

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

■ A Great Example

In one account of the Littleton massacre, the Columbine High School principal admitted that he had barely known the names of the perpetrators, and had never heard of the "Trench Coat Mafia". His statement reminded me of a contrasting conversation I had with Principal Jack Rankin as an SMHS student in the 1970's.

At the time, we were in the midst of the energy crisis, and I was concerned that the school still planned to hold its annual car rally. When I approached Mr. Rankin, he told me, "The kids who enjoy the car rally aren't generally the ones who come to the football games and dances." It was important, he continued, to hold events which appealed to the various groups within the student body, so that they all felt a part of the school.

This embracing of diversity was perhaps a little ahead of its time, but it is an attitude which has served our community well for a number of years.

Sincerely,

Karen Telleen-Lawton
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■ A Big Thanks

I would like to thank Ms. Cindy Duran and Mr. Simon Fong of San Marino's Bank of America branch, for coming to the aid of the San Marino Historical Society. Presently, there is a great deal of construction around our headquarters at the Michael White Adobe on the high school campus. Because of this, we needed to find a more secure location for some of the Society's most historic and irreplaceable records.

We are an all-volunteer group and on a limited budget. The cost of a very large safe deposit box would have been too much to handle. I brought our problem to Bank of America's Cindy Duran who explained to branch manager Simon Fong. Thanks to both of them, our most precious records are stored at the Bank of America free of charge during the construction.

Three cheers for Mr. Fong and Ms. Duran and the Bank of America.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Peck
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■ 'Chinagate'

Well, it appears that we have witnessed another contrived emergency, in the form of the military action in Yugoslavia, by President Clinton for the purpose of displacing the looming scandal of 'Chinagate', and others, from the news media. 'Chinagate' of course is the reportedly treasonous transfer of sensitive missile technology and hardware to Communist China, (our deadly enemy) in exchange for Red China's contributions to the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign, representing an example of bribery and treason unmatched in American History! As I feel that a large number of Americans remain uninformed about the Chinagate tragedy I was tremendously encouraged to discover that the National Impeach Clinton Action Committee at 1-888-LEAVE D.C., after attaining its goal of impeachment proceedings against President Clinton, is now informing the effort to demand a thorough investigation of Clinton and Chinagate. The appalling seriousness of Chinagate can be seen in media reports indicating a former defense department official stating, "Our technology has helped the Chinese perfect missiles that are more reliable, more accurate, and more difficult to monitor or track as we try to prevent them from ever penetrating our air space," the U.S. Government estimating Communist China possesses over 100 medium to long-range ballistic missiles. If launched from China's nuclear submarines, these missiles can now strike cities like Salt Lake City, Chicago, and Boston with greater accuracy reportedly thanks to Bill Clinton. Apropos to this is the statement by a former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that "We are presently defenseless," with no I.C.B.M. missile defense system in place. In view of this eminent danger, we as concerned Americans should immediately call the committee at the above number and contact our congressmen and demand a through investigation of Chinagate and Clinton's involvement, NOW!

Sincerely,

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