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The study examines the influence of different interethnic ideologies on racial prejudice. Results suggest that, relative to the multicultural perspective, the color-blind perspective

generated greater racial attitude bias. The findings of the study add to previous research advocating a multicultural or dual-identity model of intergroup relations as the more promising route to interracial harmony.

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By Dan Walters: Syndicated Columnist

California's economy is poised on the brink of something, but what isn't clear, and that makes everyone nervous, especially the state's politicians.

It could be on the brink of a boom that produces hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of new jobs. There are definite signs that after years of stagnation, a strong recovery may be under way. ...

The flip side of that dynamic view -- what one might expect from an action-oriented rookie governor -- is the more or less static view offered by the Legislature's chief budget analyst,

ELIZABETH HILL.

She raised the specter of large deficits reappearing in 2005-06 and beyond in her first examination of the revised budget, calling it "a persistent gap that the state will not be able to simply 'grow its way' out of" even with a modestly expanding economy.

Citing the short-term budget deals and other matters, HILL concludes: "These factors have resulted in a worsening of the state's long-term fiscal outlook even though the underlying revenue picture has brightened."

She sees deficits of \$8 billion by 2006 when, it's assumed, Schwarzenegger would be seeking re-election.

It's a prudent warning from an office renowned for its nonpolitical approach, but it's not the final word. Forecasting both the economy and the revenues that derive from it has become very chancy in California.

Official numbers tend to understate expansion of revenues during periods of expansion and understate declines during dips. Nor do HILL's projections assume that Schwarzenegger can make structural changes to lower governmental overhead.

If Schwarzenegger is right about both the economy and overhauling government, California's budget would be balanced by 2006, and he'd be hailed as a hero. If he's wrong, his governorship would be tagged a failure.

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By Steve Geissinger

Sacramento -- In a scathing report Monday, the Legislature's respected, independent and

nonpartisan fiscal expert said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger significantly worsened the state's long-term deficit woes last week when he revised his January budget proposal.

The "missed opportunity" to improve the state's fiscal outlook is due to lost chances to save, coupled with added spending, according to Legislative Analyst ELIZABETH HILL. ...

On the positive side, HILL said, Schwarzenegger's proposed \$102.8 billion spending plan for the 2004-05 fiscal year would essentially balance the budget until 2006-07, when

California would again face huge, ongoing, multibillion-dollar deficits. ...

[A]lthough the governor gets high marks from some political analysts in his effort to seek an on-time budget passage, the mathematical assessment from the Legislature's fiscal expert was less glowing.

Schwarzenegger's proposal "misses an important opportunity to make more meaningful inroads toward eliminating the state's long-term budget imbalance ... because it relies on less ongoing savings than did the January plan and adds to the state's future spending commitments," HILL said.

"These factors have resulted in a worsening in the state's long-term fiscal outlook relative to the January proposal, even though the underlying revenue picture has brightened," she said. ...

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By Ann E. Marimow

Sacramento - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's plan to balance the upcoming budget would exacerbate California's long-term mismatch between spending and income, creating a

nearly \$8 billion shortfall two years from now, the nonpartisan legislative analyst warned Monday.

The governor has "missed an opportunity in good economic times to ensure that we are moving towards fiscal stability," said Legislative Analyst ELIZABETH HILL.

Schwarzenegger's \$103 billion spending plan balances the budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1 and gets most of the way there the following year. But its reliance on \$5 billion in borrowing, one-time savings and accounting shifts pushes off the state's underlying problems for another day.

HILL's analysis provided the first independent review of the governor's revised budget plan since it was released Thursday. In her findings, HILL questioned Schwarzenegger's claim that greater government efficiencies and a growing economy would fix the long-term shortfall.

Government overhauls often come with up-front costs, she said. And even with a strengthening economy, she said, "our concern is that we can't grow our way out."

Schwarzenegger's budget includes deals struck with major interest groups, such as local governments, public schools and universities, that have agreed to take short-term cuts in exchange for long-term state funding stability.

The Legislative Analyst's Office, which advises Democrats and Republicans, urged lawmakers to avoid such deals. HILL said the agreements would drive the state deeper into debt and lessen lawmakers' flexibility to meet future shortfalls...

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By Tom Chorneau, Associated Press Writer

Sacramento (AP) -- Although he has criticized past budgets that did little to cut the state's spending imbalance, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's own proposal for next year relies too much on loans, accounting gimmicks and one-time solutions, according to a nonpartisan analysis.

By withdrawing a number of big spending cuts he proposed in January, the governor has missed an opportunity to attack the state's spending problem and instead would once again push the tough choices into the future, Legislative Analyst ELIZABETH HILL said Monday.

"The bottom line is that we've lost a number of ongoing solutions from the January plan, plus we have pushed out some obligations into future years," said HILL, whose office is

charged with advising the Legislature on fiscal issues. "In our view, the May revision misses an opportunity to make further progress on addressing the state's long-term structural

imbalance." ...

"We are concerned about the amount of borrowing and pushing the problem into the future," HILL said.

With the borrowing, extra tax income and other one-time fixes, Schwarzenegger's plan will

balance next year, HILL said. But a new shortfall, estimated at about \$6 billion, will start building in 2005-06, only slightly better than the \$8 billion deficit HILL predicted the state would face this year before the recall of Gov. Gray Davis and Schwarzenegger's election.

Unless the state cuts spending or raises taxes, HILL projected the persistent spending imbalance would keep generating billions of dollars in red ink through 2008-2009....

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By Marc Lifsher, Times Staff Writer

Sacramento - The recent overhaul of California's workers' compensation insurance system could produce significant savings for businesses this year, according to estimates

expected to be sent to state Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi this week.

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau projected Tuesday that the law, signed April 16 by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, would cut short-term workers' comp costs by

13.9%. The total savings for employers could amount to \$3 billion in reductions in insurance premiums and other costs over a 12-month period, said the bureau, a research group

backed by insurers....

No matter what happens in the short run, analysts are predicting that much greater savings should materialize after the start of next year. That's when changes in permanent disability

benefits included in the new workers' comp law are set to be implemented by state regulators. Those changes include limits on the time an injured worker can receive partial disability

payments and new calculations for awarding benefits to injured workers.

The regulations on permanent disability, scheduled to kick in Jan. 1, should knock an additional 7% or 8% off the total cost of the workers' comp system, said FRANK NEUHAUSER,

A WORKERS' COMP SPECIALIST AT UC BERKELEY'S SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER. At that point, he said, insurance companies should be able to charge premiums that are

as much as 25% lower than last year's and still make a profit.

NEUHAUSER predicted that rates would drop even more if the government-backed State Compensation Insurance Fund set a competitive standard by following the governor's suggestion and cutting its rates by 30% from current levels.

"I think there is going to be a great deal of pressure on insurers to lower rates," NEUHAUSER said.

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Jay Field of Chicago Public Radio reports on continuing reports of racial slurs in the Chicago Fire Department. Observers say significant tension between the races is not uncommon

in a number of big-city fire departments....

CAROL CHETKOVICH, a professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, spent a year and a half studying efforts to integrate the Oakland California Fire Department. She

says it's just not that simple. "Even in departments that do have a fairly high proportion of people of color, the problem is that in order to get to this point of having a more integrated

fire service we've had to go through a lot of significant legal battles that have left scars in terms of divisions between the firefighters."...

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

1. "UC Students, Alumni Lobby in Sacramento" (The Daily Californian, May 27, 2004); article citing MIKE TREVINO; <http://www.dailycal.org/article.php?id=15358>

By Kelly Paik

UC students and alumni converged on the state capitol yesterday for the annual UC day, lobbying legislators to bring money back into the university system.

Lobbyists targeted legislators to bring some of the \$352 million cut from UC in Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's May budget revision back to the university for fewer fee increases,

enrollment cuts and cuts to outreach programs and financial aid.

These cuts make it harder for California's youth to gain access to higher education and compromise the California Master Plan for Higher Education, said recent UC Berkeley

graduate Jennifer Winford.

Under the Master Plan, established in 1960, all eligible California high school graduates are guaranteed an affordable college education

A recent compact between Schwarzenegger and UC President Robert Dynes that proposed deep cuts to UC next year in exchange for increased funding in future years, some argue, challenges the long-standing plan

Lobbyists said the compact should be seen as a minimum, not a maximum level of state funding to UC.

"It's a floor, not a ceiling," said MIKE TREVINO, a UC BERKELEY alumnus. "We want them to restore the money that was cut." ...

...Legislators in budget subcommittees have been readjusting the Senate and Assembly budgets to bring back money to UC. The result of their efforts is pending a joint budget

committee meeting between the Assembly and Senate in the coming weeks, where the final budget for UC will be fleshed out and sent to a conference committee for approval.

Alums said they hoped they would be a strong source of persuasion for the legislature, seeing themselves as a strong funding source for UC.

"Ultimately the legislature decides the budget," TREVINO said.

2. ROBERT REICH: "Terrorism, Oil, and the Cost of Living" (Commentary on Public Radio Marketplace, May 26, 2004); <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/>

It's not a crisis - yet. Americans are using half as much oil as a percentage of our total economy as we did in the last energy crunch back in the 1980s. ... But make no mistake --

we're heading toward big trouble. Who's to blame? Not the usual suspects. This time oil producers are doing everything they can. OPEC... is exceeding its quotas. Saudi Arabia

just announced that it would increase production to use up spare capacity and even increase capacity. Yet oil prices continue to rise. Part of the problem is that China's booming

economy is demanding more oil and America's current recovery is also putting the squeeze on energy supply. But the real culprit is increasing unrest in the Middle East. You see, oil

prices are rising because speculators are betting on shortages to come. They see increasing instability in the Middle East, including terrorism aimed at oil pipelines across the

region, and they translate that to less oil to meet world market demand. Consider the two recent attacks in recent weeks on oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil

producer. Such attacks in Saudi Arabia are unprecedented. Put simply, the unrest in Iraq is spreading outward. There's less spare capacity right now than at any point in the last 30

years, so any oil capacity lost to terrorism is bound to raise prices. Trading of crude oil futures on the New York Mercantile Exchange is near market highs. Call it the terrorist price

premium, now estimated at between \$6-\$8 a barrel. If the Iraq war continues to generate more anger and anger on the Arab street against the America and the West, resulting in

more attacks on oil fields and pipelines across the region, the terrorist price premium is likely to rise. Listen to the White House and you'd think the war on terrorism was more or less

on track. But every time images like the horrors of Abu Gharaib or of civilian casualties are broadcast to the Arab World, more unrest follows. Markets don't lie. The futures market in

oil is reflecting the market's rational concern about the direction America's war on Iraq is taking.

3. ROBERT REICH: "Working for that Minimum Wage" (Commentary, Public Radio Marketplace, May 19, 2004); http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2004/05/19_mpp.html

Few proposals are as popular as raising the minimum wage. Every four years for some curious reason, congressional Democrats try to raise the minimum wage and congressional

Republicans try to stop them. Here we go again. Democrats have introduced a bill to raise the minimum to \$7 an hour, from its present \$5.15. Some believe it's the time for politicians

to stop posing... is overdue.

Commentator: ROBERT B. REICH

The last time the minimum wage was raised was in August of 1996, and, full disclosure, as Labor Secretary I fought like hell for it. Since then, most of that increase has been erased

by inflation. Back in 1996 Republicans argued, as they always do, that an increase in the minimum wage would result in fewer jobs for the least skilled, lowest paid workers because

they aren't worth the higher pay. What happened was that, as usual, the business cycle was a much more powerful determinant of job growth, or loss, than a few dollars in wages.

Between the last time the minimum wage was raised in the year 1996 and 2000, American business generated over 10 million new jobs including a record number of jobs for the

lowest skilled, and then after the bubble burst and recession let in, 3 million jobs were lost, including a lot of skilled jobs. Politicians, including Republicans and Democrats, like to fight

over the minimum wage. Democrats like to show their constituencies that they care about working people, and Republicans like to show their constituencies that they care about small

business which employs most minimum wage workers. This time it looks like Republicans will counter the Democrat's proposed \$1.85 hike in minimum wage with their own offer to hike it only \$1.10 over two years. This 75 cents difference will generate much fiery rhetoric on both sides of the aisle. But surely, both Democrats and Republicans should be able to agree on one simple principle: No family with a full-time working member should be in poverty. Right now, we are drifting further and further away from this goal. Even though the national economy shows signs of jobs recovery the ranks of the working poor appear to be growing. Many of the new jobs pay the minimum wage, and fewer of them provide health and pension benefits. The Urban Institute estimates that one out of 3 adults in poverty is working. Whether it takes a hike in the minimum wage or an expansion of the earned income tax credit, which is a wage subsidy for the lowest income workers, the goal should be to ensure that no family with a working member would live in poverty. The expanding category known as the "working poor" ought to be an oxymoron.

4. "REICH's optimistic strategy to get Democrats back in power" (San Francisco Chronicle, May 16, 2004); review of ROBERT REICH's new book;

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Reviewed by Steve Weinberg

Reason: Why Liberals Will Win the Battle for America. By ROBERT B. REICH. Knopf; 257 Pages; \$24.

As secretary of labor in the Bill Clinton Cabinet, ROBERT REICH [CURRENTLY VISITING PROFESSOR AT UC BERKELEY] traversed the United States, talking to the underemployed and unemployed.

An extroverted, enthusiastic promoter of better times to come, REICH describes introducing himself, "bounding toward them with my right hand extended." Inevitably, the somewhat

sour man or woman on the other end of the handshake would say something like: "Congratulations. What have you done for me?" REICH would respond positively: "This

administration has created millions of new jobs!" The deflating response would come: "Yeah, and I've got three." An only slightly more welcome response than, "Yeah, and I've got none."

REICH, a lawyer and professor in addition to sometimes politician, is smart enough to know that the Clinton administration presided over plenty of factory closings, overseas

outsourcing and the like. But he is also smart enough to know that the Clinton administration presided over more job creation than what the statistics indicate about the administration of George W. Bush.

That fact leads to the crux of REICH'S engaging new book, "Reason": Why are so many of these angry workers, who can barely pay their family's bills, voting for radical conservative

("Radcon," in REICH'S parlance) Republicans instead of Democrats? Because, REICH answers, the Radcons have "exploited these workers' anger and channeled it toward those

familiar targets they want to blame -- poor blacks and Latinos, welfare recipients, affirmative action, immigrants, women, Washington bureaucrats, Hillary and Bill and, of course,

liberals. Anger is a potent political force. Radcons have been remarkably, and tragically, effective at their scapegoating."

What to do? REICH should be smart enough to know that the subtitle of his well-thought-out, passionately written book is almost certainly overly optimistic in its prediction that liberals

"will win" control of local, state and federal government institutions anytime soon. A more realistic subtitle would read "Why Liberals Ought to Win the Battle for America."...

5. "Veteran of voting inventions hopes gadget is just the ticket" (Contra Costa Times [*requires registration], May. 16, 2004); article cites HENRY BRADY;

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By Chris Bagley, Special To The Times

Visitors to William Rouverol's North Berkeley apartment may not immediately see, as he does, that the fate of American democracy depends on the green gadget by his window.

Rouverol, 86, a balding mechanical engineer given to frank words and brown slacks, has spent much of the past three years designing and building the green plastic box he calls the

VoteSure. He says it will overcome the faults of other punch-card voting systems....

Rouverol's struggle may be uphill. Many counties are hesitant to put money into his or any other voting system until new elections standards emerge. Registrars say they may end up

ruling out even "shear-card" machines such as Rouverol's....

HENRY BRADY, A BERKELEY ELECTIONS EXPERT, argues against both punch-card systems and shear-card systems because a voter can inadvertently disqualify his or her votes

by punching too many holes.

Asked to assess Rouverol's efforts, BRADY said: "You've got to admire the man. At 86, he's still working for democracy."...

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<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/8656006.htm?1c>

By Ann E. Marimow, Times Sacramento Bureau

SACRAMENTO - He's brokered budget deals without lawmakers. He's funded local governments on his own. He thinks legislators should work part-time.

And now Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's top budget writers have a graduate student researching how chief executives in other states rein in government spending -- with or without the

legislative branch.

The study, which the governor's office insists is harmless, is to critics another example of what they already suspected: Schwarzenegger appears to be trying to undermine the

authority of the Legislature.

California's full-time Legislature traditionally has been strong compared with others nationwide. But with inexperienced term-limited lawmakers and a dominant governor who can

command public attention and support to help push through his agenda, that strength seems to be fading.

"We are in the process of watching the rise of the executive and the decline of the Legislature," said JOHN ELLWOOD, A PUBLIC-POLICY PROFESSOR AT UC BERKELEY.

Of Schwarzenegger, [ELLWOOD] added, "He and his staff think strategically and are exploiting the growing weakness of the Legislature." ...

Schwarzenegger's finance director, Donna Arduin, who has worked on budgets in three other states, was struck by the lack of control California's governor has to make cuts during the

fiscal year to bring spending in line with revenues.

It was Arduin's observations that prompted her deputy, MIKE GENEST, to suggest the issue for research when he was approached by a UC BERKELEY GRADUATE STUDENT

[SABRINA BIRNBAUM LANDRETH] looking for a thesis topic.

The Finance Department isn't sure how it might use the findings of the paper, which is due

soon.

"We don't have any immediate plans," GENEST said. "But I'm always hopeful when I ask a question."...

[Link by subscription only; but this story also appeared in the San

Jose Mercury News]]

7. ROBERT B. REICH: "Radcon 3" From a new book, the right-wing trifecta and how to fight it. (The American Prospect, The Wreckage Beyond Iraq, May 2004);

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In my view, being a liberal is something to be proud of. Yet for more than 20 years, liberals have been on the defensive and conservatives ascendant. Radical conservatives --

"radcons," I call them -- are taking over the public agenda. Radcons are revolutionaries. For them, ends justify means. They'll do whatever it takes to win. Listen to Paul Weyrich,

prominent radcon founder of The Heritage Foundation and coiner of the term "moral majority": "We are no longer working to preserve the status quo. We are radicals, working to

overturn the present power structure of the country." And they are meeting with woefully little resistance.

To understand their radicalism, you need to understand their notion of evil.

To radcons, the major threat to the security of our nation, the stability of our families, our future prosperity, and the capacity of our children to grow into responsible adults is a dark,

satanic force. It exists within America in the form of moral deviance -- out-of-wedlock births, homosexuality, abortion, crime. It potentially exists within every one of us in the form of sloth

and devastating irresponsibility. It exists outside America in the form of "evil empires" or an "axis of evil." There's no compromising with such evil. It has to be countered with everything

we have. Religious faith and discipline are the means of redemption. Punishment and coercion are the only real deterrents. Fear is the essential motivator.

The radcons' dominance is due in part to their money, discipline, and tactics. But the most fundamental source of their dominance has been their capacity to shape the public debate

around this idea of evil. Put simply, radcons have offered America a set of ideas that celebrate "us" and condemn "them." Unless "our" values prevail, "they" will triumph.

The Radcons' arguments are organized around three themes: morality, prosperity, and

patriotism. The radcon version of morality seeks to impose private religious norms about sex and the family on the entire nation, transforming matters of private morality into law. But radcons are looking in the wrong direction. America is facing a moral crisis, but it is abuses of authority at the highest levels of America that are stacking the deck against average working people and small-scale investors, not to mention undermining public trust in the entire economic and political system. The real public moral breakdown is at the top, where too many powerful and wealthy people are abusing their authority. We are defining deviancy down.

Even in the early 1990s, before the stock market soared and then plunged, before the corporate scandals, CEO pay in America was "deviant" in the sense that it was far higher than the pay of CEOs in other countries. Then it grew even more wildly out of line -- going from 42 times an average hourly worker's pay in 1980 to 85 times as much in 1990 to more than 280 times as much now. But what had once been disturbing came to be expected. Then, what became expected became acceptable. Finally, what became acceptable began to seem appropriate.

The problem isn't just a few "rotten apples." We need moral as well as legal limits on rapacious CEOs, accountants, lawyers, brokers, and investment bankers. Liberals should lead the charge for reforms, as they have done twice over the last century, in the early 1900s and in the 1930s. Both times, liberal reformers were accused of interfering in the free market.

But in both instances, liberals prevailed by appealing to public morality and common sense. ...

The radcon version of patriotism requires no real sacrifice by most Americans, nor does it ask anything of the more fortunate members of our society. Radcons don't link patriotism to a citizen's duty to pay his or her fair share of taxes to support the nation. And they don't think patriotism requires that all citizens serve the nation. Theirs is a shallow patriotism that derives its emotional force from disdain for foreign cultures and confronting foreign opponents. As such, it imperils the future security of America and the world, for reasons I will outline in a moment.

Yet many liberals have been silent about patriotism. They seem wary of it or, at best, embarrassed by it. Perhaps that's because, in recent decades, patriotism has so easily morphed

into crass "America first" chauvinism. But that's not the only form patriotism can take. Liberals must promote a "positive patriotism" that stands tough against terrorism and genocide,

yet doesn't need a foreign enemy to define itself or in order for it to flourish. At its best, the American tradition of liberal internationalism has reflected our drive to expand our founding

ideals of liberty, equality, and democracy. ...

8. "Shakespeare, Einstein, and the Bottom Line" ([London] Times Literary Supplement, April 23, 2004); review of DAVID KIRP's book.

By Alan Ryan, Times Literary Supplement

DAVID KIRP is a professor of public policy but writes with the light touch of an investigative journalist.... Shakespeare, Einstein, and the Bottom Line is not censorious. It is devoid of

wishful thinking and very acute about the dilemmas facing university presidents trying to run an enterprise that is invariably short of money--even Harvard would cheerfully spend a great

deal more money if it had it--and facing the demands of faculty, students, alumni and trustees, who have their own visions of what the institution ought to be.

RECENT FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS and EVENTS

May 1 HAROLD SMITH, VISITING SCHOLAR AT GSPP, spoke at the 58th Annual Asilomar Conference of the World Affairs Council on "The Increasing Role of the Department of Defense in Foreign Policy."

May 4 Prof. MARGARET TAYLOR was featured on Forum, KQED Radio, speaking on "US Losing Dominance in Science--assessing the perception that the United States is losing its dominance in the sciences";
<http://www.kqed.org/programs/program-landing-local.jsp?progID=RD19>

May 4 HAROLD SMITH was featured on the History Channel program, "Tactical to Practical," discussing various aspects of Ballistic Missile Defense.

May 5 "The New Bottom Line: The Private Sector And Public Goals." ROBERT REICH spoke in conversation with Tom Campbell, Dean, Haas School of Business; former Member of Congress; Chairman, World Affairs Council of Northern California, on the topic of preparing for and competing in the global economy. This World Affairs Council event was broadcast on KQED Radio on May 17.

May 13-14 "Triangular Relations Between Russia, China and the U.S. in 1972 and Today," a conference held at GSPP, featuring DEAN MICHAEL NACHT and HAROLD

SMITH, among other experts, was supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

May 21 DAVID KIRP gave the commencement address at the UC Berkeley Undergraduate & Interdisciplinary Studies Commencement Ceremony 2004 - Greek Theatre.

May 25 ROBERT REICH was featured on Forum, KQED Radio, speaking on the subject of his book, Reason: Why Liberals Will Win the Battle for America. Audio replay

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<http://www.kqed.org/programs/program-archive.jsp?progID=RD19&ResultStart=11&ResultCount=10&type=radio>

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Planting the Roots of Peace in Afghanistan

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