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NAB ASSERTS RIGHT TO CONTROL AIRWAVES

"Monopoly creates diversity," insists National Association of Broadcasters

By Solomon Half

The National Association of Broadcasters' convention in San Francisco concluded recently with a resounding affirmation by the group of their right to complete control of the public airwaves.

"We didn't just buy the particular frequencies we control, we bought the Federal Communications Commission and the Congress to boot," fumed one NAB member fighting his way through the sea of protesters at the door of the Hilton Hotel. "If these micropower broadcasters had any sense, they'd pool their portfolios and just buy a legitimate place on the air. They must be very poorly invested in the market."

MICROPOWER radios are generally rude, nasty things that will poison your mind.

NAB President and CEO Edward O. Fritts confirmed the group's opposition to allowing even a handful of micropower stations to share the airwaves with commercial interests, due to the possibility of interference.

"On-air interference with specific frequencies is only one difficulty," commented Fritts. "These people could potentially interfere with our profits." Fritts added that micropower stations severely underrepresent the rich. "We know the true meaning of diversity. We can target ads to 52 different stations from one computer."

The convention concluded with an awards show in which Rush Limbaugh was given an award as the Syndicated Personality of the Year.

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NEW DIVERSITY MEASURES PLANNED FOR UC ADMISSIONS

By Arnie Sarnocken

University of California officials acknowledged they are considering extreme measures to promote diversity in the student body in the aftermath of the end of affirmation action programs.

"We're concerned that our students' education might not be well-rounded in the current, uh, atmosphere," explained one university official. "They're going to get lost in a ghetto someday and not speak the lingo."

Measures may include blackface, zoot suits, and dreadlocks for UC employees in an effort to create a more "welcoming" feeling on campus. Diversity training courses could include primers in slang found commonly in minority communities.

"I'm game," stated Chancellor Berdahl. "I still have some flared jeans and a Nehru jacket somewhere, and I'm pretty good with languages."

Nothing has been ruled out, including paying minorities direct stipends to encourage their attendance, a method which has been successfully used in the past to recruit athletes.

"Depends on the money," responded one African-American high school student told about the offer. "They'll have to match the dot coms."

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UC STUDENTS welcome the "diversity" they find occasionally strolling their campus.



RELIGIOUS ZEALOTS CONVERGED on Patrick Kennedy's construction site in downtown Berkeley recently to pray at the scene of the miracle, confirmed by the Vatican, of the ever-rising building height.

"GAA" BUILDING DEEMED MIRACLE

By Paco Smokes

The Vatican confirmed recently that the rising height of developer Patrick Kennedy's latest building, under construction in downtown Berkeley, was in fact a miracle.

"All the requirements have been met," affirmed a Vatican spokesperson. "It must be God's work; there is no rational explanation for this uncontrolled growth in a city like Berkeley."

Many other religious leaders agreed, and joined believers from all over the Bay Area and beyond to celebrate the miracle of a building the top of which, they believe, will someday reach heaven itself.

"We'll be able to take an elevator and see God," exclaimed one tear-stricken pilgrim. "Finally, after all these years, a truly accessible path to salvation."

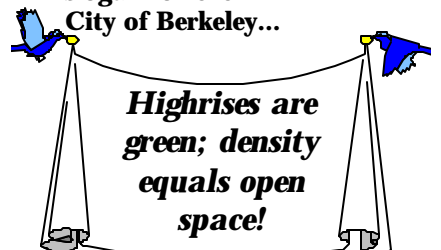
The building, approved at 87 feet tall by the Berkeley City Council, has reached 116 feet and shows no signs of stopping there.

Local businesses expressed mixed feelings about the miracle, conceding that the publicity in the wake of the religious phenomenon may prove lucrative.

"This may finally improve the business climate," suggested Triple Rock microbrewery owner John Martin. "There's nothing like a couple of cold brews to help you see God."

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Possible new slogan for the City of Berkeley...



UC BERKELEY PROFESSOR UNCOVERS DRUG USE AT ANCIENT OLYMPIC GAMES



GRAFFITI on these ancient columns confirms the use of performance enhancing drugs by ancient Greek athletes.

By Rick E. Dink

UC classics professor Stephen G. Miller recently uncovered evidence while excavating an archaeological site in Nemea, where the games began in 573 B. C., that ancient Olympian athletes used performance-enhancing drugs.

Miller's analysis of artifacts, ruins, rock strata and broken pottery shards has revealed that the Greek athletes of ancient times were drunken sots who performed sacrifices, swore oaths, anointed themselves with olive oil, got naked, carved graffiti into the vaulted entrance tunnel, or *krypte esodos*, leading from the locker room to the stadium and took performance-enhancing drugs, including pseudoephedrine, steroids, and YooHoo.

"We're frankly a little shocked," confessed Professor Miller. "This doesn't fit our concept of the athletic ideal. On the other hand, it does make the current trend toward performance enhancing drugs seem much more classical."

Scholars agreed that more research was needed to confirm the implications of the recent discoveries, in particular the evidence which implies that the Greeks engaged in extreme sports such as synchronized vomiting.

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MAYOR BROWN'S MILITARY CHARTER SCHOOLS LOSE LOCAL BATTLE

By Rose F. Corn

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown's plan for a military charter school was recently defeated by a unanimous Alameda County Board of Education.

Oakland City Manager Robert Bobb argued that the military school would improve the options for parents whose children are currently underachievers, pointing out that they'll probably end up in the military anyway.

"If they can't spell, at least they'll be able to kill," commented Bobb. "They'll look sharp, they'll know how to peel potatoes, and their school latrines will be the cleanest in the district."

Brown took his defeat with grace, vowing to take his issue to the state where it

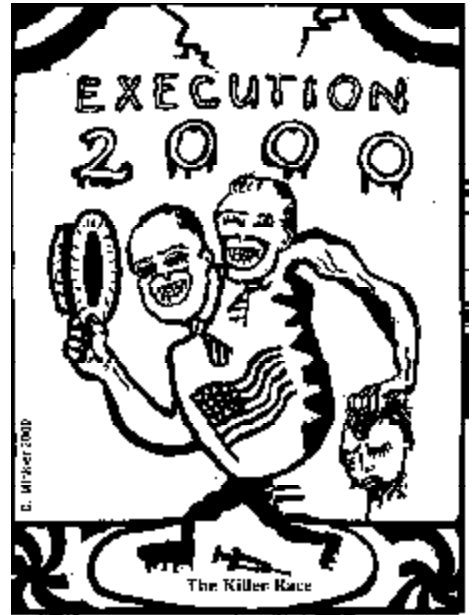
has the support of Governor Gray Davis, Senator Dianne Feinstein and Vice President Al Gore.

The only other charter school in the district was closed down earlier this year due to financial mismanagement, something which experts agree could never take place in a military setting.

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Poetry Corner

The Building Formerly Known as Gaia
Seems every day to be growing higher
Council approved it: "87 feet tall",
The permit says "116", which might not be all
Someone, perhaps, might be a liar
About the Building Formerly Gaia
And as the structure grows and grows
What's happening now to Kennedy's nose?
- Anonymous



DEATH PENALTY opponents will enjoy the array of differences between Bush and Gore on this important national issue.

UCLABS TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE SECURITY



By Misha Train

Scientists at Los Alamos confirmed the adoption of new security measures designed to improve the lax controls which have threatened University of California's contracts.

"These are top-of-the-line security enhancements," stated lab spokesperson Jim Danneskiold. "In fact, everyone who has been fully briefed about them has been shot."

Improvements of current security systems will include:

- * No more hacky-sack with plutonium pellets
- * Heavy-metal detectors
- * Discussions of secret research conducted in complete silence
- * Body cavity searches for lost files
- * New dress code prohibiting trench coats, dark glasses, and hats
- * Required nudity in "clean rooms" to reduce potential theft
- * Hands in plain sight during loyalty oaths to eliminate crossed fingers
- * Periodic firing of complete staff
- * Periodic burning of all files
- * All classified research conducted in pig latin
- * Terrorism focus expanded from Asians to include other people with accents

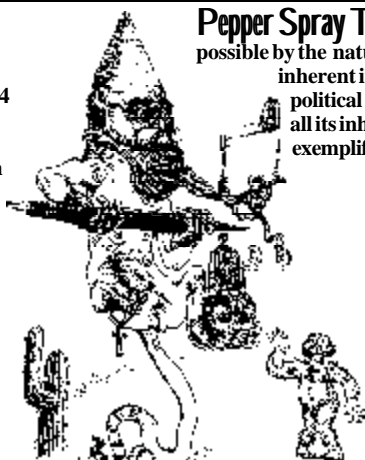
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