

Isn't anyone listening to the voice of the people?

Earlier this month, Arizona justified the action taken by the voters shot down an attempt to NFL and called for more of the institute a state holiday in honor same. When asked if "blackmail" of the late Dr. Martin Luther is a proper way to achieve a goal, King, Jr. Now Arizona faces the Wilbon denied the word saying,

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wrath of all those who would like to see King honored with a holiday as he is in 47 other states. The forces of protest, welding the modern weapon of financial manipulation, moved quickly. The impact has been staggering.

Paul Tagliabue, commissioner of the National Football League, announced that the 1993 Super Bowl would pull out of Tempe, Arizona in protest of the defeated amendment. Other corporations, sports teams, and groups followed suit.

Although a total has yet to be tallied, latest figures indicate that Arizona has lost more than \$30 million.

The NFL, and the other sports teams and conventions that have pulled their business from Arizona, are doing so in an effort to force Arizona to accept the King holiday. Never mind that previous efforts have failed. No one cares that Arizona voters have consistently defeated any such proposal.

Norman Braman, a member of the NFL's Super Bowl site selection committee, said, "We're hoping the situation will resolve itself."

How? Except by lawmakers ignoring the votes cast by the electorate, the situation has been resolved to the satisfaction of Arizona voters.

Michael Wilbon, a sports-writer with the Washington Post,

justified the action taken by the NFL and called for more of the same. When asked if "blackmail" is a proper way to achieve a goal, Wilbon denied the word saying,

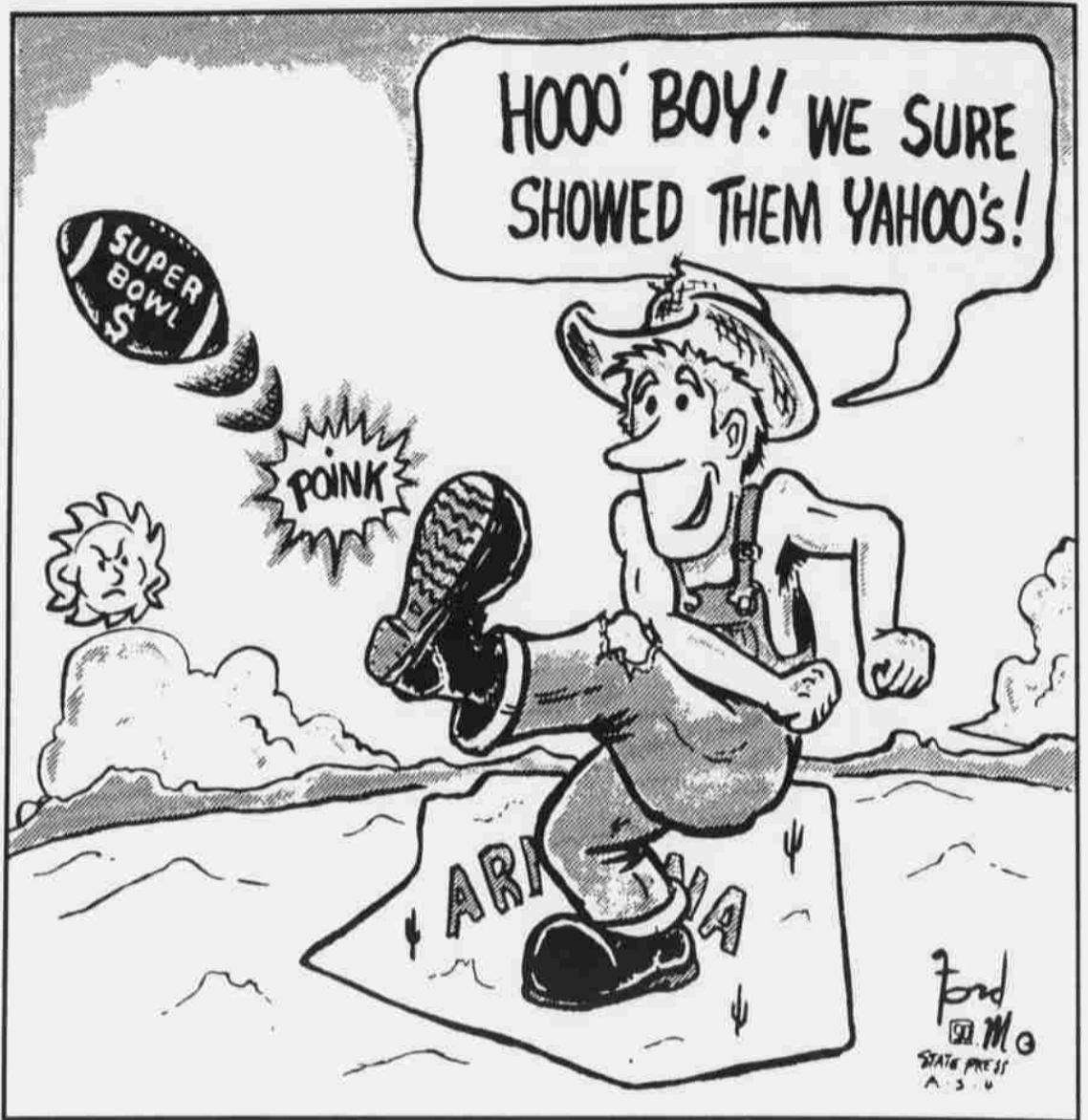
"It's economic sanctions." Wilbon noted that Arizonans were inundated with advertising and appeals before the election. According to Wilbon, "They had to be aware of the consequences," and that such actions as denying Martin Luther King, Jr. a state holiday would be met with "immediate repercussions."

Something is wrong with this picture. Since when should voters become subject to financial arm-twisting by special interests seeking their own ends? How can the NFL, or anyone, punish an entire state because most of the people do not wish to have a holiday named after a certain individual?

What purpose will it serve, this economic embargo of Arizona, except to undermine the power of the electorate even further? Already there is talk of somehow "fixing" the situation, as if the election results are meaningless and the legislators are the ones who truly decide such things.

The NFL should stop posturing as some kind of leader in the fight to integrate minorities. Until Art Schell began coaching the Raiders, there had never been a black coach. There has never been a black General Manager of an NFL team. The NFL should make good by it's players and supporters and leave the political posturing to others.

The above is the opinion of The Yellin' Rebel editorial board.



False accusations

by Jacqueline S. Hamilton

To Editor Richard Crow,

I was extremely dismayed by your opinion column on Tuesday, Nov. 6. After sharing your views on all the rest of the questions facing the voters, you chose to refrain from sharing your opinion on Question 7. Alright, fair enough, you have the right to keep your opinion to yourself. However you ended your comments by saying "Both sides have been so rude, crude, and violent in their efforts, maybe we should vote to dismantle their organizations."

It is now your responsibility to clarify how UNLV Students for Choice were in any way "rude, crude and violent."

Our position, from the beginning, never wavered. We simply took the issue to a vote of the people. We were, however, stopped every step of the way by the anti-choice zealots in our community. We were illegally stopped when collecting signatures in front of the Thomas and Mack. We were not allowed access to various malls, shopping centers and many other public

places in the area. Instead of being considered a valid organization putting forth an honest question to the voters, we were constantly classified as a controversial issue, and as such, treated with disdain by a prejudiced press.

It was not the pro-choice majority but the anti-choice congregation that was arrested over and over again. It was the anti-choice faction that thrust their offensive propaganda in the faces of the public. The pro-choice files contain numerous photos of women who died from medically unsafe, illegal abortions; we chose not to exploit their tragedies simply to evoke sympathy from the voters.

We plead innocent to your charge of rudeness, crudeness and violence. In the American system of justice, we are entitled to have our accusers specify the dates, places, times and names associated with this "crime." Since we are absolutely certain you cannot validate your accusations, we will accept an apology and retraction.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt

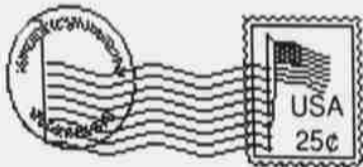
thanks and appreciation to all the students of UNLV who supported us with their time, efforts and votes. While our names will not appear in the history books, one day our children will learn about us and know that in the year 1990 we fought the most important battle of all and won. Our victory assured that freedom prevailed in Nevada.

Jacqueline S. Hamilton
President, UNLV
Students for Choice.

Dear Ms. Hamilton, It may have been my misjudgement to compare the two organizations, but I have seen "Vote Yes" stickers on a few building windows. That is a form of vandalism. In the future, I will try to be more specific.

Thank you,
Richard Crow.

Letters to the Editor



Bush vs. Hussein

Dear Editor,

I'm a World War II combat veteran. When President Bush got involved in the Gulf Trap and began to talk war, I began to re-read Erik Maria Remarques' "All Quiet On the Western Front." I wish I had read it before I volunteered, like a sucker, for WWII.

At the start of the novel a decimated German infantry company is in the rear-action line recuperating, being strengthened, and discussing war and nations.

One of the war weary German doughboys proposes that the "heads and generals of the

warring nations should be put in a pit and, armed with wooden clubs, go at each other."

Whoever wins, the nation wins!

Why don't we do the same thing with Presidents Bush and Hussein?

Each of them, armed with a baseball bat and a tin garbage can lid as a shield, we put Bush and Hussein in a ring at the United Nations in New York and let the two bloodthirsty bums fight it out to the end.

The survivor wins, and his nation wins. It would really save lot of American, Kuwaiti, and Iraqi lives!

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