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Dear GSPP Friend:

Special features in this eDigest include a link to Robert Reich's appearance on Jon Stewart's "Daily Show" and an excerpt of his CNN debate with Steve Forbes on Social Security. You will also find the School's record-setting run of five op-eds published in a single week. Warren Beatty's commencement speech set the media buzzing nation-wide. You can link to the full commencement ceremony in the "Videos and Webcasts" section at the end of this 28-page newsletter.

We are always delighted to receive your material for inclusion in the Digest. Please email the editor at wong23@berkeley.edu.

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Huge thanks to Geno for topping off the Class of 2005's extraordinarily generous class gift (which had a very impressive participation rate of 95%!). Their efforts will make a real difference for future students and will raise the bar for future class gifts.

UPCOMING EVENT

"High Tech Mind Control" on "California Connected" - featuring DAN KAMMEN
PBS-TV: June 17-18-19, 2005
"California Connected" is broadcast on a number of local PBS stations: KQED, KTEH, KVIE, KRCB. Check your local listings for your favorite station.

QUICK REFERENCE LIST

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By Bonnie Azab Powell

Berkeley -- Many students were visibly star-struck at the graduation ceremony for UC Berkeley's GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, giggling and blushing as they shook the hand of this year's keynote speaker, actor and director Warren Beatty, at a post-ceremony reception. At least one student was bold enough to give him her phone number. But Beatty's wife, Annette Bening, needn't fear.

"I just pitched him my idea about doing political consulting for stars," explains ANAT SHENKER, M.A. PUBLIC POLICY '05. "I have absolutely no shame," she cheerfully admits -- not surprising for someone whose résumé includes doing stand-up comedy in New York. SHENKER's confidence is evidently persuasive: Beatty not only took her contact info, but gave her his. ...

Shenker, 27...is more than happy to explain how a Columbia University political science major ended up holding grant-writing workshops in Honduras for the Peace Corps, marrying a villager from the cloud forest, and thinking she had useful advice to offer Warren Beatty. ...

In 2003, SHENKER decided that it was time to go back to school and study public policy. Thinking Berkeley would be a good match for [her and husband Donaldo] as a couple, she chose the GOLDMAN SCHOOL over its East Coast competitors....

At the GOLDMAN SCHOOL, SHENKER found that she was actually good at the quantitative areas she had thought she was weak in, such as statistics and economics. Her final report (the GOLDMAN equivalent of a thesis) looked at 52 impact studies about WalMart's economic effect on the communities it operates in and compared their outcomes.

Last fall, looking for an elective to take, SHENKER ran across a cognitive-science seminar taught by professor George Lakoff that had a few seats unfilled, and decided ... to sign up. Lakoff, whose theories about the role that language plays in politics landed him in the national spotlight during the 2004 presidential election, took a liking to her.

Starting this summer, she'll be working with Lakoff at the Rockridge Institute, a not-for-profit progressive think tank he co-founded in Berkeley, doing outreach and grassroots organization. She is also serious... about doing political consulting for stars. ...

"Actors have to realize that they're influencing political opinion, even the ones who say they're nonpartisan. The ones who have a progressive viewpoint need help getting it across, and I want to provide that help."

Judging from Beatty's humorous, passionate, and substantive graduation speech, however, he doesn't need much help. What does SHENKER think of Beatty as a candidate for political office, say, governor of California?

"I'd have to know more about his underlying thoughts, but I was unabashedly impressed by his speech," says SHENKER. "He was hitting a lot of the right notes. "

She'd also love to help him. And since SHENKER has demonstrated that she can do pretty much anything she sets her mind to, perhaps she'll get the chance.

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In a live broadcast from Alameda County Superior Court, Michael Krasny and a panel of guests consider the process of "aging out" -- when foster children reach the age of 18 and are immediately on their own. Several such individuals talk about the challenge of making their way without a "real" family [including MICHELLE JETER, a graduate of FIRST PLACE FUND FOR YOUTH and now a counselor for emancipated youth].

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By Amy Chance -- Bee Political Editor

Mike Murphy, lead political consultant to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, likens negotiating with the California Teachers Association to a memorable scene in the alien-attack movie "Independence Day."

When the president of the United States asks a captured alien what it wants him to do, the alien responds: "Die. Die."

"That's the kind of vibe I get from the CTA," Murphy said in a recent interview with political reporters.

"I don't think they're interested in talking. Too bad. It's a disservice to the people of California, so we might just have to go settle this at the ballot box."

As Schwarzenegger threatens a special election fight over spending on state programs, however, even his own advisers can't refute teachers' argument that the governor is the one who decided to destroy a deal they reached in early 2004. ...

Schwarzenegger himself acknowledged he wouldn't be sticking to that part of the deal in December, when his administration called education leaders in to discuss the budget he would release in January.

While state income was higher than expected, he said, giving schools more money would have resulted in painful decisions about health and human service programs. ...

Teachers also say the governor still could have kept his promise when he released a revised budget proposal earlier this month.

He had the money to do it, nearly \$4 billion more after the April tax season than he thought he would have in January.

But he says now that the extra money isn't expected to last, that he can't bank on putting it into schools because the economy may not be as robust next year.

Even RESPECTED NONPARTISAN LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL has weighed in on Schwarzenegger's side of the budget fight, calling his approach "sensible" given the state's large, ongoing financial problems. ...

4. "State budget built on risks, experts say. But this time there's \$2 billion at stake, which worries some Capitol insiders" (Sacramento Bee, May 22, 2005); story citing ELIZABETH HILL (MPP 1975); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/ca/story/12935777p-13783574c.html>

By Alexa H. Bluth -- Bee Capitol Bureau

While LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL last week praised Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's revised budget as sensible, she also warned that it contains about \$2 billion in savings that might never materialize.

It is the second year that Schwarzenegger, like many of his predecessors, has proposed balancing the budget with dollars the state may never see. The practice has been used for decades by governors of both parties seeking to balance the state's enormous budget amid a variety of competing political pressures.

In his first budget, Schwarzenegger's plans to extract new revenues from Indian gaming pacts, punitive damage awards and state worker concessions yielded far less than expected.

In his current \$115.7 billion plan, Schwarzenegger is seeking savings from teacher retirements and from selling bonds to pay pension obligations, both of which face legal challenges.

The Republican governor is seeking savings again from state workers' paychecks that are far from assured, relying on concessions from public employee unions that he has angered recently with his pension proposals and political attacks on labor as "special interests."

Schwarzenegger's 2005-06 budget revisions include the following proposals that HILL, the Legislature's nonpartisan budget adviser, called "risky assumptions" in her analysis:

- * He is counting on \$408 million in savings in state worker salaries. Though many of the state's collective bargaining units have begun contract talks, there is no guarantee that they will agree to concessions....
- * His plan assumes \$469 million in savings from shifting teacher retirement costs from the state to local school districts, but the move could affect Proposition 98's minimum guarantee for schools and could be subject to legal challenges....
- * Schwarzenegger's budget also relies on \$525 million in pension obligation bonds that have been the subject of court challenges.

Finally, HILL said there is a \$600 million discrepancy between her revenue forecasts and the governor's, based largely on accounting differences between the two offices.

"In our opinion, it's \$600 million that they don't have," HILL said.

Last year, Schwarzenegger also relied on some budget proposals that HILL called risky, including \$450 million he sought from requiring plaintiffs to share their punitive damage awards in civil suits with the state.

None of the savings ever materialized, and the governor's legal and budget staff determined the plan was flawed. ...

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By Gilbert Chan -- Bee Staff Writer

May 20, 2005

San Francisco - State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi wants to follow the money saved from the dramatic overhaul of California's mammoth workers' compensation system.

The commissioner Thursday blasted insurance industry profits and vowed to pressure carriers to lower employers' insurance bills, including calling hearings to probe pricing practices.

He also renewed his call to revamp the quasi-public State Compensation Insurance Fund, accusing the carrier of propping up industry rates.

Studies differ greatly over the impact of the new regulations. A study commissioned by the bureau had estimated the new rules could slash permanent disability costs by as much as 80 percent, or more than \$2 billion. The author, Dr. Christopher Brigham, later revised his estimate Thursday to 20 percent.

Another analysis by the University of California, Davis, which was commissioned by the California Applicants' Attorneys Association, predicted benefits falling by as much as 70 percent.

But a third report, released Thursday by FRANK NEUHAUSER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, said the new rules wouldn't have such a dramatic impact. He forecast only a 7 percent drop....

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By Gilbert Chan -- Bee Staff Writer

Citing lower permanent disability payments in the future, a key insurance industry group is calling for an even deeper cut in workers' compensation rates this summer.

The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California will recommend on Thursday a 13.8 percent rate reduction to Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi - a jump from the 10.4 percent cut it proposed earlier for employers renewing policies after July 1.

The revision, approved by the bureau's governing committee Tuesday, comes after officials analyzed the financial savings expected to emerge from new rules to calculate permanent disability benefits for injured workers.

A bureau study reported the new regulations, established under last year's sweeping workers' compensation overhaul, could cut benefit payments up to \$1 billion because certain injuries would be judged much less severe than they were under old rules. Some workers could see ratings on their injuries drop by as much as 71 percent, the report stated.

But a separate University of California, Berkeley study [by FRANK NEUHAUSER] predicts only a 7 percent drop.

Researchers and rating bureau officials say the numbers are still sketchy since the new permanent disability rules, which are based on guidelines from the American Medical Association, are only 5 months old.

"At this point we don't really know what the changes will be," said FRANK NEUHAUSER, a UC BERKELEY WORKERS' COMPENSATION EXPERT....

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By Gary Delsohn -- Bee Capitol Bureau

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration has acknowledged for months that it broke its promise to restore more than \$2 billion in base education funding this year, but Schwarzenegger insisted Tuesday he never made the pledge and said education leaders are perpetuating a "right-out lie" by criticizing him over it....

The school funding dispute, which has been steadily escalating since January, has its roots in Schwarzenegger's first budget proposal in 2004. The Republican governor, education leaders and the California Teachers Association announced with fanfare an agreement to suspend the automatic funding formula for education for a year. But the deal called for education base funding under Proposition 98 to be restored once state revenues increased. LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL now says that figure approaches \$3 billion....

8. "Dueling disability studies. Potential size of cuts to workers' comp payments at issue" (Mercury News, May 14, 2005); story citing study by FRANK NEUHAUSER (MPP 1993); <http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/business/11646919.htm>

By Deborah Lohse

Two new studies under review by the insurance industry are fueling fresh debate over how deeply last year's workers' compensation reforms will slash payments to workers who have a lingering disability after an injury.

One study bolstered the claim of some critics that workers are going to lose as much as 70 percent in disability pay under the new laws. But another study estimates that the average payout could be cut by as little as 7 percent.

The insurance industry, meanwhile, apparently is trying to meld the results of the two studies to project how much it can expect to save in workers' compensation disability claims. Those savings would be translated into lower insurance premiums for employers.

Some who attended a hearing Thursday by the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau at which the studies were unveiled said the bureau plans to suggest that insurers cut premiums for employers by an average of 14.4 percent soon. That's a larger cut than the 10.4 percent suggested earlier this year, to reflect the disability-payment savings. ...

But it was the dueling studies that once again pitted critics of the new system against its defenders.

Advocates for injured workers claimed that the first study, by a physician considered an expert in the new rating system, proved their argument that workers will see their disability ratings drastically slashed under the new laws. ...

In his study, Dr. Christopher Brigham, a workers' compensation consultant in Portland, Maine, looked at the files of 250 partially disabled workers. Applying the new rating rules, the workers were rated an average of 71 percent lower on their degree of disability compared with the old system. Excluding those who got a 0 disability rating under the new system, the average worker rating fell nearly 58 percent. ...

But a spokeswoman for California's workers' compensation director said the discrepancies between the two studies show that the state needs to collect fresh data to make an accurate assessment.

"The vast difference between these two studies points out this reality: It's nearly impossible to make an accurate comparison of the two systems," said Susan Gard, a spokeswoman for Andrea Hoch, the administrative director of California's Division of Workers' Compensation.

The second study, by Berkeley Survey Research Center Project Director FRANK NEUHAUSER, calculated the highest possible rating workers could get for various injuries under the new system, and compared it with the maximum under the old system. He essentially assigned each injury a ratio based on the difference between the two maximums.

He then converted more than 200,000 ratings that were rated under the old system to new numbers, using his conversion ratio.

Using that methodology -- which [Peggy] Sugarman [executive director of an injured-worker advocacy group] criticized as too theoretical - "the average rating we expect to see won't change very much," said NEUHAUSER.

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By Jennifer Bayot

An unexpected retreat in the United States' demand for imports trimmed the trade deficit in March to a six-month low, the government reported today, creating a far brighter picture of the economy than previous data suggested.

The Commerce Department reported that the March trade deficit fell to \$55 billion, a sharp reversal from February, when the deficit rose to a revised record of \$60.6 billion.

Economists had been expecting the March trade deficit to hit another of record, especially as oil prices remained high. A survey by Bloomberg News had forecast a trade deficit of \$61.9 billion. Instead, imports fell 2.1 percent, or "a whopping \$4.1 billion," as Morgan Stanley described it in a research note to clients.

Less spending on autos and consumer goods like textiles and consumer electronics accounted for much of the decrease, even as high prices for crude oil drove the value of petroleum imports up 23 percent. The actual imports of petroleum products fell 6 percent. The March trade deficit of \$55 billion was the lowest since \$51.2 billion in September.

A drop in the trade deficit with China - to \$12.9 billion in March from \$13.9 billion deficit in February - accounted for a good portion of the decline. ...

American exports rose 1.5 percent in March on sales of aircraft and a rise in demand for services. ...

"It was such an abrupt decline in imports," said MICKEY LEVY, CHIEF ECONOMIST AT BANC OF AMERICA SECURITIES. "One of the critical questions for the economy is, 'Is this the beginning of a turn in the trade trends?'"

At the least the data should lead to a revision of the government's measure of production, or gross domestic product, for the first quarter. The preliminary report on the nation's gross domestic product, released at the end of April, said that growth slowed significantly, to 3.1 percent from 3.8 percent. But it had assumed that the trade deficit would hold steady.

Today's report "will generate a dramatic upward revision in first-quarter G.D.P.," Mr. LEVY said. "This is going to push it, all else being equal, up toward 4 percent," from 3.1 percent. ...

Bond prices moved modestly higher. But the stock market had moved little, suggesting that investors needed more data to be persuaded.

After all, Mr. LEVY noted, other economic reports for March had showed a much bleaker picture than today's data,

including that companies were stockpiling inventories while consumers were buying less. "It may be just too big a decline to reconcile with all the other data," Mr. LEVY said. "But maybe I'm overanalyzing it."

10. "High school reform idea focuses on preparation. State legislative analyst says college, work should be focus" (Sacramento Bee, May 10, 2005); story citing ELIZABETH HILL (MPP 1975); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/v-print/story/12867603p-13716932c.html>

By Michael Kolber -- Bee Staff Writer

Evidence continues to mount that California's high schools are not preparing graduates well for college or work, but few comprehensive solutions have materialized.

Monday the Legislative Analyst's Office unveiled a potential framework for improving high schools that taps into state and federal school programs already under way.

ELIZABETH HILL, THE LEGISLATURE'S NONPARTISAN ANALYST, said she commissioned the report because she was frustrated that significant gains had not been made in high school student achievement or reducing dropout rates.

Paul Warren, the researcher who conducted the study, said he concluded that high schools would improve if they focused existing reform efforts on better preparing students for college and work. "We think high schools need to be more accountable for the transition of students to adult life," Warren said.

The California State University system has a program that gives high school students an early indication of whether they are performing well enough and taking classes to prepare for college. The report recommends a similar approach in community colleges, with high schools coaching students earlier about career and community college paths.

"There's a very high dropout rate in community colleges. Kids aren't exactly sure why they're there," Warren said. ...

The ideas mirror those proposed two years ago by Michael Kirst, a Stanford education professor who is a co-director of Policy Analysis for California Education. Kirst and the legislative analyst argued that community colleges should use the existing California high school standards tests to place students in college. This would better integrate high school and postsecondary programs and bolster the significance of the standardized tests, which currently have little consequence for individual students. ...

Warren acknowledged that the legislative analyst's proposal likely would not receive serious consideration in the Legislature until next term. He said much could be accomplished through reallocation of existing programs, although the schools might need an additional \$150 million for better counseling programs.

[Read the LAO Report, "Improving High School: A Strategic Approach" at: http://www.lao.ca.gov/2005/high_schools/improving_hs_050905.htm]

11. "Op-Ed: Big and dumb" (San Francisco Chronicle, May 10, 2005); op-ed by winner of GOLDMAN SCHOOL-SPONSORED ESSAY CONTEST; <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/05/10/EDGP7CLHB51.DTL&type=printable>

Students Express Their Views: The two op-eds on this page are the winning essays in a writing contest sponsored by The Chronicle and UC BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. The contestants, all undergraduates, are heading for careers in law, science, art, medicine, business, education or engineering.

[Prof. MICHAEL O'HARE organized the writing contest. The judges were Lois Kazakoff of The Chronicle, Prof. DAVID KIRP and DONNA LEFF, GSPP alumna (MPP 1978, PhD 1982) and Professor at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism.]

By Steven Stanek

[Steven Stanek is an electrical engineering and computer science undergraduate student at UC Berkeley.]

We've become accustomed to the idea that space needs to be big: rockets, space stations, ground facilities and budgets, all big. President Bush has recently introduced his vision of a "Crew Exploration Vehicle," the next step in making space even bigger, without seeking an alternative. As the president and his underlings searched for the money to fund the CEV, they canceled programs that could ultimately have made our adventures into the ether smaller and cheaper.

The Space Shuttle and the International Space Station are two of the most costly programs in the history of U.S. government. NASA estimates the cost of a single shuttle flight in the near future at \$1 billion. Cost estimates of the space station vary widely but put it on the order of \$100 billion....

We should put the sideshow front and center, making scientific research and technological development the principal goals of NASA, and making manned space flight the sideshow. We should abandon the shuttle, replacing it not with something larger, more complex and more expensive, but a smaller and cheaper vehicle, using existing commercial technologies. We should invest the savings in building better engines that will ultimately give us cheaper space flight and, we should bankroll research to expand our understanding of our planet, our solar system and our universe.

Our modern, manned space flight can be compared to the great pyramids of Egypt. While both accomplishments are awe-inspiring monuments to human power, they are expensive and technologically and scientifically rather useless. Wouldn't the Egyptians have been better off if they had invested their resources in devising better construction, agricultural and medical techniques? Likewise, do we want our legacy in space to be one of mindless expenditure in massive monuments or one of innovators whose discoveries have a profound impact on human history?

12. "Op-Ed: Helping, not hindering, creativity" (San Francisco Chronicle, May 10, 2005); op-ed by winner of GOLDMAN SCHOOL-SPONSORED ESSAY CONTEST;
<http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/05/10/EDGEQCMI8R1.DTL&type=printable>

By Eugene Zinovyev

[Eugene Zinovyev is an undergraduate student of political economy of industrial societies at UC Berkeley.]

Today, entertainment lobby groups are consciously trying to prevent technological and creative progress in the United States.

Late in March, Ted Olson, the former solicitor general under the current President Bush and counsel for the Recording Industry Association of America and Motion Picture Association of America, wrote an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal arguing against peer-to-peer file-sharing networks, likening them to services that allow users to exploit others' property illegally with no legal repercussion. Yet, the analogy between his scenario and the sharing of music and movies is deeply flawed, because digital movies and songs are not property in the same sense that a car or a pair of shoes are.

Here is how Olson lays out his clever analogy: Imagine if he created a service that allowed anyone with a computer and an Internet connection to gain free access to anyone's car, house or other property. The person could use that property however he or she wishes. Of course, Olson's service would tell you that you should not do anything illegal with the service that he offers, but he is not going to do anything to you if you do....

Yet songs and movies are not the same as cars for one fundamental reason: Digital songs, unlike cars, are noncompetitive. In other words, when I listen to a song that I downloaded through Grokster, it does not prevent you from listening to that song; in fact, it makes it more likely that you will, because there is now one more source for you to download from. If I drive your car, however, you obviously cannot drive it at the same time. Because I deprive you of your car by driving it without your permission, laws exist to make such an action a crime. Yet, I do not deny anyone the ability to listen to a song by downloading it onto my computer. Thus, I do not deny anyone of their property. Hence, there is no reason that the U.S. government should institute any policy to make such an action illegal....

...By treating intellectual property, which, like digital music, is noncompetitive, as tangible property, the U.S. government actually discourages innovation and creativity.

Congress and the U.S. Copyright Office should, in fact, reverse the trends of the past 30 years and reduce, but not eliminate, the exclusive rights that the creators of intellectual property possess. By reducing the length of copyright terms, and by encouraging, instead of hampering, the operation of networks that spread noncompetitive goods, Congress would finally be able to live up to its constitutional duty to "promote the progress of science and useful arts."

13. "Unions sue over workers' comp" (Sacramento Bee, May 6, 2005); story citing research by FRANK NEUHAUSER (MPP 1993); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/business/v-print/story/12845941p-13695606c.html>

By Gilbert Chan -- Bee Staff Writer

The California Labor Federation is asking the state Supreme Court to throw out a formula that critics say is flawed and

sharply cuts permanent disability awards by 50 percent or more for severely injured workers.

The federation's lawsuit against the state Division of Workers' Compensation fuels renewed debate over last year's sweeping changes to the giant state-run program.

In recent weeks, Democratic leaders have vowed to confront Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over reports that workers with serious job-related injuries are losing medical treatment and benefits under the workers' comp reform law, SB 899.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday, comes a week after labor leaders were unsuccessful in their bid to persuade state senators to reject the confirmation of Andrea Hoch as administrative director of the Division of Workers' Compensation.

Unions and the California Applicants' Attorneys Association have been critical of Hoch and the administration's newly enacted permanent disability regulations.

"The governor promised that this (law) was not intended to reduce the benefits. But it has," said Art Pulaski, executive secretary-treasurer of the labor federation, which represents about 2.5 million California union members. "We want them to follow the law."...

The labor federation accuses Hoch of failing to follow SB 899 when she drafted the permanent disability rules, which affect about 40,000 to 60,000 claims a year.

Specifically, the suit alleges Hoch ignored legal provisions that directed her to use research from the Rand Institute for Civil Justice [co-authored by FRANK NEUHAUSER] and other sources to draft a new formula for compensating a worker for the projected loss of future wages due to a permanent disability.

Hoch has defended the rules, telling lawmakers in the past that she incorporated Rand information and that she found no other wage-loss studies. Hoch said she would re-examine the formula when more research emerges.

Labor officials disagree.

"They've come up with some bogus method that is seriously reducing the benefits for all those permanently disabled workers," Pulaski said.

[You can read the Rand study co-authored by FRANK NEUHAUSER, "Data for Adjusting Disability Ratings to Reflect Diminished Future Earnings and Capacity in Compliance with SB 899" at: <http://www.rand.org/publications/WR/WR214/>]

14. "VENEMAN takes helm of UNICEF. Modestan's foreign trade work could help at children's agency" (Modesto Bee, May 3, 2005); story about ANN VENEMAN (MPP 1971); <http://www.modbee.com/local/story/10420959p-11221395c.html>

Bee Staff Reports

Modesto native and former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture ANN VENEMAN on Monday assumed leadership of the United Nations Children's Fund, more commonly known as UNICEF.

"It is a great honor to have the opportunity to lead UNICEF, which is truly one of the world's great institutions," VENEMAN, 55, said in a news release issued on her first official day at UNICEF headquarters in New York. "Too many children in the world face hardships and challenges that should never be a part of childhood. I look forward to continuing UNICEF's mission of serving children around the globe."

VENEMAN was appointed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to succeed outgoing Executive Director Carol Bellamy, becoming the fifth executive director in the agency's 60-year history.

She oversees about 8,000 employees and an annual budget of \$1.7 billion, which is smaller than the Agriculture Department in which VENEMAN served, in one capacity or another, for about 12 years. There, she directed 111,000 employees with a budget of \$113 billion.

In the release, VENEMAN said her experience working with foreign trade will help her strengthen UNICEF's efforts.

"Strengthening our collaboration with partners around the world can advance the goals of reducing poverty, malnutrition and disease, as well as helping to protect children from abuse and violence," she said.

15. "VENEMAN's new job: Helping globe's poorest kids" (Modesto Bee, May 3, 2005); op-ed citing ANN VENEMAN (MPP 1971); <http://www.modbee.com/opinion/story/10420869p-11221309c.html>

If there's a more worthy goal than helping the world's hungry, abused and needy children, we don't know what it is. As of Monday, that critically important, entirely laudable and unimaginably difficult job of directing the world's foremost advocacy agency for children belongs to Modesto native ANN VENEMAN, the new executive director of UNICEF. Greeting her were sobering reports that 246 million children are being exploited each year in sweat shops, farms and labor camps; 13.4 million children have been left orphans by AIDS; 1.2 million children are sold into slavery each year. The litany of misery continues. UNICEF is the world's largest provider of vaccines, clean water, food and basic education for children in the poorest nations. The former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture is well-suited to become the fifth top executive in UNICEF's 60-year history and an important player at the controversy-plagued United Nations. Under VENEMAN, the USDA -- an agency of 111,000 employees with a \$113 billion budget -- got its first-ever "clean audit," then got three more. This is important work; we wish her well.

FACULTY & GOLDMAN EVENT SPEAKER IN THE NEWS

1. "Democrats eye actor as answer to Schwarzenegger" (Mercury News, May 28, 2005); story citing GOLDMAN SCHOOL SPEAKER;
<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/11762344.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

By Laura Kurtzman

Warren Beatty's entry onto the political scene in a blaze of rhetorical gunfire at Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger teased speculation that the self-styled "Roosevelt-Kennedy liberal" might be planning a run for governor next year.

Beatty's recent hot talk raised the question of whether Democrats can find a sufficiently luminous candidate to face the governor. However much Schwarzenegger's approval rating has fallen in recent months, he remains a household name in a state where voters are notoriously out of touch.

"There are a lot of people who would like to see Warren run," said Bill Carrick, a veteran Democratic strategist....
"Schwarzenegger had an unbelievable ability to seize the public's attention through the news media. I think Warren could even that score."

While a party line has developed among Democrats that voters may be ready for a boring bureaucrat after all the exhausting controversy Schwarzenegger has created, there are still those who dream of a more interesting Democrat to match the movie-star Republican governor.

"I don't want to have to run for governor," [Beatty] said in an interview, "although I think I could do better with it than the present governor."

Yet Beatty refused to rule out a run, just as he did last Saturday, when he bashed Schwarzenegger at UC-BERKELEY'S [GOLDMAN] SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

"I think if you rule it out, you're doing the wrong thing," Beatty said. "If you rule it out, you're saying, 'I won't serve the public even if asked.'"

2. "Reich: Out of the Cabinet, into the Theater" (Weekend Edition - Saturday, NPR, May 28, 2005); story about play by ROBERT REICH; listen at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4670960>

Reported by: Andrea Shea

Former U.S. Labor Secretary ROBERT REICH has written a play now making its debut on Cape Cod. In Public Exposure, the Clinton administration Democrat takes some roundhouse swings at the political right.

3. "Warren, Was Your Talk Just an Act?" (Los Angeles Times, May 27, 2005); column citing GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT;

<http://www.latimes.com/news/columnists/la-me-lopez27may27,0,5737657,print.column?coll=la-home-headlines>

By Steve Lopez - Points West

The next election for governor of California is a long way off, but if you thought we had fun last time, just imagine the possibilities.

Arnold "Big Boy" Schwarzenegger runs for reelection, and his opponent is either Rob Reiner or Warren Beatty. It'll be an all-Hollywood political slamfest....

Not that any of those actors, including Schwarzenegger, have said they'll run in 2006. Reiner, who led the preschool funding initiative in California, often pops up on lists of potential candidates. And you have to admit there's some appeal in a showdown between the Terminator and the Meathead.

But Reiner seems a little shy about taking the next step. Beatty, on the other hand, is already on his toes and throwing punches. He was supposed to be giving a commencement speech last week to UC BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, but it sounded more like the launching of a political campaign.

"Cancel it, governor. Call it off," Beatty said, slamming Schwarzenegger's planned \$70-million special election, in which voters would be asked to do the job the governor and legislators can't seem to do on their own.

Beatty called Arnold a photo-op fanatic who stages "the fake events, the fake issues, the fake crowds," and pushes a "reactionary, right-wing agenda" that hurts some of the very people who supported him, including nurses, teachers and cops.

The governor has raised millions in corporate donations after rising to power on the strength of his call for an end to compulsive fundraising and special-interest, pay-to-play politics. Better to follow the cue of former Govs. Ronald Reagan and Pete Wilson, Beatty said, and tax the rich.

Beatty took his shots at a time when Schwarzenegger's popularity is tanking and on the eve of huge anti-Arnold rallies in Los Angeles and Sacramento. So can it be seen as anything other than the start of Beatty's own gubernatorial campaign?

Beatty told the students he's not planning to run for governor, but he said he'd do a much better job than Arnold.

After the speech, he said he wasn't ruling out a run.

... If he accomplished nothing else with the speech, Beatty got Arnold's attention. The governor's chief flack dismissed Beatty as a crackpot, and Beatty responded by questioning the intelligence of such a remark.

You see? This really is beginning to sound like a campaign....

Can you imagine what it must feel like to be Phil Angelides?

The state treasurer spent months studying the budget mess and rolling out specific policy proposals, establishing himself as the leading Democratic challenger to Schwarzenegger. But most people still have no idea who he is, let alone how to pronounce his name.

Warren Beatty, on the other hand, gave one little speech and it was news up and down the state, across the nation and in India, New Zealand and Ireland.

Will he or won't he? ...

4. "Bulworth takes on the Terminator. Warren Beatty enters, stage left, and breaks Hollywood's silence against the governor" (Los Angeles Times, May 25, 2005); story citing GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT;
<http://www.latimes.com/news/politics/la-et-politics25may25,1,3164546,print.story>

By Rachel Abramowitz

"I see nothing wrong with Maria [Shriver] becoming a Republican. I'd say many of my best friends are Republicans," says Warren Beatty, Oscar-winning actor-director and liberal citizen-activist. Over the phone, his legendary voice purrs. He knows exactly what he's saying, and although his tone is wry, he's not really joking.

Though Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's poll numbers have been dropping thanks to advertising campaigns by teachers and nurses, Hollywood, usually a hotbed of liberal activism, has so far remained mum about this former denizen....

....Over the weekend, Beatty...gave his first commencement speech ever to the graduating class of UC BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, and used the occasion to humorously but witheringly attack Schwarzenegger -- much like the candid candidate Jay Billington Bulworth from his 1998 political satire. He derided the governor for "his reactionary right-wing agenda," "his bullying of labor and the little guy," his plan to spend money on a "totally unnecessary special election" and his refusal to raise taxes on the rich. Beatty asked Schwarzenegger to "cut down the photo ops, the fake events, the fake issues, the fake crowds ... the scapegoats, the 'language problems,' the broken promises, the 'Minutemen,' the prevarications and put some sunlight on some taxes.....

One unusual feature of Beatty's address was his reference to his own relatively modest background. "I grew up a nice Southern Baptist boy in Virginia. My parents and grandparents were teachers," he told the graduating class. It seemed a pointed reference to Schwarzenegger's frequent use of his rags-to-riches story as part of his campaign sell. Beatty explains that he was trying to make the point that "the usurpation by the rabid right wing of the message of the church on a national or state level shouldn't be permitted. As a Democrat, I feel that the basic tenets of the Christian church that I grew up in are 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you' and 'Love one another.' I simply believe that the philosophy of the Democratic Party is closer to those Christian principles than what has become the principles of what I would call the Republican activist base."

5. "Beatty for governor?" (Associated Press WorldStream, May 23, 2005); story citing GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT.

Berkeley, Calif. -- Warren Beatty says he isn't ruling out running for governor of California, and thinks he could do a better job than Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"I don't think anyone should ever rule public service out," Beatty, 68, said. "It's a way of saying, 'Take me out of the mix and don't listen to me any more.' "

The actor made the remark after giving a commencement address to graduates of University of California Berkeley's GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY on the weekend. ...

[This story also reported in Newsday (New York), Chattanooga Times Free Press, The Commercial Appeal (Memphis), Calgary Herald, "Crossfire" on CNN.]

6. "In Africa, Lifting the Pall of Smoke From Cooking" (Washington Post, May 23, 2005); story citing study by DAN KAMMEN; http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/05/22/AR2005052200772_pf.html

By Susan P. Williams

In the highlands of Ethiopia, the temperature dips to an average 37 degrees at night. A typical family's one-room house has no chimney, and the stove consists of three stones supporting a pot over an open wood fire. The mother fixes dinner as her toddlers edge closer, trying to stay warm in the swirling smoke.

And as they do, the air they breathe may be killing them.

A recent study [co-authored by DANIEL M. KAMMEN] estimated that in the next 25 years, 10 million women and children in sub-Saharan Africa will die prematurely from the smoke produced by the most basic and comforting of sources: the family cookstove....

....Although chimneys would improve indoor air quality, they would just move the problem outdoors. By 2050, the study's authors estimated, smoke from wood fires will release at least 7 billion tons of greenhouse gases into the environment each year. That is about 6 percent of the total expected to be produced from the African continent.

Today, Africa produces only about 5 percent of the world's greenhouse gases, said DANIEL M. KAMMEN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, another of the study's authors.

But it will probably produce much more, he wrote in an e-mail, because "after decades of trailing Asia, Africa now has the fastest rate of urbanization in the world," and city dwellers use more energy....

[The World Health Organization] points out that reducing indoor air pollution would make progress toward at least half of the millennium development goals for improving the health and welfare of poor people everywhere, which each United

Nations member pledged to reach by 2015. The less time women spend collecting fuel, the more time they have for education or careers, thus fighting poverty and promoting gender equality. The less smoke children breathe, the more likely they are to live to adulthood.

Success could raise the pall from millions.

7. "Beatty commences full-bore attack on governor" (Contra Costa Times, May 22, 2005); story about GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT;

<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/email/news/11710762.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

By John Simerman

Hollywood movie man Warren Beatty assailed Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in a frothy Commencement Speech at Uc Berkeley on Saturday, stirring new speculation on his interest in the state's top job.

Under black cap and gown, the 68-year-old actor, director and longtime liberal activist flayed the governor for his relentless fund raising, his refusal to raise taxes on the rich, and a direct-to-voters approach to what Beatty called "fake issues."

Even Schwarzenegger's offbeat name-calling -- the infamous "girlie men" barb and others aimed at Democratic lawmakers -- set Beatty off as the sun beat hot on the graduating class of the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

Beatty said Schwarzenegger's threat to call a special election in November to redraw legislative and congressional districts is a costly stunt to divert attention from the budget and "win credit from the right wing," with an eye on a presidential run.

He noted that Secretary of State Bruce McPherson, a Republican appointed by the governor, said last week the lines could not be redrawn in time for the 2006 election.

"Cancel it, Governor. Call it off," he said. "Or you're going to hear the sound of a lot more losers and stooges and girlie men like me..."

Indeed, with Schwarzenegger's approval rating mired below 50 percent, many Democrats see a chance for their own celebrities to help tackle the governor's agenda....

8. "Actor Beatty hurls barbs. He urges the governor to skip a special election and halt name-calling." Sacramento Bee, May 22, 2005); story about GOLDMAN SCHOOL SPEAKER;

<http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/ca/v-print/story/12935786p-13783575c.html>

By Herbert A. Sample -- Bee San Francisco Bureau

Berkeley - Though he was coy about his own political intentions, actor, director and producer Warren Beatty used a commencement speech Saturday to offer pointed criticisms of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Beatty, speaking before five dozen graduates of the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY at the University of California, Berkeley, called on Schwarzenegger to avoid a special election this fall and to use his public pulpit for something other than name-calling.

"Now that he's a politician," Beatty said of the governor, "I say why not rise to the higher level (of) that calling rather than denigrate your fellow politicians, calling them stooges and girlie men and losers?"

He suggested that California's budget woes could be resolved if Schwarzenegger endorsed both an alteration to 1978's Proposition 13, so that business property is reassessed more often, and a hike in taxes on the wealthy.

"What's the point of ruling out all the new taxes on the rich other than to make sure that they continue to finance your nonstop campaign advertising?" Beatty asked.

"What is the sense," he continued, "of running to Wall Street and borrowing \$15 billion, raising the debt to over \$30 billion, and then coming back here and trying to cut programs and obligations to nurses and to firemen and to teachers and to cops ... and then denigrating these good people as special interests?"

Beatty and fellow actor Schwarzenegger have been engaged in a low-key public debate of late.

In March, Beatty said the governor was yielding "to a reactionary right-wing agenda" in order to seek the presidency.

Soon afterward, Schwarzenegger suggested that if Beatty promises "not to give me advice in politics, I promise him not to give him advice on acting."

Beatty replied to that offer Saturday.

"If acting and politics are off the table, we're only left with hair and makeup," he said, to chuckles from the graduates and about 200 friends and relatives. ...

9. "Beatty kicks up political dust at Cal" (San Francisco Chronicle, May 22, 2005); story about GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT; <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2005/05/22/MNGT0CT1151.DTL>

By Carla Marinucci, Chronicle Political Writer

Academy Award-winning actor-director Warren Beatty delivered a devastating critique of Arnold Schwarzenegger at a UC Berkeley commencement Saturday, and refused to rule out a Democratic run for governor -- saying that he would "think about it" if Schwarzenegger continues to endorse "a totally unnecessary special election."

"I don't think it's smart to rule anything out in life," Beatty, 68, told reporters following a commencement address to the UC Berkeley GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

During his speech, Beatty lambasted the GOP governor for "bullying labor and the little guys" such as California nurses and teachers while embracing "the reactionary right wing" in pursuit of his agenda.

Beatty told 80 graduates, their families, and hundreds of others who gathered on the campus lawn to hear him, that while he "didn't want to" run for governor, "I'd do a hell of a lot better job than he's done." ...

Beatty, who has starred in and/or directed such films as "Reds," "Bulworth" and "Shampoo," publicly chastised Schwarzenegger for choosing "bombastic marketing" over serious public policy, saying the former actor has tacked so far to the right, he no longer resembles the man who ran for the office in the first place.

"We are not the governor's dumbbells," Beatty said to applause and laughter. "It's not fooling anybody for him to be running around raising money ... from rich Republicans all over the country who hope that they can get this reactionary stuff started in California."

He then asked why the state needs "a totally unnecessary \$70 million extra election in November, when we're going to have another one anyway in June. That's nothing but a strategy to distract attention from the failure to deal honestly with the budget."

"It's become time to define a Schwarzenegger Republican," Beatty said. "A Schwarzenegger Republican is a Bush Republican who says he's a Schwarzenegger Republican."

While the governor's office dismissed Beatty, MICHAEL NACHT, THE DEAN OF THE INFLUENTIAL PUBLIC POLICY SCHOOL, said the actor was chosen for the honor of the address because of his credentials, which included being a founding member of the Progressive Majority and the Center for National Policy, a board member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a longtime activist in Democratic politics who has worked for a candidate in every presidential election since he worked for Robert Kennedy's campaign in 1968.

"We were thrilled" that he accepted, said NACHT, who noted that other commencement speakers have included Condoleezza Rice. "He's very well informed, and he has a platform to speak his mind."

The address -- which was alternately thoughtful, tough and tinged with humor -- was met with a standing ovation from the audience, including FORMER CLINTON SECRETARY OF LABOR [and currently GOLDMAN SCHOOL DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR] ROBERT REICH, former California Senate Pro Tem John Burton and Beatty's Academy Award-nominated wife, actress Annette Bening.

"He was great," said Bening, surrounded by the couple's four children, who sat in the front row to watch their father. "He said what a lot of people feel, and he took the opportunity to say it well." ...

Beatty's outright dismissal of the special election -- and his threat to continue to pound the governor on his agenda -- is the first aggressive challenge by a visible and politically active member of the entertainment community, which has to date

been reluctant to take on a fellow actor....

10. "Beatty says governor needs to work on his body politic" (Associated Press, May 21, 2005); story about GOLDMAN SCHOOL SPEAKER; http://www.sacbee.com/state_wire/v-print/story/12929275p-13777066c.html

By Michelle Locke, Associated Press Writer

Berkeley, Calif. (AP) - Warren Beatty challenged fellow thespian Arnold Schwarzenegger on Saturday, telling University of California graduates that the governor should raise taxes and drop plans for a special election.

"Cancel it, Gov.. Call it off," said Beatty as he gave the commencement address to graduates of UC Berkeley's GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

Beatty, who has been involved in politics for years, played a senator in the 1998 movie "Bulworth" and entertained the idea of running for the presidency six years ago.

He told graduates he doesn't want to be governor, although he thinks he could do a better job than Schwarzenegger and believes there are other Democrats who would be better still.

After the speech, Beatty said he isn't ruling out ever running. "I don't think anyone should ever rule public service out," he said. "It's a way of saying, 'Take me out of the mix and don't listen to me any more.'"

In his speech, Beatty said he has "a real soft spot for actors even if they are right wing," and has always liked Schwarzenegger. But the former action star is a politician who should "rise to the higher level of that calling," and not denigrate fellow politicians by mocking them as "girlie men," as the governor did of Democratic lawmakers last summer, Beatty said.

"Can't we accept that devotion to the building of the body politic is more complex and a little more sensitive than devotion to body building?" Beatty asked.

Beatty, who first challenged the governor at a March awards banquet in Beverly Hills, contends that [he] should raise taxes on the rich. On Saturday, he also argued against the special election that the Republican governor plans to call for November to consider measures aimed at restricting state spending and curbing the influence of public employee unions.

Critics have questioned why Schwarzenegger is forcing such a high-stakes showdown over issues that appear less than urgent, especially because the state's next regularly scheduled election is little more than a year away.

Beatty said the election is a waste of time and money....

11. "Actor Warren Beatty gives public-policy graduates -- and Gov. Schwarzenegger -- some advice on power" (Berkeleyan, May 21, 2005; story about GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT; http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2005/05/21_beatty.shtml)

Berkeley -- Veteran actor and director Warren Beatty, his wife Annette Bening, and their four children sweltered gamely through a Saturday morning graduation ceremony for UC Berkeley's GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. Beatty, a longtime political activist who has campaigned for every Democratic presidential candidate since Robert Kennedy, gave a keynote speech that was almost as blistering as the heat in its criticism of California Governor and fellow Hollywood actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Wearing UC Berkeley regalia ... Beatty cracked plenty of jokes but did not mince words about his disappointment in the direction that California is heading fiscally and philosophically. His performance was reminiscent of the candid, fed-up character he played in the movie "Bulworth" -- a Democratic Senator running for re-election in California -- which he also directed and co-wrote.

Multiple news crews were in attendance in Faculty Glade, drawn by rumors that Beatty would declare his intent to replace Schwarzenegger. He did not do so, but he did have this to say: "Although I don't want to run for governor, I'd do one helluva lot better job than he's done." However, in answer to reporters' questions immediately following the ceremony, Beatty said that he "was not ruling out" a run for governor.

The prepared text of his speech follows.

Remarks to the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
UC Berkeley, May 21, 2005

...Let me say first how honored I am to have been invited to speak here at your school of public policy. I'm a Hollywood movie actor, and for public policy I think you know what that can mean.

Perhaps you are wondering not only why you have invited me here, but why I have decided to come.

An old compatriot of mine through many political campaigns once told me something his father, who was a member of the Tennessee state legislature, had said to him when he was a child: That the greatest gift God can give a man is to enjoy the sound of his own voice. And the second greatest gift is to get somebody else to listen to it.

So: Forgive me -- you have fallen into my trap.

Hence my immediate, enthusiastic and, I must emphasize, respectful acceptance of your invitation to speak at the country's NO. 1-RATED SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. ...

[Read the full text of Mr. Beatty's remarks at: http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2005/05/21_beatty.shtml]

[View the webcast of the commencement at: http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/details.html?event_id=212]

12. "Reaching for the stars: Colleges compete for big names for big day" (Sacramento Bee, May 20, 2005); story citing GOLDMAN SCHOOL EVENT, DEAN MICHAEL NACHT, ROBERT REICH, and ANAT SHENKER (MPP 2005); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/education/v-print/story/12922464p-13770473c.html>

By Lesli A. Maxwell -- Bee Staff Writer

Saturday: Actor Warren Beatty headlines at the University of California, Berkeley.

College graduation season has opened, and this year, commencement speakers ranging from A-list Hollywood stars and billionaire entrepreneurs to little-known scientists are dispensing words of inspiration, wisdom and meaning to the class of 2005.

In their effort to land stellar graduation speakers, college and university leaders use a range of tactics.

Some offer honorary degrees and cash to lure big names - High Point University in North Carolina paid \$75,000 to entice former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, who spoke two weeks ago.

Others use sheer tenacity.

At colleges where presidents, chancellors and deans are well-connected, who ends up as commencement speaker is often a matter of delving into the Rolodex.

That's how THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT UC BERKELEY landed Oscar winner and Democratic activist Warren Beatty.

MICHAEL NACHT, THE SCHOOL'S DEAN, served as assistant director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency under President Clinton and brought his political connections to UC Berkeley. One of those connections, FORMER LABOR SECRETARY ROBERT REICH, has been a visiting professor at the school and provided the link to Beatty.

"I got a call from my friend Bob Reich and I said, 'Sure I'll do it,' " Beatty said in a phone interview Wednesday.

Beatty, who is known for his blunt talk on political issues and has been rumored to be interested in the governor's job, was coy when asked what message he would have for the roughly 80 public policy graduates.

"These are people who could end up being pretty important one day, right?" Beatty said. "I guess I better make it good." ...

But does it really matter who imparts that final message before students move on to the real world? Do graduates remember who attempted to inspire them on their big day? If so, do they even remember what was said?

Of course, that answer depends on whom you ask.

ANAT SHENKER, one of the public policy graduates at UC Berkeley, is counting on Beatty to be memorable.

"We all have a genuine curiosity about what he's going to say," SHENKER said. "Is he going to make some inflammatory remarks about the governor ... or is this going to be the launch of his campaign?" ...

13. "Op-Ed: High Stakes in the Music Business. Free music needn't be stolen music" by MICHAEL O'HARE (San Francisco Chronicle, May 16, 2005); <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2005/05/16/EDGM7C907H1.DTL>

[MICHAEL O'HARE IS A PROFESSOR AT THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT UC BERKELEY.]

By MICHAEL O'HARE

"Dad, it just doesn't feel like stealing!" How many parents have heard this, after a Serious Talk about sharing music files, from good kids who wouldn't dream of shoplifting a CD?

The U.S. Supreme Court is about to put its oar in by deciding the Grokster case, a plea by publishers to shut down a file-sharing service that enables what the publishers claim is simple theft.

Whatever the court decides, however, it will be wrong, because existing law cannot get us what we really want no matter how it is interpreted.

The file-sharing conflict appears to pit legitimate values against each other in a paralyzing standoff. On the one hand, artists, creators and distributors deserve to be paid for their work, and it's in our interest to pay them if we want anything to listen to. On the other hand, the kids understand a central fact about digital media: listening to a song, even having MP3 files on their hard drives, doesn't leave any less of it for other people to enjoy. You shouldn't pay for what you don't use up (economists worship this idea as "marginal cost pricing"). Obviously, either the listeners or the artists have to win. But, as with many obvious propositions, this one is wrong.

Have we ever resolved a conflict like this? Indeed we have. Consider city parks and sidewalks. My stroll doesn't leave any less of them for you to enjoy. It's tempting to say "Parks should be free" but wiser to speak more precisely if less pithily: "Parks should be available at no charge to the users." After all, parks are not "free": If we don't pay contractors, landscape architects and gardeners for them, we won't have any. Understanding that we need to pay for parks and that there are good reasons to make them available at a zero price, we instruct government to do so. No case of turf theft is before any court known to me. It's not perfect, because some people who never go to the park have to pay for it. But it's the best available system, and good enough. ...

Digital media are a little more complicated than these examples, but the only way out of the mess we are in is to follow the same principles: Pay creators for their work and provide the product to users for free. What makes music tricky is knowing how much to pay for which song, but it's not impossible. After all, how do we decide if we should have another park or a bigger museum? Essentially, we see how many people are using them now, ask some questions in public hearings and editorial pages, and predict: If we build more, will they come? When there's no one on the lawn and people waiting to shoot hoops, we tear up the grass and make some more basketball courts, enriching the people who lay asphalt and signaling the bent grass suppliers to find some other work.

What we need for music is analogous: a reasonably good assessment of how much play a given recording gets and a mechanism to steer public funds mostly to the ones people are listening to a lot. No amount of suing downloaders, or yelling about whether file-sharing is theft or music "wants to be free," nor any court proceeding, can create such a system. Congress must legislate public machinery that: 1) observes music use without compromising listeners' privacy and 2) bureaucratically steers a public royalty fund to creators according to how much their work is listened to. ...

How big does this royalty fund have to be? The Recording Industry Association of America reported about \$11 billion in recorded music sales in 2004, so about \$40 per year each from 300 million Americans will cover it. For the price of three CDs in taxes, we can each get free access to anything we want to hear and have clear consciences. Not bad. Will it be easy? Nope: Big music will lobby against this system apoplectically and apocalyptically. The fight will be a wonderful spectacle, scary and awesome to behold, but in the end artists and their audiences will both be better off. Bring it on.

14. "Op-Ed: Lack of vision on policy clouds energy future" by DAN KAMMEN (San Francisco Chronicle, Friday, May 13, 2005); <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/05/13/EDGJ6CNOA31.DTL&type=printable>

By DANIEL M. KAMMEN

[DANIEL M. KAMMEN holds the Class of 1935 Distinguished Chair in Energy at UC Berkeley, where he is also a professor in the Energy and Resources Group and in the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. He also co-directs the Berkeley Institute of the Environment.]

Late last month, President Bush unveiled five new energy "initiatives" as solutions to our energy, security and economic ills. None of them addresses any of the real issues facing the country, and in total they demean our country's capacity to take control of our energy future, ignoring the ways we can solve our energy problems by promoting economic growth, technological innovation and environmental protection.

There is no industry more important to the economy of the United States, California and the world than energy. It is by far the largest business on the planet and has the greatest impact on job growth as well as on the quality of the environment. But this nation and our president have been treating energy as an afterthought.

The president's "plan" will facilitate the import of liquefied natural gas and the construction of added refineries, and it will encourage the use of some improved diesel fuels. These are fine footnotes in a true energy package, but they only serve to extend or expand our dependence on oil, widen the trade deficit and put American troops needlessly in harm's way. ...

The real issue, in fact, is that today our energy economy lacks the diversity it needs to respond to the inevitable economic, political and environmental shocks that history has demonstrated occur frequently. By contrast, the initiatives presented by the president signal to American industry that investment in truly innovative technologies and economic leadership is not a national priority.

A true energy policy, one worthy of presidential endorsement, would have several key components:

-- First, the United States needs to recapture the mantle of leadership in innovative renewable-energy technology and policy. Today, orders for wind turbines are flooding Danish and German factories. ...The global market for photovoltaics -- solar cells -- has, like the wind industry, grown by more than 20 percent a year for the past decade ...and yet the United States lags behind Japan and Germany in producing and installing this local and secure source of power.

-- Hybrid vehicles, the hottest-selling cars on the market today, are almost entirely imported from Japan....

-- The president should make raising the average fuel efficiency of our vehicle fleet a national priority. More oil can be saved, and far more cheaply, through this mechanism than any other action.

Individual states are getting the message, even if the federal government is not. Important innovations taking place at the state level would be made far more efficient with federal support. Eighteen states have adopted renewable energy portfolio standards that require a percentage of electricity to come from renewable energy sources. Adopting a federal standard, or providing benefits to states that do, sends a critical signal to industry: If you build it, a market awaits.

California stands to benefit significantly if the country were to invest in our energy future -- not simply subsidize our past. Californians have already shown what is possible with the adoption of a strong energy portfolio: the Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Reduction Bill ... will reduce greenhouse-gas emissions from vehicles 30 percent by 2016, and the Million Solar Roofs Initiative (SB1), if passed, will provide demand for clean solar-energy technologies. Federal leadership would expand these sorts of programs to our mutual benefit.

Finally, instead of denying and impeding international treaties such as the Kyoto Protocol to limit the emissions of greenhouse gases, the federal government needs to recognize the business potential in leading the fight to safeguard the planet. Business opportunities abound in developing and selling solar panels, wind turbines and gasifiers that turn agricultural waste and crops into a truly natural gas, as well as developing a new generation of energy-efficient appliances.

Taken together, these advances could evolve our economy from one of energy "hunter-gatherers" to one of "energy farmers" -- from a reliance on a precarious and tremendously expensive traditional supply to meet a steadily growing demand, to one that emphasizes a full range of energy supply, efficiency and demand-management technologies. That's a policy worthy of presidential support.

15. "Green Means: Kenya Solar" (KQED production, distributed on PBS-TV, May 2005); program featuring DAN KAMMEN; <http://gm.kqed.org/4/14/>

Reported by Susan Stamburg

The market for photovoltaic (PV) cells - the panels that capture solar energy and convert it into electricity - is stagnant in

America. But sales for PV panels are soaring in Kenya. DANIEL KAMMEN, a University of California/Berkeley Professor of Energy and Resources, explains the phenomenon of Kenya's solar explosion. In Africa, solar energy provides cheap, reliable, safe power to remote areas, and provides a healthy alternative to kerosene and wood.

"The neat thing about it in Kenya is that it's totally private," says Prof. KAMMEN.... "It is the best and cheapest way to provide power in rural areas of Kenya where 80% of the people live." At University of California's Berkeley campus, PROFESSOR DAN KAMMEN and his colleagues are testing the type of solar collectors sold in Kenya against U.S.-made panels, which cost twice as much. "These panels were thought to be fairly inefficient and fairly poor quality, but in fact we're finding in Kenya that if they're well made and used well in the field they're generating power for about half the cost as these crystalline ones which are the kind sold in the U.S. ..."

Solar power is not only improving the lives of thousands of Kenyans, it's improving the environment at the same time. "The main thing about PV is that the people who buy these are replacing kerosene. The degree to which photovoltaics can offset use of those dirty fossil fuels -- that's a plus," says PROF. KAMMEN. "We've talked to hundreds of families, almost a thousand, and we're consistently finding people who are saying, 'Oh yeah, my kids do homework now; they're staying in school longer.'" ...

As Kenya's enthusiasm for solar energy spreads rapidly throughout southern Africa, U.S. sales are still lagging, but KAMMEN insists the bright future of photovoltaics is truly just over the horizon. "We've got programs in California now where if you put a PV system on your roof, you get half of the cost reimbursed to you and in a couple of years you'll begin to make money selling energy back into the system. And those changes, coupled with technical innovations with marketing and policy and economic innovations, that's what was lacking 20 years ago. That's what we're getting in terms of renewable energy that is in fact generating a much more viable and healthy Green Power industry."

["Green Means" is made possible by the RICHARD & RHODA GOLDMAN FUND, sponsors of the GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENT PRIZE, recognizing environmental heroes throughout the world.]

16. "ROBERT REICH's big question: Do facts still matter?" (Sacramento Bee, May 11, 2005); op-ed citing ROBERT REICH; <http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/v-print/story/12872507p-13721684c.html>

By Peter Schrag -- Bee Columnist

Former Clinton administration Labor Secretary ROBERT REICH, NOW TEACHING PUBLIC POLICY AT [THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT UC] BERKELEY, has been going around asking a portentous question: As the wage and wealth gaps between the rich and poor grow to unprecedented proportions in America, will we snap back or snap apart?

Snapping back is what the nation has always done in the past. After the depredations of the Gilded Age, the sweatshops, the 14-hour days even for children, the Populists and then the Progressives succeeded in enacting antitrust and wage and hour laws, interstate commerce regulation, the progressive income tax, pure food and drug laws and a long list of others.

Together, REICH said, those reforms brought things back to tolerable levels.

Ditto during the Depression, with laws recognizing the right of labor to organize and strike; enactment of Social Security, banking and securities regulations; and establishment of hundreds of public works projects to put people back to work - roads, bridges, schools, water and power systems.

But REICH, a former Rhodes Scholar, also warns about another scenario. "If we don't snap back," he said, "we snap apart into different societies" that have little contact with one another, and where the poor lose the classic American expectation that with enough effort they can make it into the middle class.

That snapping apart fuels the politics of resentment and makes the nation susceptible to all sorts of demagoguery - about race and religion, about immigrants, about gays, about elites. As he talked about it recently at the Public Policy Institute of California, it was hard not to believe it was already happening. "Are we living in a madhouse?" REICH asked....

17. "Op-Ed: Reforming Our Retirement System. Social Security is a kids' issue" by DAVID KIRP (San Francisco Chronicle, May 11, 2005); <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2005/05/11/EDGJ6CMJLT1.DTL&type=printable>

By DAVID L. KIRP

[DAVID L. KIRP, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY and author

of "Shakespeare, Einstein, and the Bottom Line: The Marketing of Higher Education" (Harvard University Press, 2003), is working on a book, "Who Cares for Our Children?", about universal preschool.]

Partisans in the Social Security wars have advanced a host of proposals to trim benefits, raise taxes or encourage investing in the stock market to bankroll retirement. But no one seems to be talking about how to increase productivity -- an odd omission, since productivity is the engine that sustains this intergenerational compact.

While patches in the Social Security formula will likely be needed, the best way to keep the system solvent is to soup up that engine by boosting the earnings capacity of today's children. That means underwriting their education, especially during the critical first years of their lives. In this respect Social Security is really a kids' issue....

Politicians are habitually inclined to favor quick fixes. Yet when it comes to children, that approach doesn't work, because the full benefits of early-childhood education programs are only realized decades down the road. The Social Security debate provides a rare opportunity to take the long-term view. That means focusing on the interwoven fates of three generations -- thinking not only about how to guarantee economic security to retirees, but also about how to better the lives of children, and their children as well.

18. "Beyond the Headlines: Green Cities, World Environmental Day" (ABC7News, KGO-TV, May 8, 2005); program featuring DAN KAMMEN; http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/areaguide/community_beyond_the_headlines.html

...San Francisco was recently named one of the top ten greenest cities in the country by the Green Guide Institute.

Green cities will be the theme as leaders from around the world come to San Francisco for the United Nations World Environment Day 2005. This is timely because the 21st century marks the first time in human history that the majority of the world's population will live in urban areas. Today, cities consume 75% of the planet's natural resources. As urban populations grow, it is increasingly important to balance the needs of the environment, the economy, and social equity if we are going to achieve a way of living that can support our planet and our people into future generations. ...

We'll ... hear from experts on what significant environmental problems face the Bay Area and what we can do to help protect our land, water, and sky.

Studio Guest: Professor DANIEL KAMMEN, UC BERKELEY GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

19. "Robert Reich on Social Security" (Marketplace, American Public Media, May 4, 2005); commentary by ROBERT REICH; listen to this commentary at: <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2005/05/04/PM200505044.html>

On the President's schedule today: a speech about social security. Mr. Bush addressed a conference of Latino small business owners this morning. The White House plan to remake social security has been the top domestic story for months. Commentator ROBERT REICH is calling for a "time-out."

20. ROBERT REICH debates Steve Forbes on Social Security on "Late Edition" (CNN News, May 1, 2005); <http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0505/01/le.01.html>

Host: Wolf Blitzer

Joining us now, two guests with different views on Social Security reform, the economy and other issues: in Berkeley, California, the former Clinton labor secretary, ROBERT REICH; and in New York, the CEO of Forbes Incorporated, the former Republican presidential candidate, Steve Forbes.

Gentlemen, welcome back to "Late Edition." I'll start with you, Steve Forbes. What do you make of this presidential initiative he threw on the table, what's called "progressive indexing," cuts in future benefits for Social Security recipients depending on their income?

Steve Forbes, Ceo, Forbes Inc.: Well, Wolf, I'll be blunt. I take my cue from Patrick Daniel Moynihan, the great Democratic senator, late senator, who said if you start means-testing Social Security, you're going to turn it into a welfare system and undermine broad political support for it. It is not necessary to cut future benefits if you make the right reforms.

I'm glad the president is sticking with personal accounts. But I think it was a mistake to be blunt, to have these benefit cuts, put them on the table. Maybe they thought that was the way, what they had to do to get support for other reforms. ...

Blitzer: BOB REICH, do you agree?

ROBERT REICH, FORMER LABOR SECRETARY: Well, first of all, let me commend the president. If somebody's going to have to sacrifice in the future, if you do agree with the Social Security actuary that there are going to have to be big cuts out there in 36 years in Social Security, better that those cuts occur on people who can afford them rather than on the poor.

So I think the president is taking a progressive approach on that. But the problem, and here I agree with Steve Forbes...

Blitzer: Let me interrupt, Bob Reich. Let me interrupt for a second. When you say wealthier Americans, significant cuts over these next decades would affect people making \$30,000, \$40,000, \$60,000 a year at current income levels, those aren't very wealthy Americans.

REICH: Well, you took the words out of my mouth, Wolf.

In fact, I was going to say, my next point was...the president is cutting way down into the middle class. And that's the problem with the proposal. And I agree with Steve Forbes. We shouldn't do this all on the benefits side.

A much better way would be to take the cap off of the proportion of income subjected to Social Security, which is now on \$90,000. If you earn more than \$90,000, the next dollar is not subjected to Social Security taxes whatsoever.

Better to do that than to cut so deeply into benefits. In fact, anybody right now with a current income of \$25,000 in current dollars is going to see cuts, according to the president's plan, way out there.

Blitzer: All right. ... Bob Reich, if your proposal to raise the cap on withholding taxes for Social Security were to go up, how high would you make it go?

REICH: Well, initially, I think anybody earning over \$90,000, I'd have kind of a 2 or 3 percent surcharge on incomes over \$90,000. That's one way of doing it. Another way of doing it is to go up to \$120,000 now and index it. That's not going to go to solve the entire problem. And there might be other things that we need to do. The retirement age may have to be raised again. After all, people are living much longer.

But Wolf, remember, this is a problem, potentially, 36 years from now. If I were president, I would not be talking about Social Security. I would be talking about Medicare. That's a much, much bigger problem. And that's what we as a nation ought to be focusing on right now. ...

21. "REICH's first play earns Wellfleet debut" (Boston Globe, April 29, 2005); story featuring ROBERT REICH; http://www.boston.com/ae/theater_arts/articles/2005/04/29/reichs_first_play_earns_wellfleet_debut?mode=PF

By Catherine Foster, Globe Staff

ROBERT REICH is known as a lot of things -- professor, editor, author of 10 books, former secretary of labor under President Clinton. Now he's added a new role to his resume: playwright.

REICH's new play, "Public Exposure," gets its world premiere with the Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theatre May 25. Directed by WHAT coartistic director Gip Hoppe, this political farce involves a plot by a news reporter and a plastic surgeon to persuade a right-wing anchor to run for president.

"You can only write so many serious books on politics and economics without eventually bursting. This play is my burst," explains REICH by cellphone from the University of California, Berkeley, where he is teaching a course on labor markets [at the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY].

This is his first play, but in 1966 as an undergraduate at Dartmouth, he took a playwriting class. "Obviously, it took a long time to bear fruit," he says. "I was a slow learner."

REICH finished the play in December, then e-mailed it to Jeff Zinn, WHAT's producing artistic director Zinn e-mailed back right away, asking if the company could use it in its winter reading series. It was given three sold-out staged readings at a converted racquetball-court theater in Willy's Gym in Eastham.

"I was not necessarily expecting it to be such a great play -- you know, 'academic tries his hand at writing a play,' it can be not so good," Zinn says. "But it was surprisingly well done." It also "went over like gangbusters. The audience really loved

it." Zinn notes that out of the six plays read, this was the one chosen for the season.

REICH will be in the audience opening night, "biting my nails," he says. "If anybody thinks this is a play that's filled with heavy and profound ideas about American economics and politics, they will be sorely disappointed. Hopefully, this will be pure fun."...

["Public Exposure" plays May 25 to June 18. For more information, visit: <http://www.what.org/Season.htm>]

22. "The Public's Business: China and trade" (Marketplace, American Public Media, April 27, 2005); commentary by ROBERT REICH; listen to this commentary: <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2005/04/27/AM200504272.html>

There's been a lot of buzz in international finance circles lately about China maybe letting its currency float freely against the dollar. That would have big implications for the politically sensitive U.S. trade deficit with Beijing. What it wouldn't do is settle who's responsible for that trade gap to begin with. Senate Democrats have one answer. In this edition of The Public's Business Marketplace commentator ROBERT REICH has a very different one.

23. ROBERT REICH is guest on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" (Comedy Central TV, April 2005); interview with ROBERT REICH; video clip available by clicking on "Celebrity Interviews" and then "Robert Reich" from panel of guests at: http://www.comedycentral.com/tv_shows/thedailyshowwithjonstewart/

ROBERT REICH discussed his book "Reason: Why Liberals Will Win the Battle for America" (just released in paperback).

RECENT FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS and EVENTS

April 27-28, 2005 DAN KAMMEN spoke on BBC News about President Bush's plan to expand role of nuclear energy in his energy plan.

May 5, 2005 DAN KAMMEN on webcast spoke on hydrogen energy for The Milan Sustainable Business Center. The first segment is in Italian. Forward to minute 20:19 on the index to view DAN KAMMEN in English.
<http://projectforyou.breezecentral.com/p29563366/>

May 13, 2005 "The Persistence of Preschool Effects: Do Subsequent Classroom Experiences Matter?" - Discussed by JANE MAULDON at the conference on the Social Dimensions of Inequality, sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation and the Carnegie Corporation.

May 31, 8 PM "The Future of Renewable & Green Energy Sources" - featuring DAN KAMMEN, KGO Radio (810 AM) - audio available in archive; <http://www.kgoam810.com/upcomingguests.asp>

June 4, 2005 DAN KAMMEN will speak on renewable and clean energy at the United Nations' World Environment Day 2005 conference, San Francisco, CA.

VIDEOS & WEBCASTS

New this month on Events Webcast:

"Warren Beatty: Goldman School of Public Policy 2005 Commencement Address"
http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/details.html?event_id=212

The full-length (1:25:47) video of the 2005 Commencement (from opening remarks to each graduate's receiving her/his diploma) is viewable at:
http://webcast.berkeley.edu:8080/ramngen/events/gspg/gspg_commencement_2005.rm

Featured in the 2005 Commencement were:

JON ELLIOT (MPP 1980, JD 1981), President of the GSPP Alumni Association, welcomed the Class of 2005 to the association.

CATHERINE HAZELTON presented a creative vision of the Class of 2005 could play key roles in ensuring the future vitality of the Goldman School, the state of California and public policy analysis.

STEVEN RAPHAEL spoke as the Class of 2005's Faculty Member They Most Wanted To Speak At Their Commencement.

BETH SIRULL presented the Class of 2005's gift of \$5000 (by far the largest graduating class gift the School has received) to provide a financial award annually to the best student contribution to "POLICY MATTERS" (the school's student-founded professional journal). [Over 90% of the Class of 2005 contributed to the total for which EUGENE SMOLENSKY made a challenge gift of \$500.]

Beth preceded her presentation by recognizing the outstanding contributions of the Student Services and Career Services Support staff: JALILAH LABRIE, CECILLE CABACUNGAN, DAVINDER SIDHU and SHARON ZARKIN.

LEE FRIEDMAN presented the Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award to JEFFREY DEASON (MPP 2005 & PhD candidate).

JOHN QUIGLEY presented the SMOLENSKY PRIZE for Outstanding APA to HELEN OLIVER for her study on "Housing Voucher Portability In Alameda County." The other SMOLENSKY PRIZE NOMINATED APAs were by: LAUREN MCMAHON, ANNE MCDONOUGH-HUGHES, DIANA S. LANE, RICHARD HALKETT, NOAH S. BOOKMAN, AARON ROSENFELD, and JESSICA FAST.

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http://gspp.berkeley.edu/news-events/events_archive.htm

Recent events also viewable on demand at <http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/index.html> :

Irshad Manji, "Confessions of a Muslim Dissident: Why I fight for Women, Jews, Gays...and Allah"
http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/details.html?event_id=205

Robert B. Reich, "How Unequal Can America Get Before We Snap?"
http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/details.html?event_id=200

New this month on UCTV:

Assemblyman Mark Leno's talk at the Goldman School on "The Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act" will air in June on UCTV. It will premiere nationwide during primetime on Wednesday, June 1 at 9:00PM. Cable subscribers in Berkeley can see it June 1 at 6:00PM on Comcast Channel 33.

GSPP programs air on primetime UCTV. UCTV's programming schedule can be found at:
<http://www.uctv.tv/library2.asp?keyword=goldman&x=35&y=7>

Programs viewable on demand can be found here: <http://www.uctv.tv/schedule/>

Mark Leno: Martin Luther King Jr. Annual LGBT Civil Rights Talk
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