

News 'n' Views

by and for members of the Hubert Humphrey Democratic Club

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HHDC General Membership Meeting

Please Join Us

Monday, September 20

Coco's Restaurant
11510 South Street
Cerritos, CA
Just east of the 605 Fwy.

6:00 dinner 7:00 program

Program: Cerritos College Board Member Eric Gutierrez

Topic: The Future of Public Education in California



Hello, Congressman, do you know where your son or daughter will be sleeping tonight? (Watch a free showing of Fahrenheit 911 on September 28. See Page 2 for details).

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My President's Report

By Victor Manalo



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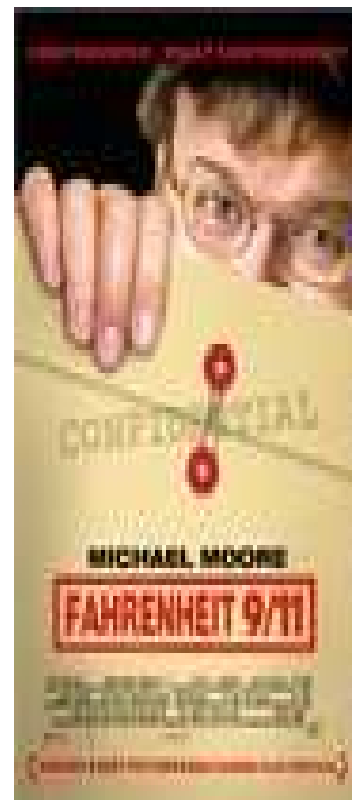
*A Free Showing of
Fahrenheit 911*

*Norwalk AMC Theatres
12300 Civic Center Drive
Norwalk, CA*

Tuesday, September 28

7:00 pm

Bring all of your family and friends



Being A Republican Is Better!

By Robert Masello, Special Editor to The Times

This is California, the land that invented reinvention. So why shouldn't I get to be what I want? And what I want, it has finally dawned on me...is to be a Republican.

I want you to know that this is not a decision I have taken lightly, or without apprehension. But I know it's the right thing to do.

How can I be so sure?

Because ever since I made this decision I have felt better. I have stopped grinding my teeth at night and fuming over the morning paper. I have stopped railing at the TV screen and flipping from one radio station to another. Not only that, I have stopped hearing that incessant whining sound in my head, which, as it turns out, was the sound of my own voice. What a relief!

I can look into the mirror again, too.

For the past several years I haven't liked what I saw there. I saw a loser. I saw the kind of guy who sits in the bleachers shouting obscenities at the opposing (but winning) team. Who stands on a street corner in sandals and socks, waving a handmade peace sign at passing motorists. A guy who gets up every morning expecting a drubbing, and goes to bed every night having received it. I saw...a Democrat. A liberal. A man who once voted—oh, God, should I confess it all?—for Nader.

No wonder I could no longer live with myself.

But let me tell you, even though it's only been a few weeks, life as a Republican is sweet. It's all a matter of little lifestyle changes, nips and tucks here and there, but it's all adding up to a big drop in my blood pressure.

For one, I no longer have to defend Michael Moore. That can be a full-time job and, besides, I have my own weight problem to worry about. I can side with that sleek Sean Hannity instead of that goofy-looking Alan Colmes. I long now to be as lean as Ann Coulter, as loud as Rush Limbaugh, and as rude as Bill O'Reilly.

When people crossed me in the past, I would listen to what they had to say and then turn myself inside out trying to find some non-offensive common ground. (Yes, yes, the Klan did do a lot for the linen industry".) What a whimp.

Now I can disagree with somebody, I just talk over him, or tell him to shut up with clever rejoinders I can utter the next day, when the other guy isn't there, to win the points I fumbled.

It's fabulous.

And I can listen to the radio again! No, not Air America, or whatever that leftie network was called, the one that neither I nor anyone I know was ever able to find.

Best of all, I can go out to dinner parties in the tonier parts of town and join in the fun of bashing Democrats and liberals.

To victory in November!



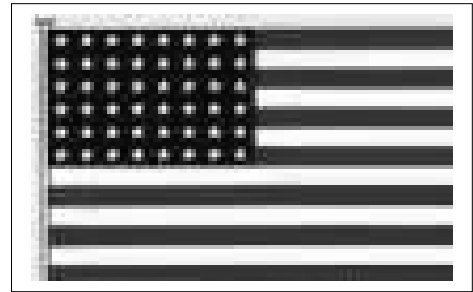
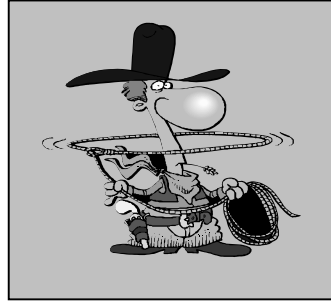
Linda Sanchez talking to HHDC member and constituent Rudy Pulido at local grocery store in the 39th CD.



HHDC VP Alon Barlevy showed up to say hello. **Far left** is Past Prez Charlie Ara thanking Linda.

The Caballero Roundup

By Larry Caballero



2004—The Year of the DEMS

Gospel, Crosses and Boos on Cue

Nick Coleman, Star Tribune August 20, 2004

A guy in combat gear and Kevlar helmet, machine gun at the ready, stopped me outside the Xcel Energy Center.

"Hey," he said. "How you doing?"

It was just one of my buddies on the St. Paul Police Department, dressed for combat and carrying a 9-millimeter MP5. It was a beautiful day in St. Paul, the president of the United States was on his way to town, the SWAT team and the protesters were out, and I was on my way in.

My daughter put me down for a ticket to attend Wednesday's rally for President Bush, probably because she's always wondered what her old man would look like spread-eagled against a wall. But I was glad to join her. Lots of people don't feel welcome at political rallies these days, so this was a chance to see what's going on.

After three hours of speeches and nothing to eat or drink, I can say this: If you aren't dying to get into a political rally, you will be to get out of one.

We passed through the metal detectors and by the tables where folks were told to leave their contraband -- umbrellas, water bottles and other items not allowed inside, including books. Here's an impromptu look at a Republican reading list: "The Ultimate Bible Fun Book" was one of the inspirational titles left behind, along with "Shrines to Our Lady Around the World."

Religious conviction was a big part of the program, from the invocation in which the minister thanked God for touching the heart of George W. Bush ("a man we believe You've established") to the Pledge of Allegiance, during which people shouted out the words "under God" in order to vocalize their faith.

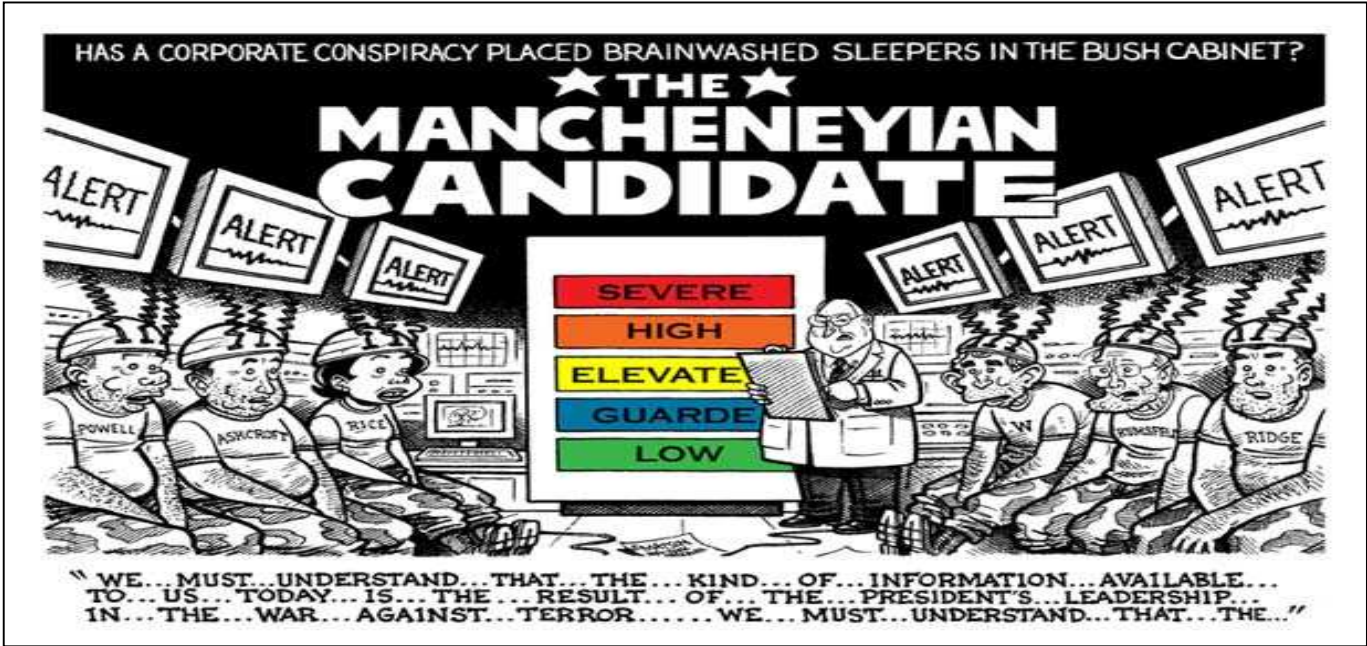
And all of that came after we were informed by the emcee, conservative talk-radio host and author Laura Ingraham, that if the ACLU had its way, we wouldn't even be allowed to pray.

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Help Wanted!

In order to save money, we want to begin sending the newsletter via your email address. If you have not already done so, please email Larry Caballero at **democab@comcast.net**

ALERT! Our Prez Is A Liar!



Don't Mess with Johnny!

A teacher in a small Texas town asks her class how many of them are George Bush fans.

Not really knowing what a George Bush fan is, but wanting to be liked by the teacher, all the kids raise their hands except one boy.

The teacher asks Johnny why he has decided to be different.

Johnny says, "I'm not a George Bush fan."

The teacher says, "Why aren't you a George Bush fan?"

Johnny says, "I'm a John Kerry fan."

The teacher asks why he's a John Kerry fan.

The boy says, "Well, my mom's a John Kerry fan and my dad's a John Kerry fan, so I'm a John Kerry fan!"

The teacher is kind of angry, because this IS Texas, so she asks, "What if your mom was a moron and your dad was an idiot, what would that make you?"

Johnny says, "That would make me a George Bush fan."

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Crosses and Boos

When the crowd didn't respond, Ingraham stepped back to the microphone to chide us: "You're supposed to BOO when I say the ACLU!" After that, boos came at all the proper cues.

Then we were treated to an off-key "Star-Spangled Banner" sung by the Minnesota Teen Challenge Choir -- the 230 residents of a Christ-based drug-treatment program in Minneapolis that includes many adults as well as teens.

With the remainder of their three hours in St. Paul, many of the recovering addicts made crosses by taping together inflatable Bush 2004 "thunder sticks." Later, during the president's speech, they lifted the improvised crosses toward the podium, holding them out in a reverential manner.

"Bush stands for One Nation Under God," said one teen when I asked why he was raising a cross for the president. "He wants to keep God in the nation."

The crosses worried two visitors sitting next to me, foreign students seeing their first American political rally.

One hoped that seeing a campaign rally might help her understand America. Mission not accomplished.

When one speaker's mere mention of the word "Europe" drew boos, she said, "Every person must have friends who they talk to and helps them. If they have no friends, then everything is 'Me, me, me.'"

"It is the same with countries."

Two hours, and still no Bush. When he finally arrived, he said nothing we hadn't heard before.

When it was over, we staggered into the lovely evening to find Bush and Kerry supporters yelling at each other.

"Bush was partying while John Kerry was in Vietnam," one Democrat yelled.

"Not my president," snapped a woman pushing a baby in a stroller "My president has a God who will not let you have what you want, which is to destroy the world."

I didn't know what God wanted, but I wanted a beer.

Seventy-four more days to go.

GOT ADS?

We've got the space!

*Check out advertisement rates
on Page 6*

HHDC Membership Drive—2004

As a way to gain new members to the HHDC, the officers would like to encourage club members to bring a guest for the general meeting. If the guest joins the club and pays his or her dues, then the club will buy a piece of pie and a cup of coffee to the member who brings the guest.

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