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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

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February 10, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN PODESTA

FROM: WILLIAM H. ITOH

SUBJECT: NSC Supplemental Budget Request

Alan Kreczko and Bill Leary have reported to me the indispensable support we received from you in preparing a supplemental budget request to restore backup tapes associated with the Armstrong case. We realize that this request would never have been processed successfully without your special efforts.

Thanks again for all your help. *Thomas*

Will

*Will —
Is this a federal
or presidential note?
Thanks whichever
John*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 2/12/94

The Vice President, Mack, Phil,
Leon, Pat, Mark, Laura, Bob Rubin

TO:

FROM: **JOHN D. PODESTA**
Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary

The attached has been forwarded
to the President.

February 11, 1994

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8:00 AM
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MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: George Stephanopoulos/Gene Sperling

SUBJECT: Balanced Budget Amendment Strategy

This memo is designed to give you an overview of the wide-ranging efforts going on in preparation for the battle over the balanced budget Amendment -- which is scheduled to be raised in the Senate on February 22. We have already taken considerable number of steps to build support for defeating the Amendment.

1. CONGRESSIONAL: We have worked together -- along with Pat, Steve R. and Barbara Chow -- with Senior senate staff to coordinate strategy. We have had two meetings with them as well as a third with Senator Byrd. Pat and Leon have also had several other discussions with Byrd and Mitchell. Leon will now have more time to focus on this with the budget presented, and will be a strong force for us on the Hill -- and has beat this in the past.

We have targeted key Senators. Senator Mitchell's staff is more focused on coming up with alternative amendment strategies, while Senator Byrd has asked us to not discuss any such options, as he wants to take it on straight-up. He is interested in getting 41 votes against cloture and believes he can do it -- though that is not certain. Our strategy for now, is to launch a comprehensive effort to persuade the swing Senators how poor policy the balanced budget amendment is and to make sure that case is heard in their local papers and home state. Rahm made the good point that during Penny-Kasich, we were winning big with elite papers, but not doing well with local newspapers that really matter. Barbara Chow is working actively on key Senators and their staffs and has found Conrad open, and Johnston to be with us -- the latter is definitely good news. Three Republicans -- Stevens, Hatfield and Kassenbaum are opposed to the Amendment and we are working on several more.

- Byrd will be conducting hearings from 2/15-2/18. On 2/15 Panetta, Reno, Perry, Shalala and Charles Fried will testify -- along with former Secretary of Defense Schlesinger. On 2/16 they have constitutional scholars including Archibald Cox and Dellinger. On 2/17 they are going for economists and have Henry Aaron and Herb Stein among others lined up. On 2/18, Simon will have a few hours to have witnesses who support the balanced budget amendment.

2. OVERALL PUBLIC STRATEGY: We are trying to build off the line in the State of the Union: "We have proven that we can bring down the deficit without choking off the recovery, punishing middle class or senior Americans, or putting our national security at risk." We must stress that through leadership and tough choices we are bringing the deficit down without doing these other harms. From there, our goal must be to make the "how and what are the

consequences" questions the main issue. We have to create a context that puts the burden on them to explain how they can balanced the budget. We are using a couple of tactics to move the debate this way. One, is to get several studies out there with different scenarios -- preferably state-by-state -- that box people in to having to identify how they will balance the budget. This may turn some people and may make others stop considering this as a free vote.

Second, we are also stressing everyone to focus on the "right to know" issue. We've asked AARP and other groups to stress that they have a right to know what the specific choices are -- whether and how much they will raise taxes and cut Social Security. Forcing the debate to focus on how they would balance the budget will leads some of them to play people off against each other. Simon has told the AARP that defense will need to get cut. Other supporters will say defense cannot be cut. Others will want to put Social Security off the table. As different people start taking different parts of the budget off the table, it could start to blow up.

The tax, social security and especially the defense argument seem the most potent. Health care may help us pull a couple of senators, although the public message is somewhat harder to communicate.

A strong argument for us is the fact that Jack Kemp and Vin Weber have come out against it on the grounds that it will lead to tax increases. This allows us to say that both Jack Kemp and President Clinton believe that a balanced budget amendment will lead to higher taxes that will damage economic growth.

3. STATE-BY-STATE "CAN'T HIDE" BBA SCENARIOS -- Stress Tax, Seniors, Defense Impact: The key to making members of Congress understand the tough choices they will face is to lay out specific scenarios of what a balanced budget would mean. Leon did this effectively in 1992. Our key is to have several scenarios that do not allow supporters to hide from tough choices. Thus, we can start by detailing how many taxes would have to be raised. If supporters say they will not raise taxes, than we can show how draconian a no-tax scenario that will be toward Social Security and Defense. If they say no Social Security cuts, than we can move to show them a no-tax, no-Social Security cut scenario, which will show massive defense cuts.. and so on. With this strategy, they can run, but they cannot hide. The House Budget Committee will have specific line-by-line scenarios (hopefully) by February 22 hopefully. In the mean-time, we have asked Alicia Munnell to do a least basic state-by-state. We gave much of our information initially to Al Hunt for his column, but we will release this on Monday, February 14 -- with state specific press releases.

1. Families USA Social Security State-by-State released Friday, February 4.
2. Treasury Department State-by-State: released Wednesday February 14
3. Defense Department State-by-State: released TBA
4. WEFA State-by-State job loss study: Probably February 17, 1994

5. House Budget Committee specific scenarios (may not have state-by-state component, but will be highly specific)

[We can use Concord Coalition plan which uses 50 cent gas tax as well as sin taxes and dramatic entitlement cuts to get to balanced budget.]

4. SENATOR SPECIFIC STRATEGY: As this battle will have much to do with picking off a few Senators, we need to have specific strategies for the targeted Senators. To facilitate such an effort, we have produced -- or arranged to have produced -- good state by state impacts, as well as comprehensive information on the key Senators. The DNC and Legislative (Eric Berman, Nester Davidson and particularly Tom Janenda) have done a great job in collecting basic information on each key Senator and we are putting together notebooks with a tab for each Senator. Likewise, Alicia Munnell has done another super job of doing a state-by-state impact of the balanced budget amendment. This information allows us to have a strategy for phone calls from cabinet members, as well as a strategy for reaching into their local newspapers and areas and making sure people there understand why this Amendment must fail. Rahm has agreed to coordinate the effort to appeal to local papers and local groups.

5. ECONOMIC STUDY: An economic analysis of the balanced budget amendment -- of taking out \$600 billion over the next five years -- is likely to show substantial job loss and reduction in economic growth forecasts. Last year, AFSCME hired Wharton to do study that included state by state analysis. It showed job loss of over 3 million jobs. AFSCME has hired Wharton (WEFA Group) again -- though the number will probably not be that high.

- At our suggestion, they will examine both two scenarios: one, being a one-third taxes/two-third cuts option and a 100% cuts option. This 100% cuts option will help us greatly because it will take away the ability of any opponents to say that the job loss comes from taxes. The WEFA Group study will also show state by state job impacts. They will release national job loss numbers and state-by-state job loss numbers on February 17 and we will have to. We have suggested that they try to coordinate this with Byrd Hearings that day.

- Jeff Faux is recirculating their letter from last year, so we should have a new letter with economists signed on in the near future. He will get back to me shortly.

- Op-eds on the strength of the economy and the danger of an BBA

6. DEFENSE: One of our most promising arguments is that a BBA would likely lead to major cuts in defense. We feel we are making real progress on this front, and DOD is being very supportive.

- At our suggestion, the Defense Budget Project has done a general scenario of what a BBA would mean for Defense

- Perry and Shalikashvili expressed their opposition to the Balanced Budget Scenarios during Budget Hearings before Senate Armed Forces hearing on February 8. It was reported in the New York Times and Al Hunt's column.
- Defense is preparing scenarios and is prepared to develop state-by-state defense cut scenarios.
- Perry, John Deutch and others top Pentagon officials are planning a breakfast to talk seriously with key Defense Senators.

7. HEALTH CARE: We have to lay out argument for why this kills health care. The challenge we face is that if health care is supposed to save costs, it seems counter-intuitive to some that cutting health care costs for deficit reduction is hostile to health care reform. We need to stress that alternative plans are even more dependent on savings from Medicare and Medicaid than ours and that it will be hard for any plan to be financed if the balanced budget amendment passes. *Indeed, Chaffee-Dole calls for over \$200 billion in such savings that they would have to find on top of \$600 billion needed for balancing the budget. Since neither would like to raise taxes, that means \$800 billion in spending cuts.*

- We will work with Senator Rockefeller on key health care Senators, and then with the information he gets, consider who would be best for Mrs. Clinton to call. Senators who support the balanced budget include Daschle, Harkin (Mrs. Clinton has talked with him), Durenberger, Chaffee, Jeffords, and we are hearing that Wofford may now support the balanced budget Amendment.
- Gene, Melanne and Marilyn Y. have been meeting with AARP and Families USA and we are working together. Rockefeller has been working on the Roosevelt Group.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL IMPACT: A strong point for some people is not only the danger of amending the Constitution, but the idea of how federal courts would be brought into the political budget making process. Our strategy is to make this as bipartisan as possible and to stress how much this would call for an incredibly activist and complex enforcement with the political budget process. Cliff and Melanne have worked on this issue and are taking positive steps.

- Through good work by Cliff Sloan in contacting constitutional scholars, there is now a bipartisan scholars letter, authored by Charles Fried (Harvard) and Burke Marshall (Yale) -- with some of the most prestigious constitutional scholars in the country including both Tribe and Bork. We will give it to the Ruth Marcus for the Sunday, Washington Post.
- Walter Dellinger is doing testimony describing the enforcement problems and how much courts would be driven into governance of the federal budget. Both Reno and

Dellinger are testifying before Byrd: Reno on the impact on crime funding and Dellinger on judicial entanglement.

9. STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT/CRIME: State and local government will take a tremendous hit in terms of crime, unfunded mandates, and overall less federal help in the balanced budget passes. The mayors will grasp this more easily than the governors. We need to stress the crime point. Rubin addressed Mayors on BBA; Sperling addressed NACO and Jose is working on police organization: Elgie Holstein from NEC is working on "right to know campaign" with state legislatures and Marcia will coordinate with Mayors and Governors in states with key Senators.

10. PRESS STRATEGY: Much of the elite press is with us on the BBA. The New York Times and Washington Post editorial boards will be strongly opposed to the balanced budget Amendment. Yet, we need to make sure that all of the networks, Sunday show participants and major local papers are with us — even besides the targeted Senators.

- Rubin, Tyson, Sperling met at ABC and went over BBA. Rubin and Sperling also met with CBS evening news producer and Erik Engberg on possible BBA story.

- We have worked Bart Rowan on last Thursday column and Al Hunt on his Thursday column and are trying to encourage a defense/BBA story.

- Sent President letter and had brief discussions with major White House correspondents on the fact that President was opposing BBA.

- We will work with Rahm, Kim Hopper and others to target papers in states of key Senators.

10. GROUPS: There are many groups who oppose this who are working under the coordination of AFSCME to defeat the balanced budget. We are proceeding as we did during Penny-Kasich. In Alexis' shop, Marilyn Yeager with help from Barbara Wooley has done an excellent job in getting the groups in. We have met already with agriculture groups, veterans groups and senior groups as well as AFSCME who have coordinated the outside effort. Gene has represented us at the AFSCME coalition meetings to stress White House commitment, and Barbara Chow has been also working closely with them. The groups were worried at first that we were not fully committed to it, and are very happy to see commitment among the entire NEC team and from you and the First Lady. Rahm is trying to get more active involvement from AIPAC. Marilyn will also begin having someone do a balanced budget presentation at state opinion leader meetings being set up for health care.

11. BUSINESS: This is one place, we need to do better. The activity over health care has made it difficult to spend time on this so far, but we doing outreach now. In 1992, the Chamber of Commerce opposed the Balanced Budget Amendment.

BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

February 2: Wednesday: Perry Confirmation: Will Raise issue
Planning Meeting with AARP, Families USA, Committee to Preserve Social Security

February 4: Friday:

- 11:00 Families USA Release of State-by-State
-- We helped get Robert Byrd to appear with them
-- Statement of support by Secretary Shalala

February 8: Tuesday:

1. AFSCME Coalition vs. Balanced Budget Meeting (Gene will address)
2. Meeting with Byrd (Griffin, George, Gene)
3. Perry/Joint Chiefs Budget Hearings (They will be asked about BBA)

February 9: Wednesday

1. Constitutional Scholars Letter goes to Byrd (not to be released)
2. Merge Balanced Budget Arguments with Post Budget Outreach Meetings

February 10: Thursday:

- Al Hunt Column in the Wall Street Journal -- based on our scenarios.

February 11: Friday:

- Completion of Treasury State-by-state Materials
- Meeting to Plan Release of State-by-state
- Coordinate Cabinet Testimony

February 13: Sunday

- Sunday evening: 50 state-by-state releases go out

February 14: Monday

- State Impacts to Members of Congress
- Groups/Mayors to do releases reacting to our State impacts
- Conference Calls to Newspapers in 10 key states (Rubin, Munnell, Sperling, Stephanopoulos to participate --maybe Tyson, Panetta)

February 15: Tuesday

- Byrd Hearings: Panetta, Reno, Perry, Shalala and Charles Fried will testify.
- Coalition Press Conference on National Job Loss
- Cabinet Calls start to Key Senators
- Local Paper Editorial Board Calls (NEC team)

February 16: Wednesday

- Byrd Hearings: Constitutional scholars including Archibald Cox and Dellinger.
- Meeting with Senator Lieberman

February 17: Thursday:

- Byrd Hearings: Economists: Henry Aaron, Herb Stein, EPI among others.
- Coalition Press Conference on State-by-State Job Loss
- Network and Major Paper Small Briefings (NEC team)

February 18: Friday:

- Simon Hearings: Supporters of the Balanced Budget
- Network and Major Paper Small Briefings (NEC team)
- Calls and Faxes to Sunday Shows

growth of Federal spending. Another reason is to illustrate that without last year's budget, which cut this year's deficit, the burden on future generations would have been even greater.

Seeking Short-Term Sacrifice

The analysis builds its forecasts on the assumption that nothing is changed, in the hope of building support for policies of short-term sacrifice for long-term benefit.

"We were placing such a huge burden on future generations that we needed to ask today's generation, as well as those who benefit from Federal programs, to sacrifice a little bit," said Barry J. Toive, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget.

The budget estimates that as health care and Social Security costs continue to rise, young Americans in general will pay significantly more of their lifetime income as Federal, state and local taxes than their parents and grandparents did. These taxes are rising even if Government payments to individuals, like Social Security checks, are deducted.

"This is really a catastrophe that we're preparing for our kids," said Laurence J. Kotlikoff, a Boston University economics professor who helped the White House's Office of Management and Budget prepare the figures.

So-called net taxes, calculated by subtracting Government payments to individuals from taxes paid, will total 36.9 percent of lifetime income for today's teenagers, according to the Clinton proposal. This compares with 33.2 percent for Americans born in 1950 and 23.6 percent for those born in 1900.

In its last two years, the Bush Administration began reckoning the lifetime tax burdens of the budget deficit, but buried the results even more deeply than the Clinton Administration, and the figures were little noticed.

In a more speculative calculation, the Administration forecast that the average net tax rate for future generations would eventually reach 82 percent of their lifetime earnings. Without last year's budget package, the burden would be 93.7 percent, the budget document said, while passage now of the President's health care plan would lower the burden to 66.5 percent.

These calculations of income distribution among generations, known as generational accounting, have become

policymaking, he said.

Alan J. Auerbach, a University of Pennsylvania economist who joined Mr. Kotlikoff and Jagadeesh Gokhale, an economist at the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, in helping the Office of

Mr. Kotlikoff said. So today's toddlers would be paying a lot of taxes but would eventually receive a large chunk of the money back from the Government as their medical bills in old age become enormous.

2 Pentagon Leaders Oppose Amendment To Balance Budget

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 — The Pentagon's two senior officials today took an unvarnished stance against the latest plan for a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

Defense Secretary William J. Perry and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress that the amendment would probably force large and immediate cuts in the discretionary portion of the Federal budget, about half of which goes toward Pentagon programs.

"We are for, as I suppose most American citizens are for, a balanced budget," Mr. Perry said. But under the proposed amendment, which would mandate a balanced Federal budget as early as 2001, he added, "you can conclude that it would have a devastating effect on our ability to maintain an adequate defense structure."

General Shalikashvili said he was reluctant, as a nonpartisan military official, to enter into a "politically charged" debate, and then he did. "I fully align myself with Secretary Perry on this issue," he said.

Mr. Perry's assessment of the effect on military programs assumed that Congress would balance the budget by cutting discretionary Federal spending and leaving entitlement programs like Medicare and food stamps in place.

The last drive for a balanced-budget amendment, in 1992, came within nine votes of the needed two-thirds majority in the House; in the Senate, it died in a filibuster. But the latest version of the amendment, introduced last year by Senator Paul Simon, Democrat of Illinois, swept easily through the Judiciary Committee.

It would prohibit the Government from running a deficit except in time of war or imminent war, or unless three-fifths of the Senate and House voted to suspend the ban.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1994

The Balanced-Budget Hoax

Congress votes drastic reductions in Army and Marine force levels, raises corporate taxes by \$50 billion, slices Social Security benefits and cuts billions of crime fighting and highway funds earmarked for Texas.

It may sound like political suicide, but all would be distinct possibilities if the Senate later this month approves a proposed constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget. Despite declining public fervor for deficit reduction, insiders say there's an even shot the amendment will pass Congress.

Every lawmaker who votes for it should have to answer one simple question: How, with specificity, would he or she balance



Politics & People

By Albert R. Hunt

the budget by the end of the decade? To reach a balanced budget by fiscal 2000, an additional \$600 billion in budget cuts or tax increases must be enacted over the next five years; by contrast, last year Congress—by the grand margin of one vote—reduced the deficit by \$433 billion. A politically realistic road map to balancing the budget in five years would have 25% come from cutting defense spending, another quarter from higher revenues and half from reducing spending, including entitlements.

On taxes, if a few more excise and energy levies are enacted, some loopholes are closed and the rates on upper-income taxpayers are boosted a little more, that still would raise less than \$100 billion over five years. Thus the most appetizing target: corporate taxes. Polls show most Americans still think corporations don't pay enough taxes and corporate taxes would be an inevitable target.

On the domestic spending side, assume Medicare and Medicaid are whacked \$100 billion, or almost double the politically agonizing cutbacks that Congress voted last year. Then start eliminating entire programs: Kill outright every highway demonstration project, the space station, Amtrak subsidies, aid to public broadcasting, legal services, funding for the 100,000 new cops, and all federal support for the arts. Likewise, do away with entire agencies: the Commerce Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, the General Services Administration, the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Small Business Administration. For good measure, cut Congress's budget by a third and eliminate half of the foreign aid to the two biggest recipients, Israel and Egypt.

Altogether, including health, those cutbacks still would total less than \$200 billion over five years. To get the \$100 billion-plus more, there's only one target big enough: Social Security. If these benefit increases are limited to the annual cost of living rise minus 2%—something politicians insist is politically perilous—we're still \$20 billion short of the goal.

The defense budget would have to be slashed an additional 15%. The Pentagon now is formulating what that would mean, and one top Defense department official laid out the likely consequences. The projected 500,000 Army force level would be cut to 400,000. Marines would drop from a projected 174,000 to about 145,000, and the reserves would be reduced by a third. Most modernization efforts would be abandoned, and the \$8 billion a year the Pentagon envisions spending on the new technologies would be scaled back to \$5 billion.

The bottom line: The strategy of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and President Clinton that the U.S. be prepared to fight in two simultaneous regional conflicts would have to be scrapped.

To battle the measure, the White House has devised a series of budget-balancing options and spelled out the specific policy implications, including the effects on each state. In Texas, for example, if the reductions came from an across-the-board spending cut, by 1999 the average Social Security recipient would get \$946 less a year; the state would lose \$1.8 billion in defense spending and almost \$1 billion in reduced federal aid for domestic projects.

Scare tactics, proponents will scream. Yeah, but it makes the point that this is

How to Balance the Budget by FY 2000

Zero deficit plan savings would include:

NATIONAL SECURITY	\$ 811 million
Increase current defense reduction	\$5
DOMESTIC SPENDING	
Fifty specific spending reductions	\$29
ENTITLEMENTS	
Comprehensive entitlement means test	\$80
Supplementary Medical Insurance reform	\$22
Accelerate rise in Social Security retirement age	\$16
REVENUES	
Gasoline tax increase	\$45
Alcohol and tobacco tax increase	\$19
Limit mortgage interest deduction	\$7
INTEREST	
Lower debt service	\$35

Source: The Concord Coalition

real stuff. Those who want to avoid higher taxes should say where they'd find an added \$150 billion in spending cuts, or those who want to exempt defense should specify similar savings in more taxes or domestic outlays.

To simplify matters, ask lawmakers to balance one budget, fiscal 2000. A good benchmark is the proposal by the Concord Coalition—the Paul Tsongas and Warren Rudman-led effort to impose fiscal discipline—that would lead to more than \$200 billion of deficit reduction that year. They would close underused Veterans Adminis-

tration hospitals, end Amtrak subsidies, eliminate the space station, reduce the legislative branch's budget by 15% and cut farm payments, among other cutbacks.

That's less than \$40 billion, however, so then the Concord Coalition gets pretty draconian: means testing all entitlements, including Social Security; raising the retirement age to 68; enacting a 50-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax, slapping added taxes on beer and booze, and sharply curtailing the home mortgage deduction. Ask those budget-balancing politicians if they support this agenda.

Supply-sider Jack Kemp opposes the amendment because he thinks it's "a trap" to raise taxes; the head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili opposes it out of fear it would decimate national security, and Robert Greenstein of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities worries it would unduly hurt poor people. They all could be right.

There's little doubt that in several years tougher deficit-reduction measures will be necessary, including cracking down on the growth of entitlement spending and getting more revenues. Health care legislation, the Republican proposals as well as the administration's, only adds to this inevitability. But those issues ought to be debated, not hidden under the cloak of an amendment that balances the budget but doesn't tell people how it will be done.

Two decades ago a veteran House member, James Burke, explained how he stayed in Congress by voting for every spending bill and against every tax hike and debt-ceiling increase. When a naive, young reporter suggested that this was a prescription for chaos, Jimmy Burke puffed on his cigar, smiled and said, "You think this place is on the level?"

In a couple of weeks those voting to amend the Constitution with this sham will, in the words of Jimmy Burke, show they too know the place isn't on the level.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 2/12/94

THE VICE PRESIDENT
MACK MCLARTY
DAVID GERGEN
GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS
TO: MARK GEARAN
ROBERT RUBIN

FROM: JOHN D. PODESTA
Assistant to the President and
Staff Secretary

The attached has been forwarded
to the President.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

MEMBER

94 FEB 11 P6:09

February 11, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALAN S. BLINDER *ASB*
SUBJECT: Foreign Economic Developments

Exchange Rates: The yen rose this week in response to the announcement of Japan's stimulus package and concerns of rising trade frictions.

Value of the Dollar in terms of:	Week Ending 2/4/94	Week Ending 2/11/94	Percent change from:	
			Week ago	Year ago
Deutschemark	\$1 = 1.7620 DM	\$x = 1.7543 DM	-0.4%	+5.8%
Yen	\$1 = 109.40 Yen	\$1 = 106.81 Yen*	-2.4%	-11.4%
Multilateral (March 1973 = 100)	96.97	96.88	-0.1%	+2.7%

* As of 4:00 Friday.

Japan: ▶ The government announced its fifth stimulus package in the past two years. In addition to a one-year tax cut, the package includes increases in infrastructure investment and loans to small and mid-sized businesses. Bank of Japan Governor Mieno said that the Bank has yet to detect any signs of an economic recovery. After the package was announced, the Economic Planning Agency issued an optimistic forecast of 2.4% growth in the fiscal year beginning April 1.

▶ The current-account surplus rose to \$131 billion in 1993, but fell slightly relative to GDP.

Europe: ▶ The German unemployment rate reached 17% in east Germany and 8.8% in west Germany. West German retail sales fell in December and are 6.0% below their level a year ago.

▶ French non-farm employment fell by 0.3% in the 1993:4 and by 1.5% over the year.

▶ The UK trade deficit rose slightly in November, bringing the total for the first 11 months of 1993 to \$16.5 billion. The Bank of England cut its base interest rates from 6.5% to 6.25%, citing lower-than-expected inflation. The cut brought the Bank's base rates to their lowest level since 1977.

Other Countries: ▶ Norway's GNP rose 2.5% in 1993.

▶ The European Union changed its rules to make antidumping cases easier to pursue. Prior to the change, a group of "free trade" countries, generally led by the UK, could block anti-dumping duties. Now, a simple majority is sufficient to impose duties.



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February 11, 1994 94 FEB 11 P6:09

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ALAN S. BLINDER *if low*

SUBJECT: Interest Rates and the Stock Market, Week Ending Friday, February 11, 1994

Interest rates changed little this week. Changes in Treasury borrowing rates were as follows:

	Close 2/4/94	Close 2/11/94	Change
3-month bills	3.23	3.27	+0.04
10-year notes	5.94	5.88	-0.06
30-year bonds	6.37	6.40	+0.03

The stock market closed virtually unchanged for the week. The broad-based S&P index closed Friday at 470.02, about unchanged from the preceding Friday's close. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed Friday at 3894.78, up 0.6 percent for the week.

Because of the snowstorm, the Federal Reserve and Treasury Department were closed today. Therefore, data for the yield curve were unavailable.

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Clinton's Fraudulent Trade Policy ✓

By JAMES BOVARD

Today at 2 p.m. at the White House, President Clinton and Japanese Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa are scheduled to hold a news conference on U.S.-Japan trade disputes. Mr. Clinton may attempt to use this news conference, as he used one last April, to browbeat a Japanese leader over Japan's alleged unfair trade practices.

Unfortunately, Mr. Clinton's trade policy appears to be increasingly dominated by both a contempt for American consumers and a disregard for accurately representing the actions of foreign nations. An examination of last month's U.S.-Chinese conflict over textile imports sheds light on the values driving the U.S. position in its dispute with Japan.

On Jan. 17, Clinton administration trade officials proudly announced a settlement with China over alleged textile transshipments. (The U.S. had accused China of illegally transshipping \$2 billion of clothing and textile products a year into the U.S. market.) While the U.S. portrayed the settlement as a victory for America, the deal was actually a stunning defeat for U.S. consumers—and revealed how the Clinton administration grossly abuses trade statistics, a major sticking point in the current dispute with Japan.

U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor declared that the agreement will result in \$700 million fewer textile and apparel imports from China between now and 1996 than would have been permitted under a previous agreement. At the same time, he assured the media that the restrictions would not have a "significant or adverse" impact on U.S. consumers. Yet, according to the arcane methods used to measure textile trade, the new agreement will result in the equivalent of more than one billion fewer bras or 475 million fewer pairs of underwear exported from China to the U.S.

The most surprising aspect of the U.S.-China agreement was the imposition of import quotas on silk clothing, which Mr. Kantor hailed as "a very important new restraint." Silk imports have never faced high trade barriers because no silk clothing is made in the U.S.

Silk clothing may be the fastest growing segment of the American clothing business in recent years. (China supplies 95% of the silk clothing sold in the U.S.) Silk exports from China to the U.S. have increased from \$900 million in 1991 to \$2.6 billion in 1993. Under the new agreement, the rate of increase in silk clothing imports will be slashed from 100% a year to only 1%. Since the demand for affordable silk clothing is surging, the restrictions will likely result in a spike in the price of some types of silk clothing. Julie Hughes of Associated Merchandising Corp. observed, "People better go out and buy their silk underwear soon because once there are quotas, it will be too expensive."

For the first time in history, silk clothing has become affordable to working-class and middle-class Americans. It has recently appeared in such mass market outlets as J.C. Penney, according to one textile trade expert. This is a great example of a triumph of commerce bringing down a one-time symbol of elitism, if not snobbery. But it may be short-lived. Mr. Clinton's controls on silk imports will likely lead China to curtail exports of the lowest value silk garments first, as usually happens when import quotas are imposed.

Clinton administration policy makers feared that the sale of silk blouses was undercutting that of American-made cotton and polyester blouses. Yet no analysis was made public actually showing that imported silk clothing is adversely impacting the price of American-made nonsilk clothing. Instead, the new quotas are simply part of the continuing U.S. trade policy of viewing any and all clothing imports as enemies of national prosperity.

The textile agreement came at a time when the evidence the U.S. trade representative offered to prove China's guilt in the transshipment dispute is looking more and more absurd. Mr. Kantor announced on Jan. 6 that China was guilty of illegally transshipping 625 million kilograms of shop towels through Honduras to the U.S. He repeatedly used the 625 million figure, as it was by far the most egregious of the four examples the U.S. offered of pervasive Chinese trade cheating.

Yet, according to the U.S. Customs Service and Commerce Department, China has been penalized in the past five years for transshipping only about 626,000 kilograms of shop towels. Diana Wildman, a spokeswoman for the U.S. trade representative, conceded on Jan. 19 that Mr. Kantor had been given the wrong number. Perhaps Mr. Kantor's thousand-fold error—and the nonchalant attitude of U.S. trade officials about his mistake—reveals the Clinton administration's definition of "close enough for government work."

The absurdity of the 625 million kilogram accusation would have been clear if any of the U.S. government trade experts had checked some of the endless reports that the government issues on textile imports. Total U.S. imports of shop towels from all nations are less than six million kilograms. Moreover, the 625 million kilogram figure works out to roughly 19 billion shop towels. Yet, the average U.S. consumption of shop towels is less than 400 million a year. Thus, according to Mr. Kantor, the Chinese clandestinely shipped enough towels to satisfy U.S. consumption for almost the next half century.

This month, the Clinton administration appears obsessed with forcing Japan to agree to a compulsive affirmative action program for American exports—with Japan promising that specific amounts of specific U.S. products will be bought in

Japan. Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman declared Wednesday, "What we will wait for, until hell freezes over, is an agreement that there will be measurements." Yet last July, at a speech at Tokyo University, Mr. Clinton declared that the U.S. is not seeking "so-called trade by the numbers." With such contradictions, the Japanese are naturally wary of signing any agreement that could later be distorted, thereby sowing the seeds of even greater trade conflicts.

Why should the Japanese believe that U.S. trade officials' numbers and assertions on U.S.-Japan trade are any more trustworthy than were their assertions last month on U.S.-Chinese trade?

The Clinton administration seems unlikely to curb its moral self-righteousness and protectionist demands in trade disputes with Asian nations. But if the government cannot get its numbers straight, can we at least hope that it will avoid dragging American consumers and world trade down with its mistakes?

Mr. Bovard writes often on trade policy.

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The Ostrich Caucus ✓

It is an awkward question House Democrats would prefer not to discuss: Who will become chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee if the current Federal investigation of Representative Dan Rostenkowski leads to an indictment?

Under House Democratic Caucus rules, Mr. Rostenkowski would be required to step aside while his case is adjudicated, and the second-ranking Democrat, 73-year-old Sam Gibbons of Florida, would automatically become the acting chairman. This undemocratic process ill serves the public. Speaking candidly, few members would say Mr. Gibbons is the best, or even a very strong, choice to head this most powerful of House committees. Though he has expertise on trade issues, and might prove the doubters wrong, many question whether he has the patience and political skills needed to build consensus on complicated and controversial social and fiscal issues like health care. Clearly, seniority should not be the sole selection criterion.

It is time to dust off a sensible rules change proposed last year by Democratic freshmen. It would require that the caucus vote on an acting chairman whenever an indictment forces a committee chairman to step aside. Making such a change

would serve the public's strong interest in accountability. It might also encourage a more promising candidate, like Charles Rangel of New York, the fourth-ranking Democrat on the committee — and some say the only realistic alternative — to challenge Mr. Gibbons's claim.

A year ago, the Democrats showed cowardice by re-electing Mr. Rostenkowski chairman. His refusal to testify before a grand jury looking into possible corruption in the House was an unacceptable evasion for someone in such a critical legislative position.

Since then, questions about Mr. Rostenkowski's integrity have multiplied. Last summer the former House Postmaster linked Mr. Rostenkowski to a scheme to convert office and campaign money into cash. And in December, reporters for The Chicago Sun-Times uncovered some curious payroll practices that suggest Mr. Rostenkowski may have paid salaries to Chicago friends and neighbors who performed little or no work for his office.

It is far from certain Mr. Rostenkowski will be indicted. But the Democratic Caucus has a duty to confront the possibility by embracing the modest rules reform served up by its newest members.

Who Is Running Our Korea Policy? ✓

The Clinton Administration insists it will never subcontract its foreign policy to any international institution. Yet it is doing just that in its nuclear diplomacy with North Korea. It is letting the International Atomic Energy Agency decide how to carry out a deal Washington reached with Pyongyang. By changing the terms of that deal, the I.A.E.A. could embroil the U.S. in a dangerous confrontation on the Korean Peninsula.

The I.A.E.A. is supposed to be negotiating detailed arrangements for inspections at all North Korea's declared nuclear sites. These inspections are designed to insure that nuclear safeguards are in place. More thorough regular inspections, which could impede the diversion of nuclear material to bomb-making, would not resume until the U.S. holds a new round of high-level talks with the North. Inspections of suspected nuclear waste sites to determine whether such diversion has already occurred have yet to be negotiated.

But the I.A.E.A., which does not like to see member states trifle with its procedures, is asking for more intrusive access to a reactor site than the North agreed to with Washington, according to Pyongyang. The U.S. now needs to try to break the deadlock between North Korea and the I.A.E.A.

before the I.A.E.A. refers the matter to the United Nations Security Council, which has the power to impose economic sanctions on Pyongyang.

The danger is that the drumbeat of war may drown out diplomacy. The Administration is considering the dispatch of Patriot missiles and other military forces to shore up the South. And members of Congress have, perversely, called for putting nuclear arms back into South Korea. Ratcheting up the threats may appease the hawks at home, but it bolsters hard-liners in North Korea, who could use such threats to justify proceeding with the development of nuclear weapons.

Reinforcing the South makes sense if and when the U.S. decides to abandon diplomacy and press for economic sanctions. Such sanctions would likely end all hope of inspecting North Korea's nuclear sites and could lead to the resumption of confrontation in Korea. Given Pyongyang's unpredictability, reinforcements would then be prudent.

But it is premature to be taking such steps now. The U.S. should be doing what it can diplomatically to gain unimpeded access to North Korea's nuclear sites, step by grudging step. And it should not leave it up to the I.A.E.A. to overreach and thereby trigger a confrontation with North Korea.

Environmental Justice ✓

It should come as no surprise that Washington is only now beginning to see that racial justice is essential to good environmental policy. The environmental movement is run by whites preoccupied with conservation rather than racial issues. Today's basic laws on clean air and water are only a quarter-century old. And for 12 of those years, when Ronald Reagan and George Bush occupied the White House, neither the environment nor racial justice ranked high on the official agenda.

President Clinton is thus to be commended for offering a measure of atonement in the form of an executive order, due in a day or so, asking all Federal agencies to insure that their programs do

The order would require these agencies to give minorities an equal voice in the planning and enforcement of regulations, ranging from the licensing of hazardous-waste incinerators to cleanups of toxic dumps. It would also insure that minorities share equally in the benefits of those programs.

Mr. Clinton's order owes much to two studies. In 1987 a pioneering survey by Benjamin Chavis,

head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, collected largely anecdotal evidence showing that communities with large minority populations, even relatively affluent ones, were more likely than white communities to have hazardous waste facilities and other polluters dropped in their midst.

Then in 1992, as part of an even more extensive survey, The National Law Journal, based in New York, demonstrated that minorities benefited unequally from Federal pollution programs. Cleanups of toxic waste dumps under the Superfund program took longer and were less thorough; polluters in minority neighborhoods paid fewer and smaller

penalties. The Justice Department's Environmental Protection Agency, who pressed her case for environmental justice with the White House.

The order gives each agency a year to publish its strategy for fair treatment. Executive orders sometimes have an evanescent life, dissipating with the political winds. With that in mind, the White House has an obligation to see that today's good intentions become tomorrow's standard practice.

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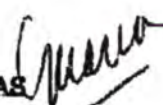
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Thanks for your help!!
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TALLAHASSEE

FEMA suspends hurricane payments

Strapped for cash because of the earthquake in Southern California, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is temporarily suspending payments of money promised for Hurricane Andrew relief and other disasters.

FEMA is counting on Congress to approve the president's request for earthquake aid — including more than \$4 billion for FEMA's own obligations in Southern California.

But until this happens — and action isn't expected before mid-February — a FEMA memorandum to the agency's regional directors is ordering them to stop asking for money for past disasters except for emergencies.

Toni Riordan, spokeswoman for the state Department of Community Affairs, said the suspension affects projects known as "hazard mitigation," such as the Miami Youth Fair's attempt to rebuild its buildings to withstand higher-force winds so the fairgrounds can be used as a staging ground for relief efforts in the event of another hurricane.

FEMA recently has refused to pay for Florida projects that originally were approved, Riordan said. This includes \$1.9 million project at South Miami Hospital.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: MACK McLARTY

FROM: PAUL TOBACK *PT*

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CUBAN-AMERICAN ISSUES WITH THE
FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

In response to your inquiry, the issue of removing Cuban-American Simon Ferro from the Florida state Democratic Party has been resolved. At the party "trial", held last Saturday, February 5, Simon Ferro received the lightest possible sentence--a reprimand and a censure. He could have received harsher penalties including removal from his party posts (see attached article from the Miami Herald).

Prior to the "trial" both David Wilhelm and Craig Smith were very involved in finding a solution to this issue. Wilhelm went to Florida to meet with Ferro and Cuban-American leaders. He also issued a statement condemning those who said the Cuban vote was "too small to significantly affect state races" (see attached). Craig worked behind the scenes with party officials and others. Wilhelm and Craig also consulted with Maria Rodham.

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A warm reprieve Snowmobile sellers gather here

By ALINA MATAS
Herald Staff Writer

When you sell snowmobiles, it's tough to leave town in the middle of winter, even for a manufacturers' convention.

But not every snowmobile convention has 80-degree temperatures and the sun and sand of Bal Harbour.

"I took the time because it was Florida," explained Betty Chapman, who anguished a bit about leaving her western Canada dealership at a time when most customers come. "If it had been in Winnipeg, I wouldn't have gone."

They won't be test-driving their products, but South Florida's weather didn't keep con-

The company surveyed dealers on where they wanted this year's meeting. Ruling out the field-testing of new models — that requires at least four inches of snow — most dealers said they preferred a summery spot.

"They wanted a destination where they could take a break," said Dominique Godbout, Ski-Doo's marketing director.

Responding to concerns about tourist crime in Miami, the company flew the dealers into Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale International Airport and bused them to Bal Harbour. Dealers paid the air fare and Ski-Doo paid the rest.



IN BRIEF

MIAMI



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ANTI-CRIME RALLY

At a rally against crime Saturday at the Metro-Dade Justice Center, protesters held signs demanding action against crime.

CUBAN-AMERICAN EVENT

FEBRUARY 3, 1994

Chairman Wilhelm met with Cuban leaders in Miami yesterday. Following the meeting, he held a press availability with Former State Chair Simon Ferro and Current State Chair Terrie Brady.

The meeting and press availability were scheduled to allow the Chairman an opportunity to respond more directly to recent statements by State Party Official Jon Ausman. (See attached backgrounder for more information)

Coverage

The event was well covered. Those present included the Associated Press, The Miami Herald, Nuevo Herald, Telemundo, Univision, Diario las Americas and numerous other Cuban-American newspapers and radio stations.

According to Terrie Brady, the Chairman was featured on all the local affiliates and the two major Spanish TV stations. Additionally, there were articles in the Miami Herald, Nuevo Herald and major Spanish newspapers. The coverage was all favorable.

Statement

The Chairman stated that Simon Ferro was a good Democrat and the Cuban vote is very important to the Democratic Party. He mentioned that he tried to call Jon Ausman, but could not reach him. He noted Cuban-Americans serving the Administration including Simon Ferro's new appointment to the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Maria Elena Toraño's appointment to the USIA's Commission on Public Diplomacy. Finally, he challenged all sides to put the issue behind them and vowed to continue to vigorously court the Cuban-American vote.

Quotes included:

"I want to make crystal clear this Party's commitment to the Cuban-American community. There should be no question about that."

"We are proud of the progress we have made in this community... We fundamentally believe that we have a golden opportunity to turn around the votes of Cuban-Americans, which is part of an overall strategy that can put Florida in the win column of the Democratic party in 1996 and beyond."

"...Under Simon Ferro's leadership as State Party Chair, we've elected a Democratic Governor..."

"...Rather than waste time worrying about who shouldn't be in the Party, we need to rededicate ourselves to figuring out how to increase the number of people in our Party...."

"I would like to see Jon Ausman withdraw his position and I call on the members of the judicial committee to reject it [Simon Ferro's dismissal] if it comes before them on Saturday."

"Let's get on with the real work of our Party...Health reform...welfare reform...electing Democrats..."

Note: During the Q&A the Chairman announced that we will be creating an advisory committee on Cuban-American issues.

Background on Ausman/Ferro Controversy

Jon Ausman, Leon County Chair and Florida State Party Vice-Chair, is seeking to strip Former State Party Chair Simon Ferro of his seat on the Democratic National Committee and the State Democratic Executive Committee for his support of Miriam Alonso in the Miami mayoral race.

According to accusers, Ferro's support of Alonso, a Republican, violated a Party oath which forbids members to support "any non-Democrats against Democrats". A Party trial is set for February 5th.

Although many Democrats do not want to undermine the severity of breaking the oath, they do not want to risk losing Ferro's influence with the Cuban-American community. Ausman argued forcefully for Ferro's dismissal.

According to the January 29th, Miami Herald, Ausman argued that "the Cuban-American vote is too small to significantly affect statewide races."

This statement outraged members of the Cuban-American community, who immediately called for Ausman's resignation.

DNC Chairman Wilhelm released a statement on January 31st clarifying the importance of the Cuban-American vote and explaining that Jon Ausman's statement in no way reflects the sentiment of the Democratic Party.

On Wednesday, February 2nd -- The Miami Herald reported that Jon Ausman denied saying that the Cuban-American vote was insignificant. FYI--The original article was written by Tom Fiedler, a very well-respected journalist and someone who is generally favorable to the Democrats.

On Thursday, February 3rd -- the Chairman met with Cuban leaders in Miami. Following this meeting, he held a press availability with Florida State Party Chair Terrie Brady and Simon Ferro highlighting the commitment of the Democratic Party to the Cuban-American community.

Article and statement are attached.

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WASHINGTON**

DATE: 2/11/94

NOTE FOR: Mack McLarty

**The President has reviewed the attached, and it is forwarded to you
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Thank you.

JOHN D. PODESTA
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary
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CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE

February 9, 1994

Dr. Kenneth L. Lay
Chairman of the Board
Greater Houston Partnership
1100 Milam, Suite 2500
Houston, Texas 77002-5507

Dear Ken:

Your letter on behalf of the Greater Houston Partnership requesting that we consider naming Houston as home of either the NAFTA Labor Secretariat or the NADBank has been delivered personally to the President and Ambassador Kantor.

We will give your request full consideration and will stay in close touch as we move forward.

Personally,

Mack
Mack McLarty

cc: The President
Ambassador Kantor

Enjoyed Being
with you in
Houston - Good
day to all.

*Mack
it's better to
San Antonio City & Co*



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7 February 1994

The Honorable William J. Clinton
The President of the United States
The White House Office
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

On behalf of the Greater Houston Partnership and the Houston business community, I would like to recognize your outstanding accomplishment of bringing to fruition the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The successful ratification of this agreement is due in large part to the extraordinary efforts of your administration to enhance trade among the countries of North America.

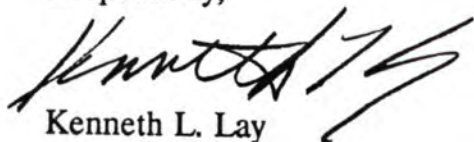
We can now take full advantage of the great opportunity before us. No city recognizes the importance of NAFTA more than Houston. Therefore, we would encourage you to think of Houston as the appropriate site for the NAFTA Labor Secretariat or the North American Development Bank (NADBank). Our city would welcome the opportunity to participate in such a historic endeavor.

Houston, Mexico, Canada share a long history of commercial trade and business cooperation. For decades merchants on both sides have been reaching across the border to develop and nurture important business relationships. Today, more than 600 Houston-area companies do business in Mexico and Canada, while numerous Mexican- and Canadian-owned firms operate in Houston. Those numbers continue to grow.

As the United States, Mexico, and Canada prepare to embark on new journey of cooperation, the business community of Houston would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm the important alliance that exists between our city and these two countries. Air, land and sea connect Houston, Mexico, and Canada in an irrevocable bond shared only by close neighbors.

Mr. President, thank you for your consideration in the naming of Houston as home to either the NAFTA Labor Secretariat or NADBank.

Respectfully,


Kenneth L. Lay

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR MACK McLARTY

FROM: PAUL TOBACK
SUBJECT: NORTH/SOUTH CENTER
FOR AMERICAN STUDIES
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
FLORIDA

Let's encourage
Gorman to do it

In response to the President's inquiry, I spoke with Alice Rivlin about the North/South Center for American Studies at the University of Florida. She talked to Leon Panetta who said that this was the pet project of former Congressman Dante Fascell. We did take this project out of the budget.

Alice said that the Appropriations Committee will most certainly restore the money and that we will not fight them. That is, according to Leon, the best course of action at this point.

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tial's shopping arcade removes itself from the street in a boring and disorienting design whose copycat architecture and cloned merchandise say Anyplace, USA.

Ax for Architectural Atrocity
Walled like a bunker, designed like a loading dock, Wellesley College's new \$11.7 million Davis Art Museum by architect Rafael Moneo is evidence that myopic academics and a credentialist designer can undo the landscape of generations. Despite some interior niceties, deficiencies on the small (no coat room) and large (a grim asphalt courtyard and a sitting that disrespects the school's splendid surroundings) perpetuate the college's mindless undermining of the historic setting.

Clock With No Hands
The evidence-of-many-wasted-hours citation goes to the Central Artery's Son of Scheme Z that still turns the Charles River into a dead zone. The bridge committee labored endlessly only to issue a 14-lane, 330-foot-wide tangle of roads bigger than the George Washington Bridge.

phism insults the race it commemorates and the landmark buildings nearby.

Sell-the-City-for-a-Pittance Pennant
The Boston Common still suffers privatizing and profiteering as the promoters of a Winter Wonderland secure permission from the Parks Department to dig, wire and tent (there are seven tents) the sacred space. What is intended for the many gets treated for the money.

Purchase in a Pear Tree Prize
A century after Harvard's Arnold Arboretum leased its property from the city, the Boston Natural Areas Fund managed the conservation of an adjacent 28-acre urban wilderness with warring city agencies. The group's negotiating netted the open space between the Forest Hills Station and the Arboretum, a tract where 94 exotic and native plant species grow wild.

May '94's yields be equally green.
Jane Holtz Kay, author of "Lost Boston," is writing "Carbonad: Ending the Auto Age."

not limited to Boston. At the state level, Gov. Weld recently provided some \$5 million in state funds to 34 law enforcement agencies to assist them in their efforts to implement community policing.

President Clinton has filed legislation to provide funds to hire 100,000 police officers in the fight against crime.

These new officers are seen as essential to local crime-control strategies, including those associated with community policing. Yet if community policing is to become a reality, the community side of the partnership must be given the same careful consideration that has been given to the police.

Regardless of the way such a program is designed, its success will depend on community participation in the diverse neighborhoods of Boston. Strategies that succeed in well-organized and cohesive neighborhoods may be inappropriate for neighborhoods that are disorganized or in transition.

During the last two decades many of Boston's neighborhoods have been sub-

problems in their neighborhoods and are able to build coalitions to serve as partners with the police.

ty policing must look beyond individual officers and bring together experts or other public agencies.

In moving beyond traditional law enforcement, interagency cooperation will be essential. Boston's new commissioner should expand the mayor's recently announced policy in which local neighborhood police officers have highest priority when requesting services for the neighborhoods.

Until now, the focus of community policing throughout the country has been on the policing side, with little note of the role that the community should play in increasing its own level of public safety. In a re-

without significant obstacles. Given the history of tension between police and some neighborhoods, especially those of color, there is likely to be reluctance on the part of both parties to the suggestion of partnership.

Without this partnership, however, we will be unable to go beyond the rhetoric of community policing and achieve real innovation. In the final analysis, the active involvement of neighborhood residents in community policing is critical if we are to improve the quality of life for all the citizens of Boston.

A major task of Boston's new police commissioner is to make certain that this involvement is an integral part of the Police Department.

Albert P. Cardarelli is a senior fellow at the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs at UMass-Boston, and Jack McDewitt is associate director, Center for Applied Social Research at Northeastern University.

Three ways to fight back when prime time becomes slime time

DAVID NYHAN

Is there a massive pileup ahead on the information highway? Call the wreckers. Cue the EMTs. We're getting into 500-channels-and-nothing-on territory. Too much of TV is getting so bad, who wants to watch it anymore? With every media megopolis buying any chunk of Tubeland it can, the market resembles a gold rush. What if there's only low-grade ore to be mined?

I'm not talking about programming. Programming can be as good as human inventiveness can make it. Or as bad. And the bad drives out the good in TV territory. At the end of the day, dross prevails. When the bean counters sit down with the numbers and see how consistently quality is overwhelmed by titillation,

the TV biz slides down-market another notch.

And another, and another. How many notches left before we are below the belt in prime time? Look at this dreadful stuff they put on TV. It reeks. And each successive generation of TV execs is younger, crasser, coarser, even more vulgar, than the 29-year-olds they replaced. TV has become the landfill of choice for popular culture.

And you let your kids watch this stuff? Are you sick?

As bad as movies in theaters can be, they do not invade your home through the TV set. But TV programming has mimicked the worst of video culture. Sex, violence, sickness, immorality, indifference to suffering, even depravity. Let's call a sick puppy a sick puppy. TV, which used to be Newton Minow's vast wasteland, is now a toxic dump. Bad

for people, especially children.

So what's new? Everyone with any brains already knows this! I'll tell you what's new. What's freshly frightening is the amount of money being poured into the finite limits of the TV market. Large debts are taken out in the gamble that X-million viewers can be persuaded, or seduced, into watching Channel 499 or 387. And if the proprietors don't get their X-million, they'll start flashing their X-rating.

The huge sums involved dictate increasingly desperate tactics. Trash begets more trash. People of intelligence, wit and worldly experience who realize how brutalizing is this fare on children effectively withdraw from the market. They look up their TV or destroy it. Their kids find other things to do. The kids who turn into TV zombies are tracked into lowest-common-denominator school-

ing. It becomes a vicious circle.

Does it have to be? Of course not. Here are three tools: political pressure, consumer pressure and advertiser pressure. President Clinton flew to Hollywood, met his show-biz pals and backers and told them off.

Hollywood prides itself on being just a bit more immoral than the rest of America. Violence and sex still sell, despite Clinton's sermonizing. Which brings us to consumer pressure.

Consumer pressure works. Ask the nation's biggest retailer, Wal-Mart will no longer sell handguns in its stores. So the good news is that there are 2,000 fewer stores where handguns can be purchased. The bad news is that 283,000 retail outlets for handguns are left. And why did the place where America shops dump the handgun display? Customer anxiety.

"They don't want to be around them," a Wal-Mart spokesman told The New York Times. OK, that's a start. The gun got fired by Wal-Mart. Which brings us to Step 3: advertiser pressure.

Charles Ferris, a former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, now a lawyer in Washington, favors what he calls "sort of the vigilante approach." He believes in pressuring advertisers to pull sponsorship of programs a large swath of the audience finds objectionable.

Use the market mechanism, he counsels. "Look at who's trying to sell product. Who's sponsoring it? People selling beer or Chevrolets don't like controversy. They don't want to alienate people; they want to make friends."

A successful Boston computer tycoon who helped raise \$850,000 for

the Clinton-Gore campaign is applauding Clinton's get-tough message to Hollywood.

"As with guns," says John Cullinane, "America is losing its patience with the obsession with sex and violence in all aspects of the communications business, including news programs."

Cullinane once bought a \$500,000, 30-second spot during a Super Bowl. He knows. He wants Clinton to summon America's top CEOs to Washington, make them sit through some of the programming they sponsor and call them on the carpet, then and there.

"Effectively addressing the sex and violence issue in our electronic media would be the single most positive thing President Clinton could do in his administration," he said.

David Nyhan is a Globe columnist.

cc: VP, Gergen, Gearam, GS-1 B.

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February 9, 1994

INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Linda Moore, Political Affairs

SUBJECT: Your New Hampshire Approval Rating

I. SUMMARY

A recent New Hampshire poll reports that you enjoy a 53% approval rating and that approval of your performance on the economy has risen significantly.

II. DISCUSSION

The American Research Group poll, conducted 1/27 - 2/2/94, reported that 53% of New Hampshire residents approve of your job performance as President while 32% disapprove. This represents a small improvement over the 50% approval/34% disapproval ratio reported by the poll in December. Approval of your performance on the economy, however, has improved dramatically. Fifty-percent of Granite staters approve of the way you are handling the economy while 38% disapprove. In the December poll, the ratio stood at 40% approval/45% disapproval.

A clip from the Manchester *Union Leader* is attached.

NH Poll: Clinton Rating Improves

By JOHN DISTASO
Union Leader Staff

Granite Staters are gradually becoming convinced that President Bill Clinton is doing a good job of handling the economy.

According to a poll of 600 adults taken Jan. 27 to Feb. 2 by the Manchester-based American Research Group, 50 percent of Granite Staters approve of the way he is handling the economy, 38 percent disapprove and 12 percent are undecided.

It was a significant increase for the President over his December numbers, when ARG found that 40 percent of adults approved of his handling of the economy, 45 percent disapproved and 15 percent were undecided.

But Clinton still falls short of the support garnered by Gov. Steve Merrill. The ARG poll found 71 percent of Granite Staters approved of the way he is handling the economy, 16 percent disapproved and 13 percent were undecided. In December, Merrill's figures on the economy were 70 percent approval, 15 percent disapproval and 15 percent undecided.

In overall rating, Clinton and Merrill's have remained steady since December. When asked in the recent poll how they feel about how Clinton is doing as President, 53 percent said they approve, as compared to 50 percent in December; 32 percent said they disapprove, as compared to 34 percent in December, and 15 percent were undecided, as compared to 16 percent in December.

Merrill's overall ratings, meanwhile, remains at record high levels, with 76 percent of adults saying they approve of the way he is handling his job, 11 percent say-

On the Economy

Approve of President Clinton's handling of the nation's economy:

Dec. 1993

Feb. 1994



Approve Disapprove Unsure

Approve of Governor Merrill's handling of the state's economy:

Dec. 1993

Feb. 1994



Approve Disapprove Unsure

Telephone survey of 600 New Hampshire adults. Margin of error is $\pm 4.0\%$.

Source: American Research Group

ing they disapprove, with 13 percent undecided. The numbers are identical to those in the December poll.

American Research says its poll was based on telephone interviews from a random sample proportionate to the distribution of population throughout the state.

THE UNION LEADER,
Manchester, NH --
Monday, February 7, 1994

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

DATE: 2/11/94

NOTE FOR: Marcia Hale

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TO: MACK McLARTY
FR: MARCIA HALEMUS
RE: PHILADELPHIA/IRS
DT: FEBRUARY 10, 1994

Attached is a memo from Peggy Richardson explaining the IRS job loss situation in Philadelphia. You should read Peggy's explanation to fully understand how we got in this situation but the following is a brief summary:

1. The IRS is restructuring -- a recommendation of NPR. 17,000 jobs will be phased out between now and 2001.
2. The IRS is consolidating offices -- almost every IRS office across the country is losing positions.
3. Philadelphia will lose 1,932 full-time seasonal jobs. The job loss does not begin until 1997. No career employee will lose a job. However, they may be transferred.
4. The National Treasury Employees Union supports the overall IRS plan. They were included in the process and signed off on the final proposal.
5. Ogden, Utah did not benefit from Philadelphia's misfortune. Ogden IRS lost 1,470 jobs.
6. The IRS 1995 budget includes compliance jobs in cities such as Philadelphia. If this program survives the budget process these jobs could be filled in 1994. These are better and higher paying jobs than the ones Philadelphia is losing.
7. Secretary Bentsen and Roger Altman were involved in the decision to restructure the IRS. They were aware of the job loss problem. Secretary Bentsen notified the VP. Every member of Congress was notified and had an opportunity for a briefing. Rep Borski was briefed specifically on the Philadelphia situation.
8. Mayor Rendell's office was notified in advance of the announcement. I am not certain Rendell knows his staff was briefed.

9. When this situation was first brought to my attention by Mayor Rendell in mid-December I spoke with Howard Paster and was told that this was a situation he was very familiar with and had tried to intercede on behalf of several Members of Congress -- most notably Borski and Rostenkowski. Howard was unsuccessful for several reasons which he will be glad to discuss with you.

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10. I have had several conversations with Rendell about this matter -- as recently as yesterday. He is OK, now. However, he will bring this up with the President when he sees him Monday. It is important to understand that Rendell is not only upset about the job loss in his city -- which he is very upset about, but that he is concerned this IRS decision is an example of what could happen government-wide if we do not take steps to safeguard jobs in American cities.

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So
Sincerely
On 1/14*
He also thinks our politics are just plain dumb. He cites Utah vs. Philadelphia as his example. He's right and I have told him so. However, please remember that this was not an either/or situation -- Ogden lost jobs also (but not all of them).

As I have said, I have spoken with him at length on this subject and about the Philadelphia Navy Yard. I have asked the NEC to give me some information which I can share with Rendell when he is here on Monday. I will give the President a full written briefing on Rendell's concerns before his meeting with him next week.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can tell you about this problem. I think we could reverse this situation, but it would come at a very high cost; labor would be nervous, Rosty and others would want us to re-evaluate the IRS decisions in their districts and we would probably slow down any IRS reorganization, at least for awhile.

One last note.... Remember that in 1985 the Philadelphia Inquirer won a Pulitzer prize for investigative reporting for the series they did on the waste and fraud at the IRS facility in Philadelphia. Employees were destroying, hiding, and throwing away taxpayer returns. Thousands of returns were found stashed all over the building unopened and unfiled.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20224

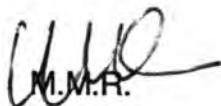
February 8, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR MARCIA HALE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

FROM: Margaret Milner Richardson
Commissioner of Internal Revenue

SUBJECT: IRS Reinvention Impact on Philadelphia

In follow-up to our conversation, I am attaching a briefing document for the President relative to the IRS reinvention initiative and its impact on the Philadelphia Metropolitan area. Telephone me directly at 622-5738 if you need additional information.


M.M.R.

Attachment

**BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT
PHILADELPHIA IMPACT FROM IRS REINVENTION
FEBRUARY 8, 1994**

What IRS is Doing

On December 1, 1993, the IRS announced a major restructuring as described in the attached booklet and Washington Post article. It is made possible by the IRS Tax Systems Modernization Program, which was a major recommendation of the National Performance Review Report.

Through reinvention IRS will be streamlining its operations, improving its services and reducing costs while simultaneously improving levels of compliance. Improving levels of compliance will serve the Administration's objective to maximize deficit reduction without increasing or adding new taxes. (A mere one percent increase in voluntary compliance would raise \$7 to \$10 Billion annually).

IRS announced last July the consolidation of its mainframe computing from 12 locations to three. That decision will facilitate modernizing and expanding IRS computing capabilities. IRS also announced a major reduction of 2,000 overhead and support positions from its national and regional offices. The combined results of these actions will be widened spans of control and streamlined program management.

On December 1, 1993, IRS announced that between that date and the year 2001, it would consolidate its paper processing operations currently performed at ten Service Centers into five Submission Processing Centers. It also announced plans to consolidate telephone operations from 70 sites in 44 geographic locations to 23 Customer Service Centers. All consolidated site selections for future operating locations were based on a carefully developed set of criteria which took into account such factors as cost, productivity, quality, ability to recruit and diversity. These criteria were designed to select future sites based on anticipated best performance and lowest costs. Specifically, based on the criteria, Philadelphia came in eighth out of the ten Service Centers for selection as a Submission Processing Center.

Impact on Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Service Center was selected by IRS as a future Customer Service Site, but was not selected as a Submission Processing Site. This decision will reduce peak IRS employment in the Philadelphia Service Center by 1,932 full-time equivalent positions by the year 2001. Most impact occurs between 1997 and 2001. The majority of the impacted jobs are seasonal ones required to process paper tax returns at the Service Center.

It is important to note that nothing changes immediately--**no career or career conditional employee will lose a job** and IRS has made a commitment to retrain and redeploy all career employees into new jobs, many of which will be higher paying and more permanent than existing jobs. Because of this commitment and its belief that the major business reengineering changes being made by IRS are essential, the leadership of the National Treasury Employees Union, which exclusively represents IRS rank and file employees, has consistently supported the changes, including those planned for Philadelphia.

Through its reinvention initiative IRS will be phasing out 17,000 full-time equivalent jobs through 2001. Every Service Center loses jobs, including selected future Submission Processing Sites. Ogden Service Center, for example, loses 1,470 full-time equivalent jobs. When complete, the nationwide salary and benefit savings will exceed \$500 Million annually. Consolidations will save another \$513 Million in one-time capital expenditures for space and equipment. IRS has proposed reinvesting a substantial number of the impacted FTE's into revenue-generating compliance jobs in cities like Philadelphia where the need for compliance improvement is greatest. The first new jobs are to be filled in late 1994 for the 1995 budget year, subject to approval of the President's proposed 1995 budget which includes a special deficit reduction initiative for the IRS outside of the regular budget framework.

Prior to the December announcement, Secretary Bentsen, Deputy Secretary Altman and other Administration officials were briefed on the criteria and the selections. Secretary Bentsen notified Vice President Gore and every Member of Congress was notified and had an opportunity for a briefing. Mayor Randell's office was contacted by Philadelphia Service Center Director Joe Cloonan, via telephone, to share the announcement information. Steve Mullin, City Financial Executive, took the call and on December 2, 1993, he and Jim Cuorta, City Commerce Executive, were briefed at the Service Center by the Director. IRS Commissioner Margaret Richardson also met with Congressman Robert Borski from Philadelphia on December 6, 1993, to provide him a complete briefing on the criteria employed in making site selection decisions.

Both Commissioner Richardson and Secretary Bentsen believe that the site selection process was conducted in a thorough, fair and consistent manner and that it is vital not to violate the integrity of that process, since any exceptions would jeopardize decisions that affect forty-four different cities.

Attachments

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IRS Hopes Change Will Reap Billions

Restructuring May Enable Big Increase in Collections

By Albert B. Crenshaw
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Internal Revenue Service yesterday announced plans for a fundamental reorganization of the agency that will affect as many as 20,000 workers and could sharply increase the agency's effectiveness in tracking down tax cheats.

The reorganization fits with the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" initiative but primarily is an outgrowth of the IRS's \$12 billion replacement of its computer systems. The new systems will reduce by about 34 percent the number of people needed to process tax returns and do other manual chores, officials said.

The agency expects to "reinvest" these savings by retraining workers to be auditors, revenue agents and other types of tax enforcers. IRS officials said the combination of the more sophisticated computer systems and the use of more employees to check up on taxpayers is designed to increase tax collections.

In addition, IRS managers and the union that represents workers at the agency said the retraining will help IRS employees qualify for more interesting and better-paying jobs. Currently, many of these workers perform such repetitious and monotonous tasks as sorting forms from the 115 million tax returns the IRS receives every year.

The IRS's goal is to increase the rate at which taxpayers voluntarily pay their taxes from the current 82.3 percent to 90 percent by 2001. Each percentage point of increase would mean an extra \$7 billion in revenue for the Treasury, officials said.

In terms of the way the IRS does business, "this is the most important announcement . . . in 40 years," said Larry Westfall, IRS modernization executive.

He and other officials were quick to insist that the agency does not expect to lay off workers. "This is not the corporate Friday night massacre of the IRS," Westfall said.

In a televised address to IRS workers Tuesday, Commissioner Margaret Milner Richardson gave "my personal commitment" that career workers "will be guaranteed a job" and will be offered training to qualify them for new posts.

Officials said they expect some workers to leave through attrition, early retirement or buyouts if Congress authorizes them. But overall, they expect the IRS work force to be the same size in 2001 as it is today.

The National Treasury Employees Union, which was involved in the personnel planning, endorsed the agency's program. "It's a well thought-out plan" that will provide many workers with more rewarding jobs, said NTEU President Robert M. Tobias.

In addition to beefing up enforcement activities, the agency will re-deploy some workers into taxpayer assistance efforts. The goal is to get 95 percent of taxpayer problems resolved with a single telephone call.

To accomplish these ends, the agency will:

- Reduce from 10 to five the service centers around the country that receive and process tax returns. The five will be renamed "submission processing centers" and will continue to receive and process paper returns. They are in Austin, Tex.; Cincinnati; Kansas City; Memphis; and Ogden, Utah. The other centers—in Philadelphia; Atlanta; Fresno, Calif.; Andover, Mass.; and Brookhaven, N.Y., will remain open as "customer service centers," although their staffs will shrink.
- Consolidate 70 toll-free telephone and taxpayer correspondence sites into 23, including sites in Baltimore and Richmond.
- Reduce central computerized record-keeping centers from 12 to three.

Overall, Westfall said, the capital costs of the new computer systems—an amalgam of hardware and software from various sources—will be about \$12 billion, but the saving to the government through increased efficiency is estimated at close to \$17 billion over the life of the new equipment, resulting in a net gain to the government of nearly \$5 billion.

The retraining needed to carry out the plan will be "massive," said Tobias. Not only will the agency have to teach thousands of displaced workers new skills, it will have to do that while getting its new computers up and running.

Instead of retaining and retrain-

ing employees whose jobs would be overtaken by the new computerization, a future Congress could decide to lay off the workers and take the immediate budget savings. According to IRS officials, that would mean giving up additional future revenue that could be collected by improved enforcement and thus would result in a net loss to the government.

Officials said they believe that the idea that nearly one American in five is not paying what he or she owes will cause voters to press their representatives for better enforcement.

"I don't think the American public would want us not to" put the resources back into collection, said David A. Mader, chief of management and administration at the agency.

In most cases, workers from the facilities that are being cut back will be able to switch to other IRS jobs in the same general area, officials said. For example, workers at Brookhaven, which is on Long Island, may be able to work in IRS offices in Brooklyn or Queens or in smaller facilities in other places between Brookhaven and New York City, Westfall said.

Westfall also said that while the plan is in place and some aspects of it have been undertaken, most of the shifts will occur in 1995, 1996 and 1997. Much detailed planning remains to be done before then, he said.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

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 February 8, 1994

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Leon E. Panetta 
SUBJECT: Highway Demonstration Projects

This memorandum responds to your questions on the Highway demonstration projects.

- During the week of January 24th, I briefed Senators Byrd and Mitchell about our forthcoming budget proposal to rescind demonstration projects. Both Senators stated their concerns in the strongest possible terms, and urged that the Administration find another way to achieve the outlay savings we need in FY 1995.
- Unfortunately, it was too late to change the budget document to eliminate all references to rescissions. The data base could not be reopened without serious delays of a week or more in the publication of the budget.
- As printed, the budget document includes a proposal to rescind "select" highway demonstration projects. This proposal grew out of a recommendation by the Vice-President's National Performance Review (NPR).
- The budget document shows outlay savings from a rescission of \$59 million in 1994 and \$406 million in 1995. To achieve these savings through a rescission required the elimination of \$2.2 billion in authority in 1994 and \$0.8 billion in 1995; without the FY 1994 rescission, the FY 1995 highway program will have to be cut by \$2.7 billion, or the outlay savings found elsewhere.
- These outlay savings helped finance full-funding of ISTEA for the core, formula-based highway program and other investment initiatives in the budget.
- To achieve the same outlay savings as is reflected in the budget document, we have transmitted to the Congress carefully negotiated appropriations language. Senators Byrd and Mitchell, as well as other key leaders in the Senate and House, were briefed on the alternative language. They are comfortable with this language though they will not approve it.

- Specifically, the proposed language directs the Secretary to delay the timing of obligations in 1994 or reduce the amount of obligations so as to achieve the needed outlay savings. Limiting obligations for demonstration projects is only one illustrative way in which those savings could be achieved, and that particular approach is the one displayed in the detailed budget documents because it is the approach recommended by the Vice President's NPR.
- The Special Message transmitted to the Congress today detailing the Administration's proposed rescissions did not include any highway demonstration rescission proposals other than an update of the previously submitted rescission of unauthorized highway demonstration projects not under construction. This rescission was included in the package transmitted in November, as part of the NPR recommendations. This rescission totals \$175 million.
- With regard to full funding of ISTEA, our response to inquiries is that our legislative proposal does not specify any particular approach to achieve savings in the Federal Highway Administration. If, however, the Congress and Secretary agree to take savings from demonstration projects, the resources requested in the President's budget are more than sufficient to fully fund the core ISTEA formula program.

All of this makes our public presentations reasonably consistent with the printed budget document. The political reality, however, is that our approach to saving \$400 million in highways is dead on arrival. As a practical matter, therefore, I will be working with Congressional leaders over the next few weeks to fashion an acceptable alternative that will meet the caps and preserve your priority investments.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT E. RUBIN *ER*
SUBJECT: Brief Follow-Up on a Number of Items

This note follows up briefly on a number of issues.

- 1) **Infrastructure Bank** - OMB, NEC and Labor have completed analysis of an infrastructure bank, based on memos from Peter Goldmark and Felix Rohatyn. The proposal has great surface appeal, both substantive and political, but on deeper examination the benefits are less clear and the problems greater. In any case, we will have a memo to you shortly.
- 2) **Wheat:** We have received a highly detailed memo from Byron Dorgan and Kent Conrad as a follow-up to their meeting with you the other day. We will analyze their submission, and give you a brief memo. If our recommendation and your conclusion are to continue the ITC investigation rather than take the immediate action they request, we will figure out some way to do this that takes the onus of the decision away from you.
- 3) **Urban Issues:** Carol Rasco and I had a lengthy informal meeting with the Administration people we thought most equipped to think about the problem of black male unemployment, and out of this will come a memo with the best thought available in this Administration. (The people involved, like David Ellwood and Larry Katz, also know the state-of-the-art thinking outside the Administration.)

I personally continue to think that the inner-city is as significant, long-term, as any economic problem the country faces, and these issues, though vexingly difficult, are getting considerable focus.

There are a number of corporate leaders who have had a real and active role on this issue (as opposed to others who have been involved as figureheads or have lent their names), and the Council on Foundations has suggested that recognition of this group through a White House lunch could be a very good idea. If you agree, this will be worked out with Alexis and Ricki.

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- 4) **Uruguay Round:** As you may already know, despite the unresolved funding issue, at a meeting of the appropriate people, including OMB, Legislative Affairs, and George Stephanopoulos on behalf of health care, we all agreed that Mickey Kantor in his testimony should say that implementing legislation with respect to GATT is expected to be enacted this year.
- 5) **Outreach:** In response to your suggestion, we are expanding the NEC outreach process begun last year, including outreach in connection with the G-7 jobs conference.
- 6) **Jobs Conference:** Substantive, political and communications work is progressing well. We will work closely with the Michigan Congressional Delegation.
- 7) **External Contacts:** You and we receive many requests from members of Congress or private sector people, for special treatment for some industry or another, and we wanted you to know how these requests are handled by the NEC. Our practice is to deal with these ourselves, in consultation with appropriate policy and political people, and bring them to you only when there are major substantive or political reasons to do so.
- 8) **Capital Budget:** As you and I previously discussed, you will receive a complete memo on the possibility of proposing a capital budget, sometime shortly after the Balanced Budget Amendment issue is finished. Capital budgeting is another issue which on the surface is very appealing, substantively and politically, but on further analysis, is a more difficult decision. Views among your advisers are quite mixed. Also, as we discussed, with one exception all of your political, legislative and policy advisers felt that the capital budget discussion should be held until the Balanced Budget Amendment fight is over.

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Clinton's mom gave cancer victims hope the night she came to town

When organizers planned a breast cancer awareness evening last October in Ottawa, they failed to find a prominent Canadian survivor of the disease to headline the event.

They knew the heroic battles of many local women, but they couldn't think of a nationally-known Canadian who had survived breast cancer and who had come out publicly swinging against the disease, which is surprising and a little sad.

Someone suggested, half joking, that they invite Virginia Kelley, the mother of U.S. President Bill Clinton. She had undergone a mastectomy in 1990. They asked her, and she came.

She arrived last Oct. 28, all the way from Little Rock, Ark, enduring two plane transfers, although she was weakened by her cancer treatments. Her name helped draw an overflow crowd of 750 people, mostly women, to a local hotel.

By all accounts, her intensely personal story of her fight seemed to strike a chord with most everyone there. Even when she



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Ottawa, and now she's dead. How do people who've had the disease cope with news like that?

Everyone reacts differently, of course, but doesn't it scare them, or discourage them, or make them angry? We asked Mary Bowrin of Kemptville, who shared the stage that night with Virginia Kelley.

Bowrin herself had a mastectomy less than two years ago after a tumor in its early stages was discovered when she had

told them that her cancer had returned, it did not seem to the audience to be as incurable as her sense of optimism.

She left them with a promise that she would return in a year.

Kelley, who was 70, died late last week at home of complications from breast cancer. It was barely two months after her inspiring talk in

a mammogram at the Ottawa Breast Cancer Screening Centre.

Bowrin, a 61-year-old grandmother, was asked to speak to the awareness night about the life-saving value of routine breast examinations and to urge all women over 50 to have regular mammo-

grams. Bowrin is very matter-of-fact about the discovery of her own disease. "I had a mastectomy," she says, "and that was the end of that."

What scared her more, she suggests, was speaking about it before 750 people, and sharing the stage with the president's mother: "I was petrified."

Needlessly, it seems. She met Kelley earlier in the day at a luncheon at Rideau Hall, sponsored by Gerda Hnatyshyn, who has used her role as the wife of the governor general to increase breast cancer awareness.

It turned out that Bowrin and the president's mother had more in common than the disease.

Kelley endured the deaths of three husbands, including the president's father, who died in a truck crash while she was pregnant with Bill. Bowrin was widowed at age 25, left with two young children when her first husband was killed in a helicopter crash.

"She was a really nice person," Bowrin says of Kelley. "Attitude has a lot to do with anything. If you've got a good attitude, you're a survivor. And she had a good attitude."

But, ultimately, the disease won. Isn't that discouraging?

"I don't think so," Bowrin says, citing the example of Terry Fox, who died of cancer before he could complete his fundraising run across Canada.

"His spirit is what gave everybody hope ... It was the same with Virginia Kelley; she was not a loser. You live one day at a time. How do I know that I'm not going to walk across the street and get killed?"

Bowrin's brush with cancer has turned her into an strong proponent of both

mammography screening and of education and support groups like Ottawa's Breast Cancer Action, which operates from the Billings Bridge Plaza. She is particularly concerned about women who live in rural areas.

She would like to bring them into mammography centres by the busload, and to remind doctors that a pap smear is not the only preventive test a woman should have.

"There are 14 women a day — 14 women a day! — who die of breast cancer every day in Canada," she says. Asked if she knew that figure before she was diagnosed herself, she laughs. "Are you kidding?"

Which is why the outspoken courage of women like Bowrin and Kelley is so essential.

"What am I getting myself in for," Bowrin recalls thinking as she gazed out at that enormous October crowd. "Anyway I survived it."

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Paying For Abortion

By DAVID R. CARLIN

AS A LIFE-LONG DEMOCRAT, I am both proud and ashamed of President Clinton's national health care proposal.

I am proud that a Democratic president has taken the lead in bringing health insurance to all Americans, but I am ashamed that Clinton's proposal includes abortion coverage, thereby making all Americans, even the most ardent and conscientious proliferers, collaborators in the evil of abortion.

The President's plan would implicate government in the provision of abortion in two ways, one direct, the other indirect: a) directly, by having taxpayers pay for abortion coverage for the unemployed and underemployed; b) indirectly, by requiring employers to pay 80 percent of the cost of insurance plans for their employees, plans that would in most cases include abortion coverage.

What follows are considerations I think the prolife party should bear in mind when campaigning against the President's abortion proposal—or against any other abortion proposal that in the course of deliberation may get substituted for the President's.

1. *Clinton's political dilemma.* Politically speaking, President Clinton had little choice but to include abortion coverage. Had he refused to do so, he would have pleased his enemies while outraging his friends; but there is no political percentage in such a strategy. This would not have turned his prolife enemies into friends, since they would still have plenty of reasons for disliking Clinton (his repeal of the "gag rule," his appointment of Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court, etc.). But it would certainly have turned a good many of his friends into enemies, since the sexual liberation party would have regarded this as a betrayal of the prochoice cause. Clinton would have put himself in the same position with the left wing of the Democratic Party that George Bush put himself in with the right wing of the Republican Party a few years back when he reneged on his "Read my lips: no new taxes!" pledge. When Mr. Bush agreed to a tax increase he

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won polite applause from liberals, who nonetheless would never dream of voting for him, while provoking conservative true believers to write him off as a Benedict Arnold. To exclude abortion coverage from the health care plan would have been equally suicidal for Clinton.

But the President has made it plain that although he will support the agenda of the sexual liberation party—abortion, gay rights, condoms in schools and other morally elevating programs of this ilk—he will not go to the wall for it. Consider his track record to date. He soon gave up the fight on gays in the military. He proposed dropping the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits Medicaid funding for almost all abortions, yet he twisted no Congressional arms, and the amendment was once again adopted (though in a slightly modified form). True, he withstood a certain amount of flak in order to stay with the Joycelyn Elders appointment as Surgeon-General, but in that case it was the Congressional Black Caucus he was afraid of, not the sex lib caucus.

Clinton's message to the sexual liberation party and their fellow travelers seems to be this: "Look, I'll do what I can to promote your agenda. I'll sign executive orders. I'll make appointments to high office. I'll submit legislation and sign bills passed by Congress. But it's up to you to get the bills passed. My fund of political capital is very small. I can afford to spend it on essential items only. I can't spend any of it on Bosnian Muslims, and I can't spend much of it on you either."

WHAT THIS MEANS with regard to abortion coverage in the national health plan is that the President will defend it when asked but will not strenuously fight for it. Further, my guess is that he would prefer seeing the abortion component of the measure killed sooner rather than later. For the longer it remains an issue during the debate that is sure to occupy much of the next 12 months, the greater the chance that the prolife forces will enter into alliances with those who oppose his plan for other reasons. From Clinton's point of view it would be best to get the prolife party out of the game early, and that can only be done if they win an early victory.

(2) *Is the issue inconsequential?* Those prochoice people who at least faintly understand why many of their fellow Americans oppose abortion are nonetheless puzzled that proliferators should also oppose public funding of abortion. "You wish abortion were illegal," they say,

"and we can respect that though we disagree with you, but since it is legal, why should the poor be denied a right that everyone else possesses? Isn't your attitude discriminatory? And since a disproportionate number of the poor are racial minorities, doesn't your attitude

smack of racism?" This is a particularly striking instance of the failure of the prochoice party to grasp the idea behind the prolife movement.

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AT THE SAME TIME it must be admitted that many proliferators hold a view resembling this. For them the one and only issue is Roe v. Wade. As they see it, the great goal of the prolife movement is to reverse this erroneous decision, hence the question of who pays for abortion is a relatively minor issue. On the whole they would prefer that someone other than the taxpayer put up the money, but compared with the constitutional question, the funding question is small potatoes. If Clinton wants his national health care plan to include abortion—well, that's regrettable, but really it's not that big a deal. It's not

worth a life-or-death fight. Let's save our energies for the thing that really counts: the ultimate reversal of Roe.

Nothing, it seems to me, could be further from a correct view. There is all the difference in the world between permitting evil and causing it. It was bad enough, for instance, that the Constitution permitted slavery prior to passage of the 13th Amendment; it would have been considerably worse had the United States Government subsidized the purchase of slaves. Nor would the evil have been mitigated if the subsidies went only to the poor, with the proslavery party justifying this practice in these terms: "We respect your opposition to slavery, but since holding slaves is a constitutional right, why should the poor white farmer be denied the power to exercise that right? To refuse government subsidies for poor customers at the slave market is a clear case of discrimination." "*Roe-plus-one*"

Roe was indeed a dreadful decision. Government support for abortion is Roe-plus-one, and is therefore worse than Roe all by itself.

(3) *Is it simply a question of taxes?* In its objection to public funding for abortion, members of the prolife party frequently say something like this: "You have no right to use my tax money to pay for something I consider to be homicide." This argument has great rhetorical merit—especially in a society that, rather perversely, has decid-

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ed that the status of taxpayer is more fundamentally important than the status of citizen. But it has one significant disadvantage: It suggests that the individual's tax money is the issue.

Prochoice response
LET'S SUPPOSE someone on the prochoice side were to respond by saying: "You know, the antichoice people have a point. Why should they be compelled to pay for something they find morally objectionable? So let's give a prorated tax rebate to everyone who has conscientious scruples about paying for abortion. Then their consciences will be clear, and they'll have nothing to complain about."

Now let's suppose there were to be 200,000 abortions per year paid for by taxpayer funds, and let's suppose each abortion cost \$500. This would add up to \$100 million. Since the population of the United States is 250 million, this comes to 40 cents per person. Thus an average rebate of 40 cents per person per year would, on this logic, silence the prolife objectors.

Or some boxes could be placed on the tax form, and when you check one of them, that portion of your tax that would otherwise have gone to abortion will go instead, for example, to AIDS or cancer research, to providing shelters for the homeless, to scholarships for inner-city youth, to campaign finance reform.

But, of course, all this is beside the point. Even if it could be shown that not a single prolife penny went to abortion, the prolife party would still have a right to be outraged that the U.S. Government, acting in the name of all of us, is subsidizing abortion. Keep in mind: Not all taxpayers are citizens (some are aliens, some are corporations, etc.), and not all citizens are taxpayers (some are too poor to pay taxes). Government funding of abortion is offensive to prolife persons in their essential capacity as citizens, not in their incidental capacity as taxpayers. It makes them unwilling partners in a collective crime.

④ *Conscientious objections.* When told that proliferers object to supporting a practice that they consider to be gravely immoral, prochoicers commonly respond that this kind of thing is a normal occurrence in a democratic society. Why, they themselves oppose many a Government policy! But as long as the policy was arrived at by democratic procedures, they have no choice

but to endure it until such time as they can win enough votes to change the policy. Accordingly, if the prolife party does not like public subsidies for abortion, let them win elections and then eliminate the subsidies. But in the meantime they will simply have to put up with the situation. They will have to recognize that they have come out on the short end of a democratic contest.

But not all objections to government policy are created equal. Some come from the deepest or most central parts of our personality, arising because the government policy in question violates the essential values upon which we have staked our lives. Those essential values having been outraged, we feel we have been violated at the core of our being. At the opposite end of the spectrum are objections of an incidental sort, which insult our personality hardly at all, and certainly not at its core. And, of course, in between the extremes are objections with varying degrees of intensity. Objections to abortion felt by the typical proliferer lie toward the more intense end of the spectrum. Public subsidies for abortion are experienced by them as an attack on their central values, a violation of the core of their personalities.

OF COURSE, the mere fact that some citizens experience intense objections to a certain policy is not a sufficient reason to abstain from the policy. If it were, then every individual who happens to feel strongly about something would have a veto on any public policy. But when tens of millions feel strongly about something—and feel strongly not on a whim but for carefully thought-out religious and philosophical reasons that have a long tradition behind them—then a civilized society overrides their convictions only for the most compelling reasons. Such reasons may, of course, exist: For instance, to save the nation, a government may have to disregard the wishes of a large pacifist minority and go to war against the enemy at its gates.

The question, then, is this: Does the U.S. Government have a compelling reason for disregarding the principled and deeply felt convictions of America's tens of millions of committed proliferers? Without question, the answer is No. Clearly the safety of the republic is not at stake. Nor is the national well-being jeopardized if a certain number of reluctantly pregnant women find themselves in a situation in which they a) have to pay for their own abor-

tions, b) have to find someone else (for instance, a boyfriend) to pay for them, c) have to find a clinic that provides free abortions in needy cases or d) decide for financial reasons not to have abortions.

ANY SOCIETY, but especially a liberal democracy, requires that a great percentage of its citizens be persons who take moral values seriously. Of course, society can put up with a certain number of downright criminals and an even larger number of pure egoists whose pursuit of self-interest is sufficiently rational to make them tolerable (though perhaps not admirable) neighbors. But these immoralists and amoralists are "free riders," parasites who live off the moral capital provided by those citizens who take morality seriously and try, in their stumbling and imperfect ways, to live up to its demands. Committed proliferers are almost never immoralists or amoralists. They fall into the category of the morally earnest (as do many of the committed prochoicers); they add to society's moral capital. Now America's moral endowment is not so ample at the moment that we can afford to tell these morally earnest proliferers to "take a hike" or "drop dead" on the abortion subsidy question. If those who are running the nation at present cannot agree with the prolife party, they should at least have enough appreciation of this prolife group's social value not to enact a public policy that grossly insults them.

(5) *Consciences in conflict.* It might be objected that there is a zero-sum game going on here. Let us grant—these objectors will say—that it will be an outrage to the prolife party for the Government to subsidize abortion, but to refuse to subsidize abortion would be an equal outrage to the prochoice party. Either way, someone is bound to be outraged. The prolife people are not, as they imagine, privileged in their potentially outraged status. The prolife party feels it is a great injustice to subsidize abortion, but the prochoice party feels it is a great injustice not to. This is a game that will have a winner and a loser. It is just a question of who wins and who loses.

There are two answers to this objection. One is an empirical answer; namely, that it is doubtful that many prochoice people actually do consider it a great injustice not to have tax subsidies for abortion. Without question, they feel that a *prohibition* of abortion would be terribly unjust, and this is a feeling the prolife party will have to deal with if it ever gets in a position to enact significant restrictions on abortion. But prohibiting abortion is one thing; permitting it while refusing to pay for it is something else. A good deal of evidence will be needed before we conclude that a refusal to subsidize abortion causes as much moral anguish among prochoicers as a decision to subsidize it will cause among proliferers.

But waiving the empirical question, we may rest our case on an old principle of moral reasoning: Negative precepts take precedence over positive. "Thou shalt not" takes precedence over "thou shalt." The Good Samaritan

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did a praiseworthy thing when he took the robbery victim to the inn, true; but it would have been wrong of him to embezzle money in order to pay the innkeeper, even if the result of his abstention from embezzlement would have been that the robbery victim was left uncared for. We are obliged to refrain from committing crimes even though such abstinence will inhibit our capacity to perform charitable deeds.

PROLIFERS BELIEVE that a program of Government subsidies and mandated private sector subsidies for abortion compels them to participate in the violation of a negative precept of morality, and not just any negative precept but a very serious one: *Do not commit unwarranted homicide*. Prochoicers on the other hand believe that the failure to subsidize abortion bars society from complying with a positive precept: *Help needy people to pay for their abortions*. Even granting for the sake of discussion that there exists such a positive precept, still there is no moral equivalence between the two. The burden placed on the prolife conscience is far heavier than that placed on the prochoice conscience.

I should acknowledge, however, that the distinction between the relative obligatoriness of negative and positive precepts of the moral law is unlikely to cut any ice with the typical prochoice person. For this distinction is rooted in an ancient tradition of moral thought, a tradition derived on the one hand from the Bible, on the other from the Stoic conception of natural law. Prochoicers generally stand outside this tradition. If they did not, it is highly unlikely they would be in favor of abortion on demand in the first place; for unrestricted abortion is plainly incompatible with the tradition. To the ears of these prochoicers, talk about the distinction between negative and positive precepts, and the priority of the former to the latter, is meaningless.

For that matter, talk about the moral law itself is largely meaningless to them. Prochoicers speak quite a lot about *morality* and the *moral autonomy* of women confronting reproductive decisions, but the meaning they attach to the terms "moral" and "morality" is radically different from the meaning given these words in the biblical-Stoic tradition. Some prochoicers hold that the morality of an action is determined by its net consequences. Others hold that it is a function of the sincerity

and good intentions of the person choosing it. Still others that it is morally good if the actor thinks it is good. Most hold a combination of two or three of these views. But almost none would hold that the morality of a deed is determined by its conformity or nonconformity to a transcendental moral law.

6. *We have not yet begun to fight*. Suppose the prolife party loses its fight to keep abortion coverage out of the national health care plan? Should we then, despite our reservations about abortion, support the plan, or at least not oppose it? By no means. Government-promoted abortion is an injustice of such monumental proportions that it would be better to have no national health program at all than to have one that includes this feature.

But suppose, despite our efforts, that the plan—abortion and all—becomes law. Should we retire gracefully from the field, conceding that abortion coverage will henceforth be a perpetual feature of America's health care program? Not at all. If after 20 years we have not yet given up on our attempts to modify and even to reverse *Roe v. Wade*, we certainly should not give up on the issue of public subsidy for abortion. For, in fact, this is worse than *Roe*, which required us as a nation to do no more than tolerate abortion. That is bad enough. This new proposal would require us to promote and pay for it.

If the abortion proposal becomes law, it will be the most intolerable act to pass Congress since the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which obliged the free states to assist slaveholders in capturing and returning runaway slaves. It had been bad enough that the Constitution protected the institution of slavery and required the rest of the nation to tolerate it. This new law was worse still, since it made the rest of the nation actual collaborators in the evil of slavery. It was a way of rubbing the antislavery person's nose in it. Similarly, the proposal for including abortion coverage in national health care is a way of rubbing the proliferer's nose in it. It is a way of requiring all Americans, not just prochoicers, to become partners in promoting this peculiar institution of the late 20th century.

Of the Fugitive Slave Act, Emerson said in disgust: "This filthy enactment was made in the 19th century, by people who could read and write." Just change "19th" to "20th" and you have an appropriate evaluation of Government-subsidized abortion. Civilized human beings do not retire gracefully from the field when "filthy enactments" are the order of the day. ■

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Telephone call (2/4/94) from Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou of Greece regarding U.S. recognition of Macedonia/Skopje

DATE:

February 4, 1994

It is now about 11:30 a.m. on Friday morning, February 4th in Los Angeles. Less than an hour ago I received a phone call from Papandreou in Athens. As you know I have known him for nearly 30 years starting when he was Chairman of the Economics Department at UC Berkeley. He asked me if I could record his message so that I could pass it to you. I did so, and immediately had it transcribed. The accompanying document has been excised somewhat, and I would guess it is about 80 percent verbatim. Obviously, I tried to avoid distorting his message in any way.

I am indeed passing it on but without comment or opinion. If it is possible I would appreciate your having someone get back to me about what is indeed happening, but that is not intended to mean that I would relay that message back to him unless you wanted it that way.

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February 4, 1994

Andreas Papandreou re Skopje

Look, the news is coming out from Washington that the United States is about to recognize Skopje and its United Nations name.

This will be quite a blow because Greece and I have recently worked hard to develop a pro-American attitude and climate. We consider the United States as our alternative card in the game with Europe. So now the State Department, probably, has persuaded Secretary Christopher and possibly President Clinton--I don't know--but with time as other countries are recognizing Skopje, so too the United States may also recognize with the idea that this is a small state, fragile and economically weak, and it should be shored up, as you know, and be assisted. We too feel that need, nor this state should disintegrate or be weakened because that would provoke a war in the region. At the same time. That is clearly not in the Greek interest or that of the U.S..

So now I come to our argument, the argument consists of the

following points: First, we agree with the United States--clearly--that Skopje should be protected by any kind of invasion from other countries, whether it be Bulgaria, Serbia or Albania. Skopje has lots and lots of ethnic minorities especially an Albanian minority of 35 percent. The Bulgarians consider the Slav population as Bulgarians so the only ones who do not have an interest in seeing this state come into being are the Greeks.

The second point is that Skopje cannot survive economically without the assistance of Greece, meaning by this that the port of Salonika is absolutely key to its commerce. If hostilities were to break out in this region as so many fear, Greece, in its own interest would probably be obligated to close the port of Salonika. Closing the frontier is something we don't want to do and certainly will not do at this time, so I am not saying that as a threat. All this is a possibility that must be considered should hostilities erupt. That's the second point.

Now the third is the most important point. There was a dialogue

going on before Vance came on the scene through the United Nations. He was the man charged by the United Nations to supervise the dialogue between Skopje and Athens so that a solution to the problem could be reached. When my party, PASOK, came to power we said that after two years nothing had been accomplished, so we decided to stop the dialogue, and set some conditions for restarting it.

The conditions are important. The first one of all is the Skopje flags have Greek symbols on them, Alexander the Great and Phillip, the Son of Reina (sp?). Not only do they have an ancient Greek symbol but in the preamble to the constitution and in two articles of it they provide for liberating Macedonian peoples and land which really is irredentist. Greece has no alternative but to oppose that.

So also is the Skopjan constitution aimed directly at us, and they are continuing propaganda day by day, and are creating a climate of tension. A few weeks ago I spoke in Parliamentary debate, and I

*** /** said the following: If Skopje changes their flags, commit themselves to changing the constitution to remove the Irredentist clauses, and stop the propaganda we are willing to do two things. First, start a dialogue about the name because the name Macedonian is itself an Irredentist term. Secondly, we are prepared to normalize economic relations fully with Skopje which means a lot of new Greek investment in addition to the trade now moving back and forth, which itself is a lifeline. A lot of Greek private and public or mixed investments will be coming in very rapidly.

*** /** The problem is that if the United States, which is a key country, certainly for us, recognizes Skopje diplomatically, there would no longer be a way I can see that the United States can bring to bear pressure on Skopje to do those three things that we ask. I described those requests to President Clinton when I met with him in Brussels.

Despite that exchange with President Clinton which I felt he accepted, this action vis-a-vis Skopje is what results. The United

States seems not to be choosing to apply pressure on Skopje so they would change their line and help normalize the situation in this part of the Balkans. So I don't know who has prevailed in Washington but it is quite clear from what I get that it is quite urgent. Recognition could even be today; it could be tomorrow.

Our sources have suggested here that I talk to Clinton but I don't want to do that because I don't feel comfortable enough, that is, I don't know the President well enough to call him so I am asking you Stanley Sheinbaum to contact him. So Stanley, if they were to decide to postpone this, let it go for a few months, nothing is going to happen. The U.S. should make clear to the Skopjans that pressures will be applied to remove the aggressive and the irredentist aspects of things now. Then I can start talking, about the name, about details, about all sorts of things and that of course is a concession we should make because first in interest of peace and normality. Let's then make step two, let's develop relations and a basis and see what we can do with the name. We are asking for is an extremely reasonable thing and the other thing is that while

American now has a magnificent image in Greece and Clinton himself is perceived quite unbelievably, let's not spoil that. Why spoil it? I do not wish to have to issue a tough statement on US policy toward Greece. Recognition would be a great pity and I don't know what forces really are behind this. This is generally not good for America and Greece. I am proud that we are making a tremendous pro American effort here to make America liked politically by Greece. So let's not destroy something that has been achieved. Why should the United States be alienated?



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MEMO TO: President Bill Clinton
Secretary of State Warren Christopher

SUBJECT: Correction in text of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou's
phone call regarding U.S. recognition of Macedonia/Skopje

DATE: February 4, 1994

Please note: Page six, last sentence of text should read: Why should an ally of the United States be alienated?

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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

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February 3, 1994

VIA FAX

President Bill Clinton
The White House-West Wing
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear Mr. President:

Somebody sent me a copy of your January 10th letter to Mort Halperin expressing regret at his decision to withdraw his nomination. It was typical of Mort to understand and accept the political realities of the dynamic of the process. When I wrote you a letter a number of months ago supporting his nomination I think I made that very point at the time. I have worked with him in several capacities over the years, and I was very hopeful that his talents would be serving both you and the United States in the future.

In this recent letter to him you expressed the hope that somehow there will be a role for him. I want to ditto that hope; he is too good for you and the country to not take advantage of him.

Respectfully,

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FLUSH SPEAKS OUT FOR MINORITY GROUP

Flush Limbaugh, celebrity talk show host and gourmand, is often charged with hostility toward minorities, a charge he firmly denies. It now seems Flush does indeed care about minorities—certain ones, anyway.

That much-maligned and oppressed minority group, corporate executives, received strong support from Flush who spoke out on their behalf recently. Flush was outraged over the suggestion by President Clinton that corporations should not be allowed to write off corporate salaries exceeding a million dollars in businesses that were not showing a profit.

"Capping executive pay is nothing more than an example of class envy," said Flush. "You (listeners) should be outraged that the president is targeting executive pay. It's none of government's business."

The idea that these corporate millions come from what would otherwise be stockholder earnings or wages for employees apparently never occurred to the man. When executives with huge stock option deals, enormous buy-outs, and golden parachutes depart with their unearned swag, the little guys

down the line pick up the tab. And let's not forget about the taxes these corporations avoid paying when they deduct these over-blown salaries.

Still, we must admit that these corporate



hogs really do constitute a minority and that Flush Limbaugh is foursquare behind 'em. Clearly, Flush is a man of conscience after all, a man ready and willing to fight for the underdog against fiscal tyranny. Homeless people, the poor, and other minority groups are rejoicing at this good news and fervently hope some of Flush's concern will trickle down to them.

Well done, Flush.

FALLING IQs LINKED TO LIMBAUGH

FLUSHING, NY: Flush Limbaugh may be contributing to a near epidemic of stupidity among Americans, according to a recent study of our TV watching habits.

Researchers at Flushing University compared the IQ levels of regular Limbaugh watchers with those of a selected group of congenital idiots and found the gap between them narrowed precipitously in direct proportion to the number of times one listened to Limbaugh's show.

The rate of falling IQs was even more pronounced when regular watchers of Limbaugh's TV show were included, and the rate increased again when subscribers to Limbaugh's newsletter were added to the mix. In fact, those who listened, watched, and read were found to be barely coherent and devoid of good sense.

Researchers believe these results occur because Limbaugh discourages intelligent thought and tends to attract less intelligent people in the first place.

Further research has been temporarily delayed because those assigned to monitoring Limbaugh's work have suffered severe brain damage and can no longer think for themselves.

NB: The material in this newsletter is intended as satire. So relax and enjoy!

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FROM THE EDITORS:

OPEN SEASON ON CONSERVATIVES!

Okay, why Flush? It's true, there are other conservatives out there who need a good hiding such as Gingrich, Buchanan, Bennett, Sununu, et al., and we intend on targeting them in this publication as well. We have chosen Flush as our prime target because not only does he spout rhetoric dangerous to all free-thinking Americans, but people are beginning to take the man seriously.

We've appointed ourselves the task of alerting the country to the vacuous demagoguery of the far right and to bring enlightenment to those who have fallen for this pseudo-intellectual line of crap. To make things a bit more interesting, satire and parody will be our tools.

Many positions of the far right are dangerous to the future of our country. For example, their well-known desire to rid our woodlands of the harmless spotted owl and to empty our seas of the dolphin are incredible positions to hold in these enlightened times. Their homophobic views are embarrassing, their posturing and bombast intolerable.

Their anti-choice and family planning stance is out of step with a large majority of the American people, their economic policies favor the rich, they are against the concept of separation of church and state in their mindless pleadings for prayer in school, and they consider the homeless objects of derision.

For the record, we are staunch supporters of the First Amendment right to free speech, so we are in no way advocating the censorship of Flush. Instead, we plan to exercise our own free speech rights through satire and parody to show just how foolish Flush is.

While much of our attention will be on Flush Limbaugh, a considerable amount of energy will be spent targeting other dangerous conservative right wingers. We will run feature articles denouncing them, include word puzzles for our readers, run polls, print readers' responses, include entertaining quotes, and generally lambast them from every conceivable angle.

Painful as it is, we'll monitor right wing radio and TV shows and read their books to discover their latest indefensible positions and dutifully present the other side of the coin to our readers.

You are encouraged to join in and make yourselves heard as concerned citizens who are determined to defend this great country against attacks from wild-eyed "Flushites" anxious to undermine our basic freedoms and turn America into a land of despots and right wingers. And let's have some fun along the way.

WRITE US!

SEND US YOUR LETTERS, PHOTOS, JOKES, NEWS ARTICLES

or anything else you think would be of interest to your fellow Flush bashers. Send a message to Flush and his fellow right wingers. Get your name in print before a national audience.

If you chance to see Flush kicking a homeless person, drop us a line. Is an angry mob assaulting a family planning clinic? Tell us if Pat Buchanan is leading the group. Swastikas on synagogues? Check David Duke for paint splatters and call if you find any.

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FLUSH EXPOSED!!

On the comment that dolphins are very intelligent animals:
 "...could anybody show me a dolphin that's ever built a hospital or a highway or invented an automobile?"

— Flush Limbaugh, Time
Or polluted a stream or built a bomb or destroyed a forest or...

* * *

"Most black leaders are complacent slaves on the liberal plantation."

— Flush Limbaugh, Time
Could Flush be referring to such prominent individuals as Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Benjamin Hooks, Jesse Jackson...Flush truly is the most dangerous man in America.

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Some thoughts from Flush on females:

- "All those feminazis out there, demanding their right to an abortion as the most important thing in their life, never ever have to worry about having one because who'd want to have sex with 'em?"

People who live in glass houses...

* * *

The *New York Times* reports there are 35,000,000 poor in the United States. Flush says "The poorest people in America are better off than the mainstream families of Europe."

Only a true plutocrat could dismiss the issue of poverty in America so flippantly--and illogically.

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Contradictions?

On AIDS and abortion activists: "Get out of our schools. Get out of our churches. Take your deadly, sickly behavior and keep it to yourselves."

— Flush Limbaugh, *Los Angeles Times Magazine*
 "True, there are many misunderstandings and much anger about AIDS, but don't let those emotions prevent you from offering what these people need the most: your support and love."

— Flush, *The Way Things Ought To Be*

"Liberals have to stoop to name calling."

— Flush Limbaugh Radio Show
You mean things like feminazis, Governor Coomo, General Dinkins, environmental wackos, uglo-Americans...?

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"I want you to know that I no longer read newspapers or watch TV news but I depend solely on you for my information."

— A Flush Limbaugh caller
This is a good argument for tighter voter registration laws.

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"This (talking to Flush) is the most exciting thing that's ever happened to me in my life!"

— A Flush Limbaugh Caller
You don't have a life, friend.

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"There's no such thing as an implied contract."

— Flush Limbaugh, Radio Show
Three-quarters of a million lawyers say there is.

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"The majority of America's people believe in the gospel according to Flush Limbaugh and Ted Nugent....Pat Buchanan makes absolute sense."

— Ted Nugent,
San Diego Union Limbosuction at work again!

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In his newsletter, Flush exclaims, "We must become a conviction party once again!"

We're afraid that all of those pardons by President Bush made that impossible.

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"In both my marriages, I never once insisted my wife remain home," said Flush.

It appears neither of his ex-wives decided to stay home for too long.

* * *

"People say I never have solutions to problems. Well, I'm going to give you two solutions to solving the deficit problem, and then I will show you why these two ways won't work."

— Flush Limbaugh, Radio Show

Huh?



FLUSH FAKES BESTSELLER NUMBERS

A report from Mt. Flushmore charges that Flush Limbaugh has artificially rigged sales of his recent book in an effort to get it on the bestseller lists.

An official from Publishing Fortnight brought the charges of alleged literary fraud in an article in that publication that has shocked the industry.

Assistant editor Porter DeCamp said their suspicions were aroused when they noted there were hundreds of copies of Flush Limbaugh's bestselling book *The Way Things Ought To Be* on the set of his TV show.

"We wondered exactly how many copies he owned of his own book and we assigned a reporter to investigate," said DeCamp. "In order to infiltrate Flush's organization, the reporter disguised himself as a half-wit in a blue blazer and slipped unnoticed into the studio audience of Flush's show and learned that cases of books are stacked everywhere.

"By dint of clever undercover work and a generous sprinkling of bribes, the reporter discovered that Flush has thousands of copies of his book stashed away in a certain waterfront warehouse in New York, books he and his confederates purchased in book stores across America in order to boost sales and thereby rig the numbers used to determine which books make the lists."

Such tactics are not new, of course. It's an old dodge, one allegedly used by L. Ron Hubbard and his Scientology crowd to promote his own particular brand of malarkey. Flush has long since admired Hubbard as a role model, of course, if any further evidence is needed of his appalling lack of judgment and common sense.

Flush was attending a banquet and was unavailable for comment.

FLUSH LIMBAUGH-- A REAL AUTHOR?

Is Flush Limbaugh a literary thief? We're not sure ourselves, but we'll lay out the facts and let you decide for yourselves.

Specifically, the question concerns Flush's claim that he is the sole author of his bestselling book *The Way Things Ought To Be*. That is, he actually wrote the book, literally put words on paper and parsed the sentences and punctuated the thing. But did he?

Quoting from the first paragraph on page vii: "I was determined nevertheless to actually write the book, rather than farm it out to a ghostwriter." Then, in the next paragraph, the would-be author writes, "I chose as my collaborator John Fund, an editorial writer for the *Wall Street Journal*..."

Flush goes on to say, "This was crucial for John's primary role was to interview me on tape, then write the first draft from the transcriptions of the interviews."

Once said first draft was delivered, Flush turned the project over to his brother for editing. The question is, when did he do any actual writing?

Does Flush know so little about the writing game that he honestly believes this is how real writers write their books? Doesn't he know that writing the *first draft* is writing the book? Somebody should tell him you can't claim authorship unless you actually sit your ass down in front of a computer and pound out the 100,000 words all by yourself.

To show that there can be no confusion on the matter, Flush says on page four, "Many thought my task would be as simple as dictating my thoughts into a tape recorder, having them transcribed, then published, and voila!--a book!" And he continues, "Not so. As is the case in everything I do, I became obsessed with doing the best I could, which meant writing the book, not just dictating it."

Here, Flush claims writing credit even as he admits he didn't write the book. It seems Flush comes up a little short in the integrity department.

Come on, Flush, put John Fund's name on the cover. And you might as well go whole hog and add your brother's name, too.

You'll feel better about yourself in the long run.

FLUSH MORE STYLE THAN SUBSTANCE

LA JOLLA: According to a recent study at the University of La Jolla, Flush Limbaugh's TV show offers even less substance than an episode of *The Golden Girls*. Dr. Hiram Spungel of the political science department compared randomly selected episodes of *Girls* with episodes of Limbaugh's show and analyzed their content.

He found that the *Girls'* storylines included such subjects as age discrimination, health care for the aged, nursing homes, elderly poverty, AIDS awareness and safe sex, and the disappearance of the dinosaurs.

On the other hand, the Flush Limbaugh shows dealt mainly with Flush's various successes such as book sales, his show's rating, size of audience, and similar ego-oriented topics. When matters of substance were discussed, the presentation was usually disorganized, badly thought out, and even irrational.

The following is an example of how a typical Flush commentary on a given topic might go.

"Gays in the military? Over my dead body. Listen, I've got nothing against gays. You people out there know that, you've been listening to my show long enough to know where I stand on that issue. You know Flush Limbaugh tells it straight. Do you know I've got the highest rated show in the whole world? It's true. More people listen to my show than the Rose Bowl, the Super Bowl, and the World Series all put together!

"And do you know what else? The Flush Limbaugh show is the number three rated TV show in the country! It's a fact. It's right here in *Variety*, folks. And what about my book? It's been number one on the bestseller lists since it came out! And I wrote the entire thing all by myself, remember, because I always do my best at whatever I do. Let's face it, folks, I'm the biggest thing to hit the media in this century.

"So don't talk to me about gays in the military. I'm on record on that."

"The study showed that Limbaugh substitutes bombast and egomaniacal boasting for substance," Dr. Spungel said, "and it would appear that his audience is made up primarily of people unable to tell substance from hot air."

Flush was out to lunch again and unavailable for comment.

WOMEN SPEAK OUT

According to Flush Limbaugh, sexual harassment is a non-issue brought about by what he calls "feminazis" who are merely man-haters with a bone to pick. Fortunately for him, Flush will never personally experience sexual harassment since it's extremely unlikely anyone of either sex could possibly entertain such ideas where he's concerned.

He can make jokes on his radio show and titillate his listeners with his vicious attacks on women, but sexual harassment is no laughing matter for millions of us in this country who've had to endure boorish behavior and outright physical assaults from people identical to Flush.

Women are vulnerable to exploitation, especially single mothers who often have low paying jobs and are raising their children alone because their Flush-admiring husbands have abandoned them and failed to contribute to their support. We need our jobs and our lecherous bosses know it.

And then we find ourselves working for Bob Packwood.

Why have the Flush Limbaughs of the world failed to get it? After all the press in recent years, after the exposure of countless Bob Packwoods, after the Hill-Thomas scandal, why do people like Flush still refuse to admit there's a problem?

The world has always had much more to fear from Nazis of the male persuasion than it has from his so-called feminazis. Perhaps if Flush were more familiar with history, he'd know it's people exactly like him that have accounted for most of the trouble. Women have played second fiddle long enough and if our clamoring for a bigger piece of the pie means we have to be more assertive and take a stand against the Flush Limbaughs of the world, so be it.

It's time Flush got with it. Sexual harassment is a real problem affecting millions of women every day and he worsens things by making jokes at our expense. We refuse to take it any longer.

Grope us, leer at us, make suggestive remarks, hound us for dates, offer advancement for sexual favors, plant closed-circuit cameras in our dressing rooms, put pubic hairs in our Cokes and we'll introduce you to Gloria Allred.

See you in court, Flush.

HEY, JACK! THAT'S OUR MONEY!

Flush Limbaugh is constantly crying about the need to cut government spending. Here's an update on a very good friend of Flush, a man many consider the front-runner for the 1996 GOP presidential nomination.

Jack Kemp announced recently that EMPOWER AMERICA, a right wing fund raising organization, would fight to defeat President Clinton's economic policy. It appears Kemp feels Bill is spending too many taxpayer dollars.

Few are more qualified than Kemp when it comes to wasteful spending of taxpayer money. A closer look at Kemp's spending binges at the end of his term as Housing Secretary in the Bush/Quayle administration gives insight into what we can expect from Kemp and his group.

Recently released documents show Kemp gave \$94,000 of taxpayers' money in bonuses to 70 political cronies in his department shortly before he left office, and he proposed another \$298,000 for 51 others. Putting aside any concerns of "conflict of interest," one employee receiving a bonus from Kemp was special assistant Cheryl Weber, wife of former Republican congressman Vin Weber, Kemp's partner in EMPOWER AMERICA.

Come on, Jack. Do you really want to cut spending, or just redirect the money to your friends? Your actions are speaking much louder than your words.

10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD NOT BUY FLUSH LIMBAUGH'S BOOK

1. He didn't write it himself.
2. Experts claim dangerous thoughts emanate from the book and may cause brain damage.
3. Flush refuses to use recycled paper.
4. Pat Buchanan likes it.
5. High sales of such a book make Americans look asinine.
6. The book lacks originality, logic, and wit.
7. Photo on jacket may scare small children.
8. An excessive use of personal pronouns will cause weariness in the reader.
9. You don't want to be identified with the Flushites.
10. Each new sale adds a pound and a half of ego to Flush's weight and damages the country proportionately.

HELP FLUSH FIND A DATE

Ever notice that we never see Flush with a date? Isn't that odd? Is it possible he can't get one? Certainly no one would date him if he/she ever heard him talk on the radio because they'd know how his mind works and refuse to entangle themselves with such a guy.

And Flush would be in even worse shape if prospective dates saw him on TV because then they'd know what he looks like and that would cinch the thing. Of course, his well-known disdain for intelligent women makes the task even more challenging.

Well, to save Flush money on 900 phone sex calls, we've decided to run a personal ad in our newsletter to see if we couldn't scout up a date for the poor guy. We include a sample ad which might work. Some of the "facts" are embellished, of course, but then, this is nothing new for Flush.

SWM trim, athletic college grad seeks woman/man? with poor vision, a great body, and a low IQ. I am 6-4, into bodybuilding, and a published author. I enjoy eating, tournament lying, eating, looking into mirrors, porno flicks, and light SM. Can supply Little Bo Peep costume to right party.

This should do the trick. Flush may have to run it several times to get a response, but if he persists, he just might come up with a date.

(Flush needs your help. Got an idea to help him get a date? Do you know of someone who would date him? Send ideas to us c/o this paper.)

RECIPE FOR DISASTER

As a regular feature, we'll provide a recipe purloined by one of our agents from Flush Limbaugh's very own kitchen. You may try it at your own risk.

Stuffed Ground Tiger in Wine Sauce

1 small tiger*	paprika	red pepper
1 bay leaf	1 bay leaf	2 tsp. oregano
6 oz. sugar	1 oz. fennel	4 oz. saltpeter
1 cup dry mustard	cabbage leaves	

Sauce

Whites of 2 spotted owl eggs	6 oz. Grand Marnier
1 qt. red wine	1 can beer
1 qt. cream	6 cloves garlic

First skin the tiger, saving the skin for use in your den as a rug. Grind tiger into hamburger and add sugar. Marinate for five minutes and mix in mustard, fennel, paprika, red pepper, bay leaf, and saltpeter. Brown meat and sprinkle mustard and oregano on it. Roll meat into cabbage leaves. Bake at 400 degrees for two hours or until done.

Wine Sauce

Mix the cream, wine, beer, and brandy. Crush garlic and add to sauce. Add spotted owl egg whites and cook for ten minutes. Pour over tiger-stuffed cabbage leaves to serve.

*Most stores do not sell tigers, but Flush suggests you contact a wild animal park and arrange to buy one of theirs. It will be necessary for you to go to the animal park and shoot it yourself, but that only adds to the charm of it all. Don't worry, the tiger will be securely chained when you shoot it.

Bon appetit!

BOOKWATCH:

The Way Things Ought To Be, by Flush Limbaugh

Flush Limbaugh carries his bombastic radio-TV style over to his book in a replay of his electronic persona. He flails away tirelessly in favor of conservative causes and against liberal ones in print just as he does on the air--and with about the same degree of effectiveness.

He comes out for capitalism, Reaganomics, the rich, prayer in school and, above all, himself. In fact, the book is really nothing more than a paean to Flush Limbaugh, a lengthy fluff piece extolling himself and his successes real and imagined.

As expected, he takes positions against Democrats and all things they espouse. Limbaugh believes Rodney King deserved his beating and that the police acted reasonably. He scorns homeless people, the poor, women, welfare, AIDS patients, minorities, and decadent artists.

He also contradicts himself. For example, he is an avowed Creationist who argues for the biblical version of creation, a major tenet of which is that the universe was put together in one fell swoop some four thousand years ago. Yet he cites the Earth's age at four billion years when making a point about its ecological ability to resist the depredations of man.

While the book will not be regarded as literature even by rabid Limbaugh fans, they're bound to like it because they thoroughly agree with its point of view. More discerning readers will be less charmed by it.

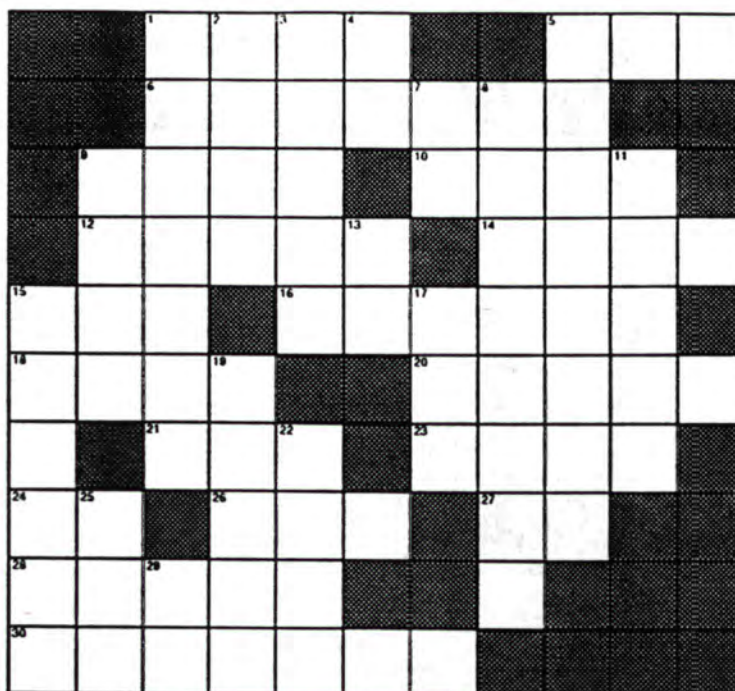
Limbaugh insists that he wrote the book himself even though he admits he merely taped an interview for his ghostwriter. Under the circumstances, he might be better advised to forego a claim to authorship as it will afford him little in the way of praise.

At \$22.00 in hardback, many might prefer waiting for the paperback version. Better yet, others may choose to wait until the movie comes out.

The really smart ones, though, will invest in a couple of stiff drinks and lament the fact that there are enough Flushites out there to make such a book a bestseller.

Material contained in this newsletter is intended as satire for your entertainment!

THE *FLUSH* RUSH CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Rush learned all he knows by ____
5. What's between Rush's ears
6. ____ of Morality and Virtue (Hint: What Rush is NOT!)
9. Rush's mouth: ____ moving
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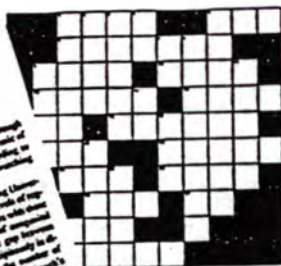
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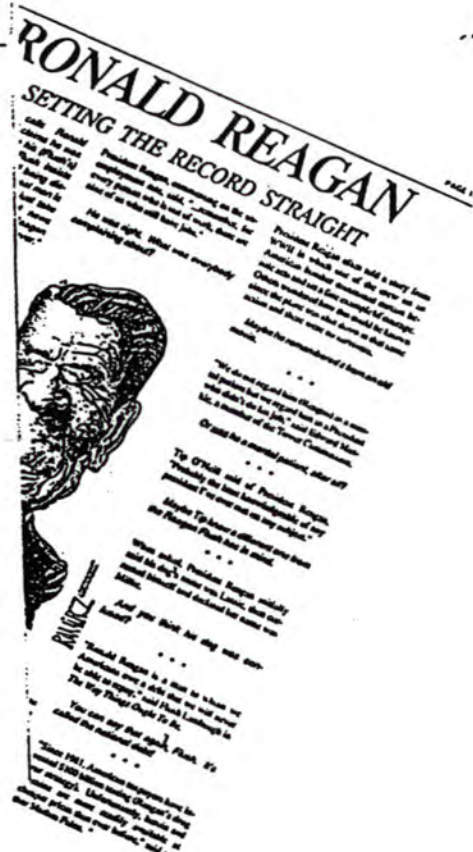
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BENNETT/LIMBAUGH IN 1996?

NEW YORK: A FRQ mole in the Limbaugh camp has uncovered an astonishing plot aimed at overthrowing the government by a conspiracy that involves two of the most dangerous men in America. Our source says Flush intends to support William (Lock 'Em Up) Bennett for president in '96 and *Flush will run as his vice president!*

Suspicion of this heinous scheme was first aroused when observers noticed that Flush regularly boasts of never having guests on his shows, yet Bennett appears all too regularly in phone interviews. It's obvious that Flush has a hidden agenda, some reason for featuring a no-account political hack like Bennett and endorsing his views.

The mole began snooping in earnest and soon learned the details of the plan. Flush agreed to tout Bennett for the nomination and give him air time in exchange for a place on the ticket. The plan is to attain office and then appoint Flushites to all important posts in government and turn the country into a plutocracy.

Bennett once served as Reagan's Secretary of Education and insiders assert he did exactly nothing to or for education during his entire tenure. He traveled the country making speeches and playing politics as he sought to build a political base. As far as his impact on education was concerned, one source said, "Reagan could have got the same results if he'd appointed a chimpanzee."

Bill "The Pol" Bennett was then appointed by Bush as the nation's first drug czar even though he was totally unqualified for such a post. He devoted his time to politicking and looking for the main chance, as usual.

Bennett made speeches and claimed unprecedented progress against the evils of drugs. He cited "facts" to show the decline in drug use, showcased drug busts for publicity, championed the drug forfeiture laws and seized homes from innocent widows and orphans, argued for life without parole sentences for drug dealers, fought for ever larger budgets to chase dopers all over creation, and approved of projects as ridiculous as those absurd and worthless twenty million dollar balloons floating along the Mexican-Texas border.

After a short tenure, Bennett realized the job was hopeless and could damage his political future, so he simply claimed he'd succeeded in wiping out illegal drugs and resigned in order to seek new challenges.

(NB—Just how effective was he? Mathea Falco, co-author of *The Making of a Drug-Free America*, said, "Since 1981 Americans have invested 100 billion dollars to cut off the supply of drugs...(yet) heroin and cocaine are more readily available at cheaper prices than ever before.")

Authorities agree that his reign as drug czar was every bit as fruitless as his term as Secretary of Education. The schools are even worse off than before he took charge, and the same may be said for the drug problem. In fact, many claim that nothing Bennett has ever done has had any salubrious effect whatsoever on the country.

The plot is apparently well advanced. Papers were discovered indicating that early cabinet appointments have already been allocated to certain infamous right wingers waiting in the wings.

The Rev. Falwell, for example, is rumored to be in line for a new cabinet post to be called the Department of Morals and Morality. The idea is that the Right Rev. Falwell will protect people from themselves by telling them what's good for them and

what isn't. Indications are that he will appoint Rev. Jimmy Swaggart who will head up a new federal anti-pornography commission.

These secret plans would mandate prayer in school under a Bennett/Limbaugh regime and Creationism would displace science in the curriculum. The Constitution would be amended to require tithing, "undesirable" people would be rounded up and sent back to Africa, Mexico, and the Orient, and the nation's poor, homeless, and infirm would be given boots with straps attached to 'em and told to pull with all their might.

Experts agree that it's an appalling scenario, especially given the lack of character, integrity, and even intelligence of the two men. If Bennett and Flush succeed, they'd saddle the country with the worst set of intellectual brigands seen in these parts since Harding and the Teapot Dome gang sold us down the river.☞

This paper urges sane Americans everywhere to keep a close eye on the Bennett/Limbaugh alignment. Ask penetrating questions. Who is Bill Bennett, anyway? Is he even an American? What's his war record—or did he skate on the draft issue, too? What's his IQ? Has he ever held a non-political job? Has the IRS audited his ass recently?

What does a Bennett/Limbaugh ticket mean for the country? Write and let us know and we'll print your replies in the next issue.



Drug Czar
William Bennett

WORD SEARCH

Like you, we thought the only thing Flush Limbaugh would ever run for would be the border, but now we've heard rumors he's cut a secret deal to run for vice president on the Republican ticket in '96! But who would run with him? See if you can find the names of his potential fellow conspirators in the letters below.

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 (David) Duke
 (Neil) Bush
 (Phyllis) Schlafly
 (John) Sununu
 (Archie) Bunker
 (Alan or Homer) Simpson

(Jerry) Falwell
 (Dan) Quayle
 (George) Will
 Ollie (North)
 (Pat) Buchanan
 (Tom) Selleck
 Arnold (Schwarzenegger)

(Robert) Dornan
 (Tom) Metzger
 Satan
 (Pat) Robertson
 (Bill) Bennett
 (Robert) Bork
 (Ted) Nugent

CROSSWORD SOLUTION



RONALD REAGAN

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

Flush Limbaugh calls Ronald Reagan his "hero" and claims he was the greatest president in his (Flush's) lifetime. In his book, Flush insists Reagan's reputation is still being distorted by the media and a great man is being maligned. Well, let's just take some quotes from assorted news sources and see just how Reagan fared as "the greatest president ever."

* * *

President Reagan on economics:

"...the best way to balance the budget is not by taxing people into the poorhouse and it's not by cutting spending to the bone, but by all of us simply trying to live up to the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule."

Why does one feel sure Reagan didn't major in economics in school?

* * *

President Reagan was campaigning for Oklahoma's Don Knickles and called him Don Rickles.

Who needs help like that?

* * *

President Reagan introduced Liberian leader Daniel K. Doe as "Chairman Moe of Liberia" to a group of dignitaries.

There was no word whether Moe was accompanied by Larry and Curly.

* * *

Heading on a news article: REAGAN'S IGNORANCE SHOCKED TOWER COMMISSION!

And everybody else, too.

* * *

President Reagan, meeting with city mayors, didn't recognize Samuel Pierce, his own housing secretary and the only black in his cabinet. The president greeted him with "How are you, Mr. Mayor?"

President Reagan, commenting on the unemployment rate, said, "...remember, for every person who is out of work, there are nine of us who still have jobs."

He was right. What was everybody complaining about?



RONALD REAGAN

According to a White House aide, "You have to treat him (Reagan) as though you were the director and he was the actor, and you tell him what to say and what not to say, and only then does he say the right thing."

And this is the man Flush admires above all others.

President Reagan often told a story from WWII in which one of the crew on an American bomber committed certain heroic acts and set a fine example of courage. Others wondered how this could be known since the plane was shot down in that same action and there were no survivors.

Maybe he remembered it from an old movie.

* * *

"We do not regard him (Reagan) as a mental patient but we regard him as a President who didn't do his job," said Edward Muskie, a member of the Tower Commission.

Or was he a mental patient, after all?

* * *

Tip O'Neill said of President Reagan, "Probably the least knowledgeable of any president I've ever met on any subject."

Maybe Tip knew a different one from the Reagan Flush has in mind.

* * *

When asked, President Reagan initially said his dog's name was Lassie, then corrected himself and declared her name was Millie.

And you think his dog was confused?

* * *

"Ronald Reagan is a man to whom we Americans owe a debt that we will never be able to repay," said Flush Limbaugh in *The Way Things Ought To Be*.

You can say that again, Flush. It's called the national debt!

* * *

"Since 1981, American taxpayers have invested \$100 billion testing (Reagan's drug war strategy). Unfortunately, heroin and cocaine are more readily available at cheaper prices than ever before," said author Mathea Falco. "

Flush Limbaugh Dyslexicon

- **LIMBOSUCTION:**

A process wherein common sense is sucked out of a rational person's head.

- **FEMINAZI:**

A term used by Flush to deride any woman with a mind of her own.

- **E.I.B.:**

Excellence In Bullshit. Flush's Network.

- **ON LOAN FROM GOD:**

Flush himself. We can only hope He forecloses on this particular loan in the near future.

- **DITTO:**

Code word for "Look, I'm an idiot, too."

- **HOMELESS PEOPLE:**

Scum, according to Flush. After all, they have no way of being counted in the ratings.

- **I.C.S.M.:**

Institute for Creationism Sciences and Meatcutting (Flush Limbaugh's college).



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FLUSH FACTS:

Number of times Flush Limbaugh said "I," "me," "myself," Rush Limbaugh" in a five-minute span:

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LENO APOLOGIZES TO LIMBAUGH?!

Rush Limbaugh says banning his humor is "political cleansing" and should not be tolerated. Rush sees nothing wrong with comparing the President's daughter to George Bush's dog Millie. He has no problem mocking Secretary of Labor Robert Reich because of his height (the result of a spinal disease). He can question the gender of Janet Reno without hesitation.

Rush has proven he can dish it out. But can he take it?

Jay Leno, during his Tonight Show monologue, told a joke about "Dan's Bake Sale," a publicity stunt set up by Limbaugh and the EIB gang. In referring to the 20,000 people who showed up, Leno said, "The last time this many conservatives gathered in one place was Berlin in 1935."

Great stuff, Jay!

The next day, Rush whimpered that he wasn't really a Nazi and that he was hurt that Leno would imply he was. Rush said the joke wasn't funny and that jokes must be rooted in truth to work. Rush "Feminazi" Limbaugh was deeply offended.

More shocking than Rush Limbaugh's intolerance for satire was an announcement by Rush that Leno had called him to apologize! Isn't such a thing unprecedented in the history of comedy/satire?

We called the Tonight Show and they did confirm that Jay called Rush, but they wouldn't disclose what was said.

Could Jay have apologized as Limbaugh claims? You make the call.



NEVER TRUST A TAX DODGER

When Lorne Fleming stood up at a town hall meeting in San Diego and challenged President Clinton on the prospect of raising taxes, Rush and his followers everywhere rejoiced. Rush had suspected that Mr. Fleming was a groupie and he was correct. Rush featured Mr. Fleming on his TV and radio shows and held him up as an example of rock-ribbed Republicanism. He even made him the E.I.B. Poster Boy.

Alas, Mr. Fleming's fifteen minutes of fame ran out in the allotted time frame and Rush Limbaugh was left with egg on his face. It turns out that the E.I.B. Poster Boy was less than qualified to complain about rising taxes. Shortly after the story hit the press, one of Fleming's five ex-wives called the local San Diego paper to say Fleming was a tax evader.

It seems Fleming was either delinquent or did not file returns with the California Franchise Tax Board or the United States Internal Revenue Service from 1980 to 1988. It is alleged that his wages were garnished over these years by the state for not paying taxes and/or failure to make court-ordered child-support payments. According to his wife, Fleming paid no state or federal taxes from 1989 to 1991.

— See "Dodger" on Page 11

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ELEPHANT MEN

It's not exactly "separated at birth," but the similarities are chilling: Michael Jackson is the "King of Pop"; Rush Limbaugh has been called the "King of Pop Culture." Jackson calls himself "Dangerous"; Limbaugh considers himself "the most dangerous man in America." Like Jackson, Limbaugh blames the media for telling lies about him. Like Limbaugh, Jack-

son is painfully shy, didn't date during his teen years, and rarely goes out in public. Both have been accused of sexual ambiguity. Both are notorious workaholics who want to change the world. Both have fair skin and avoid the sun...no, stop! It's too frightening.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

We are delighted to report that our first issue of FRQ was well-received by subscribers from sea to shining sea. Our suspicions were confirmed--there are a lot of people across this great nation who are sick and tired of Rush Limbaugh and his followers and their promotion of hatred and intolerance.

We decided in advance that we would cease publication immediately after our first issue if we were wrong in our assumption that "dittoheads" weren't actually fun-loving people who were just having a good time listening to their favorite comedian, Rush Limbaugh.

Well, it wasn't more than a week until we received our first death threat. And the number of obscenities left on our voice mail was astonishing--especially coming from the self-proclaimed advocates of "family values." (We've reprinted several of these greetings on page 5 of this issue.)

In this issue we've aimed our barbs more at specific examples of Rush's imbecility and intellectual dishonesty than at parody because reader response seems to indicate that people want solid ammo to use in arguments with followers of Limbaugh. That doesn't mean we have abandoned our quest for humor. We have included cartoons and assorted satirical pieces (see the piece on page 3 questioning Rush's sexual orientation) and we will continue to search for such material.

We would like to address a concern that has been raised by many Limbaugh followers about personal attacks on Rush. They say we should stop the *ad hominem* attacks and we should stick solely to the issues of substance.

Actually, we're not comfortable commenting about Rush's addiction to food and his somewhat questionable relationships with women. But one of the main reasons we began this publication was to give Rush a taste of what he dishes out on a daily basis. Remember, that this is the "gentleman" who makes derogatory comments about the physical attributes of many, including Janet Reno, Robert Reich, and Chelsea Clinton.

The reception from the media has been tremendous, even though not all have agreed with our stand on many issues. We have received exposure in media across the country including *TV Guide*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Atlanta Constitution*, the *Detroit Free Press*, the *San Diego Union*, and over 50 radio stations throughout the nation. We are especially grateful to the several radio stations currently airing the RL program that dared to air our views.

Most importantly, it's the feedback from you, the subscribers, that makes this publication work. Thank you for your enthusiastic words of encouragement, your outstanding contributions, and your constructive criticism. Keep the material coming, and let's Flush Rush!

WRITE US!

SEND US YOUR LETTERS, PHOTOS, JOKES, NEWS ARTICLES

or anything else you think would be of interest to your fellow Rush bashers. Send a message to Rush and his fellow right wingers. Get your name in print before a national audience.

If you chance to see Rush kicking a homeless person, drop us a line. Is an angry mob assaulting a family planning clinic? Tell us if Pat Buchanan is leading the group. Swastikas on synagogues? Check David Duke for paint splatters and call if you find any.

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GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO RUSH LIMBAUGH

Dear sweet, darling Rush

by Glenn Voight

We listen to your hit radio show and watch your TV show and we take some measure of pride in your success. After all, if it weren't for us homosexuals, you'd be minus half your material.

So far, it's worked out well for both our camps. You give us tons of publicity--most of it negative, of course--but that's just on the surface. You are, in fact, the best thing to happen to gay rights since Martina. As long as someone as visible and thoroughly obnoxious as yourself continues to slam us, our stock cannot help but continue to rise among thinking people everywhere. People are judged by the company they keep--and the company they do not keep. By that standard, we are blessed to have you as our sworn enemy.

All of which brings us to a rather touchy matter, which we hope you won't take too personally, but will take unto heart nonetheless. In order to maintain our mutually beneficial adversarial relationship--and keep it credible--could you possibly...hmmm...how to delicately put this...could you possibly start acting a bit more heterosexual? If your "ditto head" listeners got the idea you're one of us, they'll dump you faster than yesterday's cat litter.

You know what we're talking about here. A good place to start would be to cease any further appearances by your beloved mother on your radio or TV show. It's the oldest cliché in the book. A grown man and his mother fawning over one another in public is every bit as obvious as walking one's poodle down Central Park West.

Also, it wouldn't hurt you if you found yourself a wife. Unmarried, with no kids, at 42? A dead giveaway. He's either a fag or a priest. It's bad enough you snookered your way out of Vietnam (Yeah, that 4-F story was a good one). Your exaggerated courtliness to female callers marks another difference between a man who'd love to stroke a woman's hair and a man who'd love to "do" a woman's hair. And your few references to your personal sex life brim with the same fake hetero-bravado so many of us have had to resort to from time to time to throw nosey others off the scent.

And your latest tack--humming the Wicked Witch's theme at the mention of

Hillary Clinton's name--is about as straight as the wire binding on a Spiral Notebook. Straight men, Rush, do not quote Judy Garland movies--even musically. What's next? Your rendition of "The Trolley Song?"

Now, Rush, before you get all flustered and defensive, your actual sexuality is of no particular interest to us. But we'd prefer you tone it down. Just a bit. Please.

Here in Phoenix, some folks are already getting wise. At KFYI, the local station that carries your program, we recall at least two instances that should have set off alarm bells at EIB headquarters. One caller, on Bob Mohan's "Blow out the phones" segment on Friday afternoons, signed off by saying, "...and to all you ditto-heads out there: wake up! Rush Limbaugh's a fag!" Another caller, only a week later, on the same show, said "Rush is the kind of guy you would trust your daughter to be with, but not your son!"

We wouldn't make these up, big guy. You can check with your sources at KFYI.

Some of us are upset for a different reason. Some are mortified that if straights begin to believe you're gay, they might get

the idea all gay men are like you. While we admit there does exist a certain subspecies of male homosexual--grand and effusive and pseudo eloquent--(the Oscar Wilde/Charles Laughton syndrome), fewer and fewer of us are anxious to in any way perpetuate this myth. But that sort of "fussy queen" behavior hasn't been in vogue since Ike was in the White House.

Not that our advice will mean much to you, but while we're at it, you should probably move your broadcasting headquarters out of Manhattan, of all places. (You can skip San Francisco, too.) Straight, single guys don't move to Manhattan, Rush. They move to Vegas.

There is one overall solution we can offer. There must be a woman out there, somewhere, who if offered enough money would claim to have slept with you. Have you tried Gennifer Flowers? We hear she doesn't come cheap, though.

But don't worry. You probably won't have to spend your own money. We're sure Roger Ailes and his buddies at the Republican National Committee will be more than glad to foot the bill.

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THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW

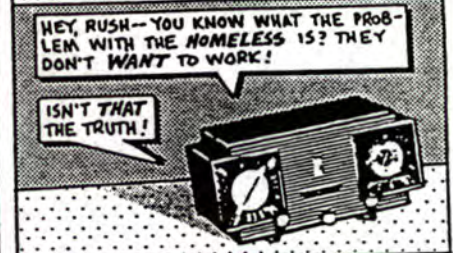
IT'S AMERICA'S FAVORITE BLOWHARD--RUSH LIMBAUGH! WITH ALL THE WIT AND CLEVERNESS OF A MARGINALLY BRIGHT SCHOOLYARD BULLY, LIMBAUGH ENTERTAINS AN ESTIMATED 15 MILLION LISTENERS EACH DAY WITH HIS RIGHT-WING DIATRIBES...



LIMBAUGH IS ON THE RADIO THREE HOURS A DAY, AND HAS A DAILY TV PROGRAM AS WELL... HE SPENDS MUCH OF THIS TIME PLUGGING HIS BOOK, UNDOUBTEDLY LEADING MANY OF HIS LISTENERS TO SET FOOT INSIDE A BOOKSTORE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR LIVES...



THOUGH THEY ARE LITTLE MORE THAN A CRANKY, OUTSPOKEN MINORITY IN A COUNTRY OF 253 MILLION PEOPLE, IT IS NONETHELESS UNSETTLING TO CONSIDER THAT 15 MILLION AMERICANS APPARENTLY AGREE WITH LIMBAUGH'S POINT OF VIEW...



HE IS AN UNDENIABLY INTOLERANT MAN, THOUGH HE OFTEN DENIES THIS--CLAIMING THAT HIS CRITICS HAVE NEVER REALLY LISTENED TO HIS PROGRAM... WELL... WE HAVE...



READERS' FORUM

I'm drowning in dittoheads at the office and could sure use a breath of fresh air. In all seriousness, I'm appalled that Limbaugh has been so successful in marketing a philosophy of deviousness and greed.

— K.D., Little Rock, AR

It is about time that we have some meaningful opposition to this detrimental wave of lunacy that is sweeping our country! Rush Limbaugh...is definitely splitting our nation instead of trying to help us out of the difficulties we're having.

— F.K., Sioux Falls, SD

I can't stand the guy. He's the bane of all women, blacks, gays, Democrats, and the homeless. He's dangerous because he appeals to all bigots and racists, and his followers think he's joking!

— F.E., St. Clair Shores, MI

Too often I have to listen to his disciples rant and rave with their rage and hate.

— R.K., Lawrenceville, GA

Rush remains convinced that the lunatic far right has the right to force their religious beliefs on other Americans.

He thinks he can fool the American TV viewers by filling his audience with right-wing extremists in ties and suits as if he represents the better scrubbed and cultivated elements of our society.

Mostly, Rush doesn't get the fact that he lost, the Republican Party lost, and the Lunatic Far, Far, FAR Right lost because they are wrong as far as the American people are concerned.

— A.W., San Diego, CA

In my opinion, and the opinion of all other rational people, Limbaugh's brand of freedom of speech is the sickest and most dangerous in political history that I can remember and I go back to Herbert Hoover. Of course, we know the groups who created him and financially support him.

— E.G., Valley Center, CA

I can hardly wait to see someone step on that creature.

With Bated Breath,

— J.E. M., Hoboken, NJ

God bless you! How do I subscribe, and how much are back issues? I don't want to miss one issue dedicated to this pot-smoking draft dodger with weight and marriage problems! I know someone who works for him. I warned him...that if he didn't knock off picking on Chelsea Clinton I'd put such an Italian hex on him that he'd have to do both shows live remote from the bathroom!

— L.M.A., Port Chester, NY

He lies and distorts facts so much no one with any intelligence would believe his vicious smearing. He is just a jealous, vindictive, mean-spirited, prejudiced FAT pipsqueak on an ego trip. Maybe he will, we hope, self-destruct.

— J.M.A., Charlotte, NC

Please send my new subscription quickly (I never use the word "rush" anymore). Everywhere I turn I see that obnoxious, hypocritical, reactionary draft dodger's face.

— T.E., Omaha, NE

Yes! Send me my Flush Rush Quarterly ASAP! My husband gets his monthly "Limberger Chronicle" and it stinks!

— U.A., Marietta, GA

We are all concerned about the national debt that has gotten out of hand, particularly during the Bush years.

If Reagan and Bush had been the great leaders Rush claims, perhaps we could have avoided our present crisis by taxing a little more and avoiding other debacles that mostly helped the very rich such as the savings and loan crisis.

As Reagan said after signing the deregulation law, "We've hit the jackpot."

I wonder how popular Reagan would have been if he had advocated higher taxes instead of borrowing and spending.

— G.W., Coulee City, WA

Every pound of Rush Limbaugh is Rotten! He thinks feminazi is cute. I hope some clever person comes up with an appropriate moniker for Walrus Limbaugh.

— W.M.M., Vista, CA



DITTOHEAD FAMILY VALUES...

PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED:

The following are some of the messages we have received from the "family values" crowd. See if you agree with Rush when he says his followers are happy, carefree, compassionate individuals who are not angry.

The following letter, typical of those we received from Rush Limbaugh fans, was printed in block caps with some sort of blunt object. It was addressed as follows:

COMMIE-LIBERAL RAG
PUPPET OF DRAFT-DODGER BILL
P.O. BOX 270525 SAN DIEGO, CA

It reads thusly:

LIBERALS-COMMUNISTS
HATE AMERICA--LOVE FAGGOTS
DEMOCRATS LOVE TO MURDER BABIES (ABORTION)
LOVE ILLEGAL ALIENS
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LONDON IN 1969.

IMPEACH SLICK WILLIE, THE DRAFT DODGING, COW-
ARDLY SOB, BASTARD. YOU DON'T MAKE A PIMPLE ON
RUSH LIMBAUGH'S ASS, YOU COMMIE PINKO, LIBERAL
FAGGOT.

(There was no signature or return address, of course.)

I hear you guys are a bunch of faggots and homosexuals, so I'm
not subscribing.

— Voice Mail

Listen here, you f_____ liberal. You better get off Rush's case.
If you don't, we'll blow you away, pal. Understand that you
f_____ Right wing liberal. Leave him alone or you are a dead
man.

— Voice Mail

Rush Limbaugh owns L.A., pal, and don't you ever forget it.
And he owns the whole country, and a little dipshit like you won't
make a scratch in his popularity.

— Voice Mail

Why don't you f_____ communists move out of the country?

— Voice Mail

Screw you, you pompous asshole. I'll match wits with you
anyday. My I.Q. must be double yours.

— Voice Mail

Rush is here to stay. Nothing you c____-swallowing California
faggots can do about it.

— Voice Mail

Commie liberal pinko bastards. Don't you realize what you are
doing is discrimination? I hope the I.R.S. is watching you. F____
you.

— Voice Mail

I live in Florida, and I think you suck, you left wing pinko dopes.

— Voice Mail

Why don't you pick up the phone, you spineless creatures. You
gay asshole lovers. You abortion baby killers. We don't want you
here.

— Voice Mail

You typical trans f_____ anal f_____ San Diego f_____
liberal f_____ geek. You f_____ asshole! Go suck an egg you
f_____ liberal asshole.

— Voice Mail

You people must be stupid to think you can flush Rush. Flush
your head down the toilet.

— Voice Mail

You must have rocks in your heads. You probably have two
heads. You need two to get along with Rush. You need three or
four or five or six. You're stupid.

— Voice Mail

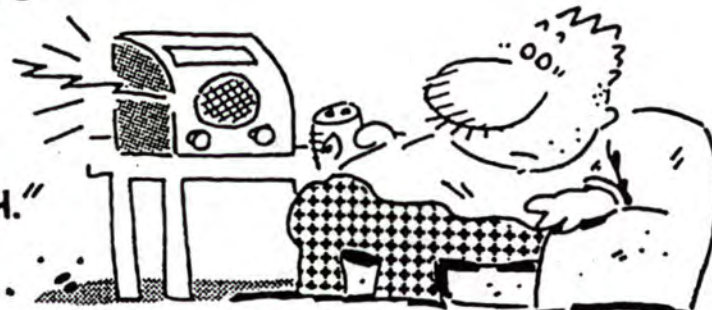
Apparently Rush was right. The world is full of assholes and
you are living testimony to that fact.

— Voice Mail

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THE FOLLOWING
THREE HOURS
OF SILENCE
REPRESENTS
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DAN'S BAKE SALE--

THE UNTOLD STORY

Dan Kaye phoned Rush Limbaugh one afternoon saying he had copied Rush's newsletter and had a comment to make. One thought immediately came to Rush's mind--LAWSUIT for copyright infringement! And why not? He was raised in a family of lawyers.

After further questioning, Rush learned that the reason Dan didn't buy his own subscription was because his wife wouldn't let him. Well, instead of suing poor Dan, Rush decided to milk this for everything he could. "Have a bake sale," said Rush.

Instead of Dan running this event like a true entrepreneur, Rush and his followers had to intervene like some government regulators. They supplied recipes and cookies. They donated billboards. Lawyers and accountants donated their ser-

vices. Free public relations services were supplied by the EIB gang. Everyone pitched in. It was socialism at its finest.

Well, the event took place on a Saturday in late May. In case you were unable to attend because you were busy doing something productive, we have included some excerpts from the *Fort Collins Coloradoan*:

—Limbaugh said he was told that 30,000 cars parked at Hughes Stadium. Colorado State University police, however, said no more than 2,000 cars were parked there.

—On his TV show, Limbaugh described Hughes Stadium as a facility that holds 50,000 to 60,000 fans. The stadium actually seats 30,000.

—Limbaugh also showed footage of cars lined up at one of Fort Collins' exits

on Interstate 25, describing the highway as a stretch of road through a rural area that gets little traffic. This was actually a main exit for the town of 90,000.

—Dan had hoped to make at least \$10,000 so that he could pay off his student loans, but actually only made \$2,000 profit from selling photographs, baked goods, and printed certificates. An employee for the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* said, "I feel sorry for him. He'll have to pay off his student loans like the rest of us."

—Running on only a few hours of sleep, Dan collapsed while being led back to his cookie booth. "It was an emotional overload," said Kaye. "I just sat sobbing for 10 minutes."

Get a grip, Dan. It's only a publicity stunt!

LIMBAUGH LIMERICKS

The following are a few of the wonderful limericks sent to the *Fort Collins Coloradoan* in a contest put together by columnist Mark Hanson:

My daughter said with a blush,
"Look, Mom, I've taken a Rush."
I said not to worry,
He'd be gone in a hurry,
And we bid him good-bye with a flush.
— D.S., M.S., Fort Collins

Rush Limbaugh, the man of perfection,
Claims to have brains and perception.
But if this were so,
Wouldn't he know
The conservatives lost the election?
— R.R., Fort Collins

Rush Limbaugh disguises his bile
With a crocodile smile.
When he peddles his hate,
The mob all shouts "Great!"
But the echo we hear is "Sieg, Heil!"
— A.B., San Marcos, TX

A pundit quite narrow of mind,
But broad in his larded behind
Spews trash in the air,
With egotistical flair,
And logic that's right hard to find.
— B.B., Humble, TX

RUSTY THE PIONEER

Rush Limbaugh likes to hearken back to America's pioneers and applaud their well-earned reputation as people who stood on their feet and looked adversity in the eye and never blinked. He's always encouraging the poor and homeless to pull themselves up by their bootstraps and not look to others for help.

Did you know how pioneer Rush got his first job in radio? One would think it was sheer hard work and determination. Well, according to the March issue of *Current Biography*, Rush "Rusty" Limbaugh got his first job in radio at a local station partly owned by his father!

Let's hear it for pioneer Limbaugh; a few more like him and we would still be huddled around Plymouth Rock waiting for somebody to buy up the rest of the country and hand it to us.

RUSH LIMBAUGH--PRIVATE EYE

Rush recently reported on his radio program that a second unauthorized Limbaugh biography was in the works but had been abandoned. Rush said that the author, a writer for the Los Angeles Times, was concerned that he was being investigated himself.

Rush vehemently denied his people were investigating anyone. In his next breath, he said, "...our research staff ran a Nexus search and found him to be only a gossip writer for the sports page."

This sure looks like somebody was investigating somebody.

He then launched into one of his patented tirades and deplored writers doing investigative works about those in the public eye since this is personal information. He asserted that if reporters were themselves investigated in this fashion, these kinds of books would never be published.

In the same segment, Rush went on to heap praise on his latest find in the bookstores: Anita Hill: The Untold Story, an unauthorized biography.

ENVIRONMENTAL PAGE

Densely Forested

Rush declares loudly and often that conserving our forests is totally unnecessary and a waste of time and money. He goes on to claim that we're actually more "densely forested" today than we ever were before. He mocks our recycling efforts and actually boasts that his books are printed on unrecycled paper.

He also loudly insists that all figures on the vanishing Brazilian rain forests are bogus and that no one really knows how much of the rain forests have been destroyed.

The man is either an outright liar or an idiot--or both. The plain truth is, after the last period of glaciation (10,000 years ago), the world was 50% forested. Today, it's down to 29% and falling.

As for the rain forests, 50 million acres are clear-cut each year currently, and many--including Rush--think the work is going too slowly. The rain forests covered

some six million square miles in the late '40s and these same forests covered four million square miles in the late '80s.

For God's sake, Rush, check your facts at least some of the time. It grates on one's nerves to hear an uninterrupted flow of misinformation and ignorance.

Fact Checking

Rush referred recently to the Black Forest of Russia. Let it be known that the Black Forest (or Schwarzwald) is "A highland region of southwestern Germany, extensively forested. It stretches from the Swiss border to the Main River."

Poor Rush even manages to misplace an entire forest, and one that could be accurately placed on a map by most schoolchildren.

Virgin Forests

While denouncing "tree huggers" recently, Rush said there is no such thing as a virgin forest.

A caller had questioned Rush's plan to denude our forests and spoke of virgin forests to elicit that response.

Rush argued that there are no living trees that were among Earth's first trees and therefore none could be considered virgin.

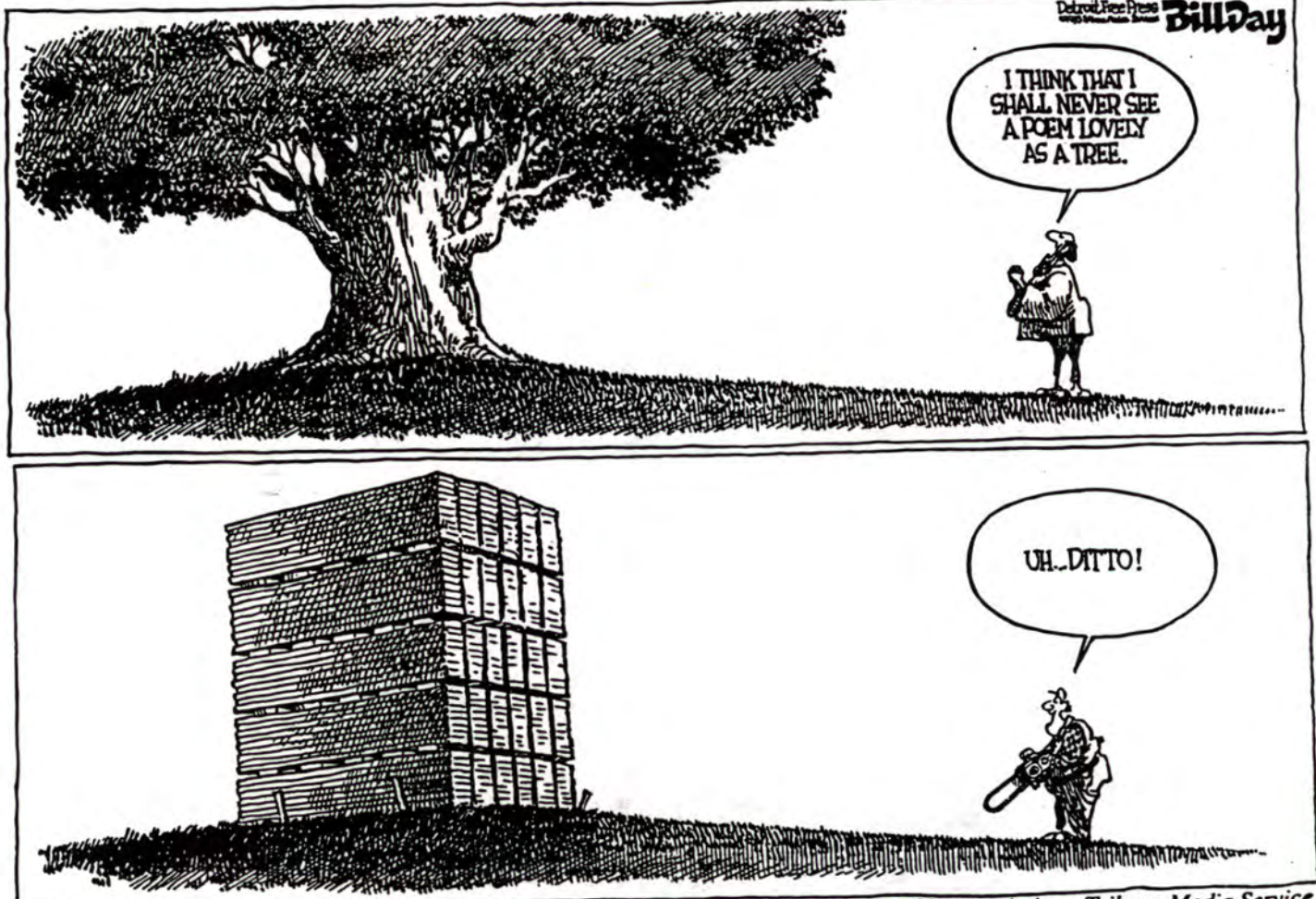
As usual, Rush's ignorance is so glaring one throws up an arm to protect one's eyes.

A virgin forest is "...one that has not been used (by man)." In other words, those forests that have not been cut over by man are virgin forests and do actually exist.

Rush did it again, didn't he?

"The most beautiful thing about a tree is what you do with it when you kill it."

— Rush Limbaugh



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GUEST COLUMN: John Lamontagne

In some respects, the recent success of Rush Limbaugh could be viewed as a good thing.

His book, "The Way Things Ought To Be," nearly had a permanent lock on the top spot on the New York Times nonfiction best-seller list, and Limbaugh's success may be a heartening indication that Americans aren't as apathetic as they might seem. They are snapping up this political commentator's books at stores across the country. His radio show is extremely successful, and his television show is faring well against the likes of Jay Leno and Arsenio Hall.

It's nice to see Americans tuning in to someone discussing the issues and buying books from an author other than Danielle Steel or Jackie Collins.

But why does it have to be this guy?

If it was going to be a conservative, why couldn't it be someone with half a brain? Like George Will, or a William F. Buckley. Or anyone who can at least think his way out of a paper bag.

Instead, we're stuck with a sometimes humorous but never insightful egomaniac, who suffers from an acute case of diarrhea of the mouth.

When Limbaugh was becoming something of a media sensation last year, I complained that he seemed like Morton Downey Jr. reincarnated. I was assured that wasn't the case.

No, Rush isn't quite as shrill. And his audience members don't resemble frat-boy bouncers like those on Downey's show.

But it's not much easier to watch.

The show is seemingly a half-hour tribute to Rush—every night. The book is even worse.

Yes, I was given one of his books for Christmas. A friend views me as one of those "soft-on-crime, let's put everyone on welfare" liberals and figured either I'd learn something or I'd get a good laugh out of it.

Throughout the book, there are choice tidbits that would make any thinking person cringe—or cry.

On the poor: "There's no reason that we have to have the level of poverty in this country that we have. Tax them. Let's balance this budget on the backs of the poor. Show them what life is like for the rest of us...I'm sick and tired of playing the one phony game I've had to play that is so-called compassion for the poor."

He later says this suggestion to tax the poor was just a joke. I'm not laughing.

On feminism: "Militant feminists are pro-choice because it is their ultimate avenue to power over men. And believe me, to them it is a question of power. It is their attempt to impose their will on the rest of society, particularly men."

Oh. And I always thought feminists just wanted the equality of the sexes. Like equal pay and equal treatment.

On sexual harassment: "Men can no longer enjoy themselves or tell jokes (at the workplace) with a lot of women around, because anything they say within earshot of women can be construed as sexual harassment."

Well, Rush, what jokes are these guys telling? And can't they have fun talking about something else? How 'bout some fat jokes, Rush?

AN ASSAULT ON CAPITALISM?

A Rush Limbaugh caller voiced his support for President Clinton's plan to revamp the federal student loan program. Under Clinton's plan, the banks would be out of the loop and the government would handle things themselves at enormous savings in money no longer paid to banks.

Well, Rush had a stroke. How dare the government interfere with the legitimate profits of earnest capitalists? After all, Rush argued, the banks took the risks in issuing these loans and they were entitled to their just profits.

The fact is the banks take no risks at all since these loans are federally insured. Let's clarify that so Rush won't be confused when he reads this (that is, if he reads anything besides his own book). If a student defaults on his/her loan, one of 47 guarantor agencies repays the lender and then tries to collect the amount due. If unsuccessful, the government pays the loan off. The banks risk nothing at all.

On school prayer: "People for whom belief in God is at best a charming superstition have managed to ban prayer from public schools for the last 30 years. Is it only a coincidence that the quality of American education has declined ever since?"

Is it any coincidence education has declined while there have been Republican presidents for 20 of the last 30 years? Ask a stupid question, get a stupid answer.

Those who disagree are branded as "liberals" or, better yet, "feminazis."

Sure, he may have a few good points sprinkled into his 304-page manifesto, but I have to admit it's pretty hard to find them. Sure, political correctness has careened out of control. And the media is somewhat left-leaning. But who didn't know that already?

And while Rush is quick to jab at liberals and their "wimpy" policies, Limbaugh provides no solutions or suggestions for improvement to the plethora of problems plaguing the nation.

Everything is just a big joke to Rush. Unfortunately, so is he.

Stay tuned. Once Rush is canceled, maybe we'll get Late Night with George Will.

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Banks and servicing agencies such as the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae) will earn over 4 billion taxpayer dollars by 1998 if the present system is allowed to continue as it is now.

Rush is dead wrong again.

BUMPER STICKERS!

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FLUSH FACTS:

Number of times Rush Limbaugh said "I," "me," "myself," "Rush Limbaugh" in a five-minute span: 74
(from 9:09 to 9:14, April 27, 1993)

SAY IT ISN'T SO, DORIS!

Doris Day is widely known for her work in the area of animal rights and her Doris Day Animal League actively campaigns for more humane treatment of animals, both domestic and wild.

Imagine our surprise when we heard on the Rush Limbaugh show recently that Doris is a Rush Limbaugh supporter! In fact, Rush has labeled her as a big fan on at least three occasions this past month.

How can this be? The man scorns the concept of animal rights and explains at length in his book that animals simply don't count and may be used for any purpose that suits us. He favors vivisection and would as soon skin a kitten as play with one. He says maiming and torturing cats and dogs is all part of God's plan because He gave man dominion over these helpless creatures.

The following excerpts from The Way Things Ought To Be will give you an idea of Rush's stand on animal rights:

—I'm not opposed to the protection of animals. But the best way to do that is to make sure some human being owns them. On their own, they have no chance to make it in this world.

—The animal rights movement, like so many others in this country, is being used by leftists as another way to attack the American way of life.

—Our laws do not prevent us from killing animals for food or sport, so the right to life of an animal is nonexistent.

(Rush says animals have no rights, and he is dead wrong, of course. If a man stomps a kitten, he'll be arrested. Leave a dog in a closed car on a hot day and you'll have to answer to the ASPCA. There are even laws requiring minimum exercise for laboratory animals.)

We were so intrigued by Doris Day's endorsement of Limbaugh that we decided to ask the lady herself for an explanation. Her P.R. spokesperson said "Doris agrees with some of what Rush says, but not all." She does "disagree with his views on animal rights." She says she is glad that Rush's mom, Millie, is working on his views on animal rights.

Now that's a rational approach to solving the problem of animal rights violations. Maybe we should have Doris talk to the mothers of those conducting inhumane and cruel tests on animals so that we can stop spending all that money on legislative reform. Then we can send her off to Bosnia

to talk to the mothers of the warring factions. The possibilities are endless.

And which of Rush Limbaugh's views does Doris find acceptable? Could she agree with him about the "environmental wackos" and the harm they are doing to this country? Probably not. Her publication, *Animal Guardian*, has just begun using recycled paper.

Could she agree with his homophobic views? We know this is unlikely because of the compassion she showed to her long-time friend, Rock Hudson.

Or maybe she agrees with his stand on "Feminazis"? Not a strong, independent, and successful woman such as Doris.

Please, Doris, drop us a line. Let us know what it is about the big guy that we just can't see.

ACCURACY CHECK

Following the verdicts in the trial of the four Los Angeles police officers in the Rodney King beating trial, Rush proclaimed that the videotape of the beating played absolutely no role in the conviction of two of the four officers. Rush said it was pure emotion, not the actual videotape, that was responsible for the guilty verdict.

The following day, a headline in the *Los Angeles Times* read as follows: **JURY FOREMAN SAYS VIDEO WAS CRUCIAL IN CONVICTIONS.**

How can this jury foreman be so wrong? He'd better start listening to Limbaugh's radio show to find out the truth.



Q: What's the difference between Rush Limbaugh and a whale?

A: 50 pounds and a sportcoat.

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JOE McCARTHY--PART DEUX

The other day on his TV show, Rush was laying waste the principles of logic and good sense in still another assault on any and all who disagree with him. He spoke at a fever pitch, every word dripping venom, an almost hysterical quality in his voice. It was a vaguely familiar scene, one from the dimly remembered past.

And then it struck us: we were watching a reincarnated Joe McCarthy!

Rush uses McCarthy's tactics. He paints all opponents with the same brush, labels them liberals, socialists, godless. He is always right; everybody else is always wrong. To oppose Rush is to oppose the family, capitalism, and even morality, just as to oppose McCarthy was to be un-American and a communist.

He spoke at a fever pitch, every word dripping with venom.

A reporter recently informed us that she was doing a story about Limbaugh for a wire service, and she was amazed at the number of people who refused comment. One high-ranking congressman, who shall remain nameless (and gutless), remarked that he currently had a bill pending and he would be "an idiot" to incur Rush's wrath. He would tread timorously in Rush's presence lest he annoy the great man and invite his displeasure.

Or take the Raspberry case. Columnist William Raspberry wrote a column charging Rush with racism and dittoheads flooded his office with phone calls. Raspberry admitted that he stopped counting after the number of calls passed 168 or so. A thoroughly intimidated and apparently chastened Raspberry hurriedly wrote a follow-up column admitting he was wrong and Rush was not a racist after all. Rush proudly refers to this as "The Raspberry Effect."

Rush's own tailor became a victim of Flushitis, the fear of angering His Eminence. The poor guy announced he would stop sponsoring Rush's wardrobe as his customers complained because he was in league with a half-wit and they wouldn't shop with him. Well, in no time, the guy was flooded with calls from Flushites who demanded he shut up and leave their hero alone or else. Rochester Big & Tall Shop still provides Rush's wardrobe.

More proof. In promoting FRQ, we regularly approach the media. While dozens of radio stations across the country have been gracious enough to let us tell our side of things, it's surprising how often we hear some program managers refusing to air our views on stations that also air Rush. For example, a spokesperson for Denny McClain on WXYT in Detroit said Denny was prevented from putting us on because management didn't want to offend Rush Limbaugh fans. Imagine that--afraid to offend dittoheads by presenting the truth.

Remember that emotionally-charged scene when Attorney Joe Welch had just humiliated McCarthy and exposed him as a hopeless fraud? The hearings were closed and people streamed out, including McCarthy's aides. The senator stood alone, abandoned. He shouted incoherently, demanding that people come back and listen to him, still seeing communists everywhere while an awestruck nation watched in stunned silence.

Stay tuned...



DODGER

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Of course, the reaction from dittoheads was predictable. Rush announced the name of the newspaper on his radio program and wailed that the story should not have been reported at all. According to the Wall Street Journal, hundreds of mostly anonymous people phoned the reporter who covered the story and threatened him with violence. Others left "vulgar messages discussing private parts." The reporter said many hadn't even read the article and don't read the paper.

Having been on the receiving end of these kinds of greetings from the dittoheads, we were not surprised by this report.

FASHION FLUSH

A reader reports seeing an item in a national paper announcing that Rush Limbaugh's clothing sponsor, an outfit called Rochester Big & Tall Men's Shop, has been getting a credit on Rush's TV show for providing the great man's oversized wardrobe.

However, the store management recently declared they're going to stop supplying Rush's clothes because of the hate mail that's pouring in by the truckload. It seems people are so unhappy with Rush and his nonsense that they're threatening to take it out on Rochester Big & Tall by refusing to trade there.

Reports are that Rush has angrily denounced the men's shop and has begun negotiating with a local tent and awning supply company to furnish his wardrobe in the future.

TOP 10 VIDEOS

We conducted an unscientific poll of "dittoheads" to find out their all-time favorite videos. Below is a list of the top 10 selections:

1. Rodney King Video
2. Ernest: Scared Stupid
3. Falling Down
4. Leaving Normal
5. Other People's Money
6. Revenge of the Nerds
7. Psycho
8. Pee-Wee's Big Adventure
9. Porky's
10. How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying

LIMBAUGH ON PARADE

"Never trust a draft dodger."

— Rush Limbaugh

Remind us, Rush. In what war did you serve, again?

"With all due respect, that's nonsense."

David Broder responding to Rush Limbaugh on "Meet the Press."

"Ronald Reagan cut everything in the budget, yet 'they' say he made the biggest deficit in the country. I don't know how they come up with that—it's Washington math."

— Rush Limbaugh

Probably the same way you count your calories.

"Women were doing quite well in this country before feminists came along."

— Rush Limbaugh

Is this before or after women got the right to vote?

"I consider you my professor. I get my education from you."

— Charles, in Brooklyn

Another example of the failed educational system in our country.

"I don't think he's funny."

— Larry King, *Vanity Fair*

"Feminism was established to allow unattractive women easier access to the mainstream."

— Rush Limbaugh

"Telling a teenager to wear a condom is irresponsible advice."

— Rush Limbaugh

"What this is coming down to is who runs the country. It's us against them. It's the good guys versus the bad guys. It's the God-fearing people against the pagans..."

— Randall Terry, founder, Operation Rescue

Another graduate of the Rush Limbaugh School of Conservatism.

"Love is the only human emotion you can't control; you can't fake it. Except women, and thank God."

— Rush Limbaugh

This says a lot about his relationship with his mother.

"To this day, I do not own a pair of blue jeans."

— Rush Limbaugh

Is this a fashion statement, a political statement, or a result of not being able to find a pair in his size?

"I guarantee you not one person in those (Los Angeles) riots was a hunter or a fisherman or a trapper because they had no respect for life."

— Ted Nugent, dittohead

"A real quick way to define what we stand for is just to listen to Rush Limbaugh for a week."

— Kelly Walton, head of the Idaho Citizens Alliance, which is moving to put an anti-gay rights proposition on the state ballot (*Newsweek*)

"I've been on hold so long, I forgot what your screener said I could talk about."

— Rush Limbaugh caller

"When a gay person turns his back on you, it is anything but an insult; it's an invitation."

— Rush Limbaugh

"There is racism in this country, but it is not as bad as people think."

— Rush Limbaugh

That's right. You minorities should quit complaining and listen to someone who knows.

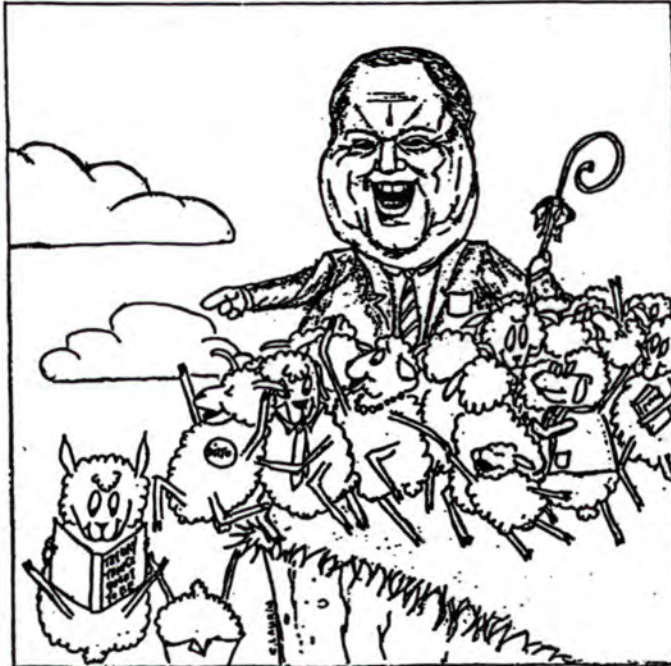
"There is no ozone depletion!"

— Rush Limbaugh

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OZONE LEVELS OVER U.S. DROP TO NEW LOWS

— *Los Angeles Times* headline, April 23, 1993



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LIMBAUGH REWRITES HISTORY

Rush Limbaugh recently showed his ignorance of both history and economics.

Limbaugh is critical of raising taxes, even if the proposed increase is designed to pay off a staggering national debt built up by previous administrations. He offers two reasons for these views: (a) never before has a nation taxed itself into prosperity, and (b) you can't cut the deficit by raising taxes.

Rush is convincing in his delivery, but is he supported by the facts?

President Reagan signed a tax increase into law in 1982 that was then and still is the largest tax increase ever enacted in our history. Note the date. This enormous tax increase led us directly into what Rush Limbaugh describes as the most prosperous decade ever, the very time Rush holds up as a model of Republican economic brilliance. A clear example of prosperity following tax increases.

There's more. Rush was boasting about an L.A. Times story reporting that the last year of the Bush administration was much stronger than previously reported. In fact, Rush was quick to point out that the nation's output of goods and services grew 3.9% from the fourth quarter of 1991 to the fourth quarter of 1992, substantially higher than the original figure of 3.1%.

What Rush failed to mention was that this increase in productivity followed the

Bush tax increase of 1990—another case of prosperity following tax increases.

A further reason for Limbaugh's failing grade in economics is his statement that raising taxes will not reduce the deficit or raise revenue.

In June of 1968, Congress imposed a
— see *History* on page 6



RUSH LIMBAUGH: RELUCTANT WARRIOR

Among his other well-advertised qualities, egomaniac Rush should include hypocrisy if he's really the truth seeker he bills himself to be. We refer, of course, to his penchant for charging certain of his opponents with draft dodging during the Vietnam War.

Paul Colford, in his new book, (see *BOOKWATCH* on p. 11) gives us a closer look at the draft issue, and it's fairly clear by now that Rush's less-than-exemplary war record pretty much places him in the ranks of the draft dodgers, right alongside Dan Quayle who managed to secure a place in the national guard at a time when such spots were reserved only for the well-connected. Rush managed to earn a 1-Y deferment based on a pilonidal cyst and some vague "football injury" involving a knee.

(Incidentally, this writer is himself possessed of the exact kind of pilonidal cyst Rush claimed as a basis for his deferment, and yet he managed to serve four years with the U.S. Marines, including a stint in the Korean War as an infantryman. Such cysts are not all that debilitating.)

Colford reports the deferment was granted by Rush's local draft board apparently on Rush's claim and a report from his own doctor. Records do not show that Rush was examined by the draft board's doctors, though such a practice was usually followed with others.

— see *Reluctant* on page 11

IN SEARCH OF...THE LIMBAUGH EX-WIVES by Glenn Voigt

Like Sasquatch stories, reports that ex-wives of Rush Limbaugh actually do exist have been circulating for some time now. And, also like Sasquatch, no former Mrs. Limbaugh has thus far been captured even on grainy videotape. And no footprints have surfaced to lend credence to this strange, persistent story which—if proven true—could go far in relieving Rush from

other persistent stories concerning the sexual habits of this particular specimen of Family Values velociraptor.

Our curiosity has been aroused, and we're hoping some of you out there might be able to feed us tidbits. A name here, an address there, a rumor out of Kansas City, a streetwalker out of Sacramento, a vague

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

"Take the Limbaugh challenge," said Rush. "All of these critics say I don't have the facts, but they don't listen to my show."

Well, as painful as it is, Rush, we are listening to your show. And you know what? We're coming to get you.

No more unsubstantiated half-truths. No more unchallenged demagoguery. No more intellectual free rides.

"No nation has ever taxed itself into prosperity!" Rush proclaims. No? We looked no further back in time than the early '80s to find him wrong on this one.

And when Limbaugh asked when in history a tax break had made anybody wealthy, we didn't have to look past that day's newspaper to find an example to prove him wrong again.

As we said, Rush, start doing your homework.

As you'll see, this issue of *FRQ* focuses on somewhat more serious issues such as health care, abortion, and racism, but we continue to have some fun at the expense of the Great White One. We've included another satirical piece by Glenn Voigt, who's caught up in a fruitless search for the missing Limbaugh wives (see *BOOKWATCH* for more on this).

And, as usual, we also glean some fun from Limbaugh followers who scrawl letters on crayon and leave threatening messages on our voice mail. Our day wouldn't be complete without these entertainments.

A special note about the tremendous number of letters we have received over the last several months. We would very much like to reply to all of the letters, but there are just too many of them. Still, we want you to know that we read every single letter and we greatly appreciate the encouraging words and cogent comments. In fact, your letters often lead to further investigation by our staff and additional exposure of Limbaugh follies. So please keep the letters coming.

On another note, we have also decided to reduce the number of comments about Rush's weight and general ugliness. Several readers have chided us for these *ad hominem* attacks, and they are right. In our defense, we only do it because it is an effective tool to point out the hypocrisy of Limbaugh's followers. It seems they're comfortable condemning our use of such tactics, but approve them when Rush attacks the physical imperfections of people who disagree with him.

Finally, remember that we aren't out to censor Rush Limbaugh; we only hope to make an honest man of him. If we can make him stick closer to the truth, we'll have done much to disarm him and spare society from the damage his ignorance causes.

CORRECTION

"When we make a mistake, we open the show with it," said Rush Limbaugh. "We flaunt it."

Well, he missed another one.

As reported in the Summer issue of *FRQ*, Limbaugh follower Loren Fleming showed up at a Clinton rally and challenged the president on raising taxes. Rush, of course, was delighted and proudly named Mr. Fleming the "poster boy" of the E.I.B. Network.

It was then learned that Fleming had not only failed to pay taxes, or even file returns in some years, but was also behind in his child-support payments. A sorry role model, indeed.

Not long after this scenario, Rush held up a letter from Mr. Fleming that Rush claimed exonerated the poster boy with the I.R.S. Rush went on to point out that this sort of "truth" could not be found in the mainstream media but had to be revealed by him.

And why did the media ignore the alleged truth? Because it wasn't true at all.

I.R.S. spokeswoman Ann Logan said the letter did not exonerate Fleming. The letter merely says Fleming and the I.R.S. agreed on money he owed for 1989. Further, Logan said, two weeks before Fleming confronted President Clinton on the tax issue, the I.R.S. filed a lien against him for \$9,237 in unpaid personal taxes for 1986-88.

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LIMBAUGH WAFFLES ON DONAHUE

Rush Limbaugh appeared on a Donahue show and displayed an innate ability to waffle that would be the envy of politicians everywhere.

When asked a question on the controversial issue of abortion, Rush's initial response showed compassion and a degree of understanding seldom seen from the far right. Could it have been a kind of Freudian slip that revealed his true thoughts on the subject?

Maybe not. A moment later, he realized his response was indefensible based on previous rantings and would offend his

ultra-right-wing followers and he "corrected" himself.

Following is a verbatim account of the incident.

Audience Member: I would like a direct answer to this question. If you have a daughter, I don't know anything about your family, and she was raped in one of these parking lots, and then pregnant, would you allow her to have an abortion?

Rush: Here's what I would do if it were my wife, if it were my daughter. In the case of rape—leave it totally up to her.

Phil: You can't. If you do, you are like

V.P. Quayle. You have a mutually irreconcilable position here. You are not being consistent or honest with yourself when you say that.

Rush: Phil, I was just trying to be a good liberal with my answer and it didn't work. Here's the answer to the question. In a situation of any kind of abortion. If I'm to be consistent. The baby is innocent and must be born.

Maybe Rush does have a political future; he has the basics down pat.

HOW LOW CAN HE GO?

Rush has a sense of humor that defies description. He finds things funny that wouldn't be so to a registered psychopath. We cite two examples to illustrate our point.

Rush said on one show not long ago that when he was a teenager he used to call elderly neighbors and pretend to be a pastor at the local church. He would ask them easy questions about the Bible, ones even Hindus would be able to answer. Those who correctly answered the questions were told they had won \$25.00 and that they had to come to the church to pick up their prize money. It was a very snowy day so none of the elderly "winners" could drive. Rush then sent a cab to their homes to take them to the church.

Rush broke off with a hearty laugh at this point.

Next, he recounted a report he'd seen in the *New York Times*. It seems someone

played a prank on a judge. A help-wanted ad was placed in the paper offering jobs at the courthouse and stated that clean records were not required. Rush said this assured the ad would attract "a bunch of human debris."

Two hundred people showed up, among them a young mother who had come some distance looking for work. "I just spent money for a baby sitter!" she said, dissolving into tears.

"She dissolved into tears!" exclaimed Rush. He began laughing hysterically. "She dissolved into tears just because it turned out to be a hoax!" More laughter.

Another job seeker said, "This is sick, sick, sick," and stormed out. Rush roared with laughter.

"I love practical jokes!" exclaimed Rush.

SHOOT TO KILL

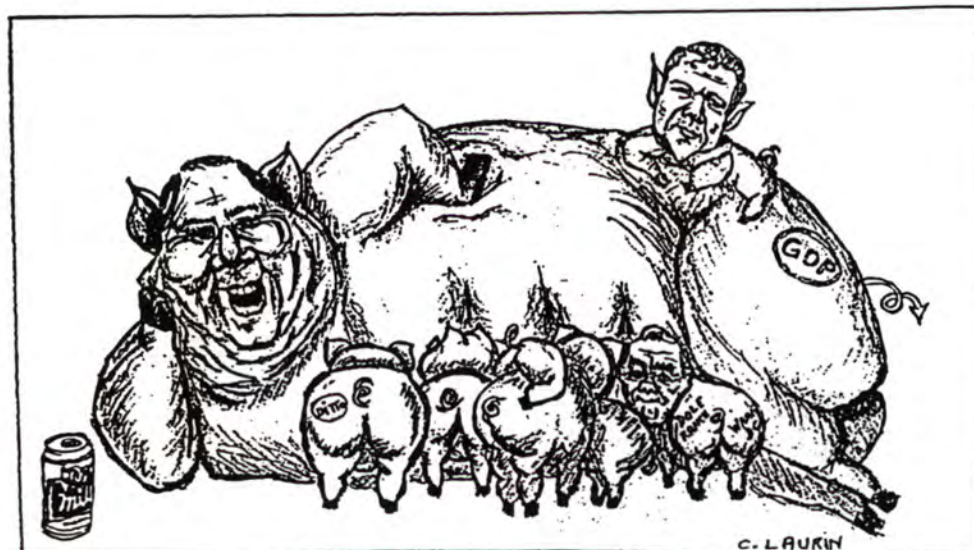
by Jeff Cohen

Commenting on the riots that erupted in Montreal after its hockey team won the Stanley Cup championship, Rush Limbaugh asserted on his June 10 TV show:

"You know what could have stopped this? Richard Daley in 1968, in the Democratic National Convention, issued an order—where there were rumors of riots—he issued a shoot-to-kill order. And there were no riots and there was no civil disobedience and no shots were fired and nobody was hurt. And that's what ought to happen."

Deconstructing this claim is like playing the kids' game "Count the Errors in this Picture." Mayor Daley's shoot-to-kill order was issued not at the Democratic Convention but following Martin Luther King's April 4 assassination. Daley wasn't reacting to "rumors of riots" since riots had broken out across the country with the news of the assassination. Did the shoot-to-kill order put an end to civil disobedience? Quite the opposite: four months after Daley's order, protesters flocked to Chicago's Democratic Convention from across the country and engaged in some of the most riotous civil disobedience in history—transforming parts of the city into battle zones with "the whole world watching." Maybe Rush missed these historic events because he was too busy focusing on how he would dodge the draft.

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PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED

The following are some of the messages we have received from the "family values" crowd. See if you agree with Rush when he says his followers are happy, carefree, compassionate individuals who are not angry.

RUSH IS RIGHT! HE SPEAKS FOR ME! LONG LIVE RUSH!

— Carol Stream, IL

People realize that with enemies of your ilk, he has to be doing something right. And remember, only sick people enjoy sick humor.

— C.E., Kalamazoo, MI

Gentlemen (and I use the term loosely):

Regarding your recent publication in which you choose to ridicule one of our truly great statesmen, Rush Limbaugh I wish to say---

F___ YOU

Stronger letter to follow

— Tacoma, WA

My wife, my kids, our friends and I love Rush Limbaugh. You guys need to be honest enough to find out what socialism and liberalism has done to people all over the world.

Also—drop dead.

— B.S., Mt. Dora, FL

I am a fan of Rush Limbaugh. Your "rag" of a publication rots. Kiss my ass! You scumbag!

— Syracuse, NY

He [Rush] is intelligent, witty, current; and I'm sure a burr under the liberal saddle.

— E.S., Jekyll Island, GA

F___ you liberal Faggots. Rush Rules!

P.S. Keep sucking each others d___ and leave Rush alone.

— City of Industry, CA

I'm not a subscriber. I don't want it to come to my house. Tell me who subscribed me to it. It's me or the Postmaster General. So don't send me any more of your stuff.

— Rochester, NY

Dear environmentalist, gay loving pro-abortionist, pro quota freaks. I do not like to waste words with a group of new liberals, who by definition are no longer liberal. So I speak in the words which only communists such as your selves (sic) understand.

F___ YOU!

— Love, Bob, Memphis, TN

P.S. If you are still looking for a check, check your ass.

After careful study of your homosexual liberal tendencies that is so cleverly hidden in your advertisement I have decided that this rag of yours deserves to be printed on toilet paper. I am certain that it would be a benefit to use same to wipe your lips after a sexual encounter.

— H.B., Thonotosassa, FL



Listen you little faggot scumball. I'm coming after you. I'm coming after you so you better start dropping it.

— Voice Mail, July 12, 1993

Liberal = 4 = 666

— B.T., Plano, TX

Rush Limbaugh is GOD! You aren't worthy to shine his shoes.

— Voice Mail, August 12, 1993

15 million listeners can't be wrong! Your quarterly is garbage! Are you on mind-altering drugs?

— H.W., Albany, NY

It must scare you to see how many people really love and believe in Rush. If you and your liberal assess (sic) would take more time and energy in things that make America what it ought to be instead of f___ each other in the ass and licking each others c___ it would be a better world.

Proud to be a DITTO HEAD.

— Wausau, WI

Rectum sucker, why are you afraid of him.

— Phoenix, AZ

Is it true about Liberals? When they lack "substance" they revert to personal attacks. I think the trash your (sic) putting out answers that.

— Albany, NY

F___ you and your magazine (sic)!

— D.T., Jacksonville, FL

I don't understand what you are trying to do. I take offense at your calling Rush Listeners idiots. I have a master's degree and I listen to Rush every day and you are nothing but a big p___y.

— Voice Mail, August 24, 1993

Drop dead, you liberal bastard.

— Voice Mail, June 6, 1993

I was just wondering if you all had any penises? Thank you.

— Voice Mail, August 10, 1993

READERS' FORUM

I have listened to Rush off and on for a couple of years, mainly out of curiosity how anyone whose head is screwed on right can find anything of value in what this man has to say. My conclusion is that he stands in a long line of media demagogues going back to Henry Ford and Father Coughlin, Gerald L.K. Smith and the American Firsters. What is particularly frightening is the fact that not only does he seem to have gathered around him a significant "listenership" of brain-dead sycophants, but he has been legitimized by Ted Koppel and the network news.

— N.L.A., Foster City, CA

I do not believe Rush should be muzzled, or that he should be treated with scatological ridicule. If this were the best of all possible worlds, it would be enough to simply point out that his tactics are those perfected by Joseph Goebbels in the 1930s, and that clever humiliation and grandstanding are not substitutes for thought.

— B.L., Portland, OR

Help! I'm being held hostage in an office full of "dittoheads!"

— R.B., Omaha, NE

The first time I viewed Limbaugh on TV was the day after the presidential inauguration. Limbaugh came down hard on Clinton for starting with "my fellow citizens" rather than "my fellow Americans." Checking "World's Greatest Speeches," I find that "my fellow Citizens" was used by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and, I am sure, many others.

— J.R., Grosse Pointe Park, MI

As a blue collar union person, I am amazed how many of my fellow union members are fooled by the rantings of Rush. Most of them, I am afraid to say, are swayed by his anti-black, anti-woman, anti-gay positions on social issues. What they should realize is that their erstwhile "hero" would have them all working at minimum wage if we all really lived "according to Rush."

— P.B., Flushing, MI

I think that Limbaugh provides two very valuable social services: he helps us keep many of the crackpots in our society in full view, and he engenders a public debate that will inevitably result in his views being discredited in the eyes of people who think, rather than just "believe" and react.

— D.M., Holden, MA

Here's an example of his ignorance. Limbaugh says refinancing your home won't put any money in your pocket, just extend the

length of payments. This from a so-called expert on taxes, budgets, economics and other financial matters.

— The Rio Linda Vigilante.

I am 3 weeks older than Ronald Reagan, white, widowed after 35 years of marriage, am pro-choice, and resent being considered "pinko," etc. In short, I can't stand the guy.

— S.J., Ann Arbor, MI

When you live in South Dakota, the question isn't whether you like Rush Limbaugh's show or have read his book, nor whether you know who he is. The question is whether you believe he's Christ's second manifestation on this planet.

— M.F., Pierre, SD

As a longtime teacher, I find it particularly egregious that he exhorts listeners to let him tell them how to think and feel. At least the misologist SOB knows his audience. Moreover, I weary of his perspective and behavior. I work with people just like Rush Limbaugh all day—I teach on the lockup unit of a medical center's Adolescent Psychiatric ward.

— B.C.

HATRED IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE

— B.R., Montgomery, Texas

I heard an amazing thing on the radio last week. He was making a joke out of the suicide of Vince Foster. He reached a new low, a low in bad taste. It not only showed his ignorance but it showed just what his values are. That person happened to be his highness, the exalted one, the man on loan from God, Leaky Limbaugh. He really displayed his ignorance. But what good is ignorance if you can't show it?

— S.M., Appleton, WI

While we would not go so far as to say that Limbaugh is the anti-Christ, the thought that this portly purveyor of half-truths might actually run for, and be elected to, the highest post in the land fills us with the urge to speculate in Canadian real estate.

— K.L., K.M., Marshalltown, IA

Rush is obviously the main stooge for the velvet-gloved billionaires who have taken control of the country when they sent that other dumb puppet to Washington in 1980.

Rush's unrelenting ridicule of people's names, accents, gender and appearance remind me of the ugly fat kid in junior high who no one liked. The only way he could get attention was to be loud and obnoxious.

— K.H., Santa Cruz, CA



TAX THE POOR

Rush Limbaugh recently came out four-square against President Clinton's plan that gives middle-class taxpayers a break through something called an Earned Income Tax Credit of \$1,500 per year (increasing to \$2,500 by 1996) for those in the \$20,000 to \$27,000 tax bracket.

"Someone show me where in history giving tax breaks made somebody wealthy," Limbaugh demanded.

As we dearly love a challenge, we searched history for such an example and didn't have to go any further back into the

annals of time than that day's newspaper to find the following. A story in the *Los Angeles Times* headlined: DEVELOPERS GET \$366 MILLION TAX BREAK IN BUDGET BILL.

As if that weren't enough, everybody knows that governments routinely give tax breaks to lure new businesses, to say nothing of the tax breaks given out in bushel basket lots to industries large and small in the form of various subsidies.

Everybody, that is, except Mr. Limbaugh.

LIMBAUGH AFFILIATE IMPOSES OWN FAIRNESS DOCTRINE

Not long ago, the editor of FRQ was scheduled to do a radio interview over Limbaugh affiliate WLS in Chicago to discuss Limbaugh's latest outrages. Just before air time he was given a warning, one that apparently originated from program director Drew Hayes, the likes of which he'd never heard in some 150 previous interviews across the country.

He was told that there were to be no personal attacks on Rush Limbaugh. "Nothing about homosexuality or his weight," the producer said.

What? Was this order issued in the

name of fairness? Could it be that such attacks wouldn't be fair because Rush wasn't there to refute them?

And what about Rush's unrelenting attacks against defenseless targets? Is Mr. Hayes advocating the censorship of Limbaugh when he makes personal attacks against President Clinton, Janet Reno, Molly Yard, or various teenage girls?

(Editor's note: Needless to say, our editor was not intimidated. He vigorously belabored Rush for the entire hour and a half he was on the air.)

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recollection from a high school chum.

Do these creatures actually exist, or are they mere fragments...er, make that *figments* of Rush's hetero-magination? In our search, we've had to grapple with the usual gamut of unsubstantiated rumors, several of which we'll share with you.

RUMORS

1. Though this has been denied, one of Rush's ex's is claimed to be Washington State Governor Dixie Lee Ray.

2. Both ex's—so emotionally and mentally traumatized by their common experience—joined a religious cult in Waco, Texas last January.

3. One was Anita Bryant; the other was Baye Buchanan.

4. Both are sadly deceased, each having perished during missionary position sex (or sorry attempt at it).

5. One woman called and said she was a Limbaugh ex, but her story was discredited when she claimed to have met him at a fitness center.

6. A rumor, later thoroughly discredited, that the two Mrs. Limbaughs, having

fled to the lesbian lifestyle after their disastrous experiences, met on a cruise in the summer of '91 and currently share a lakeside cottage of Tahoe's north shore, and were reportedly "...having more fun than two human beings should be allowed to have."

7. Another woman called, also claiming to be a Limbaugh ex, but she was discredited when she claimed to have met Rush at the local voting precinct prior to 1986.

Whether or not Limbaugh ex-wives really exist probably won't matter much to hardcore dittoheads, who chronically turn the blind eye to any Limbaugh lie. What is apparently true about Rush's past trystings is the happy fact that, by his own admission, he has produced no offspring. And this is the greatest single contribution Rush Limbaugh could possibly have made to the country he professes to love so much.

Lack of paternity—act of patriotism. Catchy, huh?

(Editor's note: For a report on the latest sighting, see "Bookwatch" on Page 11.)

ROYKO PLAYS HARDBALL

Chicago Tribune columnist Mike Royko recently wrote a piece about our newsletter and, at the same time, he showed his own views of Mr. Limbaugh.

We wanted to share with you some feedback he received from a reader.

Reader: I was so upset to see your article about Rush Limbaugh. As my mother said, 'I like Mike Royko and I like Rush. But if Royko doesn't like Rush, then I don't like Royko.' I completely agree with her.

Royko: OK, you want to play hardball. If you don't like me because your mother doesn't like me because she thinks that I don't like Rush, then my aunt doesn't like you or your mother because you and your mother don't like me. So there.

LIMBAUGH SUPPORTS NAFTA

We were going to do an in-depth analysis of Limbaugh's position in favor of NAFTA, but instead decided that nobody could do a better job explaining his position than Limbaugh himself.

"Now you have NAFTA. You think your job is going south. Let me tell you what jobs are going south with NAFTA.

"If you are unskilled and uneducated, your job is going south. Skilled workers, educated people are going to do fine 'cause those are the kinds of jobs NAFTA is going to create.

"If we are going to start rewarding no skills and stupid people. I'm serious. Let, let, let the unskilled jobs, let them let, let, let the, the, the, kinds of jobs that, that, that take absolutely no knowledge whatsoever to do. Let stupid and unskilled Mexicans do that work..."

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retroactive 10% surcharge on individual and corporate income taxes through June of 1969. During 1969, the year of its full effect, the surtax increased federal income tax revenues approximately \$13 billion, resulting in a budget surplus.

Do the above examples prove that tax increases always cut deficits or lead to prosperity? Of course not. There are many complex factors to consider when analyzing economic trends, and entertainers like Limbaugh should confine their sound bites to issues of less importance to the future of this country.

LIMBAUGH SUCKS JOBS FROM RADIO

MEMPHIS—About three years ago, Rush took what was then a rare weekday off to address a luncheon meeting of advertising executives in Detroit. He informed his radio audience the next day that he had used this opportunity to develop a message that he felt compelled to share with others: **BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE.** (Pretty profound, eh? I wonder why Norman Vincent Peale, Napoleon Hill or Tony Robbins didn't think of that!)

His primary mistake in imparting this Key to Life According to Rush was not found in the superficial depth of his realization, but rather in his choice of examples to buttress his point. We are all aware how uncomfortable Rush is talking about himself, but on this occasion he chose to make an exception.

According to his own re-creation of the speech, he harangued these poor souls for the better part of an hour with boasts about the success of the EIB network and its skyrocketing ad revenues. "Why, we have succeeded because we have refused to participate in the recession while focusing only on excellence," he claimed.

The use of example after example of his own personal enrichment was presumed to be one of the major reasons for the crowd's lukewarm acceptance of his speech since most of these executives were dealing with a dramatic reduction in revenues across the board in their own companies. In spite of this reaction (surely a surprise to Rush after dealing with those fawning sycophants who attended his Rush to Excellence shows in between World Wrestling Federa-

tion Pay-Per-View events), the Great One chose to use the EIB network as the perfect entrepreneurial model for success in the dreamland of laissez-faire capitalism.

Like most of Rush's mental pyramids, this structure crumbles rather easily on closer inspection. Let's look at his claim that he has built his empire from nothing to its current imperial status without any economic harm or consequence to others, creating only wealth where a vacuum previously existed.

Well, if his show is now carried on 600-odd stations daily for 3 hours, that's a total of about 1800 hours a day lost to DJs or hosts who previously occupied that slot, not to mention producers, et al. The reason stations carry his show is because they can buy his show for less than an employee would cost in wages and fringe benefits while inserting their designated commercials each hour. Kind of looks like EIB might actually be a net job loser, doesn't it?

If we view the Rush Limbaugh show in this light, it becomes the ultimate vehicle for 80s style corporate America—increased profits earned from the economies of scale found in syndication with the extra bonus of downsizing those who have the temerity or ill fortune to be caught in the headlights of the runaway Greedmobile.

The real tragedy is that most brain-dead Dittoheads never identify those little bumps as real people because the cushions are so soft and the suspension (of reality) is so complete in the Greedmobile.

— L.G.

RUSH PLEADS FOR CLEAR THINKING

On one of his radio shows, a caller asked Rush to explain President Reagan's '82 tax increase, the "largest tax increase in history." Following is a verbatim account of Rush's answer.

"And on Meet the Press yesterday, see, you can't have it both ways. You cannot have Ronald Reagan as raising taxes more than anyone in history, and at the same time cutting taxes so much that that the deficit and all these economic corrections we have to make, ah, take place, ah, or the economic mistakes causing corrections took place.

"I'm just trying to prevent a rewrite of history ah, as as as to passing judgment on the '82 tax increase. Look, let's be honest. It was a Bob Dole led deal!

"Jim, thanks for the call. I'm glad I cleared that up."
So are we—and so, we'd imagine, is Bob Dole.

RUSHROOMS FLUSHED

Abraham Lincoln warned guys like Rush that you can't fool all of the people all of the time and it's true. A recent Robert Feder column in the *Chicago Sun-Times* reported that the Chicago Chop House had closed its third floor "Rush Room" and deprived his fans of still another sanctuary.

No clear reasons were given for this latest failure, but sources said the restaurant was getting too much flak over the controversial Limbaugh. It would seem that Limbaugh's followers are outnumbered by rational people in the Chicago area and the hotel merely bowed to economic reality and flushed the whole operation.



Q: What is the difference between Rush Limbaugh and the Hindenburg?

A: One is a flaming Nazi gasbag, while the other is just a dirigible.

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RUSH A RACIST? YOU MAKE THE CALL

Rush loudly and often protests that he is not a racist. He goes even further and claims that blacks are portrayed more favorably on his program than they are on Arsenio Hall's show. Is this true or merely more of the infamous Limbaugh rhetoric?

The following are some on-air quotes from this self-proclaimed non-racist:

- "Blacks on Arsenio are angry, bitter, have frowns on their face and want to go out and burn every vestige of authority."
- Caller: I am not concerned with what black Americans think; I'm more concerned with what is affecting me.
Rush: There is a lot to learn in what you just said. Thank you. That was profoundly honest.
- Caller: Blacks have to be heard!
Rush: Why does it [the black community] have to be heard? They are 12% of the population—who the hell cares?
- Rush, commenting on the Martin Luther King, Jr. March on Washington this summer, said the NAACP should have "riot rehearsal. They should get a liquor store and practice robberies."
- Rush on a bill to fund a job program for South Central Los Angeles: "...this bill was intended to help disadvantaged youths, actually rioters, in South Central Los Angeles." Could Rush be forgetting the majority of South Central residents who did not take part in the riots?
- Limbaugh had this to say about Strom

Thurmond, the 90-year-old senator from South Carolina: "He just doesn't care. He's not encumbered by being politically correct. He's not encumbered by all the so-called new niceties and proprieties. And if you want to know what America used to be—and a lot of people wish it still were—then you listen to Strom Thurmond."

Howard Rosenberg of the Los Angeles Times notes that this is the same Strom

Thurmond who, as a much younger senator living in the "America that used to be," was an outspoken segregationist.

• Caller: It's like the clan with a tan [referring to the political Black Caucus].

Limbaugh: Ha ha ha ha.

So is Rush Limbaugh a racist? We can't say for sure, but we think one of our readers put it best: "I don't know if Rush Limbaugh is a racist, but I do know all racists love Rush Limbaugh."

HEALTH CARE CRISIS: REAL OR IMAGINED?

"There is no health care crisis!" exclaimed Rush Limbaugh. "The state of American health care is fine."

Let's take a look at some numbers recently released by *Health Magazine*.

	GERMANY	JAPAN	CANADA	BRITAIN	U.S.
Percent of population uninsured at some point in a year	1	1	1	1	26
Per capita spending on health, 1990	\$1,287	\$1,035	\$1,795	\$920	\$2,566
Percent of GNP spent on health, 1991	8.5	6.5	10	5.4	13.4
Annual doctor visits per capita	11.5	12.8	6.6	6	5.3
Infant mortality per thousand	7.6	4.8	7.2	6.6	10
Percent saying system needs to be fundamentally changed, rebuilt	48	53	43	NA	89

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RUSH LIFE

If Limbaugh is so fat, how come he isn't jolly?

by Roy Blount Jr.
for *Spy* magazine

Why is Rush Limbaugh so popular? Hey, why are Hostess Twinkies popular? For those who can stand them, they provide cheap satisfaction. The question is, why isn't Rush Limbaugh funny? It's not just because his politics are dishonestly simplistic. In this country free-market purists, like TV preachers, can denounce the system for not living up to their principles while remaining secure in the assumption that they will never have to live under a system that does, or that expects them to. In a society of minimal government—the Wild West, say—Limbaugh would be a fat boy who dances when you shoot at his feet.

But by that standard nearly everyone's politics, right, left and middle, are dishonestly simplistic. And that is especially true perhaps of political commentators who make people laugh. But other commentators, right, left and middle, who make people laugh *are* funny. What is it about Rush Limbaugh that makes me want to call him a crypto-truckling fat boy?

I am a bit fat myself. But even if I were half as fat as he is, it would be against my principles (though not necessarily this magazine's) to make fun of people for being fat. But since Limbaugh gets such a bang out of—for instance, mocking Secretary of Labor Robert Reich for being short, I have decided to indulge myself.

Maybe Reich's extreme shortness, due to a spinal disease, is relevant to his performance as a public figure. It is easier to see how Limbaugh's style of bullying might arise from how he handles his own pink porcinity.

I watched two and a half installments of Limbaugh's TV show recently, and I observed the following:

- He has an undeniable improvisational facility and a consistent political stance, and he makes defensibly sound points against Democratic politicians and policies.

- The targets of his mockery were Bill Clinton, Lynn Yeakel, David Dinkins, Ed Bradley, Katie Couric, Betty Friedan, George Mitchell, Reich, Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, a professedly liberal woman in his audience, rioters in South-Central L.A., Anita Hill, two gay male couples, Les Aspin and Jesse Jackson. Of those people, only four are, like Limbaugh,

white, nongay, and male.

- He accused Katie Couric, obscurely, of looking like she was chewing tobacco. He flashed a picture of Anita Hill and sang—I would say despicably—"My hands explored you...." He referred to the one liberal member of his otherwise young-Republican studio audience, a good-humored-looking young woman, as "a young skullful of mush." He joined that studio audience—again, I would say, despicably—in regarding as uproarious the very sight of gay couples wearing earrings or boutonnieres.

- He showed with great satisfaction a clip of Chuck Woolery saying, "I personally *like* Rush Limbaugh."

- He asked a camerawoman, "Sandy, would you come and take the coins out of my pocket with your hand?" From the rear, she could be seen shaking her head vigorously. Then he asked her, "Are you offended by that?" She could not be seen to be reacting at all. Then he said a woman in Tennessee was suing her boss because he asked her to take coins out of his pocket and also said, "Hey, let's go negotiate your raise at the Holiday Inn." Other female

employees said the guy was harmless, Limbaugh said, and the employee who sued "wasn't psychologically scarred, she was offended." His point was, "We cannot...simply define sexual harassment as what offends somebody" Granted. He went on to say, "Sandy and I have a good relationship. She knows I'm not trying to wield any power or embarrass her." After the break he said, "Sandy, if I would have stood up, would you have gotten the change out of my pocket?" Again, she shook her head vigorously.

I will let those observations stand without comment, except...

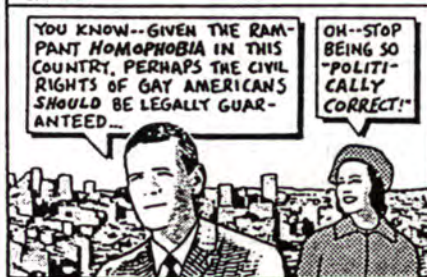
How needy does a person have to get before he is reduced to showing an audience of millions a tribute to himself from the host of *Love Connection*?

If you are amused by the spectacle of a smirky, exhibitionistically self-stroking fat man repeatedly asking a woman who works for him whether she will put her hand in his pocket, and asserting on scant evidence that she is not offended, then it's no wonder you are a young Republican.

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THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW

IF YOU EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR THE DOWN-TRODDEN...IF YOU HOLD OPINIONS AT VARIANCE WITH THE STATUS QUO...WE'VE GOT TWO SIMPLE WORDS TO PUT YOU IN YOUR PLACE...



YOU SEE, WE'RE JUST NOT INTERESTED IN OTHER POINTS OF VIEW! WE DON'T CARE! WE'VE GOT OUR OPINIONS--AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET ANY TROUBLESOME FACTS GET IN THE WAY...



WITH THIS VAGUE YET DENIGRATING PHRASE, THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND THE VIEWPOINTS OF OTHERS CAN BE EASILY DISMISSED AS LEFT-WING CRANKS...



BUT DON'T YOU TRY TO LABEL US AS INTOLERANT OR BIGOTED...BECAUSE IF YOU DO...WELL, RUSH LIMBAUGH HAS TAUGHT US HOW TO RESPOND TO THAT...



ENVIRONMENTAL PAGE

Ozone Doubters Lack Facts

They ignore research on atmosphere, call for more "science" in debate.

There is an ozone hole. And man made it. Not a volcano. Not mist from the ocean.

But Rush Limbaugh, the master of bombast, says the theory of chlorofluorocarbon—CFCs—depleting the ozone layer in the atmosphere is "balderdash" and a "scam" perpetuated by scientists bent on winning a new government grant.

OK, let's be understanding. Maybe Rush is just listening to others and repeating what they say.

And, to be fair, naysaying on environmental issues such as dioxin, global warming and the ozone hole is trendy. Limbaugh and others are making a career of it.

But, instead of listening to Limbaugh, let's listen to the nation's leading science organization.

A recent issue of *Science*, the prestigious journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, shows us that those who dismiss ozone depletion as a concern and call for more "science" in debating the issue are missing the mark.

After 20 years of study, the world's experts on atmospheric science agree that the major chlorine sources harming the atmosphere are almost entirely ozone-depleting chemicals, including CFCs, released at the Earth's surface, writes F. Sherwood Rowland, retiring president of the association.

A man-made culprit

Those man-made releases account for five times the amount of ozone-depleting chemicals coming from natural sources, said Rowland, who was among the first scientists to alert the world to the phenomenon.

Chlorine wafting up from the ozone

isn't a factor in ozone depletion—which in Antarctica now exceeds 60 percent each Southern Hemisphere spring, Rowland says. The chlorine from ocean spray is removed by rainfall, so little chlorine reaches the stratosphere, he explained.

And volcanoes didn't cause the Antarctic ozone hole, first noticed around 1980. "Because volcanoes have been around for geologic time, with no unusually violent activity during the past decade, they can't be the direct cause of these Antarctic ozone losses," Rowland says.

A *Science* article on the ozone backlash says scientists' "understanding of the mechanisms of ozone destruction—especially the annual ozone hole that appears in the Antarctic—has grown stronger, yet everywhere they go these days, they seem to be confronted by critics attacking their theories as baseless."

Critics misinformed

Limbaugh may be the most visible and well-known of these critics. But, recently, several books have taken aim at the ozone hole, such as *The Holes in the Ozone Scare: The Scientific Evidence that the Sky Isn't Falling*. It's published by supporters of political extremist Lyndon LaRouche.

Rowland describes it as "a good job of collecting all of the bad papers in one place."

Limbaugh says he relies on Dixie Lee Ray's book *Trashing the Planet* for his information on how volcanoes have caused the ozone hole.

But the *Science* article points out that Ray incorrectly attributes the amount of chlorine thought released by a volcanic

explosion 700,000 years ago to the 1976 eruption of Mount St. Augustine in Alaska. And then Limbaugh compounds the error by applying the same numbers to the June 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines.

Even Fred Singer, once an ozone naysayer, has changed his mind. In the *Science* article, Singer says he's now "reasonably convinced that CFCs make the major contribution to stratospheric chlorine, and what has convinced me is the published data."

Not Rush.

— by Michael Mansur

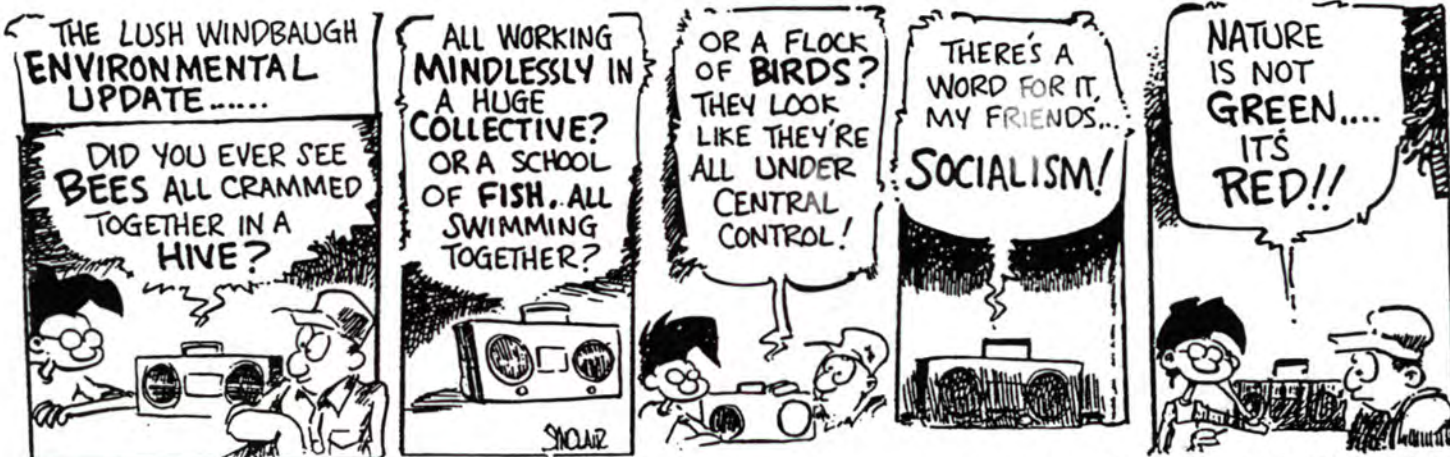
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Environmental Alert!

Rush Limbaugh has gone on record with his disdain for the environmental movement. He says we cannot harm the planet because God created it. He boasts about not using recycled paper in his book. He brags that we are the "cleanest" industrialized nation in the world, but conveniently forgets to credit the environmentalists for this result.

Can Limbaugh have any real effect on the environment, or is he truly just a "harmless little fuzzi-ball"?

A recent *U.S. News & World Report* survey found that "[Rush Limbaugh's] views that Americans' lifestyles will not seriously harm the environment boosts voters' assessment of their benign impact on the environment by more than 20 points."



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BOOKWATCH:

The RUSH LIMBAUGH Story

Rush Limbaugh has always been kind of a closet person, the man nobody knows anything about. His background is hazy, his education vague, his marital life a tangle, his draft experience a mystery, his sexuality a question mark. For a man of his rotundity, he's been very nimble on his feet, evasive and slippery.

Well, now comes author Paul Colford to shed some light on these and other salient points in Rush's life. In *THE RUSH LIMBAUGH STORY* (St. Martin's Press), Colford fills in some of the gaps and gives us some insight into the makings of a specimen like Limbaugh.

We learn some of the details of Rush's draft history, for example. Rush displayed agility that would have astounded Nureyev when he tap danced around the local draft board. Colford questions whether Rush faked a knee injury to avoid service and indicates that he may have received special treatment by not facing draft board doctors to confirm his alleged disabilities.

Unanswered questions remain. Did his father use his considerable influence to help Rush evade the draft? Was there collusion? Did Rush actually fake an injury? Has Rush really "come clean with the American people," to quote Bush on Clinton's draft status?

Colford further enlightens us on Rush's evasive marital history by finding and interviewing two of Rush's former wives. We learn that one kept the refrigerator in the divorce; another left him because he was a couch potato and dull. It seems Rush was adjudged a dweeb by both ex-wives who abandoned him in hopes of finding a real man down the road. No grist for the *Enquirer's* mill. We're left with the image of a guy who was too boring and colorless to keep a woman's interest.

We learn that Rush smoked pot. A fellow disc jockey named Randy Raley claimed he saw Rush smoking marijuana in 1978 in Kansas City. Rush admitted smoking pot on two occasions but said the stuff made him nauseous. Raley scoffed at this and said Rush "...looked like he knew what he was doing" and, apparently, enjoyed it.

We learned that Rush hates exercise and refuses to walk even a few blocks. When his wife insisted he exercise more and walk the four blocks to the studio, Rush would agree, walk a block, and then hail a cab. Somehow, we're not surprised to learn this.

He has never owned a pair of Levis (is this guy even a U.S. citizen?). He likes baseball. He never voted in an election until he was thirty-five. He prefers being shown on camera from the waist up.

Author Colford does a very good job of searching out details that bear on the formation of Rush's character. His family life, especially the role played by his father, his school experiences, his early failures in radio, are all documented and help us see what caused the poor fellow to go astray the way he did. Colford is even-handed in his presentation, almost sympathetic, as one might be in describing the salient points in the life of the village idiot who is not responsible for his shortcomings.

All in all, it's an entertaining story well told. Colford writes with clarity and presents a seemingly well-balanced look at his target. And even if he doesn't fully unmask Rush Limbaugh, he does tell us a lot we should know.

RELUCTANT

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What's more, the august National Enquirer claims to have interviewed one John Rueseler, a childhood friend of Rush's. According to John, Rush went out for high school football as a place kicker and failed to win the position. His coach recognized that Rush's girth made him well-suited for playing the line and moved him there against Rush's wishes.

Rush, according to John, employed a ruse to get off the team when he "invented a trick knee. He went to one of his dad's best friends, a family physician, and talked him into writing up a long medical description of weak ligaments and near strains. It was a complete con job."

If the injury was spurious from the beginning, can we safely conclude that Rush was dodging the draft through phony injuries with the complicity of family connections? We don't know, of course; we're merely raising the question.

As for Rush, he remarked during an ABC interview that "I did not want to go—just as Governor Clinton didn't."

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LIMBAUGH ON PARADE

The problem with reading books is that it takes time

— Rush Limbaugh

The crowd wanting to legalize drugs are made up of two things. One, selfishness. Ah, I forgot the second thing.

— Rush Limbaugh

Warning: the Surgeon General reports marijuana use causes memory loss.

Caller: Thank you for being the voice of conservative opportunists!

Limbaugh: You are going to love my next book. It's right up your alley.

opportunism: The practice of taking advantage of circumstances esp. with little regard for principles or consequences.

I'm amazed that somebody named Rush would have such a slow metabolism.

— Dennis Miller

I'm telling you, we have another Bible coming here, folks.

— Rush Limbaugh, referring to his next book.

The views expressed by the host infuriate some. Because they are correct.

— Rush Limbaugh

Someone who disregards the Constitution is a dangerous radical.

— Rush Limbaugh

Tell that to Reagan and North.

Big labor is against it [NAFTA], so for that reason alone I am for it.

— Rush Limbaugh

If the spotted owl can't adjust to the timber industry, then screw it!

— Rush Limbaugh

If Limbaugh can't adjust to the Fairness Doctrine, then screw him!

The world does not revolve around Limbaugh, although he is large enough.

— Spokesman for Congressman John Dingell

I do not make *ad hominem* attacks on Clinton. They all deal with policy—or character.

— Rush Limbaugh

It's the vanity of humanity to think we can warm the earth at all.

— Rush Limbaugh

Another science lesson from Mr. Wizard.

You better pay attention to the 1993 budget deal because there is an increase in beer and alcohol taxes.

— Rush Limbaugh

Wrong again!

If Rush Limbaugh ever met the Pope, they wouldn't be talking about food. They would be talking about pointy white hats.

— Bobcat Goldthwait, on *Arsenio*

My job is to rewrite the truth about Ronald Reagan.

— Rush Limbaugh

You were almost gone long enough that we had to think for ourselves.

— Limbaugh follower

Female caller: I don't mentally undress men.

Limbaugh: Oh, come on. Everybody does.

I'm the fourth branch of government. Why am I the fourth branch of government? Because the other two let it happen.

— Rush Limbaugh

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WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Harper's "Index" page recently observed that a study showed 6% of ultra-liberals regarded S&M as "an acceptable sexual practice." Rush would rejoice in this fact and denounce liberals for their appalling lack of family values and general godlessness.

But there's more. The same study showed 18% of ultra-conservatives agreed with the deviant liberals.

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"BLACKS BETTER OFF THAN YOU THINK," CLAIMS LIMBAUGH

Rush Limbaugh claims a tremendous number of African-Americans have made incredible progress during the "roaring eighties" and are now solidly middle-class people and therefore better off than anyone thinks. According to Rush, the Reagan/Bush administrations were so kind to this minority group that the percentage of blacks with college degrees surpassed that of whites.

To support his claim, Rush says that 25% of African-Americans in the work force now have college degrees. This is an astounding assertion when you realize that only 22% of whites are college graduates.

Why wasn't this fact more widely reported? Is this a conspiracy of the "dominant liberal media" designed to silence praise of the 80s, or a case of Rush Limbaugh again laying waste to logic and truth?

According to Rush, the number of African-Americans with four or more years of college has risen to almost 2 million. "Now, the black population in the country is sixteen million," said Rush. "Twelve to sixteen million. Of that, what percentage is adult? Let's just say half. So we have two million of eight million college educated black adults (25%). That's a pretty good percentage compared to what you probably think."

Let's take a closer look at his claim. For openers, the black population isn't 12 to 16 million. In actual fact, that number is just over 30 million. And 17 million of this group are over the age of 25 and therefore represent the work force. This number is a far cry from the 8 million figure Rush came up with to make his claims work.

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WHY RUSH LIMBAUGH HATES & FEARS WOMEN

Now it can be told. A voice from the past rises to taunt Rush Limbaugh with remembered tales from bygone years at Franklin Elementary School in Cape Girardeau where he was more or less educated as a boy.

It seems a certain Steve, a forty-four year old man who now resides in Central Illinois and who wishes to remain anonymous, knows why Rush Limbaugh hates women. It started in the first few minutes it took a fat kid named Russ to walk home from school when a scrappy little girl beat the crap out of him on a daily basis and put the fear of God, or more appropriately, the fear of women, into the heart of the impressionable little guy.

It wasn't until years later that Steve's family pointed out that Rush and Russ were one and the same.

"My sister and Rush were the same age," Steve said, "and she'd wait for him after school and jump him when he waddled by. My mother wanted me to keep an eye on my sister so I stepped in many times to save him from a beating which I now believe he thoroughly deserved."

As a former member of the counter culture, Steve finds particular irony in Limbaugh's lambasting of "long-haired, dope-smoking, maggot-infested hippies."

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THE NEW "RUSH ROOMS"

We remarked in earlier issues on the status of the Rush Limbaugh-inspired Rush Rooms that have sprung up in some of the country's lower-class restaurants and greasy spoons and their failure to catch on with people who can't eat and digest intellectual swill at the same time.

We decided to follow up on Rush's rooms and see just exactly what was going on. We scoured the San Diego area and

actually found such establishments including a barber shop, a golf shop, a sports bar, a yogurt store, and a "Brush With Rush" dentist office.

The results of our excursion into Limbaugh land were reported on the front page of the View section of the *Los Angeles Times* and were inconclusive. Yes, Rush rooms do exist, but few people seem to

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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

It's been a year now since we officially began monitoring Rush Limbaugh's radio and TV programs, newsletters, and books. Of course, we continue to find information about his draft dodging, his pot smoking, his disdain for animal rights, and his disregard for the environment.

We have uncovered another serious flaw with the Great White One: He has a discerning eye when it comes to pointing out what is wrong with our great nation, but he doesn't offer any practical, concrete solutions.

For example, in his book *See, I Told You So*, Rush says we don't need national health care or socialized medicine; we need "...optimism and good cheer. Confidence in the irrepressibility of the human spirit." We agree that optimism and good cheer are darn important qualities, but try to check into a hospital and substitute a cheery smile for Blue Cross.

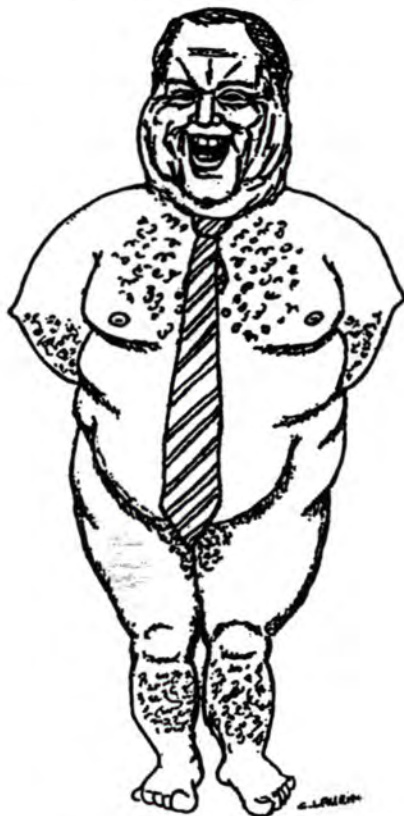
And the simple way to prevent teenage pregnancies is abstinence. Drug abuse would stop if you "Just Say No." The homeless problem would disappear overnight if they just got jobs. You probably see a pattern forming here.

Solutions are hard; slogans are easy.

This issue of our publication calls Rush on many irresponsible comments made over the past quarter where he has been especially insensitive when it comes to afflictions suffered by others. His comments on AIDS, depression, suicide, and Tourette's Syndrome are outrageous but not surprising, especially from the man who boasts that he lacks sympathy for others.

As usual, we do have some fun at the big guy's expense. We continue to keep the "ugly" and "fat" jokes to a minimum, but we couldn't pass on the piece at the bottom of this page. Tasteless, yes, but we couldn't resist.

And thanks to the many readers who send in letters, jokes, and articles that expose the real Rush Limbaugh. This newsletter wouldn't be possible without the submissions we get on a daily basis. So thanks again for your support.



Q: What is 18 inches long and hangs in front of an asshole?

A: Rush Limbaugh's tie.

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RUSH LIMBAUGH—THE TOKYO ROSE OF THE '90s?

Rush Limbaugh is now on Armed Forces Radio and Television Service. He demanded it. He challenged the Pentagon. He offered his program for free. He said it must happen.

Despite the fact that none of our servicemen and women want Rush on their airwaves (only 0.2% of those polled recently asked for his show with the vast majority preferring sports and music), Rush has succeeded. But how could one so unpopular with the enlisted men and women accomplish such a feat? Who really wants Rush broadcast to our men and women in uniform?

To help answer this question, let's take a look at some inspiration from Limbaugh over the past year:

SEE, WE TOLD YOU SO!

Are Limbaugh's followers dangerous radicals and would-be stormtroopers or merely a lot of harmless little fuzz balls who just want a better life for all concerned? Maybe a recent piece in the *Courier-News* in Bridgewater, New Jersey, can shed some light on the question.

It seems a citizen of Springfield was arrested after trying to sell \$10,800 worth of grenades and plastic explosives to an undercover agent at a highway rest stop.

Federal agents say they found 20 pounds of C-4 plastic explosives in the trunk of the suspect's car. They also confiscated three fragmentation grenades, two thermite grenades, six strands of detonation cord with boosters, 40 blasting caps, and an explosive mine.

One agent remarked, "In the right hands, there probably isn't a building in this city that couldn't be brought down."

And the suspect? The woman who rented a room to him described him as "the kind of boy you'd want for your own son." She said he earned a Masters degree in college and is an avid reader of "right wing" material, a "young Republican," and political right-winger who "got all fired up" listening to Rush Limbaugh.

See, we told you so!

MR. SENSITIVITY IS BACK

Rush Limbaugh is well known for his lack of sensitivity and compassion. This deficiency is especially obvious when it comes to the death of someone of the liberal persuasion. Rush, remember, is the man who coined the phrase "assumed room temperature" to describe someone's death.

Still, it's different when the shoe is on the other foot. When a conservative friend of his took leave, Rush gave a thoughtful and compassionate tribute to his departed friend that was actually quite moving.

The next day, a caller to his show challenged Rush and asked why he didn't refer to his friend as having "assumed room temperature." Rush hemmed and hawed and moved on to the next caller.

The encounter seemed to have some effect on Rush, but it was short-lived. Rush soon had occasion to revert to form when President Clinton's friend Vincent Foster died. First, Rush speculated that Foster was involved in unethical or illegal activity. And then there were the jokes about depression.

Rush even compared the suicide of Foster to a mass suicide of rats that occurred in China. And there was the skit involving the suicide of a fictional character named "Diamond Jim Snerdly" which was performed on his show with a scenario that closely followed that of Foster's death. Vincent Foster's death provided Rush with material to entertain his listeners for weeks.

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- A hundred guys in mud huts have driven us out of Somalia. Now 100 guys with machetes have driven us out of Haiti.
 - Our military is running amuck. We don't have anybody at the top who understands the military. No one at the top has any respect for the military.
 - "I loathe the military" is a statement he (the President) did make.
 - Our Commander-in-Chief has no sophistication in foreign affairs and no cohesive principles to guide him.
 - I want you to know the people running the military hold it in
- See "Tokyo" on Page 10

STRETCHING THE TRUTH

There is a certain television ad featuring much sexual innuendo that apparently delights Rush—and reveals something more about his character. Rush replayed this ad on his television program, much to the dismay of many members of the 700 Club who make up a large part of his audience.

In the ad for the Hyundai Elantra, two women are waiting for their car outside a restaurant. Men drive up in flashy and expensive cars and the women make suggestive remarks to one another regarding how "well equipped" the drivers were.

The first flashy car pulls up and one woman says, "Overcompensating for a shortcoming." Second car elicits "He obviously has feelings of inadequacy." Third car prompts "This guy really has something to hide."

Finally, a man pulls up in an inexpensive Hyundai Elantra and one woman muses, "I wonder what he's got under the hood?"

Responding to the discomfort of his audience, Rush said, "Hey, I think that is a great ad! Tell you what. If it were me in that Hyundai, I would be popping out of the hood; you wouldn't have to open it to see what's in it."

Incidentally, it should be noted that Rush Limbaugh is chauffeured around in a stretch limousine.



HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP?

Rush Limbaugh was thrilled with a writeup in *Time* magazine that was generous beyond belief. In fact, he was so pleased that he ran the following promo numerous times during his radio show.

"*Time* magazine called Rush Limbaugh the heavyweight champion of the world."

Well, not quite. It was not a *Time* editor that made the laudatory statement; it was actually said by Judith Regan, Rush's editor at Simon & Shuster. Her complete quote was "Rush is the heavyweight champion of the world. Howard (Stern) is the

FRQ EROTICALLY AROUSING?

Many *Flush Rush Quarterly* subscribers send gift subscriptions to friends—and some to Limbaugh followers just to annoy them. It's not surprising, then, to get an occasional angry letter from some dittohead demanding that we refrain from sending him any more issues. We ignore them, of course.

Well, one annoyed dittohead actually obtained something called a Prohibitory Order from the United States Postal Service insisting that we stop sending *FRQ* to him under penalty of law.

The reason? The complaint claims *FRQ* is "erotically arousing" and "sexually provocative!" They say we're pornographers!

We were dismayed, to say the least. *FRQ* pornographic? Titillating? Sexually arousing? When we first heard the

contender. He's in the ring."

And is Ms. Regan truly qualified to make such a lofty statement about Rush Limbaugh? Does she have the credentials to say who is the cultural king of our time?

A former reporter for the *National Enquirer* and TV producer for *Geraldo!*—distinguished credits, indeed—she has also edited such literary luminaries as Kathy Lee Gifford, Howard Stern, and MTV superstars Beavis and Butthead.

Unfortunately, considering today's literary standards, she is qualified.

charges, we reread back issues to see if we'd missed something. Were there sexual subtleties? Crypto messages among the nouns and adjectives? Cleverly concealed phallic symbols sneaked into the art?

Nothing.

Still, Limbaugh followers find *FRQ* erotically arousing? Are they doing life without parole? Are they some of those sex addicts we hear about nowadays? Are they members of Jimmy Swaggart's congregation?

We'll keep you posted on our running legal battle with the feds even as we continue to flood the mailboxes of dittoheads everywhere with cool logic and good sense in quarterly doses.

TARGET SHOOTING

"Turn down the volume on that darned Rush Limbaugh," Harold Maddox of Gardiner, Washington, told the construction crew as long ago as August. But the men building a home downhill from Maddox's place kept the volume up and the stupefying sound of Rush's voice floated up to Maddox's sensitive eardrums without surcease.

Finally, on a fall day, as the workers once again tuned in to Rush's show, Maddox had had enough. He took a .22 calibre rifle and blasted the radio, according to deputies. The bullet missed all vital parts, though, as Rush's voice continued to emanate from within.

"All of a sudden, they heard the shot and saw the radio jump and saw the bullet hole in it," said Pete Piccini, the Jefferson County Sheriff's chief criminal deputy. The deputies paid Maddox a visit and had the following exchange:

"You hit the radio."

"Good."

"But you didn't kill it. It's still playing."

"That's too bad. I hate Rush Limbaugh."

The editors of the *Flush Rush Quarterly* in no way advocate the use of violence when confronting the rantings of Rush Limbaugh. In fact, we are staunch supporters of gun control, with several on our staff advocating an outright ban on handguns.

This being said, we have just one thing to say to Mr. Maddox:

Good shot!

RUSH LIMBAUGH ON NATIVE AMERICANS

Caller: "Look at Native Americans and how they were selectively destroyed because of their beliefs."

Rush: "The Native Americans were, they, they themselves, we, we took this up when *Dances With Wolves* came out.

"The Native Americans were meaner to themselves than anybody was ever mean to them. These people were savages. It's true, they damn well were..."

"These people were out there destroying timber. They were out there conquering land. Killing each other. Scalping people."

Another enlightening history lesson from Professor Limbaugh.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE A DITTOHEAD WHEN:

- When you've seen one tree, you've seen them all.
- You're white and want all those foreigners to go back to their own countries.
- Undeveloped land is a waste of natural resources.
- You wonder why minimum wage earners don't save for retirement.
- You believe that *anyone* of *any* faith has a right to Christian prayer in public schools.
- You bought a four-wheel drive to explore the national parks.
- You write ABC News attacking Ted Koppel for his liberal news bias.
- You spent more than a dollar voting for the Elvis stamp.
- You wear a white conical cap proudly in class.
- You think a freeway through the Grand Canyon would be a great scenic drive.
- You helped ban Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn* from the public school libraries because the kids might not understand the book literally.

RIGHT WING'S HATRED NO JOKE

by Lars-Erik Nelson

Washington — Amid the anti-Clinton bumper stickers advertised in the back pages of William F. Buckley Jr.'s *National Review* appears an appeal to lynch the President of the United States.

You can send \$3 to an address in Texas and get three bumper stickers that say "Impeach him Hell — Get A Rope."

Surely, you will say, this is just a bad joke, like the other tasteless slogans in the *National Review's* classifieds. "I'd Cheat on Hillary Too" and "Stop Socialism, Impeach Clinton."

True, a certain amount of ridicule comes with the job. Ronald Reagan had to suffer bumper stickers that said "Bedtime for Bonzo" and Dan Quayle was mercilessly abused. But the new right-wing assaults on Clinton cross the line from ridicule into hate.

In a broadcast not long ago, for example, Rush Limbaugh demanded of the millions in his audience — this is more or less verbatim: "Isn't it an outrage that you brave men out there who fought and won World War II, who defeated Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan, you men who won the Korean War and fought communism in Vietnam have to live in a country with this draft-dodger as commander in chief?"

In my book, this is incitement to violence. Yet, Limbaugh is miffed that the Pentagon won't broadcast his rantings on the Armed Forces Radio and Television

Service. What a shame. This effort to appear on AFRTS, backed by Republican senators and congressmen, is the most strenuous effort the ultra-patriotic but hap-

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pily draft-exempt Limbaugh has ever made to perform military service.

When challenged on their hate-mongering, the right-wingers use the same excuse as the gangsta rappers who call for the killing of cops: It is all a joke. Nobody is supposed to take their outrageous remarks seriously.

A joke? Sure, just like that funny article about John F. Kennedy in the Oct. 18, 1963 Delaware State News: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. Let's shoot him, literally, before Christmas."

Limbaugh's complaint about Clinton serving as commander in chief eerily recalls the charge made in Dallas that Kennedy was "a liability to the Free World." On the eve of Kennedy's visit to Dallas 5,000 handbills were circulated showing him full-face and profile, with the headline, "This man is wanted for treasonous activities against the United States."

Kennedy was gunned down the next day, on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Warren Commission, which inves-

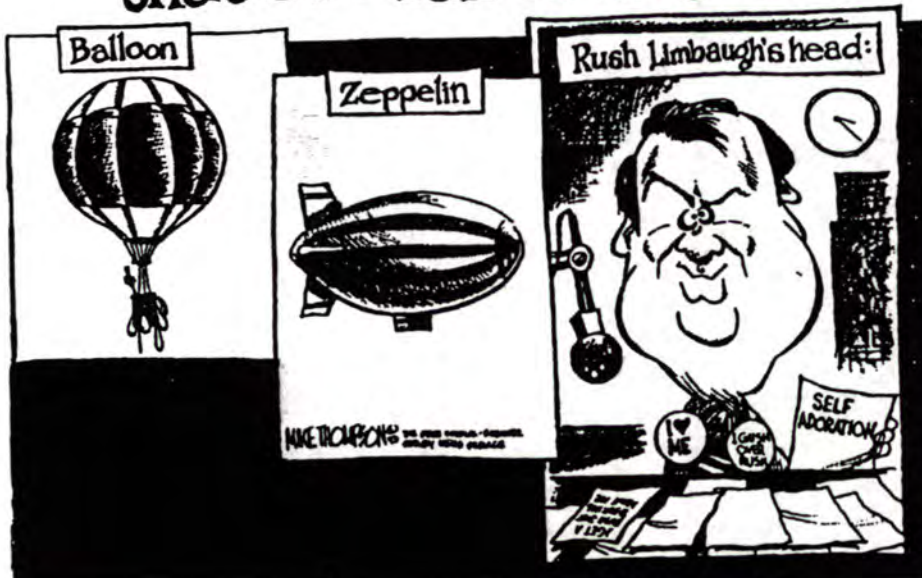
tigated Kennedy's assassination, concluded that he had been murdered by a lone gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald. Therefore, it was forced to find, amid some misgivings, that the "general atmosphere of hate" in Dallas had played no role in the assassination. William Manchester is not so sure. "Dallas," he wrote, "was the one city in America in which incitement to violence had become respectable." Further, Oswald, though often described as a loner, was a product of the Dallas atmosphere and there is no telling how that demented young man was affected by it. "No man lives in a void," Manchester wrote.

You would think that on the 30th anniversary of Kennedy's death Americans would have second thoughts about perpetuating the viciousness that poisons our politics. But four blocks from the White House yesterday there was a shop selling political bumper stickers and slogans. "Clinton Doesn't Inhale, He Sucks," says one. "I'm willing to sacrifice my President," says another. "Pray for President Clinton, Let His Days Be Few," says a third.

On the wall, overlooking this array of stupidity and hate, is a large poster of John Kennedy, with the caption, "We Mourn for Our Beloved President." On the radio, Limbaugh was charging that America was being held hostage by Bill Clinton.

— *Newsday*

Extremely large objects that are full of hot air:



TARGET MARKETING

The following advertisements were found in the *American Spectator*, a magazine Rush Limbaugh calls "must reading" for conservatives:

An ad for a book: **GOING TO FEDERAL PRISON: A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR THE WHITE COLLAR DEFENDANT**, \$24.95

Education/Instruction: **UNIVERSITY DEGREES WITHOUT CLASSES! ACCREDITED BACHELORS, MASTERS, DOCTORATES, FREE REVEALING FACTS.**

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We assume they know their market.

THE DUMBING DOWN OF CONSERVATIVES

Former Secretary of Education Bill Bennett should be able to recognize a clear and cogent thinker when he hears one. After all, before he solved the nation's drug problem as Drug Czar, he was responsible for the complete overhaul of the nation's education system.

Bennett recently described Rush as a great thinker and political pundit who is

He claims Rush is "very serious intellectually. He knows how to frame an issue, how to debate an issue."

"extremely sophisticated, extremely smart." He claims Rush is "very serious intellectually. He knows how to frame an issue, how to debate an issue."

In order to shine some light on the intellectual capacities of both Limbaugh and Bennett, we thought we would share a quote by Limbaugh regarding the law-abiding being overtaken by the lawless.

"For a time, and, and, ah, and, and, what, what people are afraid of. Or you go, wherever you go there are two things, visceral things that bug people.

"The state of education. Can they get their kids to school safely, can they keep them alive when they're at school? What are they learning there?

"And then crime. Those are the two visceral things that people, and their jobs. There is actually four of them, but those are the two biggies."

Sophisticated? Smart? Dan Quayle could make better sense.

PASSING THE BUCK

Ronald Reagan is often criticized for failing to pursue a cure for AIDS during his administration and Republicans deny this was the case. In a recent comment on the subject, Dr. Limbaugh displayed the degree of his ignorance of both the Reagan presidency and the nature of AIDS.

"Ronald Reagan must have been having anal intercourse with all the people in the country who have AIDS because AIDS activists say Ronald Reagan is responsible for that, too," Rush said. "He was having anal intercourse with as many men as he could find all over the nation."

TOURETTE'S SYNDROME A HOAX?

Two people were removed from a commercial aircraft when their behavior caused a disturbance. Both were said to be suffering from Tourette's Syndrome, an affliction that makes some of its victims engage in compulsive swearing and similar aberrant behavior.

But wait. Rush Limbaugh has again come to the rescue by exposing another great conspiracy.

"I think somebody has just constructed an excuse," said Dr. Limbaugh. "I am a natural skeptic. I think we just have a whole new weapon for someone to sue if they get fired. And in this age where we are constructing all kinds of outs for people to exempt themselves from the responsibilities for their actions...somebody please tell me the medical scientific evidence."

Limbaugh knows how to deal with these fakers. Make fun of them.

"What happens at the national convention if these people ever get together?" asked Rush. "What kind of lectures are at these conventions? And can you imagine if a singer had this." Rush then proceeded to sing a song and then make unintelligible noises. Laughter followed.

"This is crazy!" he exclaimed.

LIMBAUGH SHOWS HIS SENSITIVE SIDE

Rush was recently railing against President Clinton's proposed health care package. He said this plan was unnecessary because there is no health care crisis in this country.

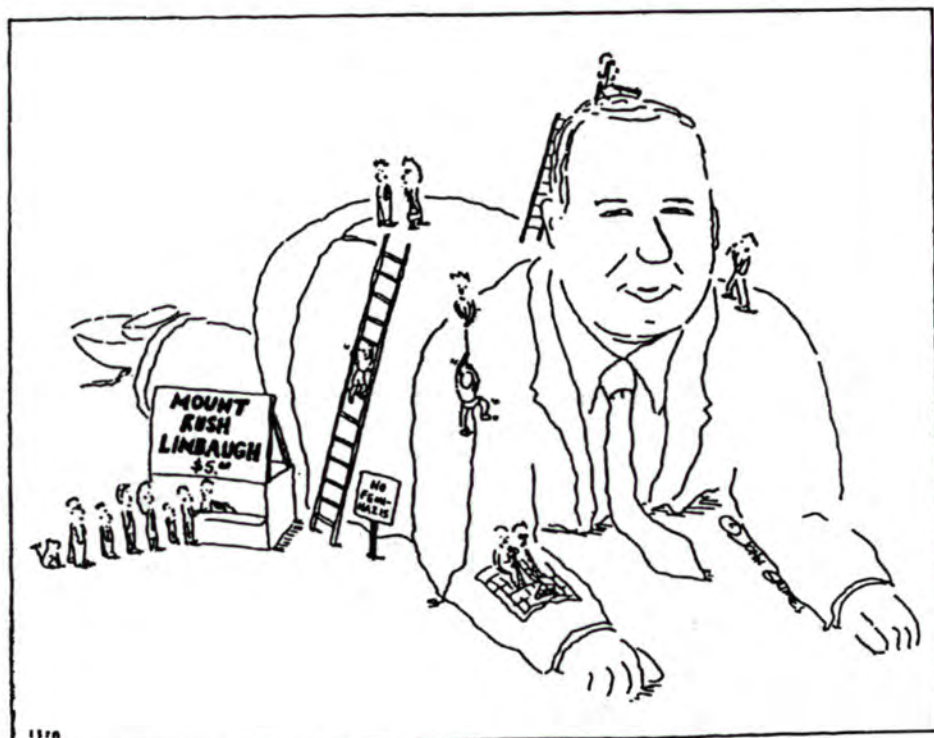
"We are governing by sob story," said Rush. "This has got to stop."

To expose the fraud and deceit being perpetrated against the citizens of this great country, Rush explained exactly how the wool was being pulled over their collective eyes. "You can get this sort of person by going to the green room of the *Sally Jessy Raphael* show. Here's just one example of these whiners."

Rush then played a tape of a woman talking with President Clinton:

"I haven't seen a doctor in four years because I can't afford it. Whenever I get sick, I wait it out and hope for the best. Help people like me get low cost health care. I have four children, I have worked hard all my life. I don't want charity, but I should be able to see a doctor when I'm sick."

It is a sad thing when a man lacks compassion, but it is even sadder when he lacks good taste. How utterly sad, then, when he lacks both.



RAMBLING RUSH

In his second, sure-to-be-a-blockbuster book, radio's right-wing talkmeister supplies even more ammunition to his huge—and loyal—audience.

By Gene Lyons

Well, think of it this way: Thirty years of sinking SAT scores, and a fair-size chunk of the American public can't tell the difference between Rush Limbaugh and H.L. Mencken. To himself and his most fervid supporters—"ditto heads," they call themselves—Limbaugh seems a fearless satirist, a scourge of folly, and an enemy of cant, hypocrisy, and pretentiousness. On top of that, he's a cultural seer and political philosopher, too. Not for nothing does his latest unbook, *SEE, I TOLD YOU SO* have the largest first printing—2 million copies—in U.S. publishing history. Just ask Limbaugh himself.

Never given to false modesty, the right-wing king of AM talk radio, late-night TV monologist, and author of last year's best-selling unbook, *The Way Things Ought To Be*, has an explanation for his seemingly ubiquitous success: "I've conquered radio, television, the newsletter business, and the book world," he announces in a characteristically bombastic tone. "What accounts for the unprecedented popularity of my words—whether broadcast or in print? How do I defy all the odds, again and again? It's actually quite simple....People respond to what I say because it is right. My wit and wisdom are like a lifeline of reason tossed to a culture nearly drowning in confusion and murkiness." By the time he gets through bashing the Clinton administration, he vows, historians will refer to ours as "the Era of Limbaugh."

Now, it's true that on radio and TV there's an element of DJ-style, manic self-parody to Limbaugh's jive that's pretty much lost in print. But there's a whole lot more wrong with *See, I Told You So* than its structureless, sledgehammer style and its author's pompous, barroom know-it-all attitude. The Divine Rush is certainly entitled to his Manichaean worldview, in which Ronald Reagan—if not Herbert Hoover—is God's vicar on earth and virtually every Democrat since FDR an agent of Beelzebub. ("The real issue, as far as Democrats are concerned, is the number of people receiving something from the government. This is exactly what Franklin Delano Roosevelt had in mind when he created this monster...more dependency and a bigger constituency for his party." But does Limbaugh advocate specific re-

forms in Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid—the mushrooming entitlement programs driving the budget deficit? Not a chance. And neither does he lampoon crop subsidies, National Forest timber giveaways, nor other forms of government largesse doled out to factions that mostly vote Republican. There aren't any votes in it.

But the real focus of *See, I Told You So* isn't on politics in the ordinary sense anyway. It's on the so-called Culture War, and here's where Limbaugh is at his most relentless, assaulting the "Fuzzy-headed academicians, the sandal-clad theoreticians, and the nearsighted pointy-heads" who allegedly make up the Clinton administration. And what's truly worrisome about the book is its sheer indifference to facts and logic. It's simply not true, to cite just one example out of a hundred, that Bill Clinton ever said he "loathed the military." What Clinton wrote in his earnestly cheesy 1969 letter to a University of Arkansas ROTC colonel was what a shame it was that the Vietnam War had caused so many patriotic Americans to feel that way.

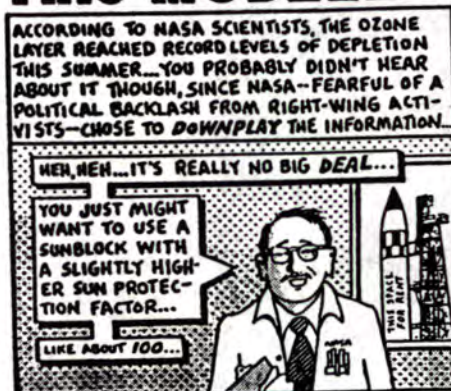
Now it's unlikely that Limbaugh failed

to grasp the distinction—which is not, after all, a terribly subtle one. Nor does it seem credible that he truly believes that Hillary Clinton's work for the Children's Defense Fund means she favors "the rights of children to be liberated from the shackles of their evil parents" and handed over to the government.

On and on Limbaugh blusters, page after ludicrous, inflammatory page, knocking the stuffing out of one rhetorical straw man after another. When he finds one school system that assigns the book *Heather Has Two Mommies*, he assumes it is the goal of all "liberals" to "teach kids moral relativism and that premarital, and perverted, sex is to be encouraged." Purporting to deliver his readers from the omissions of the liberal establishment media, he draws the bulk of his material—suitably altered—not only straight out of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*, but the *Wall Street Journal* as well—counting upon faithful ditto heads never to notice the paradox. No wonder the guy so assiduously avoids unfriendly callers.

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THIS MODERN WORLD by TOM TOMORROW



PARENTAL DISCRETION ADVISED

The following are some of the messages we have received from the "family values" crowd. See if you agree with Rush when he says his followers are happy, carefree, compassionate individuals who are not angry.

I am sure your futile attempts to denigrate and demonize Rush and his followers will provide much comic relief, and with Bill Clinton in the White House we could sure use more of that.

...Did you happen to catch this week's *Time*? Rush makes \$20 million dollars a year!!! What do you make? And guess who is chuckling on the way to the bank!

By the way...I just left Walter Reed Army Hospital visiting with 11 wounded Rangers (Somalia). They were not impressed with Slick Willie's Sunday visit.

— Robert K. Dorman,
U.S. Congressman

Your quarterly criticizing Rush should be investigated, not for your opinion of Rush but the financial cost of it and whom finances it. Is it so far from the truth that your financial support may be coming from Hillary, Bill, Brown, or any misguided liberals?

My Limbaugh is not a gas-bag but a bag full of wisdom, truth, and logic. Mr. Clinton should have one sixteenth of the wisdom and honesty of Mr. Limbaugh.

— O.P., Santa Rosa, CA

You ought to pull your head out of the liberal toilet you son of a bitch. We know who you are, you don't know who I am. Rush Limbaugh's a true American. A guy who stands up for Americans. Not a lily-livered, f---ing commie like President Clinton who gets elected by a bunch of idiots like you who don't know a thing about Politics or America.

You know something? I'm looking for you, pal. And we'll find you. We're going to get all of you liberal scumbags and we're going to take care of you.

— Voice mail, September 12, 1993

Get a life you Flush Rush commode feeding magots (sic). Watch out, most of these toilets regurgitate what liberals dispose in them...America loves Rush.

— L.S., Omaha, NE

Bush made a mistake letting homoes (sic) enter the White House. I think they should all be locked up out of circulation. Give up—Rush is right!

— R.B., Memphis, TN

The only difference between this box of manure and your "newsletter" is the box! Flush this F---heads.

— Madison, WI

Would like to see a couple of your publications, one to s--- on and one to cover it up!

— G.R., Pueblo, CO

You're a loser—an absolute loser, you stinking, liberal, democratic scum.

— Voice mail, November 2, 1993

Take your piece of s--- publication, and all your a--hole liberal friends and shove it up Bill and Hillary Clinton's a-----.

I hope you make a lot of money so Clinton will tax the s--- out of all your profits. Then you'll go out of business. The sooner the better.

— Pittsburgh, PA



You have the audacity to pillage the name and reputation of one of the greatest thinkers of our time! Like a used condom emitting effluence, you soil the universe with a caustic and vile vomit-soaked waste of paper and ink. To top it off, you actually charge for this horses--- publication!

Because your head is firmly entrenched in your rectal cavity—to such degree, that it would take a John Deere to remove it—you cannot see past the political correctness of the life's so-called "beautiful people." When it comes to politics, let's put a lying, womanizing, faggot-loving hillbilly straight from the Ozarks into the White House! Isn't this wonderful?! Who needs character? Did he say middle class tax cut, or pass his sax through his butt? Hey, what's the difference?

— J.A.Q., Washington, PA

I think you are great, but my girlfriend said you are homosexual. Please deny it.

— South Suburban, IL

Dear Bright Boy,

That's what I expect from a fathead mick such as yourself. Some of the Irish (Buchanan, Buckley) overcome their nasty genes. The rest of you occupy your lives not with accomplishment, but with tearing down the accomplishments of others, drinking, fighting, union goon-ism and unrestrained self-pity. The latter is the Hallmark of your people.

Homos say "Homosexuality is wonderful." Then, they go to great lengths to accuse people like Tom Selleck of being homosexual, falsely I might add. Why don't they make up their f---ing minds? Is it a prideful or shameful thing? It seems to me, if you think homosexuality is good, then the way to get Tom Selleck's goat is to accuse him of being heterosexual.

— B.V.R., Sioux Falls, SD

Your newsletter reveals the one major characteristic of the bleeding hearts—Ignorance and lack of Experience, i.e. Life Experience. Your address and inclusion of only a box number reveals the other major characteristic—Gutlessness.

— J.B.M., Chicago, IL

READERS' FORUM

Dear Flush Rush,

Glad to know you exist. Perhaps I am in an unusual category but check this out—I am a conservative Republican (Goldwater, Reagan, et al.). My intellectual heroes are guys like Bill Safire and George Will. I loathe Rush. He is an empty head with no talent. His one gift is a compelling voice. But what a waste of time to listen to him—he only talks about himself! Not issues. He is so self-referential, it is boring.

— Rochester, NY

In one breath, he'll babble on about how important it is to support the veterans, and how we are indebted to all those who defended the country; and in the next breath he'll make fun of the homeless (of which 30% are veterans) by calling them "scum" or "deadbeats" or "sleazeballs," etc. Now, is he suffering from diarrhea out of both sides of the mouth, or what?

— U.Y., New York, NY

I think Lardbaugh outdid himself today (September 29th) when he spouted, "I'm too masculine, too rich, too white!" How can someone who dodged the draft, weighs 285 pounds, can't even do one pull-up and might be able to do 15 situps (tops) consider himself "too masculine!!?"

— M.M., Helena, MT

10 Sept. (Limbaugh's influence at work) Caller said he didn't care what happens to citizens economically as long as Clinton's programs are not successful. Now *there* is a true citizen!

— J.R., El Paso, TX

Brag talk show host Limbaugh, "With half my brain tied behind my back to make it fair..."

Only dinosaurs and Limbaugh are known to have half their brain in their head and the other half on their backside.

So now we know the source of his halfa** opinions...and their geological age.

— S.B., Northville, MI

Limbaugh Limerick:

As Rush's draft call drew near,
He broke out in a sweat of pure fear.
So, this fat, weak-kneed lout,
Pulled the all time wimp-out,
And showed them a cyst on his rear.

— J.R., Stuart, FL

Did you catch him the day he said, "There was no crime during the Depression. They had family values then"? I yelled aloud in the car, "You fool! Men left their families and rode the rails.

Besides, my bike (for all of us) was stolen, my dad's old car was stolen, house broken into, and we were poor!"

— N.H., Gilroy, CA

About 12 to 18 months ago, Rush, in true American fashion, indicated that he did not know the difference between Sweden and Switzerland.

Pooh-poohing Swedish military preparedness, he said Sweden merely provides guards for the pope.

That remark is astonishing on at least two counts:

1. Sweden's State Church is Lutheran.
2. Sweden has long been known for the production of arms.

— L.U., Rochester, NY

All extremists endanger this country when the pursuit of their cause leads to anarchy. Freedom is not a license to destroy. The dissent of Limbaugh promotes blatant disrespect for the government of this land. Why shouldn't street dissidents and criminals display contempt/scorn for the policeman and the system he represents when Limbaugh and his crowd openly scorn the presidency and belittle the democratic process? Trickle down anarchy?

— T.D., Houston, TX

A friend of mine here in Oklahoma City wrote two humorous articles about the "Bake Sale" for our little weekly paper known chiefly for its restaurant reviews. In spite of her decidedly light-hearted tongue-in-cheek approach to the subject, she has been the target of Dittoheads' hate calls, more than 700 letters to the paper, and public accusations that she is a dyke (she's not).

We need ideas on how to stop this cancer from spreading.

— J.R.L., Oklahoma City, OK

He's a combination of J. Edgar Hoover, Joseph McCarthy, and Don Rickles.

— B.T.D., Albuquerque, NM

Great job—I've lived through Hitler and Joe McCarthy, but Rush is the final straw. Nail him.

— M.J.S., Birmingham, MI

Is this another Branch Davidian in the making? Notify Janet Reno, Attorney General before he starts taking hostages.

— R.R., Bend, OR

Where is the show broadcast from? The audience looks like the same people from the 700 Club.

— B.F.H., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

...if we survived disco in the '70s, we can survive Limbaugh in the '90s.

— D.B., Chico, CA



FLUSH ROOMS

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attend them. While Limbaugh's popularity may not be falling, it appears few people are willing to be seen in public listening to him.

Rumors have sprung up recently about the existence of a version of the "room" that will doubtlessly be more successful. This room reportedly provides a kind of therapy, a healing process that sends people away with a spring in their steps and smiles on their faces.

What are these rooms called? Flush Rooms, of course.

These rooms are situated in restrooms around the country, with Limbaugh's show broadcast over the radio right into the facilities. The idea is that people can stop by, do their business while Rush fills the air with his usual fare of lies, half-truths, and nonsense, and then wash it all away with a satisfying flush of clean water to clear the senses and refresh the intellect.

If you discover a "Flush Room" in your town, let us know and we'll spread the word.

SENSITIVE

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And then we have the recent death of the actor River Phoenix. River was an animal rights activist, an environmentalist, and a liberal, and Rush had these things to say about his passing:

"From the moment his death was discovered you would have thought that the President of the United States had been assassinated here. You would have thought that somebody killed this guy. You would have thought that we had lost some great contributor to the social and human condition."

There's more.
"This guy, look at his name: River Phoenix," he continued. "He's the son of a couple of wacked-out hippies. Twenty-three year-old actor. You should hear what is being said about him. (mocking) 'Oh, he had so much to give.' It says a lot about our society that this is such a huge news item."
"Anchors on TV were almost crying. Boo-hoo-hoo."

BLACKS

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If there are two million African-American college graduates in a work force of some 17 million, the percentage of grads is considerably under the implied 25% in Rush's scenario. The actual truth is, only 11.5% of African-Americans have college degrees, while 22% of their white counterparts are so equipped.

Furthermore, if the eighties were so great to African-Americans, then why are 32% of them below the poverty level, while only 10.7% of whites are in that fix? Or why is the median income for African-Americans some \$16,000 a year less than that of whites? Or why are only 42% of African-Americans homeowners when 67% of whites own their own homes?

We leave Rush exposed once again as either an outright liar who knows the truth and chooses to distort it for his own ends or an intellectual incompetent who can't marshal his facts and present them coherently—and completely.

WOMEN

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"This old hippie saved Rush from humiliating beatings at the hands of a very young future feminist way back in the '50s.

"I shudder to think of the permanent psychological damage my sister inflicted on Rush," he says. "I have no doubt that the severe beatings she exacted on the bully-wimp Limbaugh are the root cause of his legendary hatred of women."

TOKYO

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contempt. They hold the use of force in contempt. They just don't understand it.

— This effort by the Somalis is designed to embarrass us and it is succeeding.

Could Saddam Hussein have chosen a better message to have broadcast directly to our troops? Would General Aidid want anybody besides Rush to indoctrinate our fighting men and women on a daily basis?

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WHY YOU SHOULDN'T INVITE RUSH TO YOUR WEDDING

Apparently, there was some sort of mix-up and Rush was inadvertently invited to the Carville/Matalin wedding in New York recently and, alas, he showed up.

Poor Rush. He recounted his experiences on the air with complete aplomb, obviously failing to recognize his conduct as boorish in the extreme and not the sort of thing anyone with any class would broadcast to the world.

It seems, for example, that someone had brought a young boy to the wedding and the kid

was creating a fuss and irritating one and all. And Rush? He agitated the kid and egged him on to ever greater indiscretions and managed to make a pest of the kid and himself.

Then, during the ceremony, just when the groom was saying "I do," Rush made a noise indicating disgust that was loud enough for those in the vicinity to overhear. Many people even turned and scowled at him for his impertinence. Rush thought it hilarious.

More? When the procession filed out

and headed up the street toward the reception, Rush finagled his way to the front of the line and ended up mingling with members of the wedding party, where he didn't belong. He thought that amusing, too.

Still later, our hero lit a cigar in the restaurant and took umbrage when asked to

...just when the groom was saying "I do," Rush made a noise indicating disgust...

put it out by some nearby asthmatics and a covey of emphysema patients who were on an outing. Not only did he not extinguish his cigar, but he even gave cigars to others and furnished

matches to light them and encouraged them to help him becloud the air with noxious fumes. Rush laughed heartily in the telling.

Finally, Rush was much taken with one of the hors d'oeuvres served at the reception and asked if he could take some home. He was duly provided with a box of the hors d'oeuvres and he left carrying same under his arm.

All in all, not the most gracious of guests. Forewarned is forearmed, though: Don't invite him to your wedding.

AILES THREATENS TO SCREW TIME

Jeannette Walls of *New York* magazine reported that Roger Ailes, Rush Limbaugh's producer and former accomplice of presidents Reagan and Bush, tried to bully the editors at *Time* magazine when he learned that they were planning to feature both Rush and Howard Stern on the cover.

Ailes was so riled that he called *Time* and warned that Rush would tell his audience to cancel *Time* subscriptions if they didn't change their plans. A source at *Time* magazine said that Ailes didn't want Lim-

baugh put in the same category as Stern and that he could hardball *Time* because of Limbaugh's large following.

"Totally incorrect," Ailes declared. "We simply said if they decided to do an unflattering story with Rush comparing him with Howard, we wanted to do a story comparing them to *Screw*."

We knew Rush subscribed to *Playboy*, but we didn't know *Screw* was on his reading list.

DEPRESSION A "MANUFACTURED CRISIS"

Tipper Gore struck a blow for mental health when she urged a National Depression Screening Day to emphasize the need for addressing a serious health problem in the country and Rush reacted with his usual display of insensitivity and boundless ignorance.

"This National Depression Screening Day is just Tipper Gore on TV creating another crisis," said Rush. "Remember, these are the people who hung around Vince Foster. They said he was depressed and I can understand it. Everybody is depressed with this bunch in the White House."

"Be on the lookout!" he exclaimed. "It's another manufactured crisis!"

These absurd comments came to mind several days after they were made when an 18-year-old man entered a health club in Southern California, shot to death four people unknown to him, and then turned the gun on himself.

It was reported that the young man suffered from depression.

BARNEY v. RUSH

Famed *San Francisco Chronicle* writer Herb Caen recently told of one of his readers who checked in with incontrovertible proof that Rush Limbaugh and Barney the Dinosaur are the same stuffed shirts. Some shared traits: uncanny physical resemblance, simple-mindedness caused by limited cranial capacity, and the ability to avoid both evolution and extinction.

You've heard Limbaugh on the radio. You've seen him on TV. Perhaps you've even read his book. Now maybe you're ready to tell the world:

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LIMBAUGH ON PARADE

I know families that make \$180,000 a year, and they don't consider themselves rich. Why, it costs them \$20,000 a year to send their kids to school.

— Rush Limbaugh (8/3/93)

Rush on the poverty level: "\$14,400 for a family of four. That's not so bad." (11/9/93)

The main difference between Adolf Hitler and Rush Limbaugh is that Hitler was original and showed initiative.

— Mort Sahl

If you want to reside in the black experience or the Asian experience. Fine. Relegate yourself to second class status.

— Rush Limbaugh

Do you know what qualities a man most values in his wife? Men will say what (Dallas Cowboys coach) Jimmy Johnson said about his new girlfriend. "She knows when to get out of here."

— Rush, championing "family values"

Every man would like to be in Clint Eastwood's jeans.

— Rush Limbaugh

I value my opinion.

— Rush Limbaugh

We moved the recycle box out of our office to make room for the popcorn popper.

— Rush Limbaugh

Rush Limbaugh has this great racket going when he says whatever he wants to say regardless of the facts because it makes news and it is controversial, and he makes a lot of money.

— Hillary Clinton

If you want to talk about racists, that's where most of them are.

— Rush, on civil rights leaders

When I heard the results, I thought, what a shame Dr. Kervorkian doesn't do dental work.

— Mad magazine coeditor Nick Meglin, reacting to news that his readers had selected Rush Limbaugh as the celebrity they would most like to perform unnecessary root canal surgery on. (The Advocate)

More show to do. And I never leave early, like you people who work in unions do.

— Rush

There is no global warming. In fact, it's getting cooler.

— Rush

Please note this comment was made in early October.

Has anybody thought that these (Malibu) fires might have started because of anger over the (Reginald Denny case) verdicts?

— Rush

No, Rush, nobody has because it isn't true. Good attempt at angering whites, though. Have you been taking calls from Tom Metzger again?

I think dinosaurs were a mistake. Whether of creation or evolution, they were a mistake and that's why they are gone.

— Rush

Watch out for the NOW group. They can do this thing with their thighs that will stop you from breathing.

— Rush

The epitome of morality and virtue?

Rush: If you were sick, would you go to Sweden for health care?

Caller: Well, I don't have health

insurance here, so yes, I would go to Sweden.

Everybody cheats! There's a lot of things wrong with students today, but this cheating thing. You know everybody cheats in high school.

— Rush

And he still barely made it to graduation.

Sports metaphors relate so often to life—such as winning at all costs.

— Rush

Sounds like Rush just came up with the Republican campaign slogan for '96.

This is asinine! A Caesar Chavez Day in California? Wasn't he convicted of a crime?

— Rush

Did David Koresh really die because he was a white, male, religious, gun collecting tax resister?

— Ad on Limbaugh program for The American Spectator
We didn't know Koresh was a dittohead.

