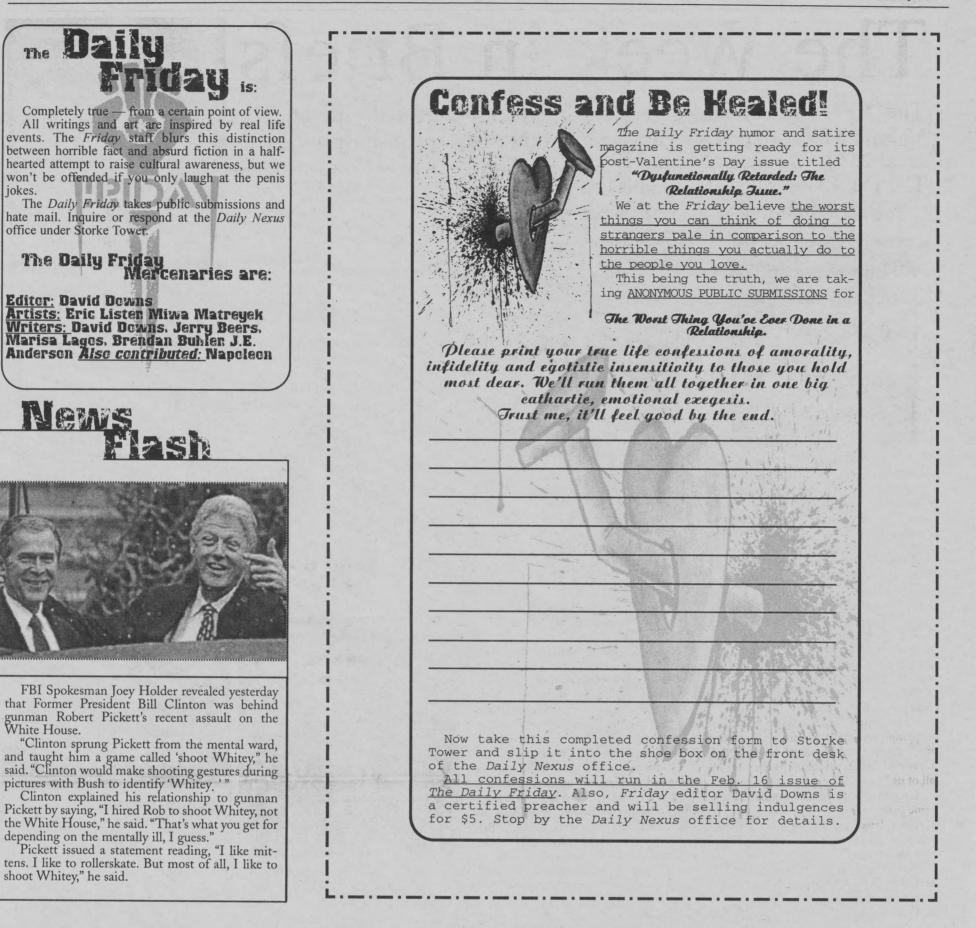


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slant the apparently unslanted, and major newspapers use them every day.

Today, the rules of news writing are largely adhered to because of the threat of lawsuit and have little to do with any ethical concern for The Truth. Libel is tough to prove in court, and the number of lawyers on any newspaper staff is an accurate measure of the distance from that paper's respect for true news style. The Nexus front page, for example, cannot afford an opinion. We have to use straight news style even if it reads like poop. Every fact and every opinion in every story must be attributed with an "according to," a "he/she said" or other devices. Despite the horrible things such attribution does to sentence structure and flow, we must tell you where every fact or opinion came from and give you their names. Something like unnamed sources and opinions expressed outside of quotes will get us sued.

are interested in news at all, and most aren't, the 11 o'clock TV version will supply them all the tragedy, celebrities and fuzzy puppy stories they can swallow.

The problem with news on TV is that the two are mutually exclusive. News is often long, complicated, nuanced, detailed and ambiguous. TV is cheap dog shit. It can take four pages of single-spaced text to tell an important story of government corruption. TV has time for "High-Speed Chase on 101 Ends in Fatal Three-Way Collision! Tonight at 11!" the author is an asshole. News will settle to its "proper place" over my dead body and the bodies of many journalists like myself. Print journalism is not an entertainment outlet. Entertainment is Corky playing basketball, or "Beavis and Butthead do America." Journalism is Watergate or *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail* '72. Any stupid postmodern whore who confuses the two can burn in fiery hell.

Pretty, faster-moving media out-guns newspapers that try to simply entertain in today's spectacle society. Print journalism's strength is its ability to

But if you have a cadre of vicious lawyers on your staff, it's a different news story. With

enough lawyers you can fight a story implicating innocent priests in baby torture. The L.A. Times often quotes "aids" or "sources close to the (x)." They can editorialize and screw around with news style and call it unbiased journalism when it counts — in court. The extreme example of this is *The Enquirer*, which recruits its team of lawyers every year from Yale's graduating class.

Not like most of America cares either. If Americans

6 The basis of our government being the opinion of the people, the very first objective should be to keep that right. Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government. I should not hesitate to prefer the latter.

Thomas Jefferson

When the boob tube became America's #1 appliance, attention span began evaporating, news began shrinking and ethics became a joke.

"Soon news media will finally settle into its rightful place as an entertainment outlet — " the reader for David Downs' English 25 class.

This is called an opinion, but I know for a fact that

tell the stories of complicated and big things in detail, cheaply and in large quantities. It has a unique ability to educate its audience about the history of yesterday, ever day. Fuck the fucking morons if they don't have the attention span to read past the second paragraph.

All of America's major newspapers today are in the hands of a select few corporations. Advertising interests beholden to an amoral Bottom Line censor editorial content on the front and opinion pages. The Bottom Line doesn't care about the Bill of Rights, fair play, good citizenship, or any form of morality but the bottom line. It will do anything to keep its readers while catering to an infantile desire for entertainment that started with a crib mobile and ends with reporters interviewing terrified kids as

they flee Columbine High School, CO.

The outlook is bleak and the answer to this mess requires a very severe morality shift in a spectacle culture that scorns genuine knowledge or learning. Thomas Jefferson said he loved newspapers and valued them above democracy itself. He also said something else with which I agree:

"I tremble for my country, when I realize God is just."

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The Week in Briefs

The XFL Debuts Slut TV, India Fires Earthquake Promoter, The Vagina Monologues - Part II, and Other Blatant Insensitivities ...

The Penis Monologue: **A Drunk Rebuttal**



In what he called a "kick-ass" followup piece to Wednesday night's performance of the Vagina Monologues, a man on a Del Playa Drive balcony delivered his own vagina monologue Thursday night.

Titled "Pussy, Cunt: Screw You, You Whores," the piece by 20-year-old Dwight "Big O" Harrison dealt with the UCSB student's struggle for empowerment and "hitting up some serious ass." The 23-minute speech was delivered to an audience passing under the DP balcony, many of whom may have had vaginas.

Roommates said they were unaware of Harrison's artistic genius.

"The metaphors, combined with his gripping performance, were truly arresting," junior anthropology major Brad Gray said. "He really spoke to the twat in all of us.'

Gray then belched and vomited at the same time.

Undeclared sophomore Tim Dribble was unaware Harrison was so knowledgeable about vaginas.

"I never saw 'Big O' get any," Dribble said, "but I think he grabbed some chick at a party once."

During "Pussy, Cunt," Harrison used a 12-case of Natural Light as a source of encouragement, as well as a prop. He used the beer to gesture at audience members, whom he invited to participate in the monologue by "showing some fuckin' titties.

When an Isla Vista Foot Patrol officer interrupted the performance, Harrison made a comment on social justice by throwing a half-empty can at the officer's head.

"Just try and take me on, you goddamn

30,000 Indians Dead, **XFL Snakes Ratings**



NEW DELHI, INDIA - Ashwin Assid lost his job as India's director of public relations Tuesday for securing his country's earthquake only two days of American press coverage.

Two weeks ago, the 7.9 quake hit the town of Bhuj the hardest, reducing more than half of the city to rubble, sobbing and chaos.

Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee released a statement, which he read in its entirety: "Assid has saddened our already sad nation by securing only 48 hours of air time for the deaths of over 30,000 people. That's only 1/625-of-anhour per corpse. He is so fired."

Normally, disasters with large body counts, bleeding, confused animals and fire are a staple of television news cover-age. American PR experts, however, said Assid did a difficult job poorly.

"Earthquakes are great. The arm of some kid sticking out of the rubble of a mud-and-wood building is a real money shot," Susan McKenzie, president of Mulchtruth Communications, said. "But India is what, on the other side of the world. Plus, the demographics were all wrong. Foreign people test very poorly with the 18- to 25-year-old market."

Vince McMahon, who's new XFL football league secured three days of airtime, said Assid should have "used edgy camera work and thrown in some sluts

Wife Beater Likes **Killing Dolphins**

MIAMI - Mayor Joe Carollo was jailed on a battery charge Wednesday morning after allegedly hitting his wife in the head with a terracotta teapot. Maria Ledon Carollo was bruised and had a lump on her head the size of a golf ball. Police said they arrived at the mayor's home at 7 a.m. after a 911 call from one of the couple's daughters.

said in a tape played for reporters. Maria Carollo asked the police to arrest her husband, but later that day she released a statement urging police not to prosecute him.

"Under no circumstances did my husband intend to harm or injure me," her statement read. "In our family, 'whore' and 'Janet Reno' are terms of affection and endearment. Joe has never beaten me, except in the most affectionate manner."

Carollo said he did not intend to hit his wife with the teapot; rather, he was trying to hit a dolphin he saw out in Biscayne Bay, part of which he plans to fill in so the city can build a baseball stadium.

"Do you know how much it costs to get Fish and Wildlife to look the other way when you fill in a bay full of those fucking things?" Corollo said. "How can our fair city ever survive without a massively corrupt construction project? Miami needs the Marlins, not some stinking fish."

Jesse 'The Body' **Upstaged by Sluts**



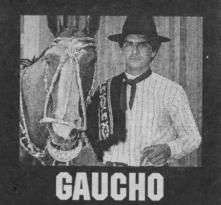
Vince McMahon's much hyped X Football League disappointed WWF fans this weekend. Hired sluts failed to take off their clothes, strategically placed chairs were not thrown, and coaches coached instead of talking mad shit.

"Fuck you McMahon," yelled a fan before vomiting into section 7B, many feet below. "I'm going back to the Raiders.'

McMahon, valued at over \$1.1 billion, said he will keep his new league interesting, no matter the cost. Sources close to the marketing genius responsible for The Ultimate Warrior's career in annoying Slim Jim commercials said he is open to new ideas.

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A Public Service Announcement from the Gaucho Anti-Defamation League:





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ANY **QUESTIONS?**

Daily Friday Quote of the Week



Napoleon says:

journalist is "A grumbler, a censurer, a giver of advice, a regent of sovereigns, a tutor of nations. Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

pussy queer!" Harrison shouted.

Harris was thrown to the ground, handcuffed and arrested. Friends said they are planning a protest, entitled "Fuck the Fucking Pigs, Man!" as soon as they can round up the keg money.

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"Poppa Joe called mom 'Janet Reno,' and then he throw something," the child

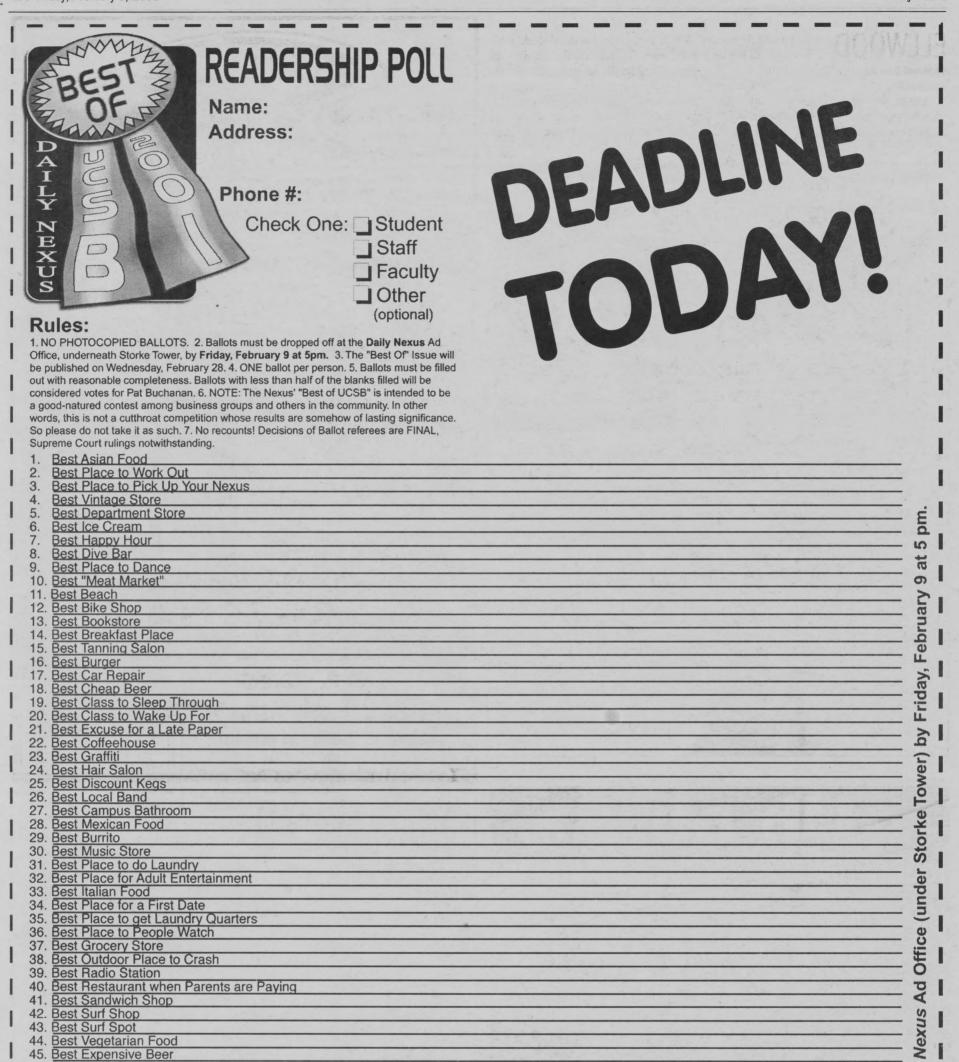
"Mr. McMahon is tossing around several options including acts of coitus during half-stime shows and special death plays unique to each team. You know, like a live grenade pass play or something."



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