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Dear GSPP Faculty and Staff:

Apologies to all (particularlyTheresa) for the late arrival of the March eDigest. Technical difficulties (now resolved--thank you Jason!) precluded circulating the email. This eDigest includes upcoming events and recent examples of GSPP alumni, faculty and students in the news. Article summaries follow a quick reference list.

eDIGEST FEATURES

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1. TWELFTH ANNUAL AARON WILDAVSKY FORUM FOR PUBLIC POLICY
 Professor John DiIulio, Jr.: "What would Franklin Do? A Centrist Civic Primer on Religion, Politics, and Community-Serving Programs"
 April 6, 2006, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Booth Auditorium, Boalt School of Law, UC Berkeley
 Discussion session the following morning, April 7, 8:30-10:00 a.m. at GSPP.

2. CLASS OF 2006 COMMENCEMENT
 May 20, 2005. 10 a.m. Faculty Glade, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsome will be the commencement speaker.

QUICK REFERENCE LIST

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18. "Fuel test overhaul may dent hybrids - Consumers would see more realistic mileage figures on new models' window stickers" (Detroit News, January 11, 2006); story citing ROLAND HWANG (MPP 1992).
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17. "New Study Finds Ethanol Is A Win-Win" (AgWeb.com, January 27, 2006); story citing study by DAN KAMMEN, MICHAEL O'HARE, and BRIAN TURNER (MPP 2005).

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By Dan Walters

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Anyone who's familiar with private land development and public transportation construction knows that the two are intrinsically connected and their symbiosis creates greater potential for political chicanery. As California embarked on its massive and historic expansion of its highway system after world war II, it wisely maintained layers of political insulation on where and when the projects could be built. ...And while politicians could press for particular projects, and often did, final decisions on which were built were largely left to professional highway engineers and the State Highway Commission.

It was not a perfect system, of course, but in the main it served California well for decades -- until it began to fall apart in the mid-1970s as a new governor, Jerry Brown, came into office...

Davis' successor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, is now floating his own transportation scheme, largely financed by bonds and centered on highways, and he's following the same suspect model that Davis pursued: designating the projects to be built in the governor's office, apparently in the belief that it would help Schwarzenegger build political support for the plan...

... As it happens, the new federal transportation program also moves down the road toward pork-barreling highway construction. Much of the money set aside for California in the new transportation bill has been "earmarked" for more than 500 specific projects favored by influential California congressmen...

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL, in her analysis of Schwarzenegger's budget last week, strongly criticized both federal and state earmarking...

2. "Budget bludgeoning. Democrats bemoan governor's budget deficit, but they must share the blame" (Sacramento Bee, February 26, 2006); editorial citing ELIZABETH HILL (MPP 1975); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/opinion/v-print/story/14222690p-15048014c.html>

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed the most fiscally irresponsible budget of his administration.
For that, he bears full responsibility.

Or does he?

Actually, there's plenty of blame to spread around.

Democrats of all stripes are beating up on Schwarzenegger for a budget that, according to LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL, increases spending in many areas and leaves the state with a \$5 billion deficit in 2006-2007.

Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez said Wednesday that HILL's report is "a wake-up call" for a more cautious approach. State Treasurer Phil Angelides, a candidate for governor, said Schwarzenegger "has still failed to put California's fiscal house in order and instead has chosen to pass on our debts to California's youth."...

Instead of voicing knee-jerk criticism, Democrats should be honest about the budget mess, even if they won't admit their complicity. HILL says more money needs to go to paying off debts instead of new programs. The suggestion is completely feasible...

Democrats also need to take notice of another alarm bell in HILL's report - the estimated \$40 billion to \$70 billion the state will need to pay future health care benefits for retired state workers....

3. "Can Politicians Curb Their Urge To Spend Budget Surplus?" (Press Democrat, February 25, 2006); op-ed citing ELIZABETH HILL (MPP 1975); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/columns/walters/v-print/story/14221853p-15047431c.html>

By Dan Walters

The good news is that California's economy is outpacing everyone's expectations -- including those of the state's most distinguished economists -- and generating copious amounts of jobs, corporate profits and government revenues.

The bad news, as the Legislature's independent budget office says in its new analysis of the 2006-07 budget, is that state spending has been rising just as fast, and the state's chronic deficits will continue indefinitely.

The worst news is that Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Democratic legislative leaders appear bent on spending everything the state takes in, and then some, and may be setting the stage for another immense budget crisis.

LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL points out that during Schwarzenegger's first three budgets, the state will receive \$11.5 billion more than it had projected, primarily in personal income taxes -- a golden opportunity to straighten out the state's very tortured finances. "Despite this, the (governor's) budget plan fails to get the state's fiscal house in order," HILL says, suggesting that by leaving the deficit unresolved the Capitol could be setting up another crisis when the economy, as it inevitably must, flattens out.

"These revenues will not last forever," Hill says -- implicitly warning Schwarzenegger and lawmakers of replaying the irresponsible orgy of spending and tax-cutting six years ago that created the current cycle of annual operating deficits....

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By Greg Lucas; Chronicle Staff Writer

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has repeatedly railed against "autopilot" government spending, wants the budget for his office increased automatically each year.

The Republican governor's spending plan for the fiscal year beginning July 1 proposes automatically boosting the office's \$18.4 million budget by nearly \$1 million starting in July 2007. The automatic increase would allow the governor's office budget to climb without having to publicly demonstrate need.

A spokesman for the governor argued that the Legislature's request is not autopilot spending, but rather a cap that limits spending...

The Legislative Analyst's Office, in its review of the governor's budget, doesn't see it that way.

"Like other state departments, the Governor's Office should propose spending increases based on staff workload. The administration has offered no evidence that current staffing ... is inadequate," wrote LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL in urging lawmakers to reject Schwarzenegger's proposal.

"We see no reason to put more of the state's budget on autopilot spending," HILL wrote, echoing the oft-heard phrase the governor used, trying to persuade voters to back Proposition 76, his budget-balancing initiative on the November 2005 ballot....

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By Harrison Sheppard, Sacramento Bureau

Sacramento - California lawmakers should scale back a planned increase in education funding, raise the gas tax and let college fees rise, STATE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST LIZ HILL said Thursday in her annual critique of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget.

The nonpartisan analyst recommended cutting \$2.3 billion from Schwarzenegger's proposed \$125 billion spending plan for fiscal 2006-07, including slashing \$1 billion from education.

Her recommendations, she said, would help reduce the state's long-term structural budget deficit and eliminate some of the "autopilot" spending measures that tie state officials' hands in designing budgets.

"If you think of California as a patient fighting a disease, and the disease is our imbalance between revenues and expenditures, the (governor's) budget plan is sending the message that because of increased revenues we don't have to continue to take our antibiotics," HILL said.

"We are actually of the view that it's a precarious path, and that we're not well yet. We need to continue taking our medicine."

Her recommendations include asking voters to repeal Proposition 49, the after-school measure that Schwarzenegger championed in 2002, and repeal Proposition 42, which dedicates gasoline sales tax revenue to transportation.

Schwarzenegger has proposed strengthening Proposition 42 so lawmakers cannot raid gasoline sales tax revenues in the future, as they did in the first year of his term.

But HILL said Proposition 42 should be replaced with an 8-cent-per-gallon hike in the gasoline excise tax, which now stands at 18 cents a gallon. That would provide funds for transportation projects in a way linked to usage of the roads, while freeing up sales tax revenue for other purposes....

6. "State budget windfall likely. But the \$11 billion should be used only to cut deficit, build reserve, analyst says" (Sacramento Bee, February 23, 2006); story citing ELIZABETH HILL (MPP 1975); <http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/v-print/story/14221281p-15047067c.html>

By Clea Benson -- Bee Capitol Bureau

California residents and businesses are doing so well financially that the state is likely to collect about \$2.3 billion more in tax revenue than Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger predicted when he released his budget in January, the Legislature's nonpartisan budget adviser said Wednesday.

That means California could see a total unanticipated windfall, driven by the growing economy, of about \$11 billion by the end of the fiscal year that begins July 1.

But in her analysis of the governor's proposed budget, LEGISLATIVE ANALYST ELIZABETH HILL cautioned that lawmakers should refrain from spending the extra money on anything but reducing the state's deficit and creating a reserve fund in case the economy sours.

HILL also criticized Schwarzenegger's \$125.6 billion budget proposal for the 2006-07 fiscal year because it would make new financial commitments while spending about \$5.3 billion more than the state will take in....

"We're concerned (the governor) is increasing spending at the time we are facing the budget problems that we are," HILL said. "That's making the budget problem worse."

Lawmakers should not depend on the windfall to continue because incomes can fall quickly, leading to a corresponding reduction in tax revenues, HILL said.

Both Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature said HILL's analysis could be seen as a reason to adopt the alternatives they have presented to Schwarzenegger's biggest policy initiative: the \$68 billion in bonds for public works the governor wants lawmakers to place on the ballot over the next decade...

HILL'S analysis forecast that the state economy would continue to grow at a moderate pace through 2007.

But the report cautioned that billions of dollars in state income could evaporate if home prices and construction fall by more than 10 percent, and if energy costs continue to soar.

In addition, the analysis said, the state will face a future crisis if it doesn't start setting aside money now to pay health care benefits for future retired state workers.

The analyst's office estimates that the state is unprepared to meet between \$40 billion and \$70 billion in future costs.

"We think getting our fiscal house in order for the state needs to be our top priority," HILL said.

[This story also reported in San Francisco Chronicle:
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By Sabin Russell, Chronicle Medical Writer

California lawmakers this week are preparing to ditch a rule that for two decades has been a pillar of California AIDS policy: that the names of those who test positive for HIV would not be reported to the state.

The rule afforded an extra measure of privacy and protection from discrimination for those who were infected with HIV -- the virus that causes AIDS -- for the average of 10 years it takes the disease to progress to life-threatening illness.

But on Tuesday, the Assembly Health Committee will hold hearings on a bill requiring doctors to report to county health officials the names of those who have a positive HIV test. The names will be collected and held in a secure computer by the state...

An obvious reason for the turnabout is a looming threat from the federal government to cut off hundreds of millions of dollars in AIDS assistance to states that do not adopt names reporting. State lawmakers estimate California could lose \$50 million a year without the change.

Advocates are also conceding, however, that the policy meant to protect privacy and encourage gay men to get tested for HIV had outlived its usefulness in an epidemic that bears little resemblance to its earliest days.

"The rationale for holding this position dissolved over time," said MARK CLOUTIER,

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AIDS FOUNDATION, which endorsed the name-based bill last fall, after years of opposition to the concept...

8. "Schwarzenegger's bond plan faces state's political realities" (Associated Press, Sacramento Bee, February 20, 2006); story citing MIKE GENEST (MPP 1980); http://www.sacbee.com/state_wire/v-print/story/14208154p-15034306c.html

By Steve Lawrence, Associated Press Writer

Sacramento (AP) - Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is learning that getting a major program such as his \$222 billion public works plan through the Legislature isn't as simple as the "action, action, action" mantra he is fond of reciting.

That's particularly true during an election year and after his popularity nose-dived in 2005, when voters rejected all four of his initiatives during the November special election.

Democrats and Republicans have criticized at least some parts of the plan, and administration officials concede it will face changes.

"We know there will be dialogue (between the Legislature and governor) that will change the exact mix of priorities," STATE FINANCE DIRECTOR MIKE GENEST told a legislative committee recently...

9. "EPA: Cancel that requirement to add ethanol" (Oakland Tribune, February 17, 2006); story citing LUKE TONACHEL (MPP 2004); http://www.insidebayarea.com/search/ci_3514759

By Douglas Fischer, Staff Writer

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced Wednesday it had voided a requirement that California and the rest of the nation add corn-based ethanol or cancer-causing MTBE to gasoline to make fuel burn cleaner.

But ethanol -- which adds as much as 8 cents a gallon to the cost of a gallon of gasoline -- will remain in use in California. Last year Congress required all refiners to use a fixed amount of ethanol or other renewable fuels every year to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

Still, state regulators for the first time since 1990 will be able to control quantity and timing of the additive, considered an oxygenate for its ability to increase combustion. That was enough Wednesday for critics of the federal mandate to declare victory.

"The federal requirement has forced California's refiners to use an oxygenate even though they can make cleaner-burning gasoline without MTBE or ethanol," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., in a statement. "The announcement means that California refiners will finally be allowed to make gasoline that is cleaner-burning than what they are making today."...

"The state has more flexibility," said LUKE TONACHEL, WHO ANALYZES VEHICLES AND FUELS FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. "The state can dictate how the ethanol is blended.

"It should be used in a way that protects air quality," he added. "There are problems as a low-blend additive, but (now) the state can manage how that's done."

[This story also reported in Alameda Times-Star, Daily Review, Tri-Valley Herald, San Mateo County Times, The Argus.]

10. "Requirement to add ethanol revoked. EPA frees state from mandate for fuel additive" (San Francisco Chronicle, February 16, 2006); story citing LUKE TONACHEL (MPP 2004); <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/02/16/BAG04H9IQG1.DTL&hw=Tonachel&sn=001&sc=1000>

By Jane Kay; Chronicle Environment Writer

After nearly a decade of complaints and lawsuits from California political leaders and environmental groups, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday revoked a long-standing mandate that oil refiners put additives like ethanol into their clean-burning gasoline...

Since 1999, the state has opposed a mandatory use of an oxygen-boosting additive, saying that refiners could meet state standards for reformulated gas without an additive. By then, they knew that the MTBE used by refiners was a foul-tasting ether that leaked from underground tanks and contaminated drinking water and other water supplies in California and all over the country.

The state appealed to the EPA to issue a waiver to the requirement, arguing in high-level letters from Feinstein, two governors and the state Air Resources Board and, later, in lawsuits. The EPA was firm in its insistence to keep the mandate...

LUKE TONACHEL, A FUELS ANALYST WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, said his group has supported California's request for a waiver because of the clean-air benefits.

"Ethanol, when used in small quantities as an additive in gasoline, can cause air-quality problems especially in urban areas that already have severe ozone problems," he said. "It's particularly problematic in areas like the South Coast."

In the summer, a phenomenon called "permeation" occurs when hydrocarbons from the ethanol-laced gasoline migrate through the flexible hoses and connectors in a car's fuel system as well as from the gas tank, he said...

11. "Global Aids Efforts Missing Children - Unicef" (Africa News, February 10, 2006); story citing ANN VENEMAN (MPP 1971).

By UN Integrated Regional Information Networks

Greater attention must be paid to the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) told an international gathering in London on Thursday.

According to UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANN VENEMAN, children who had lost parents to the pandemic or were themselves HIV-positive still lacked access to appropriate care.

"Less than 10 percent of the world's children who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by AIDS receive public support or services," VENEMAN told the representatives of 90 international organisations, including UNAIDS, at the two-day Global Partners Forum.

UNAIDS Executive Director Peter Piot confirmed VENEMAN's sentiments by noting that if the cycle of HIV infection is to be broken, children and young people would have to know how to protect themselves.

The agencies recommended that orphans and vulnerable children receive counselling and psychosocial support, and that the successful efforts of various organisations be implemented in national programmes.

12. "UNICEF asks for \$16 million (euro13.36 million) to aid drought victims in Horn

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of Africa" (Associated Press Worldstream, February 7, 2006); story citing ANN VENEMAN (MPP 1971).

By Tracee Herbaugh, Associated Press Writer

The U.N. children's agency appealed Tuesday for \$16 million (euro13.36 million) to fight drought in the Horn of Africa, saying 8 million people, including 1.5 million youngsters under the age of five, need emergency assistance.

The drought has created havoc across Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and Djibouti causing widespread livestock deaths, crop failures and loss of water sources.

"There is a potential for widespread disease, greater malnutrition and the displacement of significant numbers of people," said ANN VENEMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNICEF.

"The international community must respond immediately to the need for assistance," she said in a statement.

According to UNICEF, measles poses a threat to children's survival since vaccination rates are low in the affected areas and the disease can spread quickly across unprotected populations.

UNICEF said the \$16 million (euro13.36 million) it is requesting will go toward plans to expand water and sanitation facilities and to step up measles immunization campaigns for children and their families.

VENEMAN said the drought could also have a harmful long-term impact on children's education since many youngsters leave school to help search for food and water...

"The severe drought may not be receiving the same amount of attention as other emergencies. We must act now to save lives," VENEMAN said...

13. "Making Philanthropy Part of Nuptials" (Morning Edition, National Public Radio, February 3, 2006); story citing BETHANY ROBERTSON (MPP 2001); audio link at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5186877>

Reported by Shia Levitt

...The number of philanthropic weddings across the country has been on the rise for last five years. It really became popular after 2001; the aftermath of September 11th certainly had an effect on that, making people really evaluate what was important to them.

BETHANY ROBERTSON IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE I DO FOUNDATION, an organization that helps couples plan charitable giving as part of their weddings: "About 10% of couples getting married between May 2005 and May 2006 will incorporate some sort of philanthropy. It may be only a few dollars per couple but when you have millions of couples getting married a year it has a significant impact."... The I Do foundation is looking next to the idea of charitable baby shower registries, the Fleurys are definitely interested.

14. "'Worst' Label Doesn't Stick With Bush On Economy" (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, January 29, 2006); story citing MIKEY LEVY (MPP 1974).

By Amity Shlaes

The Treasury Department recently invited journalists to its Cash Room to sell them on the U.S. economy. The idea is that face time with big names under the bronze chandeliers will win over those doubting the quality of the product.

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There's a sense of desperation here. But then, the attacks on the Bush administration have been rough. Typical was Sen. Hillary Clinton's accusation in a Harlem church on Martin Luther King Day. Mrs. Clinton apologized "on behalf of a government that left you behind, that turned its back on you." She said that this presidency will go down "as one of the worst."

But this economy is not a "worst." It is not even a clunker...

Certainly, the economy has problems. Our domestic automakers have become pension companies. But things could be worse. Sure, workers need retooling, but we read that Ford Motor Co. is offering to buy out workers by paying their way through college.

So why do Treasury officials have to work so hard? Some of the skepticism comes from the bond market. It acts as if the economy has run too hot, and it may be right.

The rest is political...

Indeed, if you get out of the political, or the bond-market mode, you can see something. In some cases low unemployment spells inflation. But in others, it just represents the country at its best. The Apples and iPods, not to mention Google, mass merchandisers such as Costco, booming biotechnology, are all replacing old jobs with new ones, says MICKEY LEVY, CHIEF ECONOMIST OF BANK OF AMERICA CORP. "They are providing the jobs that the Big Three cannot."...

15. "From The Corn Belt. A flex-fuel program with growing pains" (Newsday, January 22, 2006); story citing ROLAND HWANG (MPP 1992).

By Tim Molloy. The Associated Press

Los Angeles - A federal push for cars that run on an alternative fuel straight from the heartland isn't winning many converts among American drivers, but it's a hit with automakers who use it to skirt mileage standards.

Five million cars across the country are equipped to run on the fuel, but almost no one uses it outside the Corn Belt...

The situation would be different if many more people replaced gasoline with the fuel E85, which is a combination of 15 percent gas and 85 percent ethanol, a corn-based additive. Flex-fuel cars can run on gas, E85 or combinations of the two...

At the recent Los Angeles Auto Show, General Motors announced a partnership with Chevron, California officials and Pacific Ethanol to gauge the public's interest in E85. Those involved said high interest could lead to more pumps nationwide.

The GM initiative is only a small step toward the kind of widespread E85 use that the flex-fuel credit program requires, said ROLAND HWANG, A SENIOR POLICY ANALYST FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL.

"If this is the beginning and the end, this is less than a drop in the bucket," he said. HWANG said the incentive program should end if it continues to promote rather than discourage oil use...

16. "Slow growth for ethanol - Fuel has yet to catch fire" (Philadelphia Inquirer, January 22, 2006); story citing ROLAND HWANG (MPP 1992).

By Kevin G. Hall, Knight Ridder News

Parole, MD. - ...High oil prices and subsidies that Congress passed last year, however, are generating new interest in ethanol, which is made from corn and has been around so long that it powered Henry Ford's Model T...

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The Natural Resources Defense Council and other environmental groups say carmakers deliberately under-promote flex-fuel vehicles. They believe that U.S. automakers use flex-fuel vehicles as a fig leaf. A loophole in federal law provides federal fuel-economy credits for makers of flex-fuel vehicles.

The perverse result, the environmentalists allege, is that carmakers manufacture a small number of flex-fuel vehicles so they can make more gas-guzzlers.

"If the auto companies are serious about this effort, then we need to see flexible-fuel vehicles running on ethanol, not gasoline," said ROLAND HWANG, THE COUNCIL'S VEHICLES POLICY DIRECTOR in San Francisco.

17. "Council Closer to Getting into the Energy Business - Under the Plan, the City would Buy Electricity from PG&E and Resell It to Residents and Businesses" (Berkeley Voice, Contra Costa Times, January 13, 2006); story citing CISCO DEVRIES (MPP 2000).

By Martin Snapp, Staff Writer

The Berkeley City Council will take another tentative step toward getting into the energy business when it returns from its month-long winter break Tuesday.

The lawmakers will be asked to authorize the city manager to contract with Navigant Consulting Inc. to develop a plan to buy electricity from PG&E and resell it to Berkeley residents and businesses.

Dubbed "public power lite," the proposal would leave ownership of the physical infrastructure -- such as power poles and wiring -- in PG&E's hands.

The city would buy the power from PG&E in a joint purchasing agreement with other nearby cities, including Oakland and Emeryville.

CISCO DEVRIES, CHIEF OF STAFF TO MAYOR TOM BATES, predicted significant cost savings from the program. He said PG&E rates are based on overall energy consumption throughout the state, including huge amounts of energy gobbled up during the summer by air conditioners in the Central Valley.

"But people in Berkeley don't use air conditioning, so that would no longer be factored into the equation," he said.

The crucial issue will be what to do with the savings. One possibility is to cut rates, which might be an attractive notion to Berkeleyans who opened their PG&E bills last week. But DEVRIES said the lawmakers are seriously considering another alternative -- investing in "green energy" from renewable sources, including solar, hydro-electric and wind power.

"Currently, PG&E is only 12 percent renewable," he said. "Our goal would be to have 40 to 50 percent renewable energy within 10 years."...

18. "Fuel test overhaul may dent hybrids - Consumers would see more realistic mileage figures on new models' window stickers" (Detroit News, January 11, 2006); story citing ROLAND HWANG (MPP 1992).

By Jeff Plungis, Detroit News Washington Bureau

Detroit -- The Environmental Protection Agency announced an overhaul in the way it estimates fuel economy Tuesday, a move that could shake up showroom transactions, especially in the booming hybrid segment.

In its first fuel economy testing changes in more than two decades, the EPA proposed factoring in such variables as higher speeds, air conditioning and driving in cold temperatures to calculate fuel economy.

The changes mean consumers will see more realistic mileage figures on the window stickers of new models. For most 2008 models, fuel economy ratings would drop an average of 10 percent to 20 percent in city driving, and 5 percent to 15 percent in highway driving under the proposed testing changes.

Gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles will be more affected, with ratings for city driving decreasing an average of 20 percent to 30 percent. With that kind of correction, a 60-mpg Toyota Prius would suddenly be rated at 42 mpg.

With many new hybrids due to arrive in showrooms this year and next, the potential for backlash from consumers who didn't get the advertised mileage was a concern, said ROLAND HWANG, SENIOR POLICY ANALYST WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL.

"The accuracy of labeling absolutely has to be improved," HWANG said. "But you don't want to over-penalize the kinds of technologies you want to encourage."...

19. "State of the State Highways: Biggest piece of Schwarzenegger's infrastructure plan" (San Francisco Chronicle, January 6, 2006); story citing STUART COHEN (MPP 1997); <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/01/06/MNGSPGIFJ11.DTL&type=printable>

By Michael Cabanatuan; Chronicle Staff Writer

Transportation is at the center of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's enormous infrastructure investment plan, which includes such long-awaited Bay Area transportation projects as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, a new approach to the Golden Gate Bridge and a rebuilt Cordelia Junction...

What appears to be missing, said STUART COHEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE COALITION, a Bay Area transit advocacy group, is much money to expand and improve public transportation.

"The governor has never been known as a strong supporter of mass transit," he said. "And if he doesn't understand by now that widening highways is not the solution to our transportation problems, a lot of environment and transit advocacy groups may end up opposing those (bond) measures."

20. "Mercury Mariner Hybrid Named 2006 Green Car of the Year" (PR Newswire, January 5, 2006); story citing ROLAND HWANG (MPP 1992); <http://www.greencar.com/index.cfm?content=news&ArticleID=127>

Los Angeles -- The 2006 Mercury Mariner Hybrid -- Lincoln-Mercury division's first gasoline-electric hybrid vehicle -- has been named Green Car Journal's 2006 Green Car of the Year. The award was presented by Green Car Journal editor and publisher Ron Cogan at a press conference this afternoon at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

"The hybrid Mariner is the right idea at the right time," says ROLAND HWANG, VEHICLES POLICY DIRECTOR AT THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL. "To regain its competitive edge, Detroit must come to grips with how high pump prices have put consumers in an entirely new mindset. This vehicle proves that a determined Detroit can win this race."...

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

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1. "A Discussion on Labor with ROBERT REICH" (Forum, KQED-88.5 FM, February 27, 2006); ROBERT REICH is interviewed by Michael Krasny; listen to the program at: <http://www.kqed.org/programs/program-landing.jsp?progID=RD19>

Forum talks with former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich, who recently joined the faculty of UC-Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy.

2. "Groups Set to Profit From Ethanol Shipping" (San Francisco Chronicle, February 22, 2006); story by GARANCE BURKE (MPP 2005) citing DAN KAMMEN; <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/n/a/2006/02/22/financial/f160536s42.DTL&type=printable>

By GARANCE BURKE, Associated Press Writer

Garnett, Kan. (AP) -- On early mornings at East Kansas Agri-Energy, trucks pack the driveway loop to unload bushels of dry, yellow corn into a hopper. By nighttime, those kernels are ready to transform -- they'll turn into fuel.

"That's the sound of money," said ethanol marketer Steve Rust, against the roaring sound of crushed corn passing through the colored pipes overhead....

The U.S. ethanol industry now has 95 plants nationwide. Analysts say by 2012 it will double in volume, from producing 4.3 billion to 7.5 billion gallons of biofuel. That growth will be aided by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which gives ethanol producers sizable subsidies, including a federal tax credit for small refiners....

Subsidies and rule changes are probably necessary to get the market going -- after all, it took more than a century to build the nation's underground oil pipelines. Brazil, a major competitor to the U.S. ethanol industry, is considering building a \$225 million pipeline to carry ethanol from the country's interior to the coastal state of Sao Paulo to open up new export opportunities for the federal energy company Petrobras.

"Both state and federal support is critical to building a real ethanol industry," said PROFESSOR DAN KAMMEN, AN EXPERT ON ETHANOL PRODUCTION AT THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. "Real action is needed, and the \$150 million per year President Bush promised is wholly insufficient."...

3. "People in glass houses of Congress..." (Marketplace, National Public Radio, February 22, 2006); commentary by ROBERT REICH; listen to this commentary at: <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2006/02/22/PM200602224.html>

Shifting ground for American companies operating in China is nothing new, but Google's accommodation of China's censorship attracted the attention of Congress last week. Commentator Robert Reich says it's time the ground shifted under some feet over here.

By ROBERT REICH

The Republican chairman of the House Subcommittee on Human Rights calls it a "sickening collaboration." A leading Democrat says it's a disgrace, and asks how the companies' chief executives sleep at night. Now, should we fault these companies? Sure, blame them all we want, but they're still going to do whatever the Chinese government demands of them because the stakes are too high and the money is too good. China's the second largest Internet market in the world after the United States. More than 100 million Chinese have already logged on. And at the rate they are going, within a few years there will be more Chinese Internet users than Americans. Talk about a market.

What galls me is Congress's holier than thou public condemnation of these companies designed to look like Congress is taking action, but really to get Congress off the

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hook. If the US government wants to make Chinese human rights a priority, it could pass a law tomorrow prohibiting American companies from helping the Chinese government trample on the free speech of its citizens...

[Robert Reich was Labor Secretary during the first Clinton administration. He is now professor of public policy at the University of California-Berkeley.]

[Another version of this commentary appears in The American Prospect magazine as "Logging Off on China." Read it at:
<http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=Viewweb&articleId=11199>]

4. "Blocking Progress In New Orleans" commentary by ROBERT REICH (TomPaine.com, February 16, 2006);
http://www.tompaine.com/articles/2006/02/16/blocking_progress_in_new_orleans.php

[ROBERT REICH IS PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE RICHARD AND RHODA GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY at the University of California, Berkeley. He was secretary of labor in the Clinton administration.]

More than five months after Hurricane Katrina -- and almost five months of political verbiage and posturing and name-calling and blame-mongering -- New Orleans is still a wreck...

New Orleans faces two chicken-and-egg problems that Chicago and San Francisco didn't have to face, and private markets don't know how to remedy. The first is how to get people to live in places where there are no jobs because there are no people living there. The second is how to get capital to rebuild damaged buildings in neighborhoods that are worthless because so many buildings are so badly damaged...

If America could rebuild Europe after the Second World War with the Marshall Plan, we can certainly rebuild New Orleans with a revolving loan fund that will probably end up paying for itself.

[This commentary was originally heard on Marketplace, and is reprinted via a special arrangement between TomPaine.com and ROBERT REICH. Audio link below.]

"Gulf Coast rebuilding" (Marketplace, National Public Radio, February 15, 2006). Commentator ROBERT REICH argues that the government needs to lend a helping hand, not a bailout. Listen to this commentary at:
<http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2006/02/15/AM200602151.html>

5. "Energy funding quickly fizzles. Scientists, at first delighted by Bush's spending boosts for solar, nuclear and biomass, see money will soon run short" (Oakland Tribune, February 14, 2006); story citing DAN KAMMEN;
http://www.insidebayarea.com/portlet/article/html/fragments/print_article.jsp?article=3507860

By Ian Hoffman, Staff Writer, Inside Bay Area

President Bush's vow to curb U.S. addiction to foreign oil delighted many energy scientists when it was followed days later by a budget requesting large spending boosts in solar, biomass and particularly nuclear energy research

But buyer's remorse is setting in now that researchers are taking a closer look.

The president's 2007 budget makes dramatic cuts in energy efficiency and conservation, where the greatest energy gains of the last 20 years have been made. Last week, White House budgeters ran projections showing the new money could be short-lived, with steady declines in alternative energy research after 2007.

"The president said something really important in terms of talking about this

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addiction and how we need these renewables," said physicist and energy expert DANIEL KAMMEN, HEAD OF THE RENEWABLE AND APPROPRIATE ENERGY LABORATORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. "It's easy to say in a speech. If you don't back up those words with budgets, it's campaign rhetoric."

"It's really too bad," KAMMEN said. "What we're seeing is sort of the backpedaling that undermines these commitments."...

6. "Capitalism, not corporate welfare" (Marketplace, National Public Radio, February 8, 2006); commentary by ROBERT REICH; listen to the commentary at: <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2006/02/08/PM200602086.html>

The phrase "American competitiveness" is buzzing around after President Bush's State of the Union speech last week. What does the US need to do to remain competitive in the global economy? President Bush said plenty, but commentator ROBERT REICH sees contradictions between the content of his speech... and the content of his budget....

By ROBERT REICH

Whatever happened to good old-fashioned capitalism? Take a look at the president's proposed budget unveiled this week, and you see certain industries raking in millions from the government. For example, buried in the hefty boost for the Energy Department's Office of Science is an increase in research on nuclear power totalling \$250 million. Now, why does the nuclear power industry need \$250 million next year? I thought capitalism was about companies investing money on their own if they think something is likely to be profitable....

Yes, there is a role for government subsidizing research that no individual company will do because the fruits of it are so basic it is instantly available to every company. But that kind of research won't help American competitiveness because in this age of instant communications, the whole world has access to it. Most big companies these days are global anyway. They are developing products all over the planet. It's absurd to claim that by subsidizing the research of American companies, American taxpayers are somehow improving American competitiveness.

I may be old-fashioned, but I believe in capitalism, not corporate welfare. The competitiveness of this nation depends on the education and skills of our people. Yet the president's budget contains the largest cuts in federal spending on education in more than a decade. Go figure.

[Commentator Robert Reich is a former secretary of labor and now teaches at UC Berkeley.]

7. "GOLDMAN SCHOOL Professor and Economist Dies at 80" (Daily Californian, February 8, 2006); obituary for BART MCGUIRE, citing LEE FRIEDMAN and EUGENE BARDACH; <http://www.dailyca1.org/sharticle.php?id=21055>

By Jessica Lum, Contributing Writer

CHARLES MCGUIRE, AN EMERITUS PROFESSOR AT UC BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY and a distinguished economist, died Jan. 23. He was 80....

Colleagues remembered McGuire as a thoughtful person with a strong sense of integrity and a wide range of interests and knowledge.

"He was very brilliant, but not at all flashy," said PROFESSOR EUGENE BARDACH, a colleague at Goldman. "People really liked him. He was sort of understated, of a very benevolent disposition. Many people, students and faculty, sort of sensed it."

"He had great ideas about how to train graduate students. Public-policy schools were

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a new idea at the time," said PUBLIC-POLICY PROFESSOR LEE FRIEDMAN, who frequently lunched with McGuire while he was on campus.

He was especially skilled at applying mathematical models to decision-making for the public sector, FRIEDMAN said...

Most recently, McGuire was honored in November at the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences' annual meeting for the 50th anniversary of his co-authored work entitled "Studies in the Economics of Transportation."

The piece is the internationally used foundation for large-scale computer models in transportation planning.

Another of McGuire's lasting legacies is his coal-resource-leasing theory, which he developed while working for the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1975.

The government now uses his method to distribute rights among certain companies to search for oil on federally-owned land, FRIEDMAN said.

Despite McGuire's prolific accomplishments, colleagues said he served as a mentor to other researchers and professors, like FRIEDMAN.

"He was so generous with his time. He probably published less than he could have, because he was so busy helping other people with their work," FRIEDMAN said.

"Anyone who worked close to him came to appreciate and love him," FRIEDMAN said.

[This story also reported in [San Francisco Chronicle](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/02/07/BAGR2H3TP21.DTL&type=printable) and [UC Berkeley Newscenter](http://www.berkeley.edu/news/media/releases/2006/02/06_mcguire.shtml)]

8. "Panelists Steve Moore, ROBERT REICH and Michael Carvin discuss Sarbanes-Oxley" (Kudlow & Company, CNBC, February 8, 2006); featuring commentary by ROBERT REICH.

Larry Kudlow, host:

This evening's program: A lawsuit just filed by the Free Enterprise Fund says the Sarbanes-Oxley Act is unconstitutional. Specifically, it says the oversight board created under the law to oversee the accounting industry violates the separation of powers clause. And if one part of the law is thrown out by the courts, it all goes. How good would that be! Woo! ...

And first joining me, Kudlow & Company's dynamic duo, ROBERT REICH, FORMER LABOR SECRETARY, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY, and Steve Moore, senior economics writer for the Wall Street Journal editorial board.

Steve Moore, I say whatever it takes, get rid of SarbOx, but will this do it?

MR. STEVE MOORE (The Wall Street Journal): ...This lawsuit... it's going to force Congress to... at this bill that has cost American companies \$35 billion. And the thing I think that is most insidious about this law is that the ... accounting costs to smaller companies is much greater as a share of the revenues than large ones. So it keeps the small competitors ... out of the game.

KUDLOW: Now, Bob Reich, you love Sarbanes-Oxley, do you not?

Mr. BOB REICH: Well, look, my good friend, Stephen Moore, doesn't say one very important word. That is Enron. And we have Sarbanes-Oxley, let me just remind all of you, because we had a string of huge corporate scandals in 2002 the only way to reassure the public was to do something like Sarbanes-Oxley. The real irony here is

that Sarbanes-Oxley has been a gold mine for the accounting firms and a lot of these same accounting firms were responsible--for the dereliction of duty, and the accounting firms were responsible for the huge scandals, but put that aside the only way to keep the public's trust is having Sarbanes-Oxley...

KUDLOW: You know, Robert Reich, in addition to keeping companies from listing on American stock exchanges, in addition to overburdening small businesses with huge costs, one thing I don't like about this so-called peek-a-boo board, the public accountability board, is they have the power to tax. They can impose fees. These guys are their independent, imperial agency. Surely I can appeal to you on those grounds.

Mr. REICH: ...There is this argument that every board, every commission, every panel that has any regulatory authority, has to be appointed specifically by the president. That's the most absurd idea I've heard. I was the secretary of labor of the United States for four years. I appointed all sorts of panels, all sorts of boards. They had all sorts of regulatory authority. That goes on all the time. I mean, what kind of a lawsuit is this? Ken Starr is one of the litigators here. What do you expect? I mean, this is bizarre. This is stupid. This has no relation to reality. If you want to reform Sarbanes-Oxley then let's have a debate about what that reform ought to be. Let's not do it through the back door of stupid litigation....

9. "Energy Analysis with ROBERT REICH and Steve Moore" (Global News wire, February 2, 2006); featuring analysis by ROBERT REICH.

LARRY KUDLOW, CNBC ANCHOR: Joining me now on oil addiction is our dynamic duo, ROBERT REICH, FORMER LABOR SECRETARY AND PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. You look great out there in Berkeley -- and Steve Moore, senior economics writer for the "Wall Street Journal" editorial board. Well, Steve Moore, the oil addiction is not playing well in Saudi Arabia. It's not playing well in conservative free market circles. And your editorial page called it the 3.3 percent solution. So what's your take?

STEPHEN MOORE: Well, America is not addicted to oil, Larry. And the 3.3 percent solution, what we were talking about there, is that we only get about 3.3 percent of our energy from all of these fad alternative energy sources. So you know the national scandal in this country is that we cannot produce the oil that we have in Alaska, the natural gas and oil offshore. We have oil in the country but Congress has basically put up a fence, saying we cannot produce it.

KUDLOW: So let me go to Robert Reich. Robert Reich, is switchgrass and corn and ethanol and chips and whatever -- is this the answer? Do you really believe, Bob Reich, that we will be completely energy independent from the Middle East?

ROBERT REICH, FORMER LABOR SECRETARY & PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY: No, we're not going to be energy independent, Larry. That's ridiculous. But we do have to find alternative sources of non-fossil-based energy. Steve is so enamored of oil. Look what happened. We have an oil spill in Alaska just over the last 20 hours. I mean you can't continue to assume that we are going to find more and more oil. China is more and more dependent on oil. The demand is soaring for oil. It's crazy for us to continue the kind of oil dependency we have. I wish the president last summer when the energy bill went to Congress that doesn't have anything in it to reduce oil dependency; I wish the president would be singing out of the same hymn book that he's singing through now when he just passed that big subsidy to the oil companies last summer.

KUDLOW: Yes, but ... here's what I don't get. It is markets. It is energy companies. It is entrepreneurs who are going to operate our oil markets. We don't need government subsidies....

REICH: We don't. ... But the point I want to make is that there is not a free market

in energy. Anybody that thinks that energy is a free market when you have OPEC, when you have all the subsidies, when you have all kinds of constraints on free market working...doesn't know what they're talking about. We are dealing with an energy market that is constrained, that is regulated, that is dominated by politics of this country and every other country. How can you talk about a free market in oil?...

10. "Ethanol Can Replace Gasoline With Big Energy Savings" (Space Daily, Distributed United Press International, February 2, 2006); story citing study by DAN KAMMEN, MICHAEL O'HARE, and BRIAN TURNER (MPP 2005).

Putting ethanol instead of gasoline in your tank saves oil and is probably no worse for the environment than burning gasoline, according to a new analysis by researchers at the University of California, Berkeley.

The researchers note, however, that new technologies now in development promise to make ethanol a truly "green" fuel with significantly less environmental impact than gasoline...

DAN KAMMEN and Alex Farrell of the Energy and Resources Group at UC Berkeley, with their students Rich Plevin, BRIAN TURNER and Andy Jones along with MICHAEL O'HARE, A PROFESSOR IN THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, deconstructed six separate high-profile studies of ethanol...

Once these changes were made in the six studies, each yielded the same conclusion about energy: Producing ethanol from corn uses much less petroleum than producing gasoline. However, the UC Berkeley researchers point out that there is still great uncertainty about greenhouse gas emissions and that other environmental effects like soil erosion are not yet quantified...

"The people who are saying ethanol is bad are just plain wrong," [KAMMEN] said. "But it isn't a huge victory - you wouldn't go out and rebuild our economy around corn-based ethanol."

The transition would be worth it, the authors point out, if the ethanol is produced not from corn but from woody, fibrous plants: cellulose.

In 2004, ethanol blended into gasoline comprised only 2 percent of all fuel sold in the United States. But auto manufacturers are able to make cars that run on 85 percent ethanol, and nearly 5 million such "flex-fuel" vehicles are now on the road. KAMMEN noted that almost all light trucks now sold have flex-fuel capability, though frequently unadvertised...

"Converting to fuel ethanol will not require a big change in the economy. We are already ethanol-ready. If ethanol were available on the supply side, the demand is there," KAMMEN said...

KAMMEN estimates that ethanol could replace 20 to 30 percent of fuel usage in this country with little effort in just a few years. In the long term, the United States may be able to match Sweden, which recently committed to an oil-free future based on ethanol from forests and solar energy. KAMMEN last year published a paper, also in Science, arguing that even Africa could exploit its biomass to build a biofuel industry that could meet energy needs for the poor and develop a sustainable local fuel supply, a future much better than using fossil fuels...

11. "Switchgrass: The Super Plant Savior? President Touts Alternative Fuel Ingredient, But When Will It Be Ready?" (ABC News, Feb. 1, 2006); story citing DAN KAMMEN; <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/print?id=1566784>

By Adrienne Mand Lewin

It grows throughout the Great Plains and parts of the South, can be used to make

ethanol -- an efficient and environmentally friendly fuel for cars -- and it has the potential to reduce the nation's dependence on oil.

Switchgrass is the perennial wonder plant touted by President Bush in Tuesday's State of the Union address and in his remarks made today in Nashville, Tenn., where he joked that he could have a new career in farming. "All of a sudden, you know, you may be in the energy business," Bush said. "You know, by being able to grow grass on the ranch and have it harvested and converted into energy. And that's what's close to happening."...

"Corn is an OK source for ethanol," said DANIEL KAMMEN, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY AND DIRECTOR OF ITS INSTITUTE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. "But if you really want to hit a home run, you need to go to cellulose."

Other countries have blazed a trail in the conversion of cellulose to ethanol. "Brazil is a big success story in this," KAMMEN said, noting that 15 years ago the nation began using cellulose from sugar cane to create ethanol, and it now uses 50 percent less gasoline.

Sweden also has two federal plants that create ethanol using cellulose, and there are small plants in Kansas and California working to refine the process here. In Brazil, he said, the price of ethanol is half that of gasoline, and KAMMEN estimates that here it could be 60 percent, even if some of it is made with corn....

For consumers, switching to ethanol would cost only about \$100 per car. KAMMEN said all it takes are some new hoses and a new gas cap. "This is actually a switch we could make very easily and very quickly," he said.

KAMMEN is working to get an initiative on California's November ballot requiring that all new cars sold in the state be flex-fuel ready within five years. According to UC BERKELEY, in 2004, ethanol-blended gasoline accounted for just 2 percent of all fuel sold in the United States, though nearly 5 million vehicles are already equipped.

"Converting to fuel ethanol will not require a big change in the economy," KAMMEN said. "We are already ethanol ready. If ethanol were available on the supply side, the demand is there."

12. "New production method uses far less energy than it creates" (USA Today, February 1, 2006); story citing study co-authored by DAN KAMMEN, MICHAEL O'HARE, and BRIAN TURNER (MPP 2005); http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2006-02-01-ethanol-sidebar_x.htm

By James R. Healey, USA Today

Making alcohol fuel efficiently enough to help the USA move away from gasoline could involve a process with a cumbersome name: cellulosic ethanol production....

Just now in the demonstration stage, it has the potential to deliver ethanol using as little as one-tenth the energy that the fuel provides, according to a study by [DAN KAMMEN, MICHAEL O'HARE, and BRIAN TURNER at] the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY. Ethanol from corn, the most common source now, produces 26% more energy than it takes to make it, the study says. It takes more energy to make gasoline than gasoline yields....

[A related story on this topic, also mentioning this UC Berkeley study, appeared in http://www.usatoday.com/tech/science/2006-02-01-ethanol_x.htm] >USA Today]

13. "Lofty ideals meet reality. Ethical debate swirls around Google's attempts to

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expand business in China" (San Francisco Chronicle, February 1, 2006); story citing DAVID VOGEL; <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/c/a/2006/02/01/BUG67GVRUU39.DTL&type=printable>

By Verne Kopytoff, Chronicle Staff Writer

"Don't be evil" is a hard motto to live up to.

Just ask Google Inc., which now finds itself in an ethical dilemma, stuck between its idealistic corporate philosophy of doing no harm and its business goals of expanding in China.

The company's recent decision to censor search results in China that the Beijing government deems subversive is causing major headaches for the wildly successful online search company, including requests to appear on Capitol Hill. A briefing with the congressional Human Rights Caucus about online censorship in China is scheduled for today, though Google representatives have declined to attend.

"It's a shame that Google's promising vision of corporate governance and ethics gets exposed as hypocritical so quickly," said DAVID VOGEL, PROFESSOR OF [OF PUBLIC POLICY AND] BUSINESS ETHICS AT UC BERKELEY'S HAAS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS....

14. "State of the Union Address Follow-Up" (Forum, KQED-88.5 FM, February 1, 2006); featuring commentary by MICHAEL NACHT; listen to program at: <http://www.kqed.org/epArchive/R602010900>

Forum discusses Tuesday's State of the Union address by President Bush. Host: Michael Krasny

Guests: ... MICHAEL NACHT, DEAN OF UC BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

15. "REICH advises Bernanke," commentary by ROBERT REICH (Marketplace, National Public Radio, February 1, 2006); listen at: <http://marketplace.publicradio.org/shows/2006/02/01/AM200602011.html>

Commentator ROBERT REICH hopes incoming Fed chief Ben Bernanke might listen to some words of advice; he's written him a letter.

By ROBERT B. REICH

...Finally, Ben, I've got to tell you: Your responsibility isn't just to fight inflation. It's also to keep unemployment as low as possible, get as many people to work as you can. That's good for the economy. But I'm not just talking economics. What you do is also a matter of plain fairness.

You see, when you increase interest rates to fight inflation, the first people drafted into the fight are working class and poor, because they're at the end of the job line. They're the first ones fired when you put the brakes on the economy, the last ones hired when you let the economy speed up. So what you do will have a bigger effect on the number of people in poverty in America than any other policy coming out of Washington. So keep the working class and poor in mind, Ben...

[ROBERT REICH is co-founder of The American Prospect magazine; he's teaching now at the [GOLDMAN SCHOOL AT] THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY.]

[A version of this commentary appears in The American Prospect: <http://www.prospect.org/web/page.wv?section=root&name=Viewweb&articleId=11089>]

16. "Shocked locals see vote as knock at corrupt party" (Oakland Tribune, January 27, 2006); story citing MICHAEL NACHT.

By Angela Hill and William Brand, Staff Writers

Oakland -- Bay Area residents on both sides of the bitter Palestinian-Israeli conflict expressed surprise and shock Thursday at the victory of the militant Hamas Islamic movement in the Palestinian elections.

But the consensus here was that it was a vote not for the past militancy of Hamas -- which has taken credit for more than 50 suicide bombings in Israel -- as much as against the entrenched corruption and lawlessness of Fatah, the party that has controlled the Palestinian Authority for a decade....

MICHAEL NACHT, DEAN OF THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY AND A FOREIGN POLICY EXPERT, warned that the election is potentially a very dangerous development.

"The Hamas victory obviously reflects the tremendous disapproval of Palestinians with the leadership of Fatah. And it's been known for quite a while that Hamas has been scrupulously honest in delivering social services.

"In addition, however, they want a strict Islamic state in Palestine -- a single state, and the destruction of the state of Israel," NACHT said.

"They basically want the whole area to be run by themselves.

"This is very serious business, all caught up in global terrorism, oil politics -- it's all such a mess," he said.

"Over time, with the responsibility of power and authority, will Hamas moderate? Maybe. Maybe not," he said. "And national elections in Israel are coming up. This could shift Israeli politics to the right. I don't want to be alarmist about it, but this is not a good development."...

[This story also reported in Alameda Times-Star, Daily Review, Tri-Valley Herald, San Mateo County Times, The Argus.]

17. "New Study Finds Ethanol Is A Win-win" (AgWeb.com, January 27, 2006); story citing study by DAN KAMMEN, MICHAEL O'HARE, and BRIAN TURNER (MPP 2005).

A new study to be published in the journal Science on Friday, January 27 by Professors DANIEL KAMMEN, Alex Farrell, and their associates at University of California-Berkeley's Energy and Resources Group and the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY has concluded that ethanol yields more energy than it takes to produce and that ethanol decreases dangerous greenhouse gas emissions. The study sought to analyze the conflicting reports that exist about the energy balance of ethanol. According to the results, producing ethanol from corn uses much less petroleum than producing gasoline....

"While this report is not news to those who are familiar with the ethanol industry, it is significant in that it provides a comprehensive review of all the ethanol energy studies out there and concludes that ethanol is a net energy positive," said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association. "Detractors of the ethanol industry have received too much media attention for their questionable findings with respect to ethanol's energy balance. This study will help put their unfounded arguments to rest."...

[Read the full study, "Ethanol Can Contribute to Energy and Environmental Goals," published in Science 27, January 2006, at:
<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/311/5760/506>]

18. "Think big picture (and help your career) in new course called 'Public Policy
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for Engineers'" (Engineering News, January 16, 2006, Vol. 77, no. 1S); story citing STEPHEN MAURER; <http://www.coe.berkeley.edu/engnews/Spring06/EN01S/public.html>

You've just created the most beautiful piece of technology in the world: Do you patent or open source it? What are your obligations to customers versus your obligations to society? How do economics drive and affect innovation? How does public perception affect it? Explore these questions and discover ways to be a better engineer in a new upper-division course, "Public Policy for Engineers," jointly offered this spring by the College and the GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY.

"Engineers seem to end up in marketing or management where they have to interact with the social system," says course instructor STEPHEN MAURER, A PUBLIC POLICY PROFESSOR. "To succeed at whatever they're doing, they need to be shrewd about how economic, political, government and legal mechanisms work."

MAURER is acting director of the Project on Information Technology and Homeland Security, which uses social science to analyze problems facing information technology and homeland security. The project is currently working with ChemE/BioE Professor Jay Keasling to develop safety standards and property rights norms for synthetic biology. Before joining the Berkeley faculty, Maurer worked in intellectual property law for 20 years.

"This is the ultimate 'think-outside-the-box' course," he says. "You will be thinking beyond traditional engineering solutions and outside the traditional engineering canon. In many cases, social solutions might be the fastest, and sometimes the only, way to get things done."...

19. "One campaign is over; the next campaign is on" (Sacramento Bee, January 4, 2006); op-ed citing HENRY BRADY.

By Peter Schrag

Arnold Schwarzenegger began to moderate his belligerence even before his special election agenda officially flamed out. Now that his good-news leaks have reached fire-hydrant intensity, it looks like a full-blown peace offensive. As he said right after the election, if one act bombs, there's always another....

Schwarzenegger is not the only one in campaign mode ...

Today, [State Treasurer Phil Angelides] will announce a multi-prong proposal that, in effect, seeks to reinvigorate the state's master plan for education, roll back the hefty fee increases of the Schwarzenegger budgets to 2003 levels - not just freeze prospective increases - and reverse the sharp decline in enrollment of the last few years, especially in the community colleges....

Angelides has plenty of ammunition to support his argument. Recent reports by the Public Policy Institute of California and by POLITICAL SCIENTIST HENRY BRADY and others at Berkeley are full of projections linking the health of the state's economy and society to the state's ability and willingness to educate and train its citizens.

BRADY'S biggest concern is not that California won't educate more people to higher levels in the coming years but that the state's educational attainment - the percentage of college graduates and high school graduates - has actually been declining relative to the national average. Instead of gaining relative to the nation, we're losing....

[Read the report by HENRY BRADY, "Return on Investment: Educational Choices and Demographic Change in California's Future" at: http://ucdata.berkeley.edu:7101/new_web/pubs/Return_On_Investment_Final_Report.pdf]

20. "Politicians toy with podcasting. New technology helps to reach young audiences" (Argus Leader, January 3, 2006); story citing HENRY BRADY.

By Diana Marrero, Argus Leader Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON - Forget blogs. These days, the hippest politicians are podcasting.

Barack Obama, a darling among Senate Democrats, podcasts. So does the 60-year-old Republican senator from Idaho, Larry Craig. Even California Gov. Arnold "The Terminator" Schwarzenegger has tried it.

Podcasters - equipped solely with microphones and Internet connections - are posting online their thoughts on everything from politics and music to bad hair days and sex. The results range from amateurish ramblings to highly stylized shows or commercials.

Obama, whose audio book was recently nominated for a Grammy Award, launched his first podcast Sept. 8. The Internet "show" was quite popular on iTunes for a while and briefly rated among the top 20 podcasts on the web site.

As the medium gains traction among average Americans, podcasting is expected to garner even more momentum among politicians when congressional races begin to heat up next year.

"They're hot right now," said HENRY BRADY, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. "People are doing them because they're exciting and new and interesting."...

21. "Got College? Universities are being marketed just like 'Brand X'" (National Crosstalk, winter 2006); op-ed by DAVID KIRP;
<http://www.highereducation.org/crosstalk/ct0106/voices0106-kirp.shtml>

[DAVID L. KIRP, A PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY AT UC BERKELEY, is the author of "Shakespeare, Einstein, and the Bottom Line: The Marketing of Higher Education," and is a frequent contributor to National Crosstalk.]

By DAVID L. KIRP

Question: What do colleges and universities have in common with the city of Atlanta?
Answer: Both are busily promoting themselves with new slogans of dubious value.

Atlanta, which once called itself "the city too busy to hate," is spending \$8 million to publicize its makeover motto: "Every Day Is an Opening Day." The aim is to boost tourism, but to judge from the ensuing confusion-"what does it mean?" is the common response-it will be about as successful as New Coke.

"Solutions for Our Future" is the tag line that the ad agency hired by the American Council on Education has devised to boost popular support for higher education. While that's a clearer message than Atlanta's pitch, the cockiness rings hollow. As anyone who has attended a higher education conference during the past few years can attest, solutions are in short supply. Angst is everywhere in the air, and the cliché words are "crisis" and "challenge."

Higher education's leaders don't seem to have much confidence in their "product" or clarity about how to reach their target market. Amid mismanagement scandals, anger over rising tuition and limited access, they haven't developed a convincing response to the old taunt, "where's the beef?"

While colleges and universities do have an image problem, the troubles go far deeper. The core issues are entirely familiar: the lack of access to a quality education for the children of poor and working class families (ironically, the very families whose support the campaign is soliciting in its TV ads); the waste that is attributable to universities' hyper-competitiveness, whether in installing sushi

bars or recruiting faculty superstars; the institutions' failure to demonstrate that they are spending their money wisely, and their reluctance to attempt an assessment of the intellectual worth of a college education.

The emphasis on marketing is, in part, a triumph of style over substance. Perhaps the best example is the priority placed on athletic scholarships, regardless of how that might adversely affect the academic mission (as the old saw goes: a college that the football team can be proud of)....

22. "IGS Special Election Conference Draws Keynote from Gray Davis" (Public Affairs Report, Volume 46 / Number 2, Fall 2005); story citing JOHN ELLWOOD and VISITING LECTURER JOHN DECKER;
http://www.igs.berkeley.edu/publications/par/Fall_2005_PAR_for_web-1.pdf

JOHN ELLWOOD, A PROFESSOR IN BERKELEY'S GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY, and JOHN DECKER, a longtime senior legislative staff member and IGS legislative fellow, described the state's budgetary struggles.

ELLWOOD noted that Californians often like to think of themselves as different from the rest of the nation, but the recent fiscal history of the state actually mirrors much that has occurred elsewhere.

"In terms of this budget crisis, we are not that special, we're just worse," ELLWOOD said. The California deficit is larger and the state has been slower to emerge from the crisis, but at root the state is following national trends. When the economic boom of the '90s went bust, many states found themselves with looming financial problems.

"My own view is that the fundamental problem is that in California we have a state that wants to spend about 15 billion dollars more than it can," ELLWOOD said. "One potential solution would have been to raise taxes, but the state's two-thirds vote requirement in the legislature for any tax increases makes that far more difficult," he said.

"In the previous California recession in the early '90s, the state addressed budget problems very differently," ELLWOOD said, "by both raising taxes and cutting spending. But that strategy was rejected by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, who refused to implement any tax increase."

DECKER described the provisions of Prop. 76, the spending limit that was on the fall ballot, but noted that the initiative's provisions, such as a legal spending cap and increased powers for the governor, would not resolve questions about where to cut spending.

"The tough choice here is not whether you have automatic caps or some mechanisms for giving someone more power to cut or not," DECKER said, addressing an issue that will continue to face the state in the wake of the election. "The real choice is, how do you want to balance the budget? And if you want to do it by cuts, it's going to get pretty ugly."...

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RECENT FACULTY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS and EVENTS

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February 1 DAN KAMMEN spoke on "California's Clean Energy Future" in the Connolly Concepts lecture series, Novato, CA.

February 2 DAN KAMMEN spoke at the Clean Tech Investor Summit, Rancho Mirage,
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CA.

February 2 ROBERT REICH spoke on "Making a Living and Building a Life in America, Globalization, Technology and Educating Our Young People" before nearly 1,800 as part of the Ringling School Library Association's Town Hall 2006 series, Sarasota, FL. http://www.rslassociation.org/wst_page4.html

February 3 DAN KAMMEN was featured on Science Friday (National Public Radio), discussing America's oil dependence and some of our other energy options. Podcast available at: http://www.sciencefriday.com/pages/2006/Feb/hour1_020306.html

February 14 STEVEN RAPHAEL spoke on "The Effects of Male Incarceration Dynamics on AIDS Infection Rates Among African-American Women and Men" at The Center for Health Research; <http://healthresearch.berkeley.edu/events/seminars.html>

February 17 ROBERT REICH spoke at the 2006 Generic Pharmaceutical Association Annual Meeting and Business Exposition in Boca Raton, FL. <http://www.gphaonline.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=2270>

February 17-19 DAN KAMMEN and the Renewable and Appropriate Energy Lab (RAEL) were featured in "Solar-Hydrogen Fuel Cells," on California Connected (PBS-TV); <http://www.californiaconnected.org/wp/archives/244>

February 27 "Science Today" interviewed DAN KAMMEN on Cellulosic Technology's Bright Future. <http://www.ucop.edu/sciencetoday/pages/archive/transcripts/2006/sci931.html#B>

VIDEOS & WEBCASTS

To view a complete list of GSPP videos, visit our Events Archive at: http://gspp.berkeley.edu/news-events/events_archive.htm

New event this month on UC Webcast: <http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/index.html>

"Robert Klein: A Conversation on Stem Cell Research" (February 8, 2006) - (The 8th Annual Rhoda Goldman Distinguished Lecture in Health Policy)
Video stream at: <http://webcast.berkeley.edu/events/details.php?webcastid=15675>

Premiering nationally on UCTV in March:

"A Conversation on Stem Cell Research with Robert Klein"
Michael Nacht, Dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, welcomes Robert Klein, the Chair of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine. Klein has been an instrumental figure in advocating for research and the development of cures for a variety of causes including Alzheimer's and diabetes, and was honored by Time magazine as one of the "100 Most Influential People of the Year" in 2005.

Can be seen in Berkeley on Comcast cable channel 33: wednesday, March 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

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/>

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