

with him sooner or later.

Frankly, this just reinforces my feeling that Democrats are more virile than members of other political parties. Look at the record of Bill Clinton and "that woman" whose name slips my mind, and remember Gary Hart, an aspiring presidential candidate, caught in another sex scandal, years ago, who was forced to drop out of the race? Then there's Franklin Roosevelt, a great Democrat, a man in a wheel chair, who was reputedly having an affair with his secretary. Logistically difficult I'm sure, but we Democrats know how to overcome obstacles. More recently there was John F. Kennedy, a man with a bad back, of whom it is said more women passed in and out of the back door of the White House than in and out of the front. Good back therapy, I'm told.

How about other political parties? They have their scandals too, but of a different kind. Recently a member of another party in Washington was caught slipping a message under the door of a stall in a men's room; unfortunately the recipient was a police officer. A bit sordid, no? Not long ago, a male member of the same party was sending messages to one of the pages, a young man, and it wasn't an invitation to play tennis, he had other games in mind. The irony of this is that he belongs to the party which is dead set against same-sex marriage. Well perhaps he felt that as long as he didn't propose marriage to the young man, it was all right.

George Clarke
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PITY FOR BLINDNESS?

If I were a Palestinian who did not distrust or have fear of Americans, I instead would pity them for their blindness to reality in the Middle East. They rightly acknowledge the tragic horror of students killed in the Jerusalem seminary library but take little notice of the far greater number of Palestinians killed by Israel.

That myopia causes many Americans not to notice (or not want to notice?) tragic contrasts of one recent report on National Public Radio: "In recent days, 102 Palestinians have been killed by Israel in Gaza. There was one Israeli fatality." How can our people tolerate leaders who support Israeli militarism that kills children and women while claiming to target guerilla fighters?

Israel's goal and ours is genocide in Palestine. Were I Palestinian, my choice would not be to pity Americans.

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ROADSIDE POOPERS

Regarding Pam Driscoll's letter (3/6), "Share Our Wealth," I think Driscoll makes some valid points. The subsidizing of oil companies should be restricted and redirected toward federal social programs, and tax loopholes for giant corporations should be eliminated and a fairer tax plan instigated.

As to the homeless living under the bridges, that probably wouldn't have been an issue if they hadn't shown such disrespect for the property where they were dwelling. Is it so



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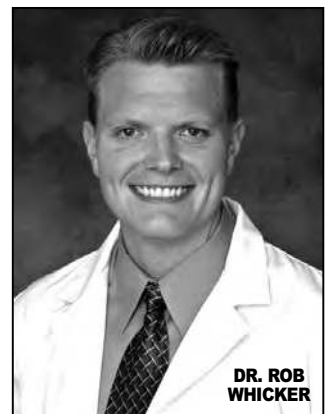
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