

Vasco's chances of winning the Democratic nomination are a long shot in a field that should include Checchi and Lt. Gov. **Gray Davis**, and possibly Sen. **Dianne Feinstein**, who is toying with being **Al Gore**'s running mate instead of hanging around the state capitol. Vasco will take six weeks to decide whether to run.

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## Quite A Row

If he continues to be good, Santa Clara political bottom-feeder **James Rowen** will successfully complete his one-year court probation this month. Last year police charged Rowen with battery on a transit employee when trying to retrieve a \$200 briefcase he left on a bus. According to court records, when a female transit staffer couldn't help him immediately, Rowen thanked her by hurling a gender-based epithet. The Limbaugh-sized pol, once a high-ranking county Democratic official and campaign hand for Councilman **James Arno**, then punctuated his verbal flourish by allegedly shoving the recalcitrant female bus servant. Ultimately, Rowen left with briefcase in hand, into the waiting car of his mother, who drove him home from the bus yard. Rowen tells Eye that he never shoved the woman or cussed. Yes, he admits he lost his temper and raised his voice. But he felt as though these bureaucrats were giving him the runaround. Rowen later pleaded no contest to a less grievous charge of disturbing the peace.

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