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American Flag Banned on Student Clothing

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Since the threat of terrorism has captivated the United States, patriotic symbols have become sources of both solidarity and tension. More recently, amidst rising controversy over immigration laws, the American flag has been misunderstood as a symbol of nativism.

On March 31, Principle Myla Shepard of Shaw Heights Middle School in Westminster, CO tried to ban clothing that displayed the American flag or other American symbols, as well as camouflage apparel. Her intention was to calm tensions between Caucasians and Hispanics at the Middle School. Skyline High School in Longmont, CO followed suit with the ban. Schools in California and Arizona have also banned flags on clothing.

Violators include a student

with a D.A.R.E. t-shirt, whose logo contains that flag. Another culprit, 11 year old Elizabeth Haas, wore a Marine Corp shirt to support her brother. Both students were suspended.

Principal Shaw sent a second letter home to parents on April 7, reinforcing the dress code. However, Colorado's state Attorney General, John Suthers, has been working hard to protect students' rights to display Old Glory. He asked that a copy of a state law prohibiting such bans be sent to all school Superintendents. The law reads, "No Colorado school has the authority to prohibit students from reasonably displaying the flag of the United States on their person or property." As a result, the Colorado state senate recently voted to withhold state

American Flag grants from schools that violate this law.

Meanwhile, students have been protesting the ban with walk-outs and rallies. Parents whose children have been disciplined say they stand completely behind the students. Elizabeth Haas and others like her say that they will continue to display their patriotism in a reasonable manner. Attorney General Suthers told local news reporters, "I understand that they are trying to deal with rising tensions and I appreciate that, but they are going to have to find a way of doing it without banning, in particular, the American flag."

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Moussaoui: The Trial of a Terrorist

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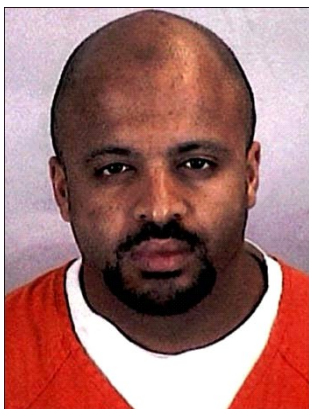


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Zacarias Moussaoui is on trial in Alexandria, Virginia for his role in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks against the United States. Moussaoui is the only terrorist on trial in the United States facing charges for his involvement in the attacks. Though Moussaoui was in a Minnesota prison when the attacks occurred, he testified that if he had not been in jail he would have been flying a fifth plane that day. However, defense claims that his role in connection with the attacks was small and that Moussaoui is attempting to

inflate his involvement. As the battle continues over Moussaoui's fate, the prosecution is using gruesome images from the aftermath of the attack to ensure he faces the death penalty. The images were shown after a presentation about the impact on the victims and their families and consisted mostly of intact bodies that were still recognizable. After seeing the images and hearing from families and rescue workers affected by the attacks, some of the jurors became emotional and found it hard to keep their

composure. The defense is asking the jury to spare Moussaoui's life and instead give him a life sentence in prison. According to the defense, Moussaoui's limited role in the attacks on September 11th as well as evidence that he is mentally ill is reason enough to spare him the death penalty. They also note that an execution under these circumstances would allow Moussaoui to fulfill his dream of martyrdom.

Information obtained from: <http://www.foxnews.com>

Gas Prices Expected to Continue Climbing in 2006

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Since February, the national average for one gallon of regular grade gasoline has been steadily increasing. The Energy Department released a report on April 11 which estimated that the average price this summer will be \$2.62, around 25 cents higher than last summer. During April-September, a heavy driving season for motorists, demand for gasoline is expected to be 1.5 percent more than it was last year.

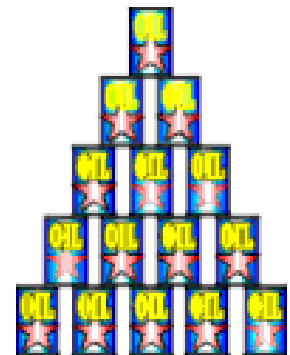
The report cites this increasing demand, along with high crude oil prices, new requirements for low-sulfur fuel, and heightened demand for corn-based ethanol as reasons for continued high costs. The clean-air additive MTBE is continuing to be replaced by refineries as an additive with ethanol. The heightened

demand for ethanol alone, which makes up about 10 percent of gasoline, results in a 5 cent spike per gallon for motorists.

Although prices are expected to stay high throughout 2006, the report says that we are unlikely to see the same price levels seen after Hurricane Katrina, when the national average hit a record high \$3.07 per gallon. However, some experts do envision another look at the \$3 mark this year if crude oil prices continue to increase and if we see another horrific hurricane season.

Although fuel prices are not currently astronomical compared to past decades when adjusted for inflation, the Energy Department's report concluded that there will not be much relief at the pumps in 2006. Only unforeseen circumstances,

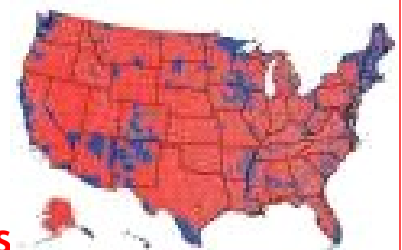
however, will bring gas prices back to record levels. Meanwhile, hybrids continue to rise in popularity as scientists look for alternative sources of energy.



Information obtained from: <http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,191302,00.html>

"Our armed forces will fight for peace in Iraq, a peace built on more secure foundations than are found today in the Middle East. Even more important, they will fight for two human conditions of even greater value than peace: liberty and justice"

~ Senator John McCain



Club Information and Upcoming Events



Tucker Carlson, host of *The Situation with Tucker Carlson* and former host of *Crossfire*, will be speaking at Boston College on Tuesday, April 18th. The event, "An Evening with Tucker Carlson", will be held in O'Neill Plaza at 4:30pm. This is going to be great so don't miss it!

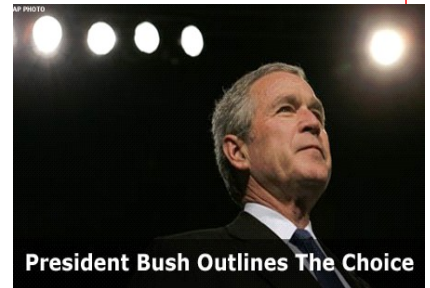
The Massachusetts Alliance of College Republicans (MACR)

held their annual spring convention April 7th-8th. Nineteen members of the BC College Republicans showed up to represent our club! Congratulations to Andrew Doyle who was elected Treasure of MACR!

Watch for more information in future newsletters about other upcoming events.

Other Events for College Republicans

Wednesday-Sunday, April 19-23: The Young Republican Leadership Conference, sponsored by the Young Republican National Federation, will be held in Washington D.C. and is a great way to meet & interact with our elected representatives & policy makers. It is a unique opportunity to explore DC with your fellow Young Republicans.



Internships and Jobs Available

Kevin Scott Signatures Volunteers

Signature Collection Volunteers needed! Kevin Scott needs 10,000 verified signatures and the campaign staff is aiming to collect 20,000 signatures.

Healey For Governor Campaign, Spring-Summer 2006

Come be an integral part of an exciting statewide campaign! The Healey for Governor Campaign offers a number of internship opportunities to qualified students. All internships are

unpaid and 12-14 weeks in length. Spring semester internships generally require a minimum 10 hours/week commitment. Summer internships are generally full-time. Students may be able to arrange college credit. Students should have previous office experience and computer skills. Specific duties and responsibilities vary from department to department, but have in common the expectation that interns are familiar with routine office procedures.

The Reagan Ranch, Santa Barbara, CA

Are You Ready To Lead? America needs a new generation of leaders! Are you ready to stand in the arena to defend your conservative principles? Do you want to be ready? If so, the Reagan Ranch Leadership Academy is for you.

All information regarding other CR events and jobs and internships was released by the Massachusetts Alliance of College

"I think Michael Moore is loathsome- not because he dislikes Bush, but because he seems to dislike America"

"What does John Kerry think about Iraq? Who knows. Who cares."

~ Future BC speaker
Tucker Carlson

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