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ROLE REVERSALS

Politicians and celebrities swap jobs

Corporate mergers, the true signs of the times, have become more common than ever. In the golden age, there were several telecommunications corporations striving for world domination, but today companies merge and converge as quickly as possible for the sole purpose of improving the one thing Americans cherish most — entertainment.



JACOB HUVAL

Gargantuan, nine-headed beasts arise from these mergers, each with the goal of providing a stunningly clear picture, breathtaking color, surround sound and definition so crisp Horatio Alger would weep. It seems nothing is spared in the quest for a better, more unified method of entertainment. Even politics, like any good American way of life, has been assimilated into the machine. Entertainers abound, licking their chops for a chance at the plump underbelly of American politics.

Hollywood instigated this romance of star-crossed lovers. What began with Jesse Ventura's drunken bet has escalated into a full-scale Romanesque orgy of politidrama, making cubines of Warren Beatty, Donald Trump and a growing number of other celebrities. Little did former President Ronald Reagan suspect he would become the role model for a new generation of celebrity activists gone too far — the celebrity politician.

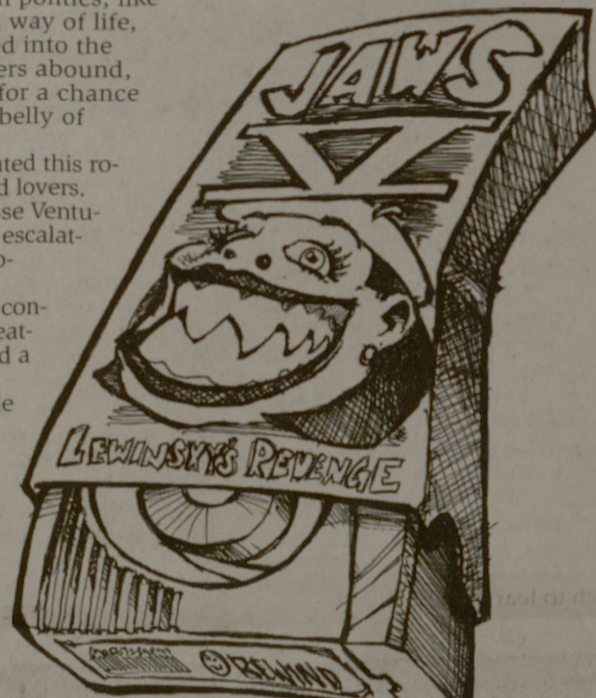
Unless the unthinkable happens and America repents, the near future of politics will be warped to fit the mindset and lifestyle of movie stars. An "executive whip" will be something only Robert Downey Jr. and Hugh Grant use. "The Veto" will be a new dance club. "Quorum" will be served dry with imported olives.

Tried-and-true practices of modern politics will be radically changed. Voting, instead of being anonymous and performed by the electoral college, will be measured by applause. Top issues among candidates, long after health care, Social Security and unemployment lay dormant, will be color coordination, hairstyles and furnishings

for administrative trailers. Political scandal will be not only accepted but also expected. The National Inquirer will feature stock quotes.

The very face of American politics will be lifted, tucked and liposuctioned into a new state of being. Every other building on Capitol Hill will be a Spagos or Starbucks. The Library of Congress will have stadium seating and matinees until 6 p.m. Mount Rushmore's busts of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Roosevelt will be chipped, shaved and chiseled into the likeness of Goldstein, Goldberg, Cohen and Spielberg.

Not ones to be left in the dark, Washington politicians will make the movie industry their surrogate playground. Changes just as radical as those at the Capitol can be expected in and around Los Angeles. The film-production world will be completely warped.



ROBERT HYNCEK/THE BATTALION

Entertainment will attain a new level of quality as familiar movies are subtly altered for political convenience. Star Wars will be re-remastered to feature Reagan and former vice-president Spiro Agnew. Movies like *JFK*, *Conspiracy Theory*, and *Patton* will be considered educational "how-to" films. And everyone will insist on making their own versions of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* as election time draws near.

Potential blockbusters will include *F*, Spike Lee's controversial film about the life of Malcolm

Forbes, *Jaws 5 — Lewinsky's Revenge* and *The Untouchables* documentary on the Clinton administration. Thanks to more shady contributions, the production of movies will no longer be jeopardized by ridiculous large budgets. "Inflation" is a concern for plastic surgeons.

"Health care" will consist of protein shakes and prozac.

The ratings system will be more clearly defined. A *C* will adorn movies displaying no controversy or subtlety. A PG-rating would go to movies featuring only somewhat mature concepts, like lobbying and grants. Movies with a rating of PG-13 typically will involve mild violence and sexual innuendo. Movies with a rating of NC-17 will contain graphic displays of Bill Clinton acting as a decent person.

What honest, entertainers not craving Americans should be concerned about is what movie star they would like to see in office. Does one cast her ballot for the actor star or the silver-screen comedian?

Will our new sacred and fathomable political situation have a make. On one hand, we could have Billy Crystal commencing gressional sessions with "Arnold look marvelous," and Steve tin doing "happy feet" through his inauguration.

On the other hand, we could expect results when Arnold Schwarzenegger lays down law with an unprecedented administrative arsenal, and we command respect as Joe Pe appears at the UN Council with a baseball bat.

Will our new sacred and beloved entertainers capture our interest and keep us riveted? Will the heroine of the picture look into her sweetheart's eyes and "Do you love me?" will be answered "Define 'do?'" We could have a performance starring Bob Dole about burnt-out professional baseball pitcher and his rediscovery of thanks to a miracle pill.

We could be educated and entertained with Strom Thurmond's tale of survival and victory during the Revolutionary War. We could enjoy watching Dan Quayle and outmaneuver international terrorists and ... naaaaaah.

— Jacob Huval
sophomore English

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