Alumnus & Desert Storm Veteran Tackles Incumbent Jontz

By Daniel Buksa

Two years ago, Buyer’s practice was interrupted by a call to duty from his country. Buyer responded and served with the United States Army in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Buyer served as Counsel to combat service support commanders within the combat zone of operations in Iraq and Kuwait. He also conducted war crimes interrogations. Major Buyer was awarded the Bronze Star for his military services.

After returning to the United States and resuming his civilian life, Buyer decided to run for Congress because he believed that the incumbent Congressman, Jim Jontz, was not serving the interests of the Indiana District, nor the country.

Buyer said that the main difference between Jontz and himself is one of philosophy. Jontz, known as the “Ted Kennedy of the Mid-West” is a career politician, with a 100% liberal voting record. Buyer on the other hand believes in traditional values and responsible, limited government.

“We have to restore the integrity of the institution that is Congress,” said Buyer. “We must endeavor to reestablish the trust the American people.” Citing the Socialist Party memorabilia on Jontz’s congressional office wall, Buyer said the incumbent is way out of touch with his constituents, the people of west-central Indiana.

“Our economy needs to be restructured if it is to be competitive in the global markets of the 21st Century,” Buyer said.

As congressman, Buyer said that he would achieve that goal by first cleaning up Congress. “The economy also needs to be put back on track in order to create jobs and lower the federal deficit,” iterated Buyer. After that is accomplished, then work on other pressing issues such as “better healthcare and improvement of our educational system,” he said.

Buyer felt that the legal education he received at Valpo has helped him both in private practice and now in his run for public office. “I didn’t fully realize this when I graduated, but law school provides you with the ability to ask the right questions and then find the right answers,” he said.

“Valpo provided me with an excellent foundational start. The school of law really helped prepare me for the practical aspects of practicing law.”

Buyer said advice he would give today’s law student is to remember that when you’re climbing your ladder to success, do not forget how you got where you are. “Don’t get caught up in your career. You have to remember who helped you get where you are. You have to be sincere in your practice of the law and you must return something to your community.”

Steve Buyer is doing just that. He is a Kiwanian, a Mason, a member of the American Legion and AMVETS, and a member of the Board of Directors of Wabash Valley Mental Hospital. He is also active in his church, the Unite Methodist Church of Monticello, singing in its choir.

And not surprisingly, Buyer is active in local Republican politics, serving as Vice-Chairman of the White County Republican Party. He is an alumnus to be proud of.

Valpo Alumnus ‘84, Steve Buyer

Law In Eastern Europe
Slovenia Dean Visits YU

By George Straschnov

Vice Dean Polonca Koncar of University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, visited Valparaiso for four days last week as part of a four month tour of the U.S. sponsored by the American Bar Association and Central and Eastern European Law Initiative Program.

How have all the changes taking place since the fall of communism and the dissolution of Yugoslavia affected the law and legal education in Slovenia?

Slovenia (as a republic of Yugoslavia) was always more open, less isolated, than other parts of Eastern Europe, so change is less difficult. We were independent of the Russian system, so we didn’t really belong to Eastern Europe in that sense.

Industries were state owned, so these are areas of change; we will have elections to the national assembly for the first time in December.

Before there were federal [Yugoslavian] and republic laws, and in some fields only federal. After independence, we had to adopt our own laws. Right now there is intense drafting going on. However, the new laws are not a total change of the system; we had a civil law system, not a common law, and this will remain the same.

Everything is statutory.

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Wisdom of the Ages

Preference is subordinate to truth and truth is accessible to reason. Reasonable people may disagree about the truth, but the reality of disagreement does not imply the unreality of truth.

-Richard John Neuhaus
Students Attend NAPIL Conference

By Adam M. Stern
Asst. News Editor

On October 17th and 18th, Craig Draper and myself represented the Law School and the Equal Justice Alliance at the Eight Annual National Law Student Public Interest Conference in Washington D.C. The conference was held at Georgetown University Law Center and was sponsored by the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL). NAPIL is a national coalition of law student organizations that offer grants and other forms of assistance to students and recent graduates engaged in public interest endeavors.

The theme of this year’s conference was “research for Social Justice.”

Over 200 students were in attendance, and representatives from almost 100 law schools were present for this three day event, including nearby schools as IU-Bloomington, IU-Indianapolis, Notre Dame, Chicago-Kent, Michigan, Illinois, Loyola-Chicago and Madison, and distant schools as Hawaii, Golden Gate, and UC-Berkeley.

Workshops and presentations were on a variety of topics including the environment, urban problems and national public service. Other panels were on law school activities, such as fund-raising, loan repayment programs, and student-funded fellowship programs. Saturday’s plenary session was on the recent changes on The Supreme Court and its role in society, which was highlighted by Arthur Kinoy, a law professor at Rutgers-Newark, who has played a leading role in a series of momentous legal battles that have defined the public interest movement.

Sunday’s plenary session was on the Role of Law Schools in the Struggle for Equal Justice. The panel included John D. Feerick, Dean of Fordham University Law School and President of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and John Kramer, Dean of Tulane Law School. Both Deans and their schools reflect an active commitment to public interest work. Tulane was the first university to have a mandatory pro bono requirement, while Fordham has a host of programs geared to careers in the public interest. Both Deans also acknowledged that it will be a challenge to be done to help students who enter into the public interest field with lower paying jobs and a high debt load.

Career Services Corner

By Gail Peshel
Director of Career Services

Positive Mental Attitude Helps in a Job Search — Positively!

Is the glass half full or half empty? Is the weather partly sunny or partly cloudy? Some say that your responses to these questions indicate whether you have a positive mental attitude or not. A positive mental attitude will help you in your job search as well as assist you in competition and through illnesses. In addition to the effect a positive mental attitude has on your degree of motivation, a positive mental attitude can help you get employed — and stay employed.

Studies have shown that hiring would be equally successful if employers hired people solely by matching employment criteria with applicant information provided in a cover letter and resume. However, employers universally refuse to hire without meeting applicants. Compatibility is important.

After all, a large percentage of time is spent at work, and an employer wishes to maintain a cohesive environment. Therefore, an interviewer seeks to hire people who fit the office culture and personality.

Interviewers seek positive people. People prefer to be around, and hence hire, people who have a positive attitude. Placed with "challenges," a person with a positive attitude will usually find solutions. As George Hay states in his article, "The Likability Quotient," positive people have had some good luck. They have learned from past experiences. They feel fortunate. Life is a good deal. They give off good vibes. They do good things for others.

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From the Dean's Desk

By Edward McGlynn Gaffney, Jr.
Dean

I am sad this Friday morning as I sit and stare at an empty computer screen. Red Barber died yesterday at the ripe old age of 84. I have dried the tears in my eyes for a man I never met, but who moved me with his sweet, gentle way. For years now, I have looked forward to the three minutes or so on Friday mornings when NPR’s “Morning Edition” anchor, Bob Edwards, would call Barber at his home in Tallahassee. First, you’d hear the phone ringing from the studio — Red didn’t think that taping the show would be half as good as going live — and then the country would listen in as these pals chat about the weather, the camelias, Red’s wife Lylah, or even the Book of Common Prayer, but mostly about baseball. Now I will hear his voice no more, so I am sad.

I had grown acquainted with the soft southern drawl of the old Redhead, who was in anybody’s book one of the finest sportscasters in baseball history. What made him great, said Colonel Bob — as Red used to refer to Bob Edwards — was his respect for his listeners, his respect for the language, and his respect for human beings.

His respect for his listeners was reflected in the intense care he took to depict the events he could see on the field with his eyes and that we could see in our mind’s eyes because his call of the play was so colorful and descriptive. You’d swear you were in Yankee Stadium if Barber heard in 1947, when DiMaggio came to the plate with two runners on in Game Six of the World Series: “Joe DiMaggio up, holding that big club at the plate. The black, hawk’s eye, but let him go — bolting the seats with, as the boys say, very few angels in the form of clouds in it. It’s a tough sky for players to look into...”

Columnist Mike Dodd recalled Red’s respect for human beings. Growing up in the Old South, Barber admitted his discomfort when Jackie Robinson first broke the color barrier to playing in the majors, but early in the 1947 season after the Dodgers ignored Robinson’s request to interrupt his play by play commentary to say a few things about human dignity and human rights, and then added: “I hope he [Robinson] hits 1,000.”

Dodd thinks it was Red Barber’s greatest moment on the air.

Red Barber’s broadcasts are gone now, but there is something we can all learn from who told stories so skillfully, and who had such great respect for our listeners, for the language, and for all our fellow human beings.

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**Viewpoints**

**The Editor's Picks**

**President:** (MI & WI) Howard Phillips *Taxpayer's Alliance* (The only conservative running)

**IN & IL** Andre Marrou *Libertarian* (At least he knows government is the problem, not the answer)

**U.S. Senate:** (IN) Dan Coats *Republican* (Solid conservative; represents his state well)

**IL** Chad Koppie *Right to Life* (Ain't those commercials great)

**U.S. House:** (IN-1st Dist) Dave Vuchich *Republican* (His opponent Vucloskey epitomizes the misery wrought by 40 years of Democratic tyranny in the House. Vuchich will set it right)

**IN-5th Dist** Steve Buyer *Republican* (The right man, with the right answers. Plus, he's an alumna)

**Governor:** (IN) Lin Pearson *Republican* (More fiscally responsible than the incumbent. Bye-Bye Bayh)

**State Senate:** (IN) Michael Aylesworth *Republican* (He's one of us—a good NRA record)

**State House:** (IN) Esther Wilson *Democrat* (You read right! Endorsements from the NRA and National Right to Life in addition to a solid legislative career make her unbeatable)

**For President**

**Howard Phillips**

**Pilgrim in an Unholy Land**

By Mike Thompson

**Viewpoints Editor**

Since When Is Character No Longer an Issue?

You know, it's getting darn hard to keep track of the rules these days. Last I checked, a person's character was an important enough issue that the media and political pundits felt justified in trying to dig up anything they could about Dan Quayle, Clarence Thomas, Robert Bork, Douglas Ginsberg, and other Conservatives. Now, without fanfare or explanation, it's suddenly wrong to look into a person's character and it's muddling to look at someone's past. Interestingly enough, the media and the Democrats are now the first to condemn President Bush for questioning Clinton's record about telling the truth. This condemnation is coming from the same people who have been lurching like buzzards over a fresh kill, waiting for Lawrence Walsh's political witch hunt to yield some scrap of dirt from the Iran-Contra investigations. This is coming from the people who could do nothing more than dig up story after story about Dan Quayle during the past four years. This is from the folks who reported with glee the attacks against Justice Clarence Thomas. Did we hear the media saying that character was not an issue? Did we hear the Democrats objecting to checking into a person's past? Heck no.

What has changed? It must have been something profound to cause such an drastic departure from established practice, but I must have missed it. Last I checked, the Democrats thought that the spelling of the word potato was important enough that nearly every speaker at their national convention— including their nominees—had to talk about it. That's an important issue, but a candidate's honesty and integrity are not? The rules are getting too complicated.

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**The Right Side**

By Daniel Buksa

**Editor**

**On the Election & Buying Gold**

George Bush is in a heap of trouble and will probably lose the election, which is good. But anyone who says that it is because the Republican convention and platform was dominated by conservative themes is not only suffering from chronic myopia, but also experiencing a substantial lack of veracity.

"Mr. President, ...you will pay for your lack of conviction with your political life."

George Bush has never been a conservative. From his days as a Texas Congressman to his primary campaign against Ronald Reagan in 1980, he has always been disdainful of conservatism. Bush is in trouble precisely because he is not conservative.

The advisors he surrounded himself with are equi-vocating, stab-your-mother-in-the-back country-clubbers who have no idea about how wealth is created. And their value system can only be described as Kennedyesque. Baker, Brady, Darman, Boskin, Alexander, et al. were Bush's first mistake.

His second mistake was in playing footsie with a Democratic Congress. Mr. President, the Democrats are not your friends. This one-sided relationship has consistently led to Congress cleaning Bush's clock. There is a direct correlation between the recession that the country is trying to climb out of, and Bush's signing the 1990 tax increase, the Clean-Air Act, the American's with Disabilities Act, and the so-called Civil Rights Act.

Mr. President, you have paid lip-service to the conservative back-bone of your party and then stabbed us in the back. You will pay for your lack of conviction with your political life.

The Democrats have been whining and squealing as only they can about Reagan and Bush. Now they will have a Democratic President and solid Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress. This will be no more excuses. Which brings us to President Clinton. There is no doubt in my mind that Clinton will be a terrible president, even worse than Jimmy Carter. But, as the columnist Stephen Chapman recently said, the American people need a reminder every once in awhile why they shouldn't elect Democratic presidents.

- Megalomania, billionaires are not an option.
- The only true conservative, and the only conservative running for President is Howard Phillips. Phillips is chairman of The Conservative Caucus and has been visibly and effectively stemming the tide of radical liberalism since 1974. Phillips is running on the Taxpayer Alliance ticket. Phillips would cut taxes severely, eliminate much of the Federal Government, and thus reduce the national debt. He is also the one candidate running on a platforms that will truly make America great again.

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Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to Mr. Platypus’ article entitled “The Mean Green Pied Piper”. I am using the Morozov analogy to illustrate the “totalitarian mentality of radical environmentalists”. Platypus presented the premise of environmental education. In environmental education programs, parents are not being told to inform on their parents if their parents are not recycling or conserving energy. Who would they inform? Is Big Brother watching? On the contrary, children are given the chosen fact (as if!) their parents that there are other alternatives to trash every used container and wasting energy and water. This process does not turn children into “eco-cops” nor does it subject the parents to compliance. A worldview contrary is extreme and paranoid.

Environmental education involves the child in the practical education of household management while offering parents moral responsibility. Kids enjoy applying what they’ve learned in school to real life situations. Parents appreciate that their children are learning something about what the teacher shares with them. Call it environmental home economics. Call it education, call it, for a little while at least, to keep the children entertained and involved in worthwhile activities. (not politics)

Mr. Platypus seems very concerned that if the radicals (our children) don’t want to inform on their parents, their radicals will convince our adults of this choice to inform (who?) their parents if their parents are not being told to inform us parents. There is a possibility that the author has made a fundamental altering in the way we think about our government. We must come to realize that not only are there many things that the government is incapable of doing, but that the government should NOT be doing. Given a chance, we can keep the teachers of ourselves very nicely, thank you. Phillips has little chance of being elected, but he is the best choice.

Unfortunately, Phillips is on the ballot in only thirty states, including Michigan and Wisconsin. Indians and Iowans are not among the thirty. The doing belittles all the work, and sacrifice, and personal cost that an individual had expended in the pursuit of those accomplishments.

Whomever you know or understand where each of our fellow students or faculty members have come from, the life they have lived, the struggles they have had, the pain they have endured, the obstacles they have overcome. Which is why personal attacks are so wrong. They inflict real wounds to real people, with real feelings and real vulnerabilities. They mock that which ought to be respected.

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An Hominem Destructive

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If someone doesn’t like a class, or a program, or a policy, then he or she needs to state it. But he or she does not need to mock or deprecate the accomplishments and achievements of others, and in so

Environmentalists Call For Extinction of Platypus

Dear Editor:

Low have we never seen it worse. We had hoped that the earlier issue was an aberration, but the latest issue confirmed what we feared.

The editors of The Forum have an opportunity to use it as a vehicle to correct the errors of the past and set the record straight. What struts and frets his hour on the stage.

And then is heard no more; it is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, Signifying nothing.

Second, is the following maxim which I recall reading soon after the conclusion of World War II. It made sense to me then and it makes even more sense today.

"People grow old only by deserting their ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up wrinkles the soul. You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your courage. It is your despair. In the center of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer and courage, so long are you young. If you are burdened with the storms of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and only then are you grown old.

If there is truth in this maxim, it is just possible that the author of "Trompe Le Monde" may have an old man long before his time.

Charles Gromley

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The federal government, exercise authority based on moral dictates, and uphold the constitution of the United States as it was intended by its writers.

Phillips knows that if our country is to be saved, there must be a fundamental altering in the way we think about our government. We must come to realize that not only are there many things that the government is incapable of doing, but that the government should NOT be doing. Given a chance, we can keep the teachers of ourselves very nicely, thank you. Phillips has little chance of being elected, but he is the best choice.

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By Mark Hansen
Contributing Editor

Editor's Note: Due to the threat of litigation stemming from the administration's standards of speech, civility, and good taste, some of Mr. Hansen's language has been censored.

Perhaps my only characteristic of any note is the fact that I am completely Lutheran educated. I have attended Lutheran grade school, high school, college, and now law school. Because of my Lutheran convictions, the fast approaching Halloween is of great importance.

Halloween is always much fun, drinking with ghosts and ghouls until getting sick in a complete [deleted] [deleted] of fun, mirth, and death. That part is not too important for Lutherans. What is important is that this Halloween will mark the 475th anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing of the Ninety-Five Theses upon the door of Castle Wittenberg Church. Four hundred seventy-five years of... overtime much too... a Re... (OU) / electronic...? the truth isn't any more accepted in our time than it was in Luther's. I am amazed at the fact that a Lutheran school is trying to discourage and quell critical, truthful thought. I guess the fact that this school's ideology was founded on a critical attack of corruption does not mean anything any more.

I am also amazed that those who purport to be guardians of the Bill of Rights would now suppress those rights when directed at "so close community as ours." That is just beautiful. As if the fact that our community being small is a justification for corruption and incompetence.

The Forum invites criticism and advise; things it rarely receives without provocation. The Forum deserves a slap on the wrist once in a while, and possibly a pat on the back. But the critics of our words should be attentive to their own and mindful of Justice Harlan's famous saying, "one man's vulgarity, another's lyric"; because once enough words form a sentence The Forum sings a song.

The Blues Too...

Some readers may be offended by certain words used by columnists in The Forum, other readers may be equally offended by columnists lack of sentence structure and grammatical errors. If a newspaper was written merely to appeal to its readers, it would fall outside its definition. A newspaper's function is to communicate ideas and express opinions.

The Forum is a student-run newspaper that attempts to create exactly what its name announces, an open forum. The Forum encourages participation from the administrative and student body, whether opinionated or objective. The editors do not invoke censorship powers, do not exclude opinions they personally disagree with, and sometimes do not even catch misspellings.

Historically, the greatest literary英才 from every "new world" people have broken the norm and shocked their public. Although, it is doubtful a Forum columnist shall ever rank with such persons as Shakespeare, Hemingway, and Sartre. masters of reality, fiction, and prose; their articles hold a value relative to their environment—a law school newspaper.

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Did you know?
Charlene Haar, a woman from South Dakota, and Alan Keyes, a black man from Maryland, are running for the Senate. You won’t find this news in the mainstream media, because both are Republicans.

Nietzsche Applied To Modern Politics
By Kevin Anderson
Contributing Editor

The great philosopher, Nietzsche, provided us with insight to sum up the essence of the political picture in America today. "With all great deceivers there is a certain occurrence to which they owe their power," Nietzsche wrote in 1870.

In the actual act of deception, said Nietzsche, "they are over-compensated for every sin of the past and ourselves." This voter will keep these words in mind as he casts his ballot on November 3. It provides two constructive elements to the scenario. First, a reason for forgiveness of the recipient of that vote for the shameless manipulation of the truth. Second, it provides a consolation to the voter who will tend to feel betrayed, after the fact, by a sense of false loyalty on the moment that the lever drops.

The forward-looking comment on this election season is complete without a note about the consummate White Knight, President Bush. Regardless of whether we support President Bush, he continues to be the one citizen who is making the most inroads in this campaign season. It is the only one observation to make regarding the performance of this administration. It deals, as one might expect, in a long list of_set policies without the least bit of competition or criticism.

In 1990, Congress ordered the U.S. EPA to publish the proposed rules by January 30, 1991. Typical of the Bush administration, they have not been issued and the draft is now being delayed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. The rules were drafted by state and federal environmental agencies from the Great Lakes region and sent to Washington last December. VanPatten also stated that, despite the backing of the governors of all eight affected states, there is clear evidence that polluters are using their access to key officials in Washington to rewrite the proposed rules behind closed doors.

The moment is not the first time the CMB has sought to delay and weaken environmental programs. Last May, a key provision of the Clean Air Act was gutted, allowing industry to bypass public hearing requirements regardless of the increase in emissions levels associated with their operations. By September the EPA noted that...
By Marian Henriquez Neudel

Guest Columnist

by Pete Mills

Asst. Viewpoints Editor

Blakk. Who’s Blakk? Blakk may be the presidential candidate the voters have been looking for. [S]he’s got qualities the other candidates lack. [S]he’s new, nix Bush, nix Perot, and nix.ColumnStyles. [S]he has had campaign volunteers knocked on the door, [s]he answered and didn’t drop out, good bye Perot.

Joan Jeet Blakk’s qualities may cover the most comprehensive demographic cross section of American voters in our country’s political history. At first glance one might presume [s]he has the support of women. A closer look may reveal a masculine quality that will draw in the misogynists who were initially apprehensive. Blakk is confident of minority votes because [s]he won’t have Jesse Jackson to compete with. And Blakk is a thirty-five year old singer, of them holding a national office, aston­ishment! Not quite. Think about Representative Barney Frank who openly admits his preference for male mates.

Ask Blakk why [s]he’s running and [s]he’ll respond, “Because I can, because it is lawyers who bring all those liability suits for malpractice.” And so on. Of course, lawyers get blamed for the large sums of money collected in successful damage suits—except by their clients, who are likely to blame them for not getting more. “Take all that broke. Bad lawyer, because of the consequences of our actions that is a traditional American value; but accidents and so on. And of course, lawyers get blamed for the high cost of insurance, and the high cost of the services of any­one who has to buy insurance, because it is lawyers who bring all those liability suits for malpractice.”

Finally, the main reason lawyers are everybody’s favorite is that they make more money than lawyers are allowed to represent

George Bush and Dan Quayle have gotten a good deal of campaign mileage out of bashing lawyers. Probably nobody ever lost an election by bashing the legal profession. Most Americans hate lawyers. From Shakespeare’s Jack Cade we know that the beginning of revolution was to “kill all the lawyers,” to recent class action advertising seminars for rent (“No dogs or attorneys”), lawyers are everybody’s favorite scapegoatees. There are several reasons for this. First, most of us encounter the legal system in the context of some unpleasant experience—an accident or a crime, a divorce or a death. Just about the only things most layers handle where everybody goes away happy are adop­tions and house closings.

Second, the legal system takes too long to sort things out. “The law’s delay” was proverbial when lawyers were lawyers. For most Americans today, the five­year life span of a Cook County lawsuit is outrageous, if only because so much else can happen in the litigants’ private lives in the same period of time. The three­year span of the average Cook County contested divorce is longer than a lot of people like the couple it took to stay married those days.

Third, the legal process is expensive. Most people think lawyers cost too much. We know, of course, that the legal profession makes money on the back of everyone: the lot of free work for people who can’t afford them (a position the American Medical Association, which explicitly refused to take), but most of us don’t complain about our doctor bills too often, mainly because (a) we value our health and our family’s, more than we value our legal rights; and (b) most of our doctor bills get paid either by some third party, whereas most of us pay our lawyers directly out­of­pocket, so we’re a lot more conscious of how much we are spending.

Part of the reason we think lawyers overcharge is that there is ample evidence of what a thing a lawyer does as “real” work. In this way, lawyers are viewed by us as overpaid, except that their professional associations are clearly a lot more effective. Like homemakers, lawyers routinely work 60­- to 80­hour weeks, and spend much of that time on tasks that will only have to be redone later, over and over again. Like homemakers, they spend a lot of time listening to complaints and responding to demands for instant gratification from judges and hus­bands above and children below.

In addition, those on either side in any political, social, business or personal dispute—like lawyers, because there are usually lawyers representing the other side—are quick to forbid our public media to call even the slightest criticism on their clients Bad Guys—they have to be “alleged” Bad Guys because of the bizarre conviction, comprehensible only to lawyers that there is a innocent until proven guilty. We don’t have to pretend lawyers are allowed to represent criminal defendants, because we know that innocent defendants don’t need lawyers and guilty defendants don’t deserve them.

Lawyers get blamed for the high cost of insurance, and the high cost of the services of any­one who has to buy insurance, because it is lawyers who bring all those liability suits for malpractice. And of course, lawyers get blamed for the large sums of money collected in successful damage suits—except

We need new Congress.

It’s time for some real foolishness to begin. It’s time for some real foolishness to begin. It’s time for some real foolishness to begin.
Health Care Is An Individual Responsibility

By Patrick G. McCarthy
Asst. Viewpoints Editor

The Forum

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Healthcare is an individual responsibility, a statement that would certainly resonate with many people's sentiments today. However, the responsibility for healthcare is not just a personal one; it also involves societal, governmental, and economic factors. The Forum discusses a variety of perspectives on healthcare, including the challenge of socialized medical programs and the potential benefits and drawbacks of private health insurance. The article also explores the narrative of the current American medical system, questioning its effectiveness and the role of government intervention. This thoughtful analysis is a relevant read for anyone interested in the future of healthcare policies and the debate surrounding their implementation.
J-BAR

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... to keep track of. It's no wonder the trial lawyers tend to support Clinton; it takes a lawyer to keep all of these new rules straight.

It amazes me that anyone can say that character is not an issue in the Presidency. President John Adams certainly felt that it was important. November 1 will mark the 192nd anniversary of President Adams becoming the first President to move into the White House. One of his first acts upon entering his new residence was to say a prayer: "May Heaven bestow the best of blessings upon this house and all who hereafter shall inhabit it. May none but wise and honest men ever rule under this roof." I guess if President Adams were alive today, he would be attacked for mudslinging since he dared to connect honesty and wisdom with the Presidency.

If character is not an issue, then why was President Nixon driven from the Presidency? If character doesn't matter, then why do we extol the honesty of President Washington and President Lincoln? Sure, there is more to being President than just being honest, but how can anyone seriously claim that character is not an important part of the job?

The day after I started this article, I heard Rush Limbaugh reflecting on the same things. He said, "If character isn't an issue, why isn't Ted Kennedy President? If character doesn't matter, why didn't Gary Hart become President?"

If character is not an issue, then why is it mudslinging to tell the truth about someone? To me, mudslinging is telling lies about another person or focusing upon unimportant things. Yet Richard Williamson, running for Senate in Illinois is attacked for running a dirty campaign because he ran ads which pointed out his opponent's Liberal history. I'll be the first to admit that Rich Williamson is not an exciting candidate. On the charisma level, he rates somewhere between a damp dish cloth and a tree. He's not a mudslinger, though. What he and President Bush are doing is pointing out the things that the media has been negligent in doing. Why is it so terrible for Rich Williamson and President Bush to talk about their candidate's records, yet it's fine and dandy for Clinton and Gore to go around yelling, "Read my lips"?

Friday morning I awoke to a Clinton ad on the radio which attacked President Bush for flip-flopping on issues. I haven't heard anyone criticize Clinton about the ads, even though he said in the debates that he was not going to do any negative campaigning. I guess that's understandable, though. The media is too busy complaining that the President is running a dirty campaign.

Well, that's the way it is on this week before election day. We've descended to the level where character is not part of being President of the United States. When I first decided to use this title for my regular column, I meant it to reflect upon life as a Conservative in an otherwise-Liberal environment. Little did I suspect that the unholy land I wrote about would eventually be my beloved United States of America, where honesty and integrity no longer have a place in the White House. If that is the case, then it bodes ill for the republic.
The most important new laws deal with privatization, and we hope these will be finished by the end of the year. Right now there are a lot of small businesses, one or two people. The large old businesses are not yet privatized. I'm waiting for the new laws. We hope to join the European Economic Community in the future, so all of our laws have to be compatible with E.C. law.

What is the Slovenian legal education like?

A law degree program is four years of undergraduate work. One can also do two years of post-graduate work. The first three years are all required courses, with a little flexibility in the fourth year. There is no elective system. The first year course load ranges from 45 to 50 credits. The curriculum consists of constitutional law, legal history, Roman law, sociology, political economy, statistics, jurisprudence. Criminal law, family and wills, and commercial law are some of the second year requirements, while the third year includes legal philosophy and labor law. Fourth year they do internships or in private practice.

Our exams work on a "twins or triplets" system - a student must take two or three exams in a given area on one day. For example, you would take criminal law and criminal procedure together. If a student fails a course, he must take it over again, and cannot move on to the next level until he passes the exam. There is no limit to the number of times one can take an exam.

I like the systemic method, but we don't use it. We would very much like our students to be more involved and active. I no longer teach the criminal class that were very regimented, and students had to be in attendance. Law Review is written by the faculty in Slovenia, not by the students.

Lawyers in America presently suffer from a less than positive public image and a meager job market. What is it like to be a practicing attorney in Slovenia?

We do not have the same attitude towards lawyers, since they are very important. There is no negative stereotype. Lawyers can make a fair amount of money, but people usually realize it is a difficult job with a large amount of training, so lawyers are respected. Whether this will change in a free market economy is difficult to say. The amount of litigation and the size of the awards are obviously much less than in America. Personal injury litigation really doesn't exist. There is no health insurance problem, we have a public health system. If something goes wrong, the health board disciplines the doctor by fining or firing. There is no patient recourse.

Most new lawyers work in businesses as in-house counsel. There are some one-person outfits and larger firms, but not many. About a quarter work for the judicial system. The role here in America seems to be much more important. There is no legal aid for those who need it. The lawyer for help in Slovenia, most are already in-house.

Today, most new attorneys will find a job, but this is not certain for the future. Unemployment is rising. Before the breakup, there was no unemployment. Today, the changing economy and the influx of refugees and foreigners is creating an unstable economy. Also, most of the students who come to law school have a liberal arts background. What we need are more lawyers who have mechanical qualifications, to help in the new industries.

Do you have any other particular thoughts on what you have seen here or in comments on Slovenia's future?

I sat in on a constitutional law class here, and it was strange, I would not have thought about sleeping in tents as a form of speech. Our constitution is new, and it simply says one has the right to speak out freely on ideas. The provisions are clear. Whether this would cover sleeping in tents on public land we have not discovered yet. We have a constitutional complaint institute set up to review complaints based on violations of human rights. Before, it was not possible to sue the state for such things. But now there is a forum for complaints.

For the first time in history we are sovereign and independent. Before Communism and Yugoslavia, there was the Austrian empire. We can draft our own laws today, and these will be reviewed by, and they will join in the future. We are extremely happy.

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