

The Watchorn

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Holiday Harbor/Cabrillo Marina

Mr. & Mrs. Everybody,

After getting a dose of CNN last night, I began to wonder how the public would react to a politician that really was the "average Joe." Not a guy prone to the fake, publicity induced stunts created to make a politician look like the neighbor down the street, but a truly normal guy (or gal, there's no glass ceiling in my imaginary world). It seems that today all we see in a political figure is the amalgamation of generic political ideas infused with party rhetoric and good grammar. Although their ideas may have become a blending of policy to appeal to the majority of the voters, they are not, themselves, average in any way.

What would we do if we saw a senator throwing trash into a recycle bin, or speeding through a red light? Would we be interested if we saw Nancy Pelosi singing at a karaoke bar, or just frightened? Do you think we would have given Billy as much grief if he had admitted to inhaling, or not had 'sexual relations with that woman'? Would we have loved him as much if he didn't?

Personally, I don't want my president seeming like the guy next door. I've met my neighbors, trust me, they're not smart enough. I don't even want them bagging my groceries at the supermarket if I can help it. I want a person that confuses me with unfamiliar terms and theories, dazzling me with ideas that seem too fantastic to be real. Anyone can do the possible after all; it takes a visionary to step past the practical and dance with the impossible. Where would we be without the creativity and imagination of people like J.F.K. or F.D.R? Do we honestly expect that the average person possesses the skills required to run the most difficult, complicated and detailed organization in the world?

To prove my point I'm pushing the networks to create a reality show out of the presidency (as if that hasn't been done by the media already). We could have cameras hidden in various spots throughout the White House, with Flavor Flav as host and the entire cast of season five's "Biggest Loser" as interns. Britney Spears could be our lovable First Lady, and Paris Hilton as Speaker of the House. Put in Michael Vick as Secretary of Defense and Brad Pitt as President, and you've got yourself one average (and better looking), yet ultimately hilarious group of politicians. Governmental affairs might suffer, but hey, at least we'd be entertained.

D.H. Jr.

Real News

- For those of you interested in practicing your CPR skills, Holiday Harbor has purchased a CPR dummy complete with instructional DVD to aid in education. Good for refreshing your skills or teaching you new ones, all Holiday Harbor tenants are welcome to visit the marina office and check it out.
- Don't forget about the F.E.A.R. regatta this September 12th, all tenants are encouraged to participate in any way they can. Although it is too late to sign up new boats, many participating boats are short on crew and would love an extra hand. For those of you interested in joining us for the after party, please let Kyle know so arrangements can be made. Race begins at 1:05, and the party should start around 3:00, depending on when boats finish the race. Hope to see you there!
- Marina staff has noticed several trailers in the parking lot over the last few months. Holiday Harbor would like to remind all of you that trailers are not allowed anywhere in the parking lot for any length of time. We understand that there is little parking in San Pedro for trailers, but other arrangements will need to be made when storing your trailer. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- Please help our marine ecosystem by not interfering with local marine wildlife. Do not relocate starfish, gather crabs or interfere with raccoons. If you have a concern regarding our local wildlife, contact the marina office and they will take the necessary precautions.