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■ AND IN THIS CORNER...

Where will the budget and our leaders take us?

What a tremendous victory for the Glory of the Lord this past Saturday upon the fields of Holy Battle. The wisdom and strength of God surely rested on Notre Dame during the protracted conflict. It could not have been a mere shift in the weather patterns which caused the brief rain shower during Boston College's last possession. Surely the grace of He who is so Huge descended upon Valiant Lou, as He gazed lovingly down upon His Chosen students. Notre Dame has, obviously, proven itself worthy of the title The Team of the Almighty, the repository of all true Catholic character, peerless in all of academia.

(I must confess I was certainly impressed by the Ireland Trophy created purposely for such a Divinely Inspired Football Occasion. The occasion of the Republic of Ireland must be proud to see two prestigious American universities' athletic teams claim representation of the collective Irish people.)

Of course, the ND/BC classic wasn't the only vital greenback exchange during this past week. The debate over the Federal Budget rages on, preparing to come to a head as Clinton continues to threaten vetoes of all of Congress's well-thought-out bills. How could this pander bear refuse to be cowed by a legitimate Mandate of the People such as Newt Gingrich's Contract to Kill? Let us examine the issue further, remaining as non-biased and non-partisan as possible.

First off, never mind that the United States is the only Western Democracy without an adequate health care plan for its citizens. Never mind that among the first world nations we currently have the highest rates of illiteracy, teen pregnancy, and violent crime. Let us focus on

the real important issues, unlike Clinton and his ilk, who seek to divert public attention to their cutesy, unimportant political squabbling. Let us focus on dismantling the New Deal and Great Society social programs foisted on the American people by half a century of wasteful leftist legislation.

Yes, let our Congressmen decide to slash Medicaid spending and permit the majority of our elder citizens a hurried and deserved entry through the Heavenly Gates. (And even if our beloved Senators and Representatives receive complete Medicare and Medicaid coverage after retirement, to

go with their guaranteed lifetime pensions, surely they deserve more than the average citizen in light of all their difficult deliberations.)

Let us permit Congress to mortgage our children's educational future; after all, only six-digit households need prepare their future high-class generations for the high finance world economy, and we will in all probability require a larger underclass population to support all of us here at the top.

Let us permit our eloquent statesmen to eliminate unnecessary and economically restrictive acts such as the Clean Air and Water Act, which prevent the development of our vast and unused wilderness property. The oil companies and motor vehicle companies on whom our very cultural heritage as Americans depends cannot possibly survive another conspiratorial blow from those rapidly rising, environmentally sound, alternative energy source corporations and their tree-hugging lobbying peacenik hippie supporters — a battle that jeopardizes the very backbone of America's stable economy, which is the envy of countries such as Mexico.

And, by all means, let us hand the

financial reins of our God-granted country to Dole, Gingrich, and Gramm, the originators of the Reaganwoodconomics of the Fat 80s. Let them complete this glorious Republican Revolution and change the pigmentation and wallet sizes of the American public forever.

I say it's a lie that Jimmy Carter balanced his last budget as president: it's obvious that his extremist policies were to blame for the inefficiencies of the MX missile and the Star Wars program, the S & L scandal and the Iran Contra scam, and even the devalued dollar and subsequent three trillion dollar deficit that a seemingly senile aged actor appeared to approve, convincing a gullible public that America needed to compete with the Evil Empire, taking only a mere eight-year term to change the US from the world's greatest creditor nation to its' greatest debtor.

I say it's all a Commie plot, and that those responsible ought to be shot for the traitors they are to the great American Dream and Way of Life, that they may be killed by the Justice of God, in His Mercy. Not that I'm an extremist. Far from it, I just want what's best for my country, like Oliver North and Admiral Poindexter, heroes that they were.

It is refreshing to see the youth of this Great Land become involved in the voting process that made this country a beacon of Hope among the other tyrannical countries of the world. Even on the accursed MTV channel — devil-worshipping though it may be — our youngsters are exhorted to vote for Balancing the Budget. And it's about time, wouldn't you say? It's about time that the teenagers of America voted according to their conservative consciences, regardless of whether they can be easily duped

by the media or flamboyant wealthy candidates for the presidency.

Naturally, it matters not one whit that this MTV commercial makes no mention of what a balanced budget would entail, and how many programs would be drastically cut or altogether excised to account for another tax-cut for those who make more than \$200,000 per annum, and also for a new laser space station to protect us from potential incoming nuclear missiles which no longer exist (Star Wars was only a \$500 billion prototype anyway; now we've got

it right). College student have far too much to do as it is besides having to bother themselves with petty details about a budget proposal which will affect their lives forever.

Finally, it is unthinkable that some should suggest Congressmen themselves might help their country save billions of dollars by refusing legislative freebies. What would our hardworking politicians do without free limousine rides,

free vacations, free room and board at the most expensive hotels, free health insurance, and corporate kickbacks from the N.R.A. and R.J. Reynolds? Why, Washington DC, would come to a standstill, putting all sorts of hard-working, decent folk out of work in the Red Light district. You've simply got to understand how this economy works if you're going to be an informed American voter today.

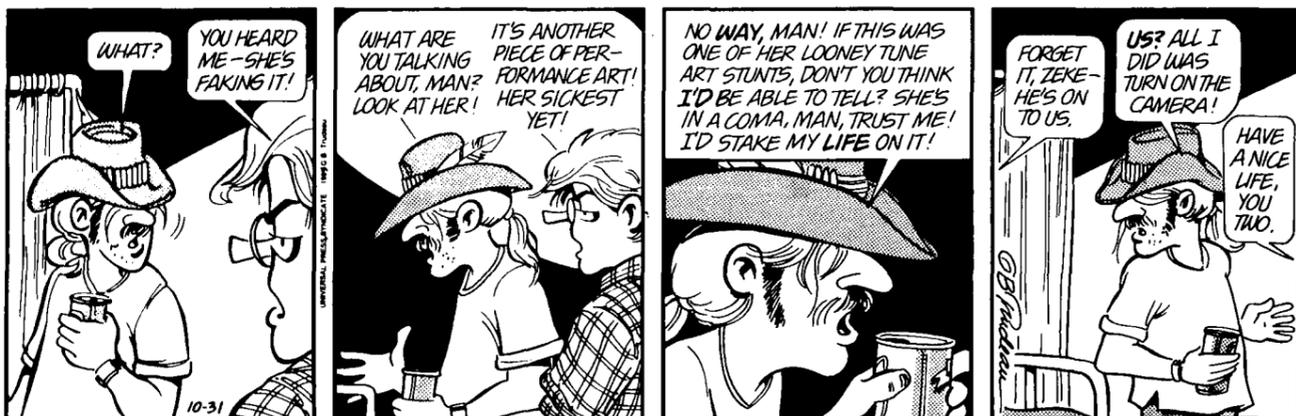
Well that's all for now, and we thank you for your support. God bless America.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary."

—James Madison