

CALIFORNIA CHRONICLES

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California Chronicles welcomes information about conservative groups, publications, and activities — also news of liberal fraud, fatuousness, and foibles (especially appreciated). Contact: Anne McFadden, 712 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 44, Santa Monica, CA 90401

ShE LIST

Politically Incorrect Women

Six months ago, Susan Carpenter-McMillian (the KABC-TV commentator who took over for Bruce Herschensohn when he ran for Senate last year), with four other women, started ShE LIST ("Shaping Elections: Life Issues Support Team"). ShE LIST is primarily a fund raising organization designed to help women candidates who hold pro-family views. The group is a conservative answer to such fund raising operations as "EMILY's List," a politically correct effort to insure that each successive "Year of The Woman" features only *liberal* women candidates. ShE LIST is now preparing for the 1994 elections. Contact: ShE LIST, P.O. Box 1028, Pasadena, CA 91102-1028, 818/568-9818.

In addition, Carpenter-McMillian funds the Pro-Family Media Coalition which provides knowledgeable and attractive conservative speakers for the media.

Contact: Pro-Family Media Coalition, P.O. Box 1028, Pasadena, CA 91102-1028, 818/449-4834.

ExCEL

Restoring Our Schools

ExCEL (Excellence through Choice In Education League) and Parents for Educational Choice have merged forces in support of the parental choice in education initiative on the June 1994 ballot. The initiative's name says it all. Its goal is to reform California's dismal school system by restoring parents — education's "consumers" in good free-market parlance — to the central role in determining how schools are run. Those that fail to satisfy their customers would go the way all such useless enterprises should go — out of business. For a copy of the initiative or more information contact: ExCEL, 2250 E. Imperial Highway, #220, El Segundo, CA 90245, 310/416-9601.

American Anti-Persecution League

Legal Assistance for Pro-life Protesters

William Dannemeyer has organized the American Anti-Persecution League to provide legal assistance for pro-life protesters treated unfairly by the judicial system. AAPL attorneys recently filed suit in San Bernardino for a group

of pro-life women demonstrators subjected to brutal treatment while in custody. Dannemeyer's effort brings some balance to an issue too often dominated by selective hysteria over violence against abortionists, cynical legal moves to restrict the lawful rights of pro-life protesters, and decidedly *unbenign* neglect of violence perpetrated against them. Contact: American Anti-Persecution League, 504 S. Beach Blvd., Suite 426, Anaheim, CA 92804.

Conferences: C.R.A., Eagle Forum

Grass Roots Action

Oliver North, Ed Rollins, Cal Thomas, and William Dannemeyer addressed the April 2-4 California Republican Assembly annual convention in San Diego. Speakers and workshops stressed grass roots action to counter the Democrats, to spread the word about conservative principles to voters, and to drum up support for conservative candidates.

Illegal immigration was a top concern among conventioners. GOP Assemblyman Richard Mountjoy (Arcadia), in a panel discussion on the economic impact of illegals in California, spotlighted illegal aliens' abuse of the state's bloated welfare system. Bills proposed in Sacramento to reduce the

billions spent on incarceration, education, and social services for illegal aliens in California include: AB 86 (Mickey Conroy, R-Orange), to deport illegal aliens convicted of a felony or misdemeanor; AB 149 (Mountjoy), to prohibit spending state funds to educate illegals; and AB 150 (Mountjoy) to prohibit return of state Medi-Cal funds to health providers until providers report illegal immigrants to the INS.

For membership information contact the California Republican Assembly's Donna Schmidt, 2149 Roaring Camp Drive, Gold River, CA 95670, 916/631-9475.

Eagle Forum's California chapter held its Leadership Conference April 23-24 in Irvine with Tom McClintock, Bruce Herschensohn, Dana Rohrabacher, Michael Medved, and ExCEL's Joseph Alibrandi (head of Whittaker Corp.) among the speakers. Social issues — the culture war, AIDS, Educational Choice — and a general consideration of the past and future of conservatism dominated the agenda. Chapter President Dr. Jo Ellen Allen, is a co-founder of ShE LIST (*see above*). For more information and copies of the speaker tapes contact: Eagle Forum of California, P.O. Box 8212, Newport Beach, CA 92658-8212, 714/952-9071.

In Brief...

Beverly LaHaye's Concerned Women for America (CWA) has opened a Riverside chapter. Membership is *not* restricted to women. Contact: Gloria Waite, P.O. Box 8094, Riverside, CA 92515, 909/369-9876 The furious health care crescendo in Washington

moved Pacific Research Institute and *Reason* magazine to examine America's largest *current* government health care program — Medicare — in *Reason's* January cover story, "The Medicare Monster: A Cautionary Tale," by PRI Research Director Steven Hayward and Policy Intern Erik Peterson. "Medicare was government's first huge step in the perversion of the health care marketplace," they write. "All of the assumptions behind the Medicare program were wildly inaccurate and unrealistic. The eventual cost of the program was underestimated by a factor of 10. Cost containment has proven impossible. Continuing exploding costs guarantee huge tax increases in the future" — a formula for bureaucrat bliss, of course, and the Clinton Health Plan promises to outdo even this disaster. Contact: Pamela A. Riley, Pacific Research Institute, 177 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108,



415/989-0833 Sacramento's Criminal Justice Legal Foundation has published a "Guide to Regulating Panhandling," offering model laws for cities plagued by aggressive panhandlers — a thoughtful gift for a municipality in your area. Contact: CJLF, P.O. Box 1199, Sacramento, CA 95812 Laguna Beach conservatives have formed United Laguna to defend property rights, monitor fiscal and safety issues, and oppose left-wing ideas dreamed up by the City Council and Planning Commission — such as building, at taxpayer expense, a monument to those who have died from AIDS in the community (just the thing to bolster a wholesome image among tourists). Contact: United Laguna, Michelle Oliver, executive director, P.O. Box 9472, Laguna Beach, CA 92652, 714/494-9692 *California Review*, founded in 1982 and written and funded entirely by students at UC San Diego, is an interesting, well written college paper. The *Review* has interviewed William Bennett, Charles Sykes, and R. Emmett Tyrrell, and published articles on multicultural absurdities (many), selective victimhood (rampant), and "whining about my generation" (ubiquitous). Subscriptions: \$15. Contact: *California Review*, P.O. Box 12286, La Jolla, CA 92037 Young America's Foundation's National Conservative Student Conference will be July 25-31 in Washington, D.C. Students will meet conservative leaders *plus* other right minded students. Contact: Young America's Foundation, F.M. Kirby Freedom Center, 110 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 22070, 800/292-9231. CPR

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wrong, why not present evidence to refute it? And why not wait to hear my answer before labeling me "obstinately and blindly attached" to my position? Perhaps bigotry is more easily condemned than avoided, but I wish Mr. Spitz had taken this opportunity to enlighten us and to give me a chance to show whether I'm bigoted or not.

Regarding Mr. Devore's characterization of my position, I did not draw so simple-minded a distinction as he suggests: between politicians, on one hand, who are oblivious about receiving credit and those, on the other, who think of nothing but receiving it. Rather, the distinction is between those who do, and those who do not, realize that success, for Republicans, requires a willingness to sacrifice one's personal interests when they conflict with those of the Party and the people.

Open Debate Under Dr. Tirso's Big Tent

(Editor's note: In the following letter, Republican Party of California Executive Director Robert E. Carpenter refers to a business arrangement between California Political Review and the state GOP that has existed since CPR was founded in 1990. Under the arrangement, we used various Party business machines (mainly the postage meter) and reimbursed the Party for the cost of doing so. The arrangement was convenient for CPR and cost the Party nothing.)

Thank you for providing me *California Political Review's* Winter 1993 issue. I found it interesting and informative.

However, your attacks and the attacks of other writers on Republicans, including Governor Pete Wilson and California Republican Party Chairman Tirso del Junco were not well taken. I am a strict adherent to the 11th Commandment, and intend to operate the staff of the California Republican Party in that manner. If a member of my staff wishes to attack a fellow Republican for being too conservative, too liberal, or somewhere in the middle, they will not be a member of my staff for long.

In addition, I find it interesting that Christopher Shelton takes shots at Governor Wilson and Chairman del Junco, under the guise of a pseudonym. Come on, if the

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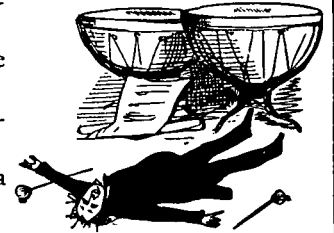
A New Level Of Art

FORMER CONGRESSMAN and defeated Senate candidate Tom Campbell told the *Sacramento Bee* he thinks the George Bush White House, fearful of Campbell's "new Republicanism," plotted to wreck his campaign last year by recruiting Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono to enter the race and split the pro-abortion vote. *Orange County Register* Editorial Writer Harold Johnson quipped that Campbell's "conspiracy script ... raises political paranoia to a new level of art." It does seem to stretch credulity to imagine the Bushite Establishmentarian-types scanning the political countryside for a Campbell challenger and, of all possible candidates, settling on — Sonny Bono Bono says his candidacy was strictly his own idea and calls Campbell's theory, "the whining of somebody who should move on with his life — and who should start attacking Democrats and stop attacking other Republicans" Campbell's Republican Majority Coalition ("Our purpose," he said, "is to exclude issues of morality and conscience as litmus tests"), moved Ethics and Public Policy Center's George Weigel to ask: "Exclude issues of morality and conscience? Will white supremacist David Duke be welcome in the Republican Majority Coalition? How about Dr. Jack Ke-vorkian ... ? Why not go all the way and invite Lyndon LaRouche ... ?"

MAHARISHI MAHESH Yogi has offered (for \$26 million) to rid San Francisco of its stresses and problems. He'd fly in 1,000 followers to meditate daily and send out good vibrations, promising universal harmony within five years. The city rejected the offer Liberal media "watchdog" group, Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, in an effort to blunt conservative criticism of National Public Radio's left-wing bias, has labeled NPR politically incorrect: "too white, too male, and too cozy with Washington D.C. insiders." Look for NPR to issue the standard response (See? Both sides attack us. That proves we're even-handed) In an unusually sensible decision, California's

Supreme Court let stand an \$8,600 penalty imposed on Andre Exler by state Appellate Justice Manuel Ramirez for filing a frivolous lawsuit that "any competent attorney would consider totally and completely devoid of legal merit." Riverside-resident Exler, whose 1984 suit forced Disneyland to allow him to dance in the park with his boy friend, sued Sizzler Restaurant over its "seniors" discount claiming age discrimination (he's 31). The suit was dismissed and Exler ordered to pay legal costs. Undeterred, he plans U.S. Supreme Court appeal and has other lawsuits in the works.

AFTER A 7-hour stand off, Cal Berkeley university police tear-gassed and arrested 48 students occupying the administration building. Fearing budget cuts, the students demanded that the Ethnic Studies Department become a separate "Third



World College" with more funding and student control over hiring and curriculum. What do they think Berkeley is now? Also on the "higher education" front, *Heterodoxy* magazine quotes *Stanford Review* Editor David Sacks: "The Stanford Administration demands that its students be 'welcoming and accepting' of homosexual behavior. In bathrooms throughout the campus ... holes have been drilled between the walls of toilet stalls to facilitate anonymous bathroom sex. One restroom in the South Stacks of Green Library is a 'horror story' according to a library employee, who described the bathroom's unusual stench and the homosexual graffiti covering the walls Unaware of its reputation, [a student entered the South Stacks] for legitimate purposes. While he used the urinal, another student leered at him disturbingly and then walked towards him menacingly — while masturbating. Shocked and offended he fled before this obviously unbalanced homosexual could physically accost him. Unfortunately, such stories abound." No wonder Western Civ had to go.

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