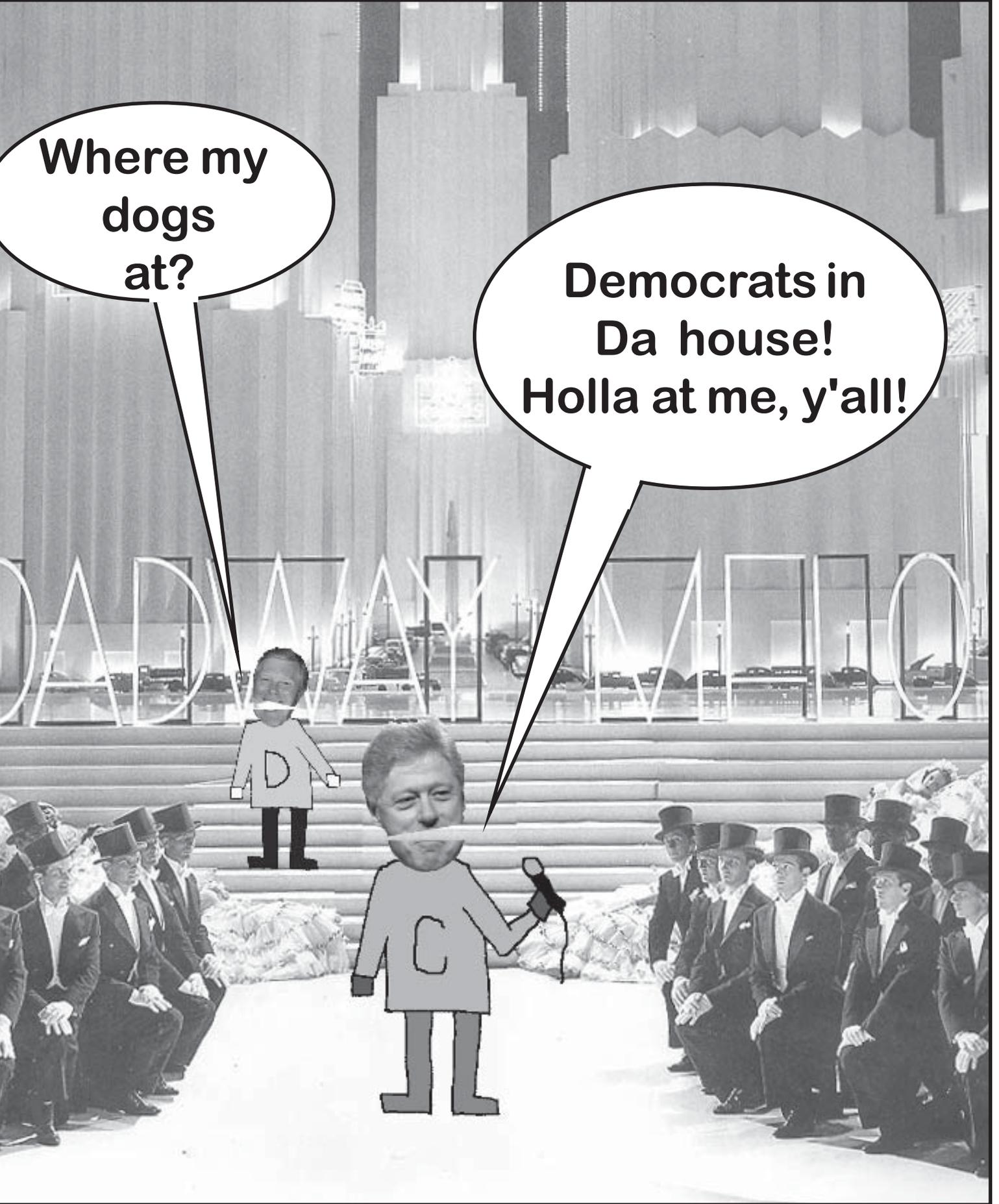
Clinton : IT AIN’T MY FAULT!

*Gephardt: Did I do dat?*

Clinton : IT AIN’T MY FAULT! Where ma left-wing soljas at?

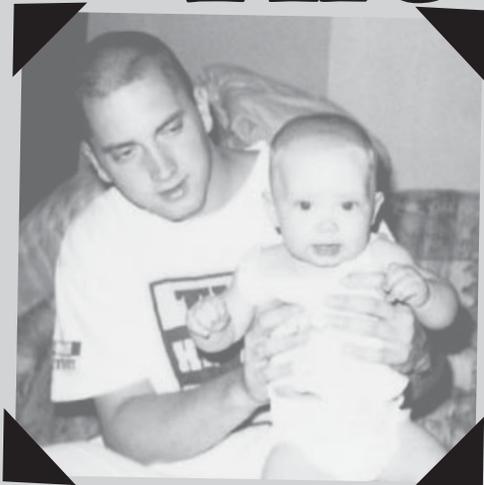
Crowd: Ooooooh! Dey off da hook, yo! Ain’t dey so crazy!





In honor of the 43rd annual Grammy Awards, the SOURCE salutes everyone's favorite white-rapper-cum-free-speech-advocate. Join us for a peek inside

# EMINEM'S GRAMMY PHOTO ALBUM



If this little fan goes on to shoot up his elementary school, I told him to say Will Smith made him do it.



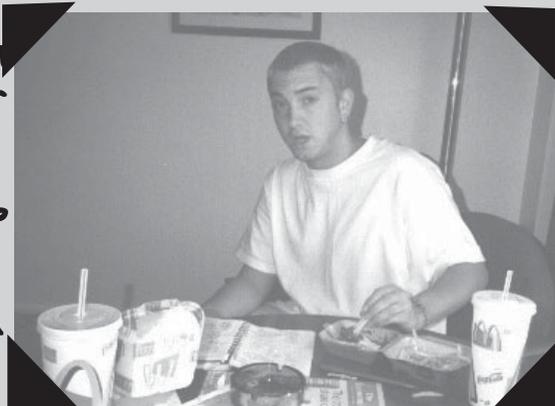
Me, Hailie, and...I dunno, I think that's Elton John...

Here I am hiding out in the closet in Christina Aguilera's dressing room. Bitch had it coming.



Guess where my other hand is!!!

After the show, I didn't have time for a sit-down meal. I had to do a radio promo, a Source interview and threaten Kim's life!



*Is the SAT biased against people like you?  
Only if you're stupid.*

# Don't Test Me

by Joshua Martino

Like many nervous high schoolers, Richard Atkinson hates the SAT. In fact, he hates the test (formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test—now just an acronym) so much that he wants to eliminate it. But Atkinson is not a teenager filling out college applications. He is the 71-year-old President of the University of California. And his spite for the standardized college entrance exam may alter the college admissions process for millions of students across the United States.

Atkinson's reasons for abandoning the SAT are vague. He told the American Council on Education that the test is "distorting education priorities" because high schools put too much emphasis on teaching to the exam. He went on further, saying the SAT is "unfair" and "can have a devastating impact on the self-esteem and aspirations of young students." While tests such as the SATs provide statistics that predict how well a student will perform in college, Atkinson counters with "priorities" and "self-esteem," notions too abstract to warrant the elimination of the test in the nation's largest public university system.

In fact, the self-esteem argument is just more slop from the trough of liberal excuses. If a student is permanently traumatized by the SAT, the kid needs therapy, not a college education. Bad grades can be just as demoralizing to students, yet nobody would insist that teachers should no longer give F's. Atkinson's concern for students' feelings belies his actual political agenda.

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The SAT has long been a hated target of the academic Left. There are entire organizations dedicated to its eradication. On its website, Cambridge's FairTest levies the gamut of attacks on the SAT. The SAT is inaccurate, they say. It's overemphasized, they claim. Oh, and it's also racist.

Can a circle-filled Scantron sheet be racist? Analogies, sentence completion, and quantitative comparisons seem harmless enough. But opponents of the SAT are quick to point out the vast (often at least 300 points) difference between the scores of whites and Asians versus those of blacks and Latinos. FairTest

says, "the SAT is very effective at eliminating academically promising minority students who apply with strong academic records but relatively low SAT scores. Colleges that have made the SAT optional report that their applicant pools are more diverse and that there has been no drop off in academic quality."

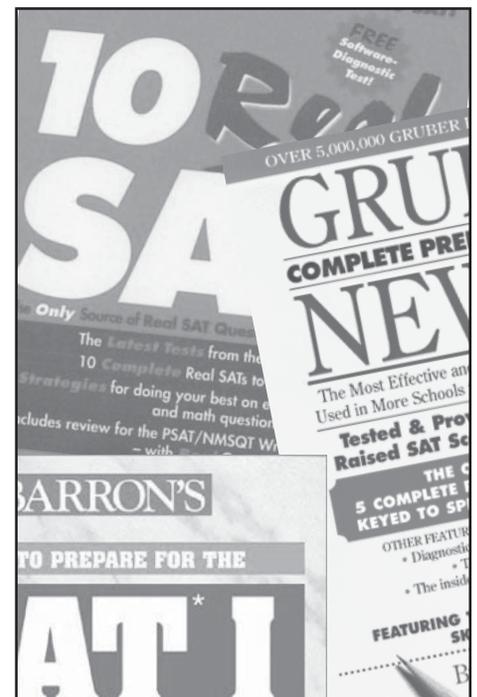
Of course, there are no numbers to support this claim. Until now, only a few small, private colleges have eliminated the SAT requirement. These schools can afford to evaluate students without the SATs. But large universities need a standard of evaluation for incoming classes that number in the thousands. Furthermore, FairTest and Atkinson fail to acknowledge the obvious causes of the white/minority SAT split. It should come as no surprise that blacks and Latinos score poorly on the test because these groups are not afforded the same educational opportunities as whites. Inner-city schools in poor neighborhoods provide a quality of education much lower

than that of wealthy suburban public and private schools. It's not just the SAT—because of failing public schools, blacks and Latinos score lower across the board on all standardized tests. To erase the split, the government must improve public education. Eliminating the SAT will do nothing but erase standards. The only victims of SAT discrimination are companies that don't make Number 2 pencils.

Test-haters also argue that the SAT favors the wealthy over the poor. Parents often spend several hundred dollars on prep courses that teach strategy and provide numerous practice exams. Here, SAT opponents have a point, albeit a futile one. Indeed, the wealthy have an advantage since they can afford prep courses, some of which guarantee a 100-point improvement in scores. However, the rich have every other educational advantage, from tutors to private schooling. This is no reason to end the use of the SAT. Less wealthy families can still afford the numerous SAT guidebooks (starting at about \$10) that offer test-taking strategy.

Conservatives beware: it is no coincidence that the latest assault on the SAT is based in a state in which affirmative action has been soundly defeated. In 1996, California's Proposition 209 overturned the state's racial preferences. Of course, since that initiative, minority enrollment

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**Affordable SAT guidebooks help offset some of the advantages of the wealthy.**

in the state's universities has dropped. The result has been panic from the Left. While conservatives such as UC Regent Ward Connerly have suggested improving public schools, many in California and the federal government have been desperately trying to compensate for the lack of diversity by lowering standards. Some left-leaning officials in Washington have even resorted to *cosa nostra* tactics. In 1999, a document from the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights threatened to cut off funding to schools that used the SATs as an admissions criterion. The document was virtually ignored by the press until a flurry of conservative Op-Ed pieces in the *New York Times* forced the Department to rescind the threat. Atkinson's proposal is an act of desperation—the Left is losing the battle against the SAT.

Still, even conservative educators realize that de-emphasizing the SAT is a good idea. Some smart kids are simply poor test-takers. In order to reduce student stress and place more import on skills other than verbal and math, teachers and college admissions folk must recognize that tests are just statistics. College applicants are more than just a number from 200 to 1600. That number, however, is still the most effective basis by which colleges compare applicants. After all, an A at one school is not the same as an A at another. The SAT survives because nobody has developed a fairer standard.

The future looks grim for those who would do away with the test. Public sentiment is allied with the SAT, as a survey printed in *Education Week* said that 80% of American students felt that standardized tests ask fair questions. Two-thirds of students admitted to feeling nervous before the test, but admitted that they could "handle the stress." Nearly all parents, teachers, and students said that they favor tougher standards.

So does the Bush administration. The new Education Secretary, Rod Paige, is one of America's foremost advocates of standardized tests. Paige, an African-American, has said that he believes tests like the SAT battle racial gaps in education by highlighting them. The President has stated that his education platform will do battle with "low expectations." Surely included in this category are demands to stifle the test, rather than improving students' ability to ace it. □

*Who is responsible for female advancement in politics?  
It's not the Democrats.*

## Gender Neutral

*by Jonathan Perle*

My left-leaning friends often lament that there are very few women in the top positions in government. They are concerned that in the disproportionately male-dominated Congress and political world, there are no women presidents or vice-presidents, and few women in the important cabinet positions. In a class on Shakespeare recently, one female classmate asserted that in previous times no woman could achieve power unless it was through a man, and that many people—herself included—believe this to still be the case. The argument most often heard in

such situations is that the male-dominated power structure keeps women from achieving positions of power. Poppycock.

The reason that women have customarily never attained the highest forms of political power has nothing to do with the male-dominated world of politics. Great Britain has been a conventionally male dominated society, yet Margaret Thatcher attained and held power longer than any post-World War II Prime Minister. India, not known for its liberal ways, also had a female prime minister. In the United States, women have not reached the upper echelons of power for the most part for one very striking reason: the liberal feminist and women's movements in America.

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These movements have often stifled the best and brightest women—those who would be the most likely contenders for top positions like Secretary of Defense, State, Treasury Vice-President, or President—because of ideological leanings. The truth is, many of the women who succeed on the left side of the political spectrum do so *because* they are women. Being a minority (which the Left considers

women to be) gives one special standing with the liberals. On the Left, people who should not be given positions of power are not turned away for the sake of "inclusiveness" and "diversity." In the same vein, the Left also demands that its women

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promote women's interests first and foremost. Feminists feel that by virtue of being a woman, one is already a potential member of the feminist movement. This is not exclusive to the women's movement, but encompasses almost any minority candidate on the Left. If you are a Democratic female Senator, then you are expected to deal with issues such as healthcare, education, and welfare. The same may be said of minorities. Black congressmen are frequently sought out on issues dealing with race relations, and it is often assumed they are experts in the subject simply because of the color of their skin.

Today, women are not oppressed in politics to any degree approaching my classmate's assumption. That which oppresses women is the feminist movement, which has a stranglehold on the Democratic ideology. The Repub-

Jeane Kirkpatrick: US Representative to the United Nations and National Security Advisor.



lican party, however, is free of such a patronizing political ethos. If a Republican woman enters the Congress or the executive branch, it is not simply assumed that she will be a lead voice on women's issues, or that she will take an interest in healthcare, welfare, and education. Republican women are treated as individuals, not merely pawns of a larger women's movement.

Let us examine the political record. The Democrats ran Geraldine Ferraro as Walter Mondale's running mate in 1984. Madeleine Albright became the first female Secretary of State. Beyond these two, the Democrats have expected—and received—women who focus on “women's issues.” Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, and Hillary Clinton are all considered top women in the Democratic party, and each of them deals with “soft” issues that are traditionally assigned to women. Even when a Democratic woman, such as Albright, does not focus upon women's issues, much of the attention that surrounds her comes from her role as a woman in that position. When Albright was first nominated and appointed Secretary of State, it was hailed as a major breakthrough for women—the fact that it was Albright's greatest personal achievement was merely a side note. The liberals could not (and still cannot at times) stop talking about Albright the woman, rather than Albright the Secretary of State.

Now contrast the role of Democratic women with those of Republican women.

In 1980, Ronald Reagan decided he was going to pick the best and the brightest—regardless of gender—from both sides of the aisle. He came hunting for Jeane Kirkpatrick not because she was a woman, and not because he particularly felt that he needed a more “diverse” cabinet, but because he was convinced that she was one of the brightest minds in the field of international diplomacy. As a result, Kirkpatrick helped advance foreign policy immeasurably, and Reagan did everything in his power to persuade her to extend her stay in government. Undoubtedly, Kirkpatrick helped break part of the glass ceiling, but unlike liberals who try to advance that gender by focusing all their energy on women's issues, Kirkpatrick broke the ceiling by simply ignoring its presence and doing her job. For this, she became an outcast in the feminist movement. She was labeled a traitor for serving under a Republican, despite the fact that she did more to demonstrate that women were equal to men than the entire feminist movement. They were all talk; she was action. The Left ignored all her achievements and turned her away because they could not bear the thought of a strong woman who did not wear her femininity on her sleeve. Kirkpatrick did not concentrate on her supposed status as “victim,” and she instead decided just to do her job. Perhaps it was her dedication that caused many male Republicans, who are so often portrayed as the enemies of women's rights, to urge Kirkpatrick to run for President.

Today, Condoleezza Rice is the new National Security Advisor to the President of the United States. It is a position that in the past has wielded even more influence than the Secretary of State. While George W. Bush has pledged his commitment to a “diverse” cabinet, it is clear that his choice of Condoleezza Rice had nothing to do with her gender and everything to do with her credentials. Bush chose Rice because he believes that her views on foreign policy are generally in accordance with his own, because they are familiar with each other's strategies, and because her background in foreign policy is impressive. In Republican circles, her gender is merely a footnote; in Democratic circles it is a headline. Of course, Rice is also black, which means she is an “automatic” advocate of not just the feminist movement, but of the minority community as well. Again, to Republicans, she is the NSC who is black, while to Democrats she is the black woman who

also happens to be the NSC. Already, Republicans are debating the merits of her foreign policy decisions. The Democrats, meanwhile, are debating how well she represents blacks and women. To Republicans she is a person while to Democrats she is a symbol.

Just as the feminists cast out Kirkpatrick for serving a conservative who disagreed with their philosophy (despite the fact that she did as much as any woman to improve the perception of women in government), so too have the feminists and black community cast out Rice. To them, she is valueless as an individual. Her personal achievements are irrelevant, and all that matters is her stance on social issues, such as affirmative action, which have little relevance to her political position. Having repeatedly offered up women and minority candidates simply because of their gender and skin color, and in turn expecting those candidates to simply address issues of the minority and women's community, Democrats are now unable to understand a woman who is picked because of credentials, rather than gender.

Contrary to popular belief, it is the Republican party that has been most accepting of women and has been willing to give women the most important positions in government. Reagan, and now Bush, have appointed strong women to important positions not because of some vague notion of “diversity,” but because the women were qualified. This attitude of egalitarianism, rather than feminism, will accomplish what the feminist community will never be able to do—portray women as equal. □



**Barbara Boxer: Woman first, Senator second.**

*Racial re-segregation in the classroom?  
What you talkin' 'bout, Calvin?*

# Language of Conflict

by Megan Liotta

Turning to the university's faculty has not helped the *Daily* present novel Viewpoints. The offerings in the twice-weekly opinion section are rarely anything more than innocuous liberal drivel, reflecting the same pervasive campus opinions as the week before. Last week's "A Legitimate Language" by Calvin L. Gidney, a professor in the Child Development department, was more of the same—save that his opinions are far from benign. Indeed, Gidney's determination to have African-American Vernacular English (AAVE) used to teach America's black children is downright dangerous to race relations in this country.

**Gidney's demand for the use of AAVE in the classroom is diminished to a selfish plea for black privileges, not an appeal for equality.**

Since the early Nineties, an ongoing debate regarding the legitimacy of AAVE as a language has escalated from an isolated incident in Oakland, California to a nationwide issue, becoming a question of national dogma. In its wake, new terms have sprung up, including the ever-offensive "Ebonics," which effectively turned the discussion into the butt of late-night jokes and media puns. Any seriousness associated with the concept of AAVE was lost in the media's wordplay, taking with it any attempts to critically rebut the original argument: AAVE is a language that should be taught in public schools. Now that the issue is back in the limelight of Black History Month and is being discussed with straight faces, it is doubly important that opposing arguments not get lost in the shuffle of controversy. Gidney helps his political adversaries by leaving substantial holes in his arguments.

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Gidney graciously points out to the reader that he is an ideological fraud when he states that he is "deeply concerned about the education of all children, but particularly African-American children." If Gidney is truly concerned about the schooling of all American children, then he need not specify black children, as they are as American as anyone else receiving an education in this country. His racist separatism is also made

readily apparent in his second column when he states that AAVE "can and *should* serve as a medium of instruction for African-American children." By distinguishing black children from their classmates and suggesting that they

learn separately, Gidney is, in effect, condoning and even encouraging the re-segregation of the American school system. This would undoubtedly be a devastating blow to the struggle for racial equity.

People sharing Gidney's opinions often insist that AAVE is a language independent from Standardized English, as the term "dialect" is considered patronizing. In fact, the difference between AAVE and Standard American English is ambiguous, and, according to noted UC-Berkley linguist Charles Fillmore, citing a difference is akin to asking, "whether Greenland is a small continent or a large island." AAVE is unquestionably a legitimate linguistic dialect of English. That is, AAVE has grammatical rules and exceptions, just like any other dialect of English. But its linguistic status is irrelevant to the question at hand.

French, Hindi, Japanese, Farsi, Kikuyu, and Swedish are all legitimate forms of communication. Students who learn these languages at home are not accommodated in school with teachers who speak these languages. Nor are they segregated from other children in order to learn in their primary language. Thus, Gidney's demand for the use of AAVE in the classroom is diminished to a selfish plea for black privileges, not an appeal for equality.

Beyond sending race relations in the United States down the drain, Gidney's notion has another massive problem. An enormous number of children will be left out of his allegedly equality-building program. AAVE is not the language of black children. It is the language of inner-city children, so his learning environment, which calls only for black children to learn in AAVE, would exclude inner-city white and Hispanic children. Gidney himself notes that white rap artists such as Eminem use AAVE in their music, but he fails to logically conclude that ordinary urban white people use AAVE in conversation as well. The converse hypothesis, then, would be that not all black children speak in AAVE, something Gidney ignores entirely. Instead, he broadly equates being black with living in the inner-city, essentially being on the lowest rung of the socioeconomic ladder. Gidney, who is black, writes his Viewpoint and teaches his classes in letter-perfect Standard American English. Why? To show that



**Which one of these diverse youngsters speaks AAVE? The answer may surprise you.**

he is not on the lowest rung of the socioeconomic ladder and so that he can communicate with all of his students, not just the black ones.

Gidney goes on to point out that AAVE is just as appropriate a medium for literary art as any other English dialect, such as Scottish-English or British-English. He is absolutely correct; some of the greatest literature this nation has produced has been written at least in part in AAVE, including Alice Walker's American classic, *The Color Purple*, Gidney's example. This, however, does not make it acceptable for AAVE to be implemented in the classroom in order to teach these works. Gavin Douglas's poetry is not taught in Scottish-English, nor is Shakespeare discussed in 17<sup>th</sup> century British iambic pentameter. Even at Tufts, all English literature courses are taught in Standard American English. One class reads Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* in Middle English, but class discussion is held in Standard English. Another examines Michelle Cliff's *Abeng*, in which approximately half of the dialogue is in Jamaican-English *patois*. Yet the class is not segregated into racial groups, each discussing the book in its primary language. To do so would be to deny some members of the class the insight and interpretation of other students, resulting in several decidedly one-sided views of each work.

It is virtually impossible for racial groups in America to gain equal social footing if they not only communicate, but also learn in different dialects and languages. Not only will black children be unable to hold positions of power if they learn and speak only in AAVE (as Gidney himself points out), but they will not be afforded the opportunity to relay their unique culture experiences to children of other races during their formative years. Children of all races in this country will grow up without black students in their classes, and their generation will become as racially and culturally ignorant as those growing up during the Jim Crow era. Gidney's argument of AAVE and classroom segregation would be a gigantic leap backward for race relations in America, destroying all progress made in the past one hundred years and widening the chasm between white and black Americans. As a nation dedicated to achieving equality among her citizens, the United States must not repeat the mistakes of the past because united we stand and divided we will fall. □

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*Surveillance tactics heat up,  
and the assault on freedom expands.*

# A Hot Commodity

*by Andrew Gibbs*

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Freedom and security, two of the most crucial components of an enlightened society, often find themselves at odds with one another. Both are absolutely necessary to a democracy, yet at times one must choose between the two. Absolute freedom means anarchy, while absolute security leads to a police state. Democracy requires a careful blending of the two. The authors of the Bill of Rights knew this to be true, and among the first ten amendments to the Constitution, the Fourth serves as strong evidence of this. They realized that the privacy of citizens is of utmost importance to the preservation of a free society. However, technological innovation has put this cherished freedom under constant siege. The latest threat comes in the form of thermal imaging.

A recent court case involved the following scenario. Police employed thermal imaging technology to determine that an Oregon man, Danny Kyllo, was growing marijuana in his home. They performed this scan without a warrant and detected heat signatures indicative of the growing of marijuana. They subsequently used the data collected to request a search warrant that culminated in an arrest on drug-related charges. The lawyer for the defendant argued that police violated his client's Fourth Amendment rights. The Supreme Court must now determine how to apply the Fourth Amendment to this new technology.

Every object possesses unique thermal characteristics. An object giving off heat radiates light in the infrared spectrum that is invisible to the naked human eye but can be picked up by sophisticated thermal imaging devices. The patterns and intensities in such a signal can serve to identify certain phenomena. Such devices have myriad uses including rescue operations,

manhunts, and searching potential crime scenes. Obviously the benefits of such a technology are enormous. Yet at the same time there exists great potential for abuse. Law enforcement must exercise appropriate restraint in the use of this technology or privacy will quickly become a relic of the past.

Technology constantly redefines the way people perceive the world. Telephone systems and the Internet have revolutionized communications. While these innovations have inarguably improved the quality of life for everyone touched by them, they have also raised very serious privacy concerns. With the proliferation of wiretaps and packet sniffers, individuals who envision themselves anonymous in electronic communications suffer from severe naïveté. One would still like to believe, however, that behind closed doors and shuttered windows there exists some kind of sanctity. Such refuge still exists, but should the guardians of freedom waver, government shall perfunctorily crush it underfoot like the exoskeleton of a crunchy insect.

The Fourth Amendment states the following: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." Since it does not say anything about thermal imaging equipment then it must be okay, right? That is what prosecutors in the Kyllo case would have the jury believe. They make the feeble argument that "people do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the heat that's on the exterior surface of their walls." That assertion leaves virtually nothing sacred. Everything transmits some form of heat

signal. Accordingly, allowing unwarranted thermal imagery of private citizens' homes provides authorities with a veritable *carte blanche*. The underlying problem boils down to the inability of the authors of the Bill of Rights to predict the drastic effects of technology.

Consider for a moment the Seventh Amendment: "In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law." Thanks to a couple hundred years of inflation the mention of twenty dollars in present context is absurd, yet the spirit of the Seventh Amendment lives on as the basis of trial by jury in civil cases. The Fourth Amendment requires the same treatment. While it may not make explicit reference to thermal imaging equipment, the use of such equipment without a warrant violates the fundamental tenets of protection against unreasonable searches.

One particularly complicated problem with the interpretation of the Fourth Amendment arises when deciding precisely what constitutes an "unreasonable search." One cannot reasonably expect privacy when strolling down the street, thus it is advisable to wear pants. Nor will pleading Fourth Amendment rights hold up if you run through a mall shouting that you're an FBI agent spying for Russia. However, behind closed doors and shuttered windows there should exist some kind of privacy. Strip citizens of this right, and what is left to them? They would have no more privacy than an animal at the zoo. Thermal imaging is a powerful technology, capable of serving as a valuable tool for law enforcement, but just like any other surveillance technique, it must be used with restraint and judgement.

Governments are notorious for violating the very individuals whom they have been charged to protect. A Big Brother mentality permeates the so-called justice of the day. Despite the lessons of the past, alarmists preach that the populace requires constant policing. They fail to realize that indiscriminate policing inherently sacrifices freedom for the illusion of greater safety. Yet, as Benjamin Franklin so wisely stated, "Those would trade liberty for security, deserve neither." □

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*Now we know why Marx was never a baseball fan.*

# Liberty's Game

by Dan Lewis

He will make over \$15 million over the next three years. And he pays only \$1.50 a month in child support. Yes, a dollar-fifty.

He's Rey Ordonez, shortstop, New York Mets. In 1993, during the Pan Am Games, Ordonez defected from Cuba four days after finalizing his divorce from Hilda Maria Fiallo. Fiallo was a citizen of Communism-in-the-Caribbean until last May. While in Castro's cradle, she received a buck fifty a month—standard child support in Cuba, according to her lawyer in Miami. She has asked a circuit court for nearly \$8,000 per month in support, a mere 2% of Ordonez's average annual salary over the length of the contract.

United States: \$8,000. Cuba: \$1.50. Oversimplification? Hardly.

Ordonez's God-given talent involves getting a small white ball into leather mitts via his quick reflexes and a strong throwing arm—hardly skills that will find him leading armies or corporations. Although he has spent seven years in America, his English is lacking. Only in a diverse marketplace could someone like Rey find himself with a seven-figure salary. In other words, only in America.

It is simply impossible to imagine a centrally planned economy that allows for such seemingly inefficient spending on entertainment. Surely Baby Ruths would be replaced by Brussels sprouts in any country that demands from each according to their ability, but allots to each only according to need. In such an environment, it is okay if your "ability" has you working ten-hour days shucking corn; in the end, a "need" of another comrade (namely,

food) will be fulfilled. But to waste man-hours yelling "*Dame la pelota?*" Not in Cuba.

In fact, it is ludicrous to believe that something as complex as baseball could be successful, let alone created, if formulated by Castro's Office of Sports and Leisure. The sport (like most American institutions) evolved over time, with seemingly little planning. Some people enjoyed the challenge of

hitting a horsehide ball with a homemade bat. Others were intrigued by the idea of directing the sphere through a "strike zone" about the size of a human torso, at the same time trying to avoid the lumber inevitably seeking the ball.

And for each one of them, hundreds were happy to watch—even for a small fee. None of them approached a Senator demanding that millions of tax dollars be set aside to subsidize their newfound hobby (save for the neo-welfare state stadium magnates—but that's a whole other ballgame). Instead, acting independently and out of bare self-interest, thousands if not millions created a well of happiness.

The sport's existence allows for better jobs to those who otherwise would be "working-class" at best, and the spillover of wealth directly benefits their family and friends—people like Rey Ordonez's kid. Even if the shortstop only pays 1% of his annual salary to his child, baby Rey (now an elementary-schooler) can afford to go to a private school, seek medical treatment when necessary, and buy a baseball glove. Compare that to a buck-fifty—enough for a serving of Top Ramen every *other* day. The choice is between having Rey Ordonez, U.S. Citizen as a father or the tag-team of Cuban Rey and Papa Castro.

The word "choice," of course, is used lightly. Cubans are not free to leave the country,

and the untold consequences defectors risk likely falls under the category of "cruel and unusual" banned by our Constitution. When income levels of the common Cuban fall well below our poverty line, seizure of property and a three-meals-a-day-and-a-roof jail sentence hardly amounts to punishment. Further, it is not far fetched to declare that Ordonez risked his life and those of his family (even his ex-wife's and son's) when he defected.

If an American was told by the governor that he could not try out for the Yankees, but, instead, had to play for the state team at nights while holding down a street-sweeping job during the day, we would object. If this American were jailed for refusing, we would protest. If he were beaten, we would riot. If his family were taken away into the night, we would revolt. If that person were unlucky enough to be born a hundred miles off the coast of Florida, all bets are off.

Being chained by the power of the state makes one as much a slave as does anything else. For every Rey Ordonez there are hundreds of Cubans still in the so-called paradise who want nothing more than to support themselves and their families. Instead, their lives are planned out for them: where to work, what to buy, and, in other bastions of Communism, even how many children to have. In the name of equality, the childhood dream of leading your team to a World Series is snuffed out like a bad cigar. It is the most ironic of outcomes; everyone has equal opportunity to better one's life—to the tune of a dollar fifty each month. Denying others the right to pursue their dreams, even if those dreams involve fastballs and doubles, is immoral. Sentencing families like Ordonez's to a government-mandated life of poverty is nothing short of criminal.

Thankfully, 275 million of us are not under such a regime; instead, come April 1, we'll be enjoying ballpark franks and the seventh inning stretch. We will do so not for some greater good, but because it makes us happy. Very few of us will even consider the social implication of buying \$25 tickets and big foam hands. And it won't matter, because in the end, janitors, parking attendants, shortstops from Cuba, and their families will be better off. We could have worked fifty-hour weeks, donating all our income to the coffers of a planned Utopia, but we don't—and everyone is better off for it. The freedom to pursue happiness—so long as it does not infringe on the rights of others—is an integral part of humanity, even if bliss is found on the diamond. □

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*Eight years of leniency have ended.  
Now Saddam must face another Bush.*

# Saddam's Worst Nightmare

*by Stephen Tempesta*

On February 16, the allied nations of the United States and Great Britain led a coalition effort to bomb Iraqi radar sites. Twenty-four aircraft carried out a strike targeting five Iraqi command centers. These targets controlled radar devices that had recently had their sophistication increased—thus threatening American jets patrolling Iraqi air space.

For the last eight years, Saddam Hussein has benefited from a lenient policy of “no aggression, no enforcement.” There were trade sanctions against Iraq, but these did more to harm civilians than Hussein himself, as his regime remained independently wealthy from oil revenues. The United Nations has at-

tempted to perform inspections of Hussein’s manufacturing plants for evidence of chemical, biological and nuclear devices. Time and again, the UN has said that it was unable to gain the access required to adequately assess Hussein’s illegal weapons caches. In recent months, Iraq has fully denied the UN inspectors entry to all Iraqi state property.

There must be no false security when it comes to Iraq. The nation’s chemical and biological weapons pose a real threat to Iraq’s neighbors in the short-term, and may eventually threaten the world if Hussein is allowed to continue. The UN needs to reinstate a thorough inspection program that utilizes surprise inspections and will guarantee that when the inspectors arrive, they will have the authority to act immediately,

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rather than wait around while Iraqi officials stall for time. If inspectors are denied access to Iraqi property, they should call upon NATO to respond with force. It is the duty of the free world to protect all of those threatened by Hussein. Adequate protection, however, requires more than threats and sanctions. As witnessed over the last eight years, these efforts have failed miserably.

**Instead of the incoherent strategies, bumbling speeches, and stumbling foreign policy leaders of the Clinton years, the Bush administration has a chance to offer a single Iraq policy which fuses a clear strategy with real leadership.**

Since the end of the term of the elder President Bush, the policy from Washington was one of noninterference with regard to Iraqi weapons. Meanwhile, Hussein has been busily rebuilding his army and purchasing advanced air defense systems. The United States

cannot allow this reconstruction to progress; Hussein has proven himself to be an aggressor and an instigator. With help from NATO, the United States and the UN need to be forceful in order to place a check on Hussein’s military buildup. As Arab-Israeli tensions increase in the Middle East, one can only imagine how Iraq will react to an open Arab-Israeli war. According to the Iraqi News Agency, Hussein has ordered the formation of 21 military divisions consisting of Iraqis who volunteered to fight with Palestinians in the uprising against the Israelis that began last September. This is a clear message that Hussein is willing to involve himself in an Arab-Israeli conflict with the use of force. Though he was quickly defeated, Hussein has already challenged allied US forces, which proves his willingness to risk Iraqi lives. Iraqis flooded the pe-

rimeter of the presidential palace to voice their anger at allied attacks on their country. Hussein has won the will of his people; any actions against America or her allies expands his popularity at home.

Hussein has long talked openly about his willingness to involve Iraq in conflict. Meanwhile the Clinton administration’s failure to clearly define and implement a program during its tenure in office left US foreign policy concerning Iraq in limbo. Now, for the first time in eight years, President Bush has sent a clear message to Hussein that he will not allow the development of weapons of mass destruction to go unpunished. Bush has taken the initial steps necessary to hinder Hussein and let Iraqi allies know that the US will not tolerate any more threats. Iraq has vowed revenge for recent air strikes, which, it claims, killed two civilians and injured more than 20 others. Hussein and his aides discussed plans for retaliation in the event of any further raid. But the US should not fear Iraqi scare tactics. What the US must do is adopt a system for checking Iraqi military buildup and explore a potential retaliation plan.

The coming years will reveal whether the Bush administration can reverse the ineffective policies of the Clinton administration. Instead of the incoherent strategies, bumbling speeches, and stumbling foreign policy leaders of the Clinton years, the Bush administration has a chance to offer a single Iraq policy that fuses a clear strategy with real leadership. In the coming years, there are signs that instead of Clinton’s vacillating policies, the United States will get a single philosophy that does not waver with each new opinion poll or focus group. □



**From a Baghdad mural glare the eyes of a man who has defied NATO and the UN.**

Last week, several senators and a TFA member suggested in the *Daily* that student groups create their own sexual harassment policy—as if the university-wide policy wasn't stifling enough. But, in the interest of being good sports, the SOURCE has decided to join the movement. With that in mind, we present:



# THE PRIMARY SOURCE

## THE PRIMARY SOURCE Sexual Harassment Policy

### Who are our participants?

- \* Check out the masthead.

### Sexual conduct that is acceptable and encouraged at THE PRIMARY SOURCE includes the following:

- \* Hugging, kissing, groping, fondling, heavy petting, light petting, medium petting, pet petting, squeezing, patting, pinching, poking, prodding, and intercourse
- \* Brushing one's genitalia against other staff members
- \* Pantomiming sexual acts with one's hands
- \* Childishly giggling at all double entendre
- \* Inventing double entendre

### The following speech is allowed by the SOURCE:

- \* Referring to women as "broads," "chicks," or "dames"
- \* Lewd remarks
- \* Greeting staff members with "Hey Sugar"
- \* Saying that "condoms take away all the feeling"
- \* Discussion and debate about the best lay on campus
- \* Complimenting other staff members on their new "bitch boots" or "f\*\*k-me pants"
- \* Talking about vaginas

### The consequences of most of the above may include (but are not limited to):

- \* Laughter
- \* Camaraderie
- \* Nookie

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The government takes money from your check every week, and then they come in April for more money. What kind of gangster sh\*t is that?

—Chris Rock

Nearly everyone will lie to you given the right circumstances.

—Bill Clinton

Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy.

—General Norman Schwarzkopf

Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people, who have a right, an indisputable, unalienable, indefeasible, divine right to that most dreaded and envied kind of knowledge, I mean the characters and conduct of their rulers.

—John Adams

The Democrats are the ones who will give you a loan. The Republicans are the ones who will guarantee you a loan. The Libertarians are the ones who will leave you alone.

—Cal Ludeman

Thinking is man's only basic virtue, from which all others proceed. And his basic vice, the source of all his evils, is that nameless act which all of you practice, but struggle never to admit... the refusal to think; not blindness, but the refusal to see; not ignorance, but the refusal to know.

—Ayn Rand

Let him who desires peace prepare for war.

—Flavius Vegetius Renatus

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be.

—Douglas Adams

We never know the worth of water 'til the well is dry.

—English Proverb

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

—Abraham Lincoln

I gave them a sword. And they stuck it in, and they twisted it with relish. And I guess if I had been in their position, I'd have done the same thing.

—Richard Nixon

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

—Ronald Reagan

A scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it.

—Maxwell Planck

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

—Patrick Henry

The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself.

—Ben Franklin

The paperback is very interesting but I find it will never replace the hardcover book—it makes a very poor doorstep.

—Alfred Hitchcock

When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators.

—P. J. O'Rourke

It is no secret that organized crime in America takes in over forty billion dollars a year. This is quite a profitable sum, especially when one considers that the Mafia spends very little for office supplies.

—Woody Allen

If hypocrisy were gold, the Capitol would be Fort Knox.

—John McCain

Hope you sleep better this year. Ought to, with Republicans in charge.

—Bob Dole

Today to win the highest critical praise, or to receive leading Oscar consideration, you have to make a movie that says life is short and bitter, and it stinks.

—Michael Medved

The genius of America is our capacity for rebirth and renewal. America is the land where the sun is always peeking over the horizon.

—George Bush

A prisoner of war is a man who tries to kill you and fails, and then asks you not to kill him.

—Winston Churchill

Unlike presidential administrations, problems rarely have terminal dates.

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our common language is English. And our common task is to ensure that non-English speaking children learn this common language.

—William J. Bennett

You have to love people enough to want to change them, not just feel their pain.

—Newt Gingrich

You are what you eat, and who wants to be a lettuce?

—Peter Burns

Communist regimes were not some unfortunate aberration, some historical deviation from a socialist ideal. They were the ultimate expression, unconstrained by democratic and electoral pressures, of what socialism is all about.... In short, the state [is] everything and the individual nothing.

—Margaret Thatcher