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## Michael's magic

Jordan bringing glory back to sports

Today's world of sports is a mess.

O.J. Simpson's murder trial, allegations of drug use by Reggie Lewis, Darryl Strawberry and Dwight Gooden, and constant bickering among Major League baseball's owners and players have filled the sports pages and nightly news for months.

The once-glorious fantasy world of sports has been transformed before our eyes into nothing more than a power struggle for money and control. Visions of Sunday afternoons in April at the ballpark have been replaced by ugly courtroom scenes pitting powerful lawyers and greedy athletes.

The world of sports needed to be rescued. The youth of this country needed a role model, someone to fill the shoes left vacant the last few years. We needed Michael Jordan.

Not the Michael Jordan of baseball. We needed the Jordan this nation had come to know before corruption and constant nagging forced him to leave the game he loved. Now, Jordan is back and it seems like he hardly missed a beat.

Jordan is showing the same heart, the same desire and the same ability he showed the first time around.

You want a role model? Well, you've got one now.

Jordan epitomizes everything sports are about. When Jordan is on the court performing his magic and dazzling the fans, nobody is thinking about the testimony of "Kato" Kaelin or Donald Fehr. Jordan, more so than any other athlete of our generation, can captivate thousands of people by simply walking out in front of a crowd. Let's not take him for granted again.

## Another view

The Democrats lost control of Congress in part because they came to be viewed as the creatures of special interests, bought and paid for by well-heeled lobbyists and incapable of acting in the public interest.

Now, it seems, the Republicans who took the reins are trying to make the lobbyists the creatures of the conservatives now in power.

One Republican freshman, Rep. Mark E. Souter of Indiana, declined to meet with the lobbyists for the Indiana Farm Bureau until it agreed to hire some of Souter's cronies.

"They need to get the message in the PAC community that they need to hire staff people that represent the members' wishes and want to keep us in power."

News reports say other Republicans on the Hill share Souter's sentiments and are putting the arm on lobbyists to retire their campaign debts. Those who don't come through are shunned from negotiations over legislation.

This symbolic relationship between politicians and lobbyists is as American as apple pie or "you scratch my back ..."

But the Republicans who campaigned against Washington's "inside the Beltway" mentality are showing that "inside the Beltway" can be a contagious state of mind.

— Houston Chronicle

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## Rape

One of the worst things that can happen to a woman is to be a victim of rape. This ranks as one of the highest crimes along with murder, and in some cases it can be considered more tragic. It makes me sick to my stomach to read about men who have committed rape, are put in prison, then do it again once they are let out.

E. Hughes Shanks made a valid point in his column "Men can't know fear of rape" (March 13) in saying that males are not as worried about being raped as females are. This is true, but men can see some of the pain a woman goes through after she is a victim of this terrible crime.

I have several friends who were raped, and the aftermath can be very dramatic. A woman is not raped for a few minutes or a few hours, she is usually devastated by this incident for the rest of her life. Nightmares, flashbacks and sometimes even certain sites or smells can take her back to the horrible memory. In other words, man has the power to do something in a few minutes that can murder part of a woman's soul and spirit for the rest of her life.

Men cannot fully understand the fear of being raped, but we need to keep trying to, so that we can help those that have been victimized and hopefully end this evil crime.

This article is intended for all males, especially those who think they have no reason to worry about this subject, because one out of every six women in the United States will be raped, and if you are close to at least six women in your life, chances are high that one of them will be raped.

Who knows? It could be your best friend, your girlfriend, or even your sister. That is why we all need to pull together, no matter what gender, and fight back.

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## Jamie Karl

I am writing in response to Jamie Karl's article entitled "Students need more character" (March 16). I can't believe Karl would base his judgments of Lincoln High on a Seventeen magazine. How gullible and naive is Karl?

He of all people should understand how the media works. They show you what they want you to see and hear. Seventeen magazine didn't come to Lincoln High to do a profile or a biography on this wonderful school. They came here for one purpose and one purpose only: to do a fashion layout.

Seventeen magazine is a fashion magazine. I doubt that it even cared if the true Lincoln High was shown. What I really don't understand is how Karl could call it "the periodical of pimples and periods" and yet have so much faith and trust in it to label Lincoln High "Subculture Central."

Karl has demonstrated how lookism is an increasing problem in our society. Just because someone chooses to dress all in black with chains and such, you think they're lower than you? Just because some

girls feel they don't want to shave their legs, you think they're lower than you? America has got to be the only place on the face of the Earth that expects its women to shave themselves and men can be as hairy as they want to be. Looks are deceiving so don't judge a book by its cover.

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## Internet law

The Communications Decency Act of 1995 secures the assumption that the United States government will not rest until it has squirmed its greasy tentacles into every facet of the American citizen's life.

The government couldn't let us have one truly free medium to operate in. The Internet is not a commodity to be bought, sold or regulated. The Internet has the potential to span the entire Earth and bring us a step closer to understanding and peace. And this scares the U.S. government out of its starched pants.

The Communications Decency Act is merely a stepping stone to more restrictive legislation. The Communications Decency Act is a "trial law" to monitor what, if any, opposition the public will mount against censorship of the Internet.

Expect more legislation to follow the Communications Decency Act of 1995. Very simply, our government fears the vast amount of information the Internet puts into the hands of the citizens. For with information comes knowledge, and with knowledge the American people may finally realize what a monster our government has become.

How many laws? How many laws are enough before the people take a stand and demand their rights back?

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