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hanson was never able to itself from the quagmire of the anti-war sentiment and Texan into the ground. could be the same for our ent if Americans start comm the Middle East in body

ussein has indicated willing- otiate a settlement of the s if the Palestinian home- n can be addressed at the iations. The U.S. reaction iding no. negotiate both problems at me? Both must be solved, ater with sooner being the ne frame. The stock answer We must not allow Saddam tion. He must be shown he mit naked aggression and get t." certainly would be good for

American egos, the president's included, if we "punish" Saddam for his sins. But is punishment of one brutal ego-centric worth major disruption to the world economy and, more importantly, thousands of lives?

Little more than a year ago, one would have been certified crazy for daring to predict the events in Germany and the Soviet Union over the past 12 months — the Berlin Wall fell and communists are a vanishing breed. What if there are a few more miracles in reserve?

Would it be too high a price to pay for peace and Middle East stability to give Saddam a face-saving way out? What if he would withdraw from Kuwait and "retire" to a life of isolated opulence in exchange for being labeled as a man who "saw the light, changed his ways, and helped find a solution to the the Palestinian problem?"

Saddam could be a hero, Bush could be a hero, and a lot of young Arabs and Americans could go on living.

## Letters

### Media inadequate

When I was sitting down (a serious as thus avoided when I almost as a dead faint) as I read the action to the obvious conclusion of the report that the 18-month- was inadequate. "It's still a great

and, anything was certainly better 35 edition of the old library, but demonstrated a complete lack of when it came time for the new hen the plans were originated he ed the building was the size of a ary and would never be adequate library. He did not have faith in of the citizens of Provo to d this fact nor did he believe they could be educated to see the of a building that meets the of the American Library Associa-

advised to seek additional funding d to do so. In fact, footage was make it even a smaller branch ow he states the reason for this is that "we were just coming out sion in Provo city," so he chose to at old adage "Penny-wise and ish."

se, the building was not construct- w for upward expansion (it would than city hall) and the triangular s not conducive to lateral expan- architects were told the handi- g others with mobility problems : the lower entrance, so where is atic door opener?

r if it will take another 54 years to situation that never should have in the first place. But there is such new!

Freddie Zink  
Provo

media should be telling this story, but they aren't. The best account so far is in the AIM Report. It is available for \$1.25 from AIM, 1275 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Mimi Galli  
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### Let's bond them

Editor:

Read my lips, no more taxes. I guess everyone knows the politician that made that false promise. Would he have said that, if he had put up a performance bond on every promise that he made in his campaign?

There should be a law passed and enforced, that every politician, running for any office must put up a bond, stating that he will keep every promise he makes to his constituents or forfeit his bond and stay out of politics for life.

This wouldn't keep crooked politicians out of office but it would keep them from making false promises that they couldn't or wouldn't keep, just to win.

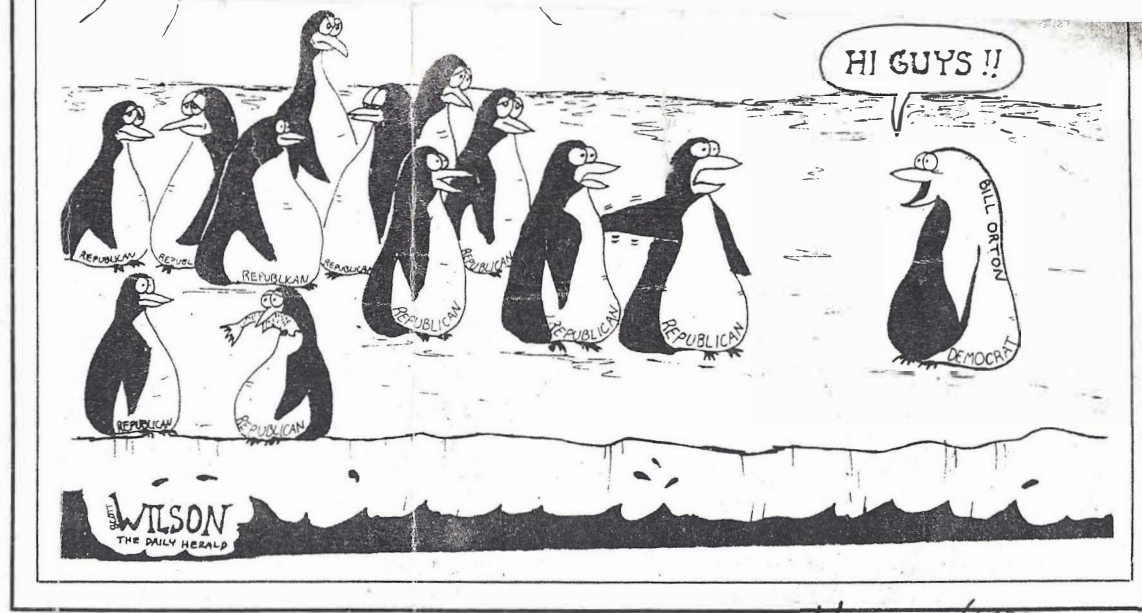
A simple question, who would you hire to build your home, a bonded contractor or an unbonded contractor?

In the first place, before a person can get a bond, the bonding company would check up on their background. I wouldn't be afraid to bet, that many people that want to get into politics, couldn't get a bond.

Millions of people who handle large sums of money or valuable property for companies must be bonded.

In government, we put politicians in charge of, not only billions of dollars but our freedom, without a bond or by thoroughly checking their background, like the politicians put the chief justices through.

If you are interested in helping me fight for a better government, by writing your congressman and setting up groups to fight crooked politicians, send me a large, self addressed, stamped envelope and I will send



## More than a matter of black and white

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Will Grigg

ABROAD

Like a cocker spaniel summoned by the trilling of a high-pitched whistle, your typical liberal is sensitive to signals inaudible to humans. For example, liberal pundits and politicians are exquisitely sensitive to "code words" that are supposedly freighted with racism, sexism and other evils. Such "code words" are unintelligible to the unenlightened — that is to say, those of us not numbered among the liberal illuminati.

During the waning days of the recent senatorial campaign in North Carolina, the Jesse Helms campaign produced a television ad dealing with affirmative action. In it a hand crumpled a job application in frustration as a voice-over described the injustice involved in turning down a qualified white applicant in order to satisfy an affirmative action requirement. The ad pointed out that Helms' opponent, Harvey Gantt (who is black) supported affirmative action.

Liberals throughout the country went ballistic over the Helms ad, describing it as a blatant appeal to racism, heavily seasoned with (guess what?) "code words" that transmitted a message of racial hostility. Television commentator Michael Kinsley, the snide embodiment of contemporary liberalism, conceded that the ad dealt with a legitimate issue; he further observed that Gantt had been involved in a questionable transaction in which he (Gantt) may have profited personally from affirmative action. But like most liberals, Kinsley recovers quickly from an unchar-

acteristic spasm of logic: immediately after conceding the legitimacy of the issues raised by the Helms ad, Kinsley insisted that the spot was racist in its style and delivery.

The chief sin Helms committed in airing the ad — as was the case with the notorious "Willie Horton Ad" used by the Bush campaign in 1988 — was the sin of intelligibility. Helms seized a complicated policy issue and made it understandable for those affected by it. Affirmative action — the designation of politically favored groups — discriminates on the basis of race and gender (and perhaps soon on the basis of "sexual preference"). By pointing this out to those who are victimized by the practice, Helms challenged the official line of the liberal opinion cartel. The cartel responded by deploying the dread "R-word."

One need not be a conservative, white male southern politician to qualify for the "Helms treatment." Polly Williams is a black, female liberal northern politician. A

member of the Milwaukee legislature, Williams was the state campaign coordinator for the Jesse Jackson presidential bid in 1983. When she first entered the legislature, she was the darling of the Milwaukee press. Of late she has become anathema. What has happened?

This fall, the Milwaukee public school system began an experimental voucher system. By allowing parents to choose the schools to which their children will be sent, the resulting competition will provoke improvements in the quality of education offered at the schools. The plan is a direct challenge to the public school monopoly. The chief architect of the plan is Polly Williams.

Williams is in some ways the obverse of Helms. In a conversation published in the October issue of Reason magazine, she had critical comments for mandatory integration, affirmative action, and the entire agenda of "feel good politics."

Williams delivers the most concise critique available of the retail socialism commonly referred to as liberalism: "White liberals feel guilty about blacks, and they do things to convince themselves that they are helping blacks ... poor people become the trophies of white social engineers. We have to be saved from our saviors."

Helms and Williams speak the same language, and the liberal opinion cartel has meted out injustice upon them with admirable impartiality.

## Will nuclear industry get a bailout too?

WASHINGTON — When Congress is under the gun of a deadline to pass a bill, like the deficit reduction package, it's best to check the coattails of that bill. Attached



Jack Anderson & Dale Van Atta

would authorize the Energy Department to borrow \$2.5 billion more to build yet another uranium enrichment plant at a time when nuclear power is about as popular as cholesterol.

116-110 loss to New York.  
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**PAYS TO BE SMART**  
Eight college football players learned again Tuesday that to be smart, Air Force halfback Chris Howard was named the winner of a \$20,000 Vincent Paul Draddy graduate fellowship by the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame fellowship, honoring the member of the foundation's late changes to the scholar athlete. Howard most fully represents the idea of the foundation. Quarterback Bill Musgrave of Oregon and Keifer of Missouri and Illinois center Curtis Lovelace were granted \$5,000 specialized scholarship awards. This is in addition to the \$10,000 fellowships the three received last November along with eight others.  
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**GOLFERS STILL LEAD**  
After 18 holes of play Tuesday, BYU's women's golf team continued to hold the lead in the USIU Invitational by a 3-stroke margin over the University of Washington. However, Courtney Lachell Simmons, who took second place Monday with a score of 81 to slip to fifth place with 157 strokes. Brooks of Nebraska carded a second-straight 75 to top the list of 70 individuals at 150. Other scores were: Ruby Chico 76 (sixth place), Robin Barry 161 (10th), Anna Hagborg 161 (15th), Lisa Christie 86-83 161 (31st), and Sharon Probst 86 (31st). Team scores are: E Washington 642, Illinois 655 661, UNM 666, Oregon 667.  
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**AGASSI TRIUMPHS**  
Losing the U.S. Open final to Andre Agassi, Sampras, Andre Agassi he working on his serve. It is the fourth-seeded Agassi fired and beat fifth-seeded Sampras 6-2 on the opening day of the World Championships, the ending tournament pitting eight players in the world. In Frankfurt, Germany, in 10 matches, top-seeded Stefan Edberg beat Emilio Sanchez 6-7, and third-seeded Ivan Lendl defeated Thomas Muster.  
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**TARPLEY OUT:** Roy Tarpley will miss the Dallas Mavericks' season-opening game due to a ligament damage was discovered in his right knee. The star was found during surgery. Tarpley injured in the first quarter of Friday's 111-99 victory over Orlando, but the Mavericks thought it was just a disk kneecap. "Arthroscopic surgery," Roy revealed a fresh tear in the anterior cruciate ligament complete detachment in a previous tearing," Dr. Pas said. "It also revealed a tear in the back portion of the in-