

Sticks and Stones

by Art Buchwald

"Mommy, Georgie Bush is picking on me."
 "What did he say, Bobby?"
 "He said I called him a lap dog. I didn't call him a lap dog. The Rev. Robertson did."
 "It doesn't surprise me, Bobby. Georgie has a history of mean-spiritedness."
 "He also accused me of having a record of cronyism."
 "That boy should have his mouth washed out with soap and water. What are you going to do?"
 "I'm going to hit him where it counts. I'm going to say he is just a rich kid who doesn't know what

it's like to be poor and down and out in New Hampshire."
 "Bobby, that's mean and vicious and not presidential — but I like it."
 "Mommy, Mommy, I just told Georgie he was a spoiled, mean brat and he said Elizabeth's blind trust has more holes in it than Swiss Cheese."
 "Don't just sit there and cry. Kick him in the shins."
 "I will, Mommy. I'm going to say George Bush would have traded the Sixth Fleet to Iran for an autographed picture of the Ayatollah Khomeini."
 "That's good, Bobby.

Play hardball so no one can impugn your integrity."
 "OK... Mommy, Mommy, I called Georgie another Spiro Agnew and he said I was part of the problem."
 "Why would he say that?"
 "Because I also told him all he ever did for Reagan was grovel in the mud in the Rose Garden."
 "You had every right to say it. It's an open secret."
 "I know what I'm going to do, Mommy. When Georgie walks by the house I'm going to accuse him of negative campaigning."
 "That's nice. Have a

cookie."
 "Mommy, Mommy, I told Georgie he was engaging in negative campaigning, and he said he only started doing it after I called him a wimp."
 "He hates being called a wimp. All wimps do."
 "Can I say Georgie doesn't know anything because he's not a leader and all he has done for seven years is sit on the bench waiting for his number to be called?"
 "Of course you can say it, Bobby. You can also call him a twit if you want to."
 "I'm going to say Georgie doesn't unders-

tand the small-town ways of New Hampshire because he's an urban dweller and only knows people who go to French restaurants to eat quiche."
 "Heh, heh, you can also say George thinks quiche is soul food."
 "Mommy, Mommy, George said I hurt Gerry Ford in his election in '76 because I was the bad guy."
 "Don't let it bother you, son. George just said that because you have a faster tongue than he does. You go back out there and tell him he is not only a wimp and a twit, but a toady as well."
 "Mommy, Georgie now

wants me to apologize for calling him a toady."
 "Don't do it. Once you apologize you'll wind up taking the high road. You can't afford to let Bush have the low road all to himself."
 "I hate George Bush — I hate him."
 "Of course you hate him, but that doesn't mean you can ignore his attacks."
 "What can I call him now?"
 "How about saying he's the 'father of his country'?"
 "That's not mean."
 "If you say it, Bobby, everyone will think it is."
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Letters to the editor, Cont.

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 be a change.
 To expedite that change CSUN needs your help. In the coming weeks there will be a strong effort through petitions, rallies, and voter registration drives to make your voice known.
 CSUN wants the best possible funding for UNLV. It is possible, but not a consolidated effort to let our voice be heard. be a student, and get involved.
 Sincerely
 Steve Evenson
 Jennifer McGinty
 Jack Spicer

Novel Idea
Dear Editor:
 I have just read a novel review by the Editor and I was caught by one of the closing paragraphs, the one where Reagan is getting duped and the communists are going to take over. In the next sentence, I'm pretty sure he's disagreeing with this statement, but I'm sure there are plenty of "over the horizon" right-wingers out there, swearing up and down that the commies will be pouring over the border before the

ink on the new arms treaty is dry. I know you're out there. For the curious, you can find them under rocks and in damp crevices. But enough of this claptrap! People will argue that without the missiles in Europe, the conventional forces of the Warsaw Pact will easily overwhelm NATO. Sure, I agree they have a numerical superiority, but 2 + 2 isn't everything. A typical American tank crew can get off three shots in thirty seconds while their Soviet counterparts can manage only one in the same time. Any faster and the spent shell cartridge will ricochet back into the turret and kill everyone inside instead of safely ejecting from the tank like its suppose to.
 As well, an American fighter pilot will tell you that he will get a 4 to 1 kill ratio if he flies against the Soviets right now. That's 4 of theirs to 1 of ours. These are verifiable facts and little known ones at that. There are many more just like them. The Defense Department doesn't want this kind of stuff to get around. They want to keep us scared for

when appropriation time rolls around. The Pentagon prints some lovely fiction called *The Soviet Threat* every year like clockwork, much like having a daily bowel movement.
 Besides, when we move those missiles, nobody will miss them. It doesn't even make a dent in the numbers and I don't want to go into them. We've all heard enough of that crap.
 I'm sure somebody will write in and give me hell, but I don't mind. Just keep it clean and please stick to

the issue at hand. (Some people have such an obsession with body parts ... disgusting!) Our little war of words will harm no one and a little mental jousting never hurt anybody. Did I say never? Pardon me!
 Kenneth Cox
Typo Rag
Dear Editor:
 It is with much shame that I call to your attention the glaring error that appeared on the cover of today's issue of *The Yellin' Rebel*.

Have your journalists taken an introductory course in English? If they have, they may have forgotten a basic rule of punctuation regarding possession. That is, an apostrophe is to be used when indicating such possession. Therefore, you may wish to re-evaluate your "Happy Valentines Day" wishes.
 As a student of this growing university, I feel a need to correct such obvious and inexcusable manifestations of ignorance.

Sincerely,
 L.J. Isaacs
Editor's Note: From a purely technical standpoint you are correct. Valentine's Day, is a religious holiday venerating St. Valentine. Valentines Day is a day on which lovers exchange pink cards declaring their love. Thus, since the Supreme Court has ruled such seemingly innocuous intertwinings of church and state to be illegal, we removed the offending apostrophe, therefore defending the right to freedom of worship.

