

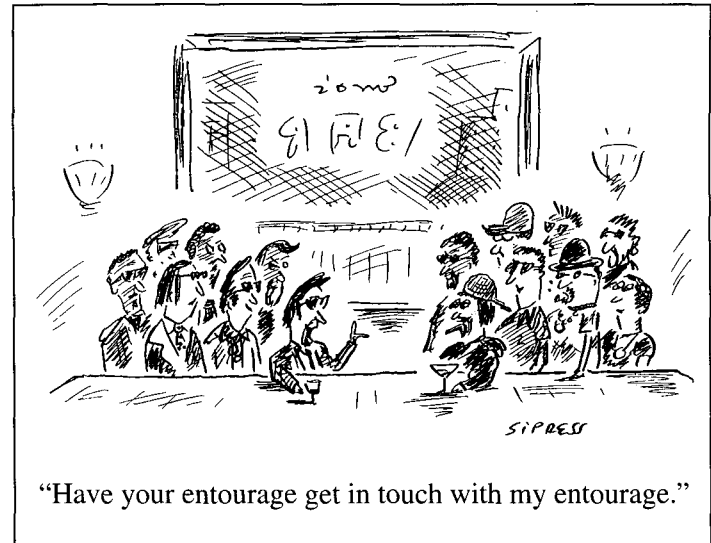
**R**onald Reagan turned 90 years, 248 days old in October, making him the oldest ex-president in U.S. history. ♣ Given the choice of **George W. Bush** or **Bill Clinton**, over 70 percent of American voters would prefer to have Bush as President during the current terrorism crisis, according to a recent Zogby poll. Only 20 percent preferred Clinton. ... "I feel comfortable with President Bush," said Rep. **James P. Moran**, a Virginia Democrat. "I never thought I would utter those words." ... "I love George Bush right now and I always have," actor **James Woods** told **Jay Leno**. "I'm the only guy in L.A. who voted for him." ♣ Handgun sales in Maryland doubled during the week of the September terror attacks. ♣ The Human Rights Campaign, a homosexual lobbying group, canceled National Coming Out Day since it fell on the one-month anniversary of the September attacks. ... Officers of London's Scotland Yard are told not to refer to gays and lesbians as homosexuals because the word "criminalizes" them. ... Milwaukee is the No. 1 city in America for lesbians, according to *Girlfriends* magazine. San Francisco ranked sixteenth. ♣ Five New Jersey volunteer firefighters who traveled to New York during their free time to assist in the World Trade Center cleanup were suspended for a month. ♣ Concordia University of Canada issued a student agenda book that glorifies the Palestinian intifada, encourages the burning of the Canadian flag, and calls for a Steal Something Day. ♣ New York University student group Arab Students United distributed anti-Semitic material written by former Klansman **David Duke**. ... NYU is the nation's most marijuana-friendly school, according to the Princeton Review annual sourcebook. ♣ Washington, D.C. tax officials received illegal tax breaks on their per-

sonal properties. The officials owe over \$5,000 in back taxes and penalties. ♣ 61 percent of Arab-Americans support profiling of Middle Easterners by law enforcement officers, according to a *Detroit Free Press* poll. ♣ "When

**Timothy McVeigh** did that terrorism in Oklahoma, nobody who owned a place called Timothy's changed the name. So why should I?" asks **Ghassan Mustafa**. Mr. Mustafa owns Osama's Place, a restaurant near Fort Bragg, N.C.

**C**hina banned all nationals of 19 Muslim countries from flying on Chinese airlines. ♣ Sheikh **Abu Qatada** of London, who has said he "would be honored...to meet bin Laden," has been receiving unemployment benefits since 1993. Qatada has assets of over \$200,000. ♣ Italian citizens voted to limit the powers of their central government to foreign affairs, defense, public order, justice, electoral legislation, the environment, and some education matters.

**N**BC's **Tom Brokaw** told students at Northwestern University he opposes reporters wearing American flag pins or ribbons. ... Brokaw's colleague **Tim Russert** disagrees. "I may be a journalist, but I'm an American first." ♣ Celebrities **Harry Belafonte** and **Danny Glover** signed an anti-war petition sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies calling for "Justice Not Vengeance." ... The Institute's **Eric Leaver** criticizes George W. Bush for saying the fight against ter-



"Have your entourage get in touch with my entourage."

rorism is a fight between good and evil. "That again comes from the vantage point of the U.S. being the good force in the world," said Leaver. "It's a very U.S.-centric position." ♣ At a Harvard speech, academic **Cornel West** said America had been "niggerized" by the terrorist attacks. He noted that government plans to assist the victims financially sounded "an awful lot like reparations." ... Slavery reparations "would tell Americans...that blacks, especially poor blacks, are a broken people who must be treated as wards of the state," according to NPR's **Juan Williams**. "Black people would be more highly stigmatized and negatively stereotyped than ever before." ♣ A Sacramento teacher was suspended for burning an American flag in front of 30 sixth-graders.

**T**he ACLU demanded a California elementary school remove a "God Bless America" sign. ACLU attorney Margaret Crosby accuses school officials of "dividing its young students along religious lines...when they should be supporting them and the values of pluralism and tolerance." ♣ A tattoo artist in Florida gave a memorable tattoo to a U.S. Army sniper heading off to Afghanistan. It shows a skull inside rifle sights with the words "Run and you'll die tired." —BB

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## TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS GO CHIC?

A giant new mall/indoor entertainment complex is currently being planned for Syracuse, New York. When completed in 2004 it would be the world's largest shopping destination, as well as a massive hotel, restaurant, and sports and entertainment resort seven times the size of the Magic Kingdom.

The private developers—The Pyramid Companies, who have established large and highly successful malls throughout New York—aim to build the center around an Erie Canal and New York state tourism theme.

And, strikingly, the just-announced architectural design for the project employs a handsome, traditional, retro look that emulates the designs of 1920s, '30s, and '40s historical buildings and proto-skyscrapers of the sort still prominent in downtowns across upstate New York cities (see sketch above).

The existing mall that will be engulfed and replaced by this massive project (constructed just two decades ago) employs a very different design—stark white, modernistic, and capped by a spaceship-like glass roof and metal needle.

Could this multi-billion-dollar, cutting-edge development signal a revival of commercial and corporate interest in traditional architectural forms? After decades of concrete boxes and glass towers, many Americans would be thrilled to walk back into the urban landscapes of the 1940s.

## STRONG WOMEN WEAR LIPSTICK

Mary Kay Ash died on Thanksgiving Day at the age of 83. She should have been a feminist icon: a beautiful, savvy business-

woman who gave women the power to “have it all”—without abandoning their families. Her company's motto: “God first, family second, career third.”

Of course, she never was embraced by feminism, because Mary Kay and her legion of pink-clad consultants who made up Mary Kay Cosmetics were anything but the victims feminists would have preferred. Mary Kay subscribed to what she called a “Yes, you can!” philosophy. “You can do it” she told her beauty consultants, and that they did. Consultants own their own businesses, set their own goals, and control their hours, and Mary Kay managed to reach out to all kinds of women, in all socioeconomic situations. With a refundable \$100 for a startup-kit, and a closet full of incentives—most famously, the coveted pink Cadillac—consultants can and do go on to make six-figure salaries. (Mary Kay even made its way into Russia after the fall of communism. In 1995, Mary Kay's top Russian sales director earned more money than then-president Boris Yeltsin.)

Ash could easily have played the victim card. A woman in the South, she grew up on the poor side of Houston. Her husband died in 1963. But this made her only more determined to establish Mary Kay Cosmetics. She used her \$5,000 savings and a skin-care recipe to start a company. Once she made her millions—by helping other women help themselves—she spoiled herself with gowns and pinkness—even building a pink mansion.

And what about those feminists? Writing in her 1981 autobiography, *Mary Kay*, Mary Kay Ash explained that she started her company in 1963, even before the feminists were in full swing—“but here was a company that would

give women all the opportunities I never had. I don't think God wanted a world in which a woman would have to work 14 hours a day to support her family, as my mother had done. I believe He used this company as a vehicle to give women a chance.”

Mary Kay didn't bite her tongue when it came to the sisterhood. In an interview, she said, “In the '60s, when I was starting the company, I didn't like the way the feminist movement was taking women—women cutting their hair short and wearing men's style clothing, trying to be men. I think that's nonsense. I think women should look feminine, and should try to look good.”

One beauty consultant told me, “Every woman should join Mary Kay for a year. It gives you better confidence and better skin.” It's not a model the National Organization for Women is likely to adopt, but it works for some 850,000 women in 37 countries.

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## WINSTON CLINTON

Crews were still digging for bodies in lower Manhattan when Bill Clinton stopped by Georgetown University to deliver his lessons on terrorism. He declared that America is “still paying the price today” for slavery, greed, racism, insensitivity, sexism, the segregated South, Eurocentrism and General Sherman's “relatively mild form of terrorism” during the Civil War. In other words, the United States had it coming.

The impeached former chief executive, in addition to tossing Hiroshima and Nagasaki into his speech, reminded