

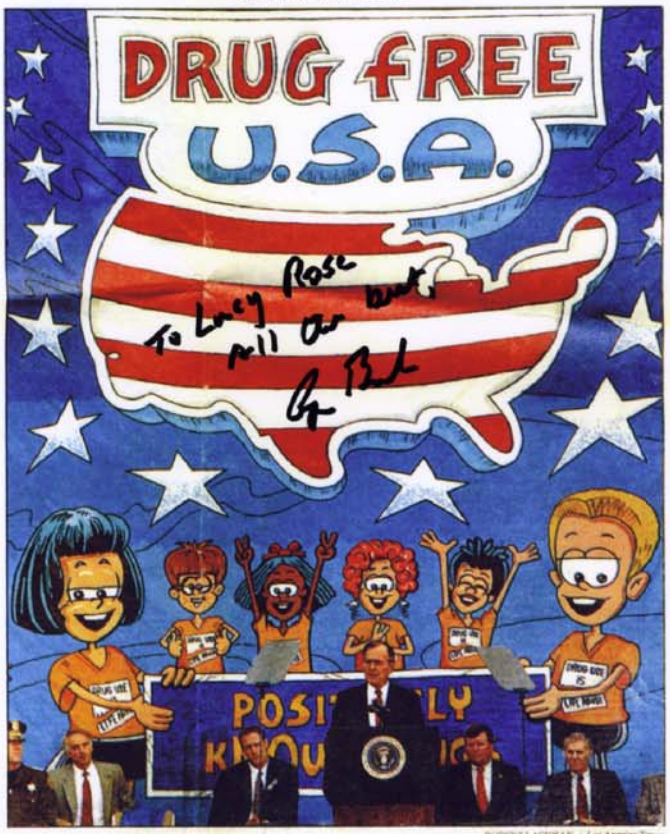
*MIKE ROSE*

...and wife Lucy (S.G.H.S. 1959) paint for the President!

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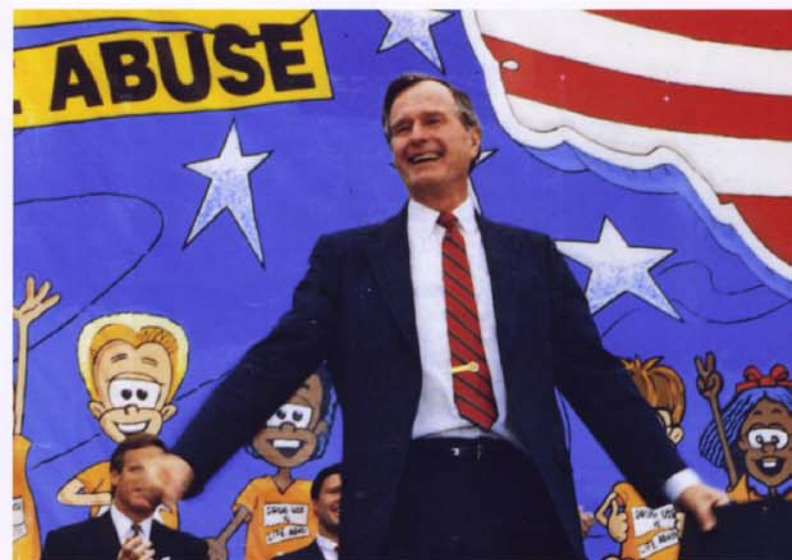
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Huge 'Drug Use is Life Abuse' poster dwarfs President Bush and officials on dais during Santa Ana speech.

President George Bush speaks at an Anti-Drug Rally in Santa Ana, California Friday, March 2, 1990



Bush commends Orange County anti-drug efforts

The large, 20' x 40' backdrop banner behind the President was hand painted by Mike and Lucy Rose on the floor of a commercial building. There were also two 10' x 20' side panel banners as well as a 4' x 24' header banner that all decorated the platform.

*To/ Lucy Rose All our love G. Bush*

INTERESTING STORY HERE

In 1990, President George Herbert Walker Bush was scheduled to speak at a "DARE" drug rally in Santa Ana, California. The Orange County Sheriff's Department commissioned me to paint the large banner backdrops for the event. The original design was done by the Disney folks. I had to paint a series of full color banners, one 20' x 40' (as shown behind the President in these pictures taken from the newspaper). There were also two 10' x 20' banners and one that measure 4' x 24'. My wife Lucy and I recreated the images on the floor of a large commercial building from a small master sketch that was no bigger than a legal sized piece of paper. Curiously, we had to be checked out by the Secret Service during our project. I guess they didn't want anyone putting bombs in the paint. As a local, professional artist, I got a small amount of run. My bride got none and she was there along side of me for the entire duration of the project. Feeling that she had been slighted, I asked the President if he would sign a couple of pictures for her that I had created on the computer. He graciously complied. The handwriting you see in these pictures are the actual signatures of President George Herbert Walker Bush.