



The Parrot

Your ARC newsletter by and for ESL, multicultural, international students, new Californians, and, well, anybody really...

Special Edition

Spring 2011

Wikileaks Outs Parrot as NY Times in Disguise!



Missing:
pages 2-20



Yesterday, in a quickly-assembled news conference on the steps of the state capitol, Julian Assange, founder of Wikileaks, claimed The Parrot is, in reality, The NY Times cleverly masquerading as the ARC publication in a nefarious effort to capture the younger, more discerning "academic crowd" of ARC and its 30,000 readers. To the amazement of incredulous reporters on hand, Assange sneered, "It's self-evident. One look at the Parrot – its breadth and depth of reporting, the antiquated syntax (check out "who" and "whom," for example), the erudite lexical choices, the overall sobriety of message and subtle tones of its photography and there can be no doubt -- the Parrot is the NY Times! I challenge you to prove it not!"



Assange Eyeing The Parrot

When asked to comment, NY Times editor-in-chief Bill Keller issued a terse, "No comment. Squawk!"

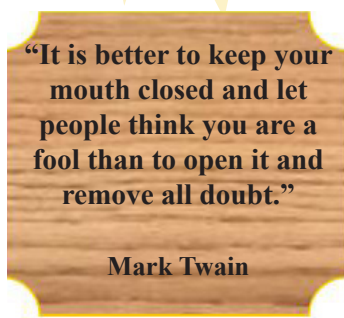
Prof. Brian Bates, former chair of the journalism department at ARC, summoning forth all the diplomacy and tact required for the job, weighed in with, "The

Current, maybe, but, well, um, as much as I love The Parrot and keep one on my Kindle and give copies of it for Christmas, The Parrot?? The NY Times posing as The Parrot is like a filet mignon hiding out as a hot dog," he chuckled.

Longtime student editor Christian Valenzuela responded, "NY Times? That's funny! When we first started out, Bracco wanted us to look like the National Enquirer but there's just not enough scandal or extra-terrestrials on this campus. I soon got him to get a grip on himself. In any case, we did our own thing -- NY Times as The Parrot? It sounds like an Oliver-Stone conspiracy theory."

Added present student editor Narineh Mousa, "We can't help it if we have the polished, urbane look of a cosmopolitan, professional publication. We ESL students are simply the product of a rigorous, unforgiving ESL department -- and we have the scars to prove it!"

Perhaps the most telling comment on Wikileaks' claim was this reply from student editor Ligia Goga, "The Times? We don't even have the same font!"



"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt."

Mark Twain



Inside this Issue

N
O
T
H
I
N
G