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By Justice **Alexsandra Borodkin**

I was appointed to the Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court in February of 2005 by former President Jared Wong. But my appointment had come in the midst of a great power struggle between the president and the then presiding Chief Justice Vlad Frantz. I remember sitting at the beginning of the senate meeting in which the chief justice was going to ask for the impeachment of the president. I was holding my notes in my hands, looking over them nervously. I was going to defend the president no matter what the consequences were.

I looked around and saw that the chief justice was there already, and his girlfriend, Justice Susana Katz, was beside him. There were no members of the Judicial Council in the gallery, even though the former Chief Judge Artie Flynn, had helped me prepare my counterarguments against the impeachment. Though it was not that apparent at the time, there was a significant rift between the Judicial Council and the supreme court. The Council was tired of the oppressive and morally corrupt environment that members of the supreme court were forcing them to work under. How deep the corruption ran, I would discover soon enough.

The reason for the impeachment fell more on the grounds of blackmail than it did on "presidential neglect of duty," as the chief justice claimed. At that time, before my appointment, there were five members sitting on the supreme court. But there might as well have been two. The Associate Chief Justice, Chris Macchio was in Amsterdam for the whole semester, and Justice Christina Rodriguez and Justice Matthew Mroz never rendered any personal opinions on anything. But technically speaking there were five justices on the supreme court and the court was functioning constitutionally. There was no dispute on this fact, but there was a dispute involving the C.O.R.E. laws and the case had been filed before the supreme court. It was not a legal dispute, however, but a bitter, political one.

That year the C.O.R.E. coalition had gained significant seats in the senate and had begun to pass legislative reform involving political and religious clubs as well as organizations. At the beginning of the year, those involved in the opposition to C.O.R.E. filed a case with the supreme court against the C.O.R.E. laws. The supreme court then decided to use that case as means of political blackmail and placed an indefinite injunction on the C.O.R.E. case. Although the court could function constitutionally, it just refused to hear any judicial business until

the president filled up the remaining seats--all without violating the USG Constitution or the Judiciary bylaws of 2003.

That meeting was the beginning of the court's descent into illegitimacy. The chief justice due to the audacity of his charges, disrespect for the senate, and flagrant temper, at the end of the night ended up with



Justice Alexsandra Borodkin

impeachment charges against him. And the court remained at a standstill. After my appointment, I tried to push in the few meetings that we actually had (office hours were not required of the justices) to dismiss the injunction and move on with the court case, or declare a mistrial. The court was willing

**"I rewrote the Judiciary bylaws... and set up an accountability system. I did not inform any of my colleagues on the supreme court."**

to do neither. I waited for over two months until I decided to do what I thought was necessary to save the Judiciary. With the support of members of the Judicial Council and the president, I rewrote the Judiciary bylaws. I wrote a completely new document, I added office hours, created time limits for injunctions and set up an accountability system. I did not inform any of my colleagues on the supreme court. After two senate meetings and one executive council meeting, the old Judiciary bylaws were declared null and

void and the document I had written replaced them.

The court's retaliation, however, was unprecedented. After receiving several very memorable e-mails, the remaining justices decided to risk the creation of a terrible precedent and the imminent downfall of the third branch of government. The chief justice allowed his girlfriend, Justice Susana Katz to file a brief to their own court concerning the Judiciary bylaws with me as the defendant. One justice was filing a case against another, in front of a court that had already rendered a negative opinion about its own governing document. To make matters even more "helpful," the supreme court placed an injunction on the new bylaws. So now the whole judicial branch was left without a governing document: A dangerous free-for-all.

For the case hearing, I chose the then Elections Board Chairman, Robert J. Romano, to be my co-advocate. The Elections Board had many things to lose. The chair and the Elections Board members had spent a whole semester reorganizing the agency and implementing reforms, including freedom of speech, into the candidacy process. And now, with the new Elections Board bylaws, the agency needed to make sure that the candidates had the option of taking their grievances concerning the elections process or results to the appropriate governmental body. That meant that the courts had to be working legitimately.

The case hearing lasted for over four hours, where I and my co-advocate defended the document that had received practically unanimous support from the other two branches of government. Justice Katz complaint against the Judiciary bylaws included many strong, legal arguments, such as "justices holding office hours violate the principle affirmative action" and creating supreme court accountability would "violate the principle of double-jeopardy." Justice Katz would later be offered by the current president, Diana Acosta, the position of chief justice.

We lost the case. The court had now finally legalized its corrupt actions. It had allowed four openly biased justices to sit on a trial, it had allowed a justice to file a brief to her own court, and it had struck down its own governing document. The precedent set by the Katz v. Borodkin case was a disaster. My co-advocate, however, was a little less grim. In his opinion, we had won also. We had broken the court's silence---it was the first time in eight months that the court had heard a case.

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# Smith Haven's Big Plans



Sears entrance looks barren as small stores are being moved out to make way for new ones. Inset: a pardon our appearance sign, explaining the new renovations at the mall.

## Lifestyle Center Planned in Mall Expansion

By Rachel O'Brien

The Smith Haven Mall, long overdue for a makeover, is receiving a face lift at the price of \$75 million. Located on Route 347, Nesconset Highway, the mall is home to over 130 stores including Eddie Bauer, Ann Taylor, Hot Topic, Abercrombie and Fitch, Victoria's Secret, FYE, H & M, Banana Republic, Spencer Gifts, Gap, Bath and Body Works and Foot Locker.

According to a spokesman for the mall, Smith Haven is scheduled for a major construction project that could take up to a year to complete.

An open-air shopping center which will be called the "Lifestyle Center", is planned to be built where Stern's is currently located. The old Stern's location will provide approximately 240,000 square feet of space and an additional 185,000 square feet will be added to build the Lifestyle Center.

The open-air shopping center, as the spokesman described it, will be a building separate from the mall where shoppers will be able to enter individual stores with sidewalks, walkways and manicured landscape.

One of the major projects of the Lifestyle Center will be the addition of a very popular restaurant, The Cheesecake Factor,

which at the moment has no locations in Suffolk County. A Dick's Sporting Goods, a Barnes & Noble and a Macy's Furniture Store will also be added. Between the Lifestyle Center and the existing mall, 20 other new stores are expected to open within the next year. There is no word yet on what these new stores will be.

The demolition of Stern's is expected soon, with construction of the Lifestyle Center soon following.

The mall has recently been relocating the smaller stores, formerly near the Sears wing, to other areas of the mall to make way for new stores to set up shop.

## The Pill Shown to Decrease Sexual Desire

By Erica Smith

The birth control pill may decrease sexual desire, even months after women stop taking it says a new study from Boston University Medical Center.

The leaders of the study were Claudia Panzer, MD and Irwin Goldstein, MD. Panzer is now in practice in Denver. Goldstein is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Sexual Medicine. The study appeared in the January issue of this journal.

The study followed three groups of women. 62 were using birth control pills of various kinds, 39 had used the pill for at least six months but stopped at the beginning of the study, and 23 had never used the pill. The average age for the groups was 32, 32 and 36, respectively.

The researchers found that the group who continued using the birth control had increased amounts of a protein in their blood stream called "sex hormone binding globulin." High levels of that protein can lower testosterone, which can cause decreased sexual desire in men and women alike. And yes, women do have a small amount of testosterone in them.

Study co-author Dr. Andre Guay, director of the Center for Sexual Function/Endocrinology, said, "We have known for a long time that 30 to 40 percent of women on birth control pills have decreased libido."

The surprising part was that the group who had stopped taking the pill continued to have higher levels of this protein than the women who had never taken the pill. These women were followed for up to a year and continued to have low testosterone levels and low sex drive.

Dr. Goldstein said, "Everybody thought that when you stopped the pill that everything returned to normal. What we are finding is that is not the case."

Dr. Panzer pointed out the importance of physicians telling their patients of potential side effects of the pill, such as decreased desire, arousal, decreased lubrication and increased sexual pain. She added that if women complain of these symptoms, "it is crucial to recognize the link between sexual dysfunction and the oral contraceptive and not to attribute these complaints solely to psychological causes."

The researchers acknowledged that more studies will need to be done to support these findings. In the meantime, it's important to consider these drawbacks when choosing a contraceptive.

## The End of the Movie Business?

By Andrew Curran

It could be the beginning of the end for the movie industry when the low budget movie, *Bubble*, hits theaters on January 27. On opening day, the film will be released not only in the theaters, but also simultaneously on DVD and high definition cable channels. The innovators of this controversial distribution channel are Mark Cuban and Todd Wagner. They have produced other films as well including, "Good Night and Good Luck."

They started with a production company and added to it with the purchase of the Landmark Theater chain along with two

high definition cable channels. They have created a studio that could revolutionize the movie industry.

By itself this is not something that would cause Hollywood to crumble, although it could hurt the studios and movie theater chain revenues. Currently, studios release a film in the theater for six weeks or longer, and then it comes out on DVD, where consumers pay the industry again to buy or rent it. Next, the film goes to premium cable channels who pay the studios to show the film. Then the networks pay the studios to air it on free television. It's easy to see why the studios would be reluctant to change.

Wagner believes that his new way of distribution will help provide new growth opportunities for the industry. "Only about 10 percent of the population are active moviegoers, I want to reach that other 90 percent." He believes that people who don't go to the movie theater will pay up to view the newest releases from their living room.

Many think that change is long overdue in the movie industry, with tickets costing over ten dollars per show in major theaters. People like Todd Wagner and Mark Cuban believe that by challenging the established path, they're creating alternatives that will provide a more economically competitive environment.

## The Patriot

**Our Mission:** The goal of *The Patriot* is to offer an alternative point of view to the students of Stony Brook University. It is a paper dedicated to raising awareness of student issues on campus, and conservative issues on the national scene. While it does not actively seek controversy, *The Patriot* strives to offer opinions and news that will encourage the students of this campus to ask themselves what their true values are. It is dedicated to building upon and fostering the conservative views that are strong among so many of us, yet suppressed in our community. But ideology aside, all of our news will be bound to three standards; we will always be *factual, sensible, and reasonable.*





After the huge response we received from last issue's epic account of the legendary Geostrophic Geoff, The Patriot decided to give our readers a little follow up.

# I Am Not Geostrophic Geoff!

By Brian Holt

"Who is this guy and where are his shoes?" You and many others here at Stony Brook may have asked this very question as found on the "Who the Hell is the Napoleon Dynamite Look Alike Around Campus?" profile on Facebook. Many have seen the real Geostrophic Geoff and wondered what his deal was, but then there's Stony Brook University Senior Will Richard. Due to a few physical similarities combined with the general confusion over the real Geoff, poor Will was forced to field almost as many questions about Geoff as the real Geoff himself. Many of the perplexed masses thought Will was Geostrophic Geoff. His build and curly blond hair may have confused the less enlightened rank and file, but make no mistake - this guy is no Geostrophic Geoff.

By the end of last semester, Will had grown somewhat complacent to all this. However, after seeing last issue's cover story, his attitude changed.

"I hate this guy!" Will yelled as he slammed down the Geostrophic Geoff covered edition of The Patriot. "Now they won't ever leave me alone!" Clearly frustrated by all this, Will decided to clear the air. "I AM NOT GEOSTROPHIC GEOFF!"



**You seemed angry that people mistake you for Geoff. How often does that happen?**

In the beginning it happened every day. Up until the story came out, maybe once a week I'd get it. There's even a Facebook thing on it and they write to me and ask.

**Can you give some examples of what they ask you?**

Why were you doing yoga in your tighty whities outside the library yesterday or something like that? I just tell them that I'm not that guy, but that's not enough for them sometimes. I get it all the time.



**You obviously read the article on Geoff in the last issue of The Patriot. Now that you know all about him, in what ways are you not like him?**

Well, first off... the bare feet thing. I mean sometimes I do that but only during the summer or only when I'm drunk. I'm Irish. I drank right before I sat down here.

**That's a big difference right there. Geoff doesn't drink at all remember? He won't go near alcohol.**

Ha! I have a keg-o-rator in my room. I've gone through 13 kegs this semester. They all had girl names like Betsy. We named them like naming hurricanes.

**Speaking of names, Geoff has a cool nickname. Do you have one too? If not, could**



**you think of one?**

I have a few. There's Billy Dick cause of my name - William Richard. There's also Red Cup Willie because of the red cup I carry around with me at all times.

**Sounds like you both kind of have superhero names. Superman has an arch nemesis named Bizarro who may resemble him but is his polar opposite. Would you consider yourself the Bizarro version of Geostrophic Geoff? In other words, do you think you're his complete polar opposite?**

I guess so. I mean obviously there are a lot of differences between us, but we do have some similarities too. We both run. Although, I wear shoes when I do it. We both are going to be studying abroad. Different places though. He'll be in Russia and I'll be in Australia.

**So lastly, now that you're finally face to face with the one and only Geostrophic Geoff, are there any questions you want to ask him?**

Dude, what's with those tighty whities?



# It's Good to Be The King!

By Erik Berte

Okay so Americans, in general, are getting fatter... But even if they are, recent studies show that Americans are also growing (no pun intended) more accepting of people with "more to love" body types. That aside, the "obesity epidemic" is being blown way out of proportion in many aspects and much of this is due to typical media hysteria.

Furthermore, kids are being denied the tasty goodness of Coca-Cola and potato chips in high schools across the country, and there isn't even any evidence that moderate consumption of these so-called "empty calories" is as detrimental to their health as some "experts" make them out to be.

A lot of this hysteria is a result of the next round of big law suits, following the same pattern of suits against "Big Tobacco." And it all follows the strange logic that people are stupid and so easily manipulated into believing anything that they couldn't possibly be responsible for their own actions.

We've known about the dangers of smoking for decades. Health professionals and the government have warned against it for the longest time. As we all know, there are even large warnings on cigarettes that basically say, "yeah, smoke these and you're gonna get lung cancer and die." Apparently that's not enough for some of the people who sue tobacco companies and charge that they've been manipulated into smoking them and were unaware of the dangers.

Big lawyers then went on to make the case that evil tobacco companies purposely target kids in their advertising with cartoon characters like Joe Camel. Whether this is true or not, the fact of the matter

is that kids can't buy cigarettes until they're 18 in most states anyway, 19 here in Suffolk County thanks to our benevolent county legislature.

But junk food and fast food is something that kids can get hold of. We all remember begging our mom's to get this or get that for us at the supermarket. A lot of times we first saw the product that we wanted on a television commercial.

Well now, believe it or not, there are actually law suits being brought against companies such as Kellogg's for marketing products like "sugary cereals" that they deem unhealthy to kids. And we've al-



Being obese isn't all bad. Thanks to her size, look what this woman can pull off!

ready seen suits over the past few years against McDonald's. They believe these items to be increasing childhood obesity in the country, another claim yet to be substantiated. How many of us grew up eating Lucky Charms or Captain Crunch? These are "sugary cereals" and have they made us all incredibly obese, unhealthy young adults? At least I know I'm not fat.

Much of this trend can be attributed to the media, just like many other forms of hysteria. Movies like Morgan Spurlock's "Super Size Me," attempt to convince people that



companies like McDonald's are out to make money off of addicted customers (yeah, he actually claimed that people can become addicted to the food there) and are causing the obesity problem in America. He also claimed that the companies manipulate children by creating cartoon characters like Ronald McDonald and The Burger King. Sound familiar?

The way he does this, though, is pretty ridiculous, I think. The guy ate 5,000 calories worth of McDonald's every day for thirty days. That's 3,000 calories more than what most people need in their diet. Then he acted surprised when strange things started happening to his body. It's all McDonald's fault, right? Of course you're going to get fat and sick from eating that much, but the point is that almost no one actually eats like that.

So what was he trying to do? Well, just like all those evil fast food corporations, Spurlock wants to make money too, as do the lawyers who will likely make big bucks off of this next round of law suits.

To further disprove the film, a few people actually went on "McDonald's Only" diets. One of them, 35-year-old mother, Merab Morgan, ate three meals a day at a McDonald's restaurant chain for ninety days and actually lost 37 pounds. She counted calories and limited her intake to 1400 per day. And she wasn't only eating salads; she included burgers as well. "I thought it's two birds with one stone — to lose weight and to prove a point for the little fat people," Morgan said. "Just because they accidentally put

## Have You Had Your Break Today?

		
Nickname	Mickey D's	BK Lounge (Thanks Dane)
Current Motto	"I'm lovin' it"	"Have it your way"
Trademark Burger	Big Mac	Whopper
Calories in Trademark Burger	560	670
Current Number of Locations	Over 30,000	Over 11,000
First Restaurant Location	San Bernardino, CA	Miami, FL
"Manipulating" Cartoon Character	Ronald McDonald	The King

an apple pie in my bag instead of my apple dippers doesn't mean I'm going to say, 'Oh, I can eat the apple pie.'"

The fact of the matter is that Spurlock could have eaten 5,000 calories of food each day at practically any restaurant and would have still seen similar results. It's ridiculous to target one fast food chain and say that it's their entire fault. What ever happened to personal responsibility? People choose what they eat and no one can force them to eat anything they don't want.

Thankfully in 2003, U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet ruled that "any liability based on over-consumption is doomed if the consequences of such over-consumption are common knowledge... If a person knows or should know that eating copious orders of supersized McDonald's products is unhealthy and may result in weight

gain . . . it is not the place of the law to protect them from their own excesses. Nobody is forced to eat at McDonald's. . . . Even more pertinent, nobody is forced to supersize their meal or choose less healthy options on the menu."

I don't think that could have been put any more perfectly. So it seems at the moment that this issue has been temporarily resolved, but if the big lawyers get their way and the media continue their trend of fast food and junk food hysteria, we could see a recurrence of suits. Or worse yet, this could replace the dwindling number of tobacco cases.



According to James Painter, professor at Eastern Illinois University, even cheeseburgers and fries can occasionally be included in a healthy diet. Healthy choices can be found at every fast-food restaurant.



It's Snow White and the "Seven Kings": Wheezy, Puffy, Stuffy, Burpy, Fatty, Baldy, and Kingy.



# Opinions



## BEN THE HEBREW HAMMER

*answers*

## AMERICA

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

I recently attended the premiere of your latest book HammerTIME: The true story of the Hebrew Hammer. Although I love your book, I think that asking \$29.95 for an autographed copy is simply highway robbery! I have written many letters to you as well as to your agent, your publisher, and every major newspaper in the United States. To this date, I have not received a response from anybody which acknowledges my complaints. I have been in contact with my lawyers about what to do about this situation, and I am considering filing a class-action lawsuit on behalf of everyone who was overcharged for your book.

*Dr. Linda Rosenblatt  
Great Neck, NY*

The Hammer Says:

Linda- your constant kvetching reminds us all of our mothers, and is a source of terror to all young Jewish boys worldwide. In fact, I would rather face down a battalion of terrorists than put up with any more of your meshuggeneh nagging. On the advice of my attorney (yes, The Hebrew Hammer has an attorney) I have decided to refund 15% of the purchase price, as well as awarding you a \$25 gift card to Abercrombie and Fitch which was given to me as a present that I would probably have never used.

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

As a Jew living in the Scottish Highlands, it is more than a wee bit difficult to keep up with events that relate to us Jews, you know. I wrote this letter just wanting to know if the legends are true. Are you really 7 feet tall? Can you shoot fireballs from your eyes and lightning out of your arse?

*Moishe McFadden  
Inverness, Scotland*

The Hammer Says:

Moishe- The only person I know who can do those things is William Wallace, national hero of Scotland. As a neurotic Jew, I would never consider doing such unsanitary things even if my life depended on it. As for my height, I have an average height for a Jew, which is about 5'2.

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

One of the junior partners in my law firm introduced me to your column about six months ago. The letters you publish are oftentimes offensive and serve to perpetuate negative stereotypes about the Jewish people. Therefore, I have cancelled my subscription to The Patriot, and will ask my friends to do the same.

*Forsythe E. Bernstein III  
Director, Kantrowitz, Bernstein, & Broflovski, LTD*

The Hammer Says:

Forsythe- (If that is actually your real name) As a Jew working in a prestigious law firm, you should not be lecturing me about stereotypes. In fact, I am actually breaking down stereotypes by being a Jew who is not trying his best to rule the world with an iron fist. As for cancelling your subscription to this newspaper, I would like to let you know that The Patriot does not offer subscriptions, but I will be, nonetheless, refunding your money to avoid a possible lawsuit.

Dear Hebrew Hammer

Hammer! When was the last time you went to synagogue? Your mother is always asking when you will come to services so she can show you off to all of her friends, and wants to find you a nice Jewish girl to marry, unlike that shiksa you were going out with a few months ago. You're not still going out with her, are you? Because you promised me that you were done with shiksas, and it would just break your mother's heart to find out that you were lying to her.

*Rabbi Leonard "Lenny" Kravitz  
Managing Rabbi, Temple Beth-El*

The Hammer Says:

Rabbi, I have said before and I will say it again: I am too busy defending the Jews of the world to attend your services on every single Saturday. Besides, all of the attractive girls in the synagogue are already married to doctors, lawyers and businessmen. If those women looked beyond the fact that I am not paid well, I wouldn't have to date goyim. But unless I have six zeros affixed to my salary, I am a failure in the eyes of a Jewish woman.

*Note to readers: The Hebrew Hammer is looking for an administrative assistant to help him with paperwork. Must be between the ages of 18-24, female, attractive, preferably blue eyes and blonde hair. Must be willing to travel extensively to such dangerous places such as Hawaii, Aruba, and the French Riviera. No job skills needed.*

## What About Microsoft's Rights?

Erik Berte



Poor Microsoft! The South Korean Fair Trade Commission recently decided that Microsoft did something wrong by including Windows/MSN Messenger with Windows XP. Apparently this is something very wrong because

painting had to be created? Would that go over very well? I think not. At least in this country, that would be considered an infringement on the first amendment, the freedom of speech and expression. I think software can be seen as a form of expression too.

The reason I mention our country is because, as almost everyone knows, Microsoft was facing lawsuits in the U.S. for similar "crimes." I'd argue that antitrust



Bill Gates was actually once arrested for a traffic violation.

they're not only being fined, but being told that they have to release another version of Windows XP in that country that doesn't include the messenger program. The commission argues that Microsoft wasn't giving smaller companies in the area a "fair" shot at having their messaging program used.

What's so unfair about Microsoft including another Microsoft program with their operating system that they created? This kind of logic just never has and never will make any moral sense to me. So what if most computers around the world run Microsoft Windows? That doesn't change anything. As far as I'm concerned, they own the product and should be able to do anything they want with it. If they wanted to make it impossible for consumers to use any other program for messaging that would even be fair, in my opinion. The key idea here is that it's their operating system. No one can tell them what they can do with it.

Here's a good analogy I thought up a while ago. Software, like Windows or any application really, is copyrighted material that is arguably a work of art. It was created by someone. It was their idea to make it. Now what would people think if a government put out strict, mandatory guidelines on how a

laws essentially violate the first amendment and I'd love to see the Supreme Court rule on this.

Anyway, Microsoft at one point even threatened to remove their operating system from South Korea all together, which I think would be the best thing for them to do from a moral standpoint (though maybe not financially since they would likely lose money on it). Governments that restrict freedom should have to face consequences for what they do and this would be a perfect way for Microsoft to make its point. South Korean citizens would have a very difficult time getting their hands on a copy of Windows in the future if Microsoft took such action. Maybe then they'd think twice about messing with the company's rights.

I can't help but compare this sort of situation to Ayn Rand's book, Atlas Shrugged (Actually, I can compare tons of things going on in this world to the book). In the book, the creative, intelligent, productive people of America essentially protested the government's socialistic abuses on them. One by one they disappeared, and the country fell apart in a matter of months. These productive people create everything we take for granted in this world and leeching off of them is not only wrong, but dangerous.

# Sirius-ly Not That Cool

Jason Frank



There is a new trend in today's radio-listening society. An alternative to the traditional terrestrial-based radio options, known as AM and FM is now being offered and its popularity is growing rapidly. This innovative choice is being offered by satellite radio. Currently, there are two satellite radio companies competing closely for a share of this booming market: Sirius and XM.

First, what are the advantages of satellite radio? Well, for one, it offers uncensored music the way it was meant to be heard. As its name suggests, satellite radio is broadcast by way of satellite, so the sound is unmistakably clearer. No more bleeps or awkward silences during a good song, and the DJs do not have to worry about using the dump button when a caller is on the phone.

Another great aspect of satellite radio is the wide selection that is offered. Both Sirius and XM each offer hundreds of music channels, catering to essentially everyone's taste. Regardless of your mood, there will be a channel to suit your pleasure. There are also channels for news, traffic, weather, sports, and comedy. The variety of satellite radio greatly exceeds the selection, or lack thereof, that is available with terrestrial radio.

So, which company is the one to choose? Well, in my view, the choice is obvious. XM satellite radio offers more channel options, live major league base-

ball broadcasts, and traffic and weather for every city in the nation. However, the most important reasons for XM's superiority lie within their equipment, and featured radio talk show Opie and Anthony.

While Sirius offers oversized radio units, and the dated and past-his-prime Howard Stern; XM offers the highest technology, and the genius of radio personalities Opie and Anthony. In fact, Sirius does not even offer a device for listening on the go. They claim to, how-



ever, with tricky wording. The fact is, this device allows you to record Sirius broadcasts, and listen to them at a later time. XM offers a device called the XM MyFi, which does indeed allow you to listen to XM on the go. XM is also on the verge of debuting a new device, similar to the MyFi, but it will be even smaller in size and also include the ability to download and play MP3s, much like an Ipod.

Those who are not familiar with Howard Stern and/or Opie and Anthony must know the differences to make a wise decision. Howard Stern was no doubt a pioneer in radio many years ago, but in recent years he has turned into a whining, sniffing baby who claims he has

invented everything from shocking radio to the phillips head screwdriver. Opie and Anthony have come on very strong since their return to radio after they were exiled because of the now famous St. Patrick's cathedral stunt. This stunt was conducted back in 2002 while Opie and Anthony were featured on 102.7 WNEW in New York City, and the show was syndicated in many other cities including Boston, Philadelphia, Washington DC, and Cleveland.

While exact ratings are not available, XM has more than twice the subscribers than Sirius. This means Opie and Anthony now have a larger audience than Howard Stern. This is likely assisted by the genius impressions conducted by Anthony, and the brutal, yet refreshing comedy of Mr. Jim Norton; whose birthday is actually occurring as I write this. None of this would be possible without the radio formula put forward and enforced by the boyish, yet handsome, Opie. Together, they work as a team, to put on the best radio show they can on a consistent basis.

To put the icing on the cake, XM ingeniously gave themselves a name which can easily become a household name. With everyone familiar with the traditional radio bands of AM and FM, XM seems like a logical third option. Sirius is named after a star, and has a dog for the company symbol which has far less radio relevance. This makes XM the obvious option for those looking into getting satellite radio. As far as cost is concerned, XM is \$12.95 per month, while Sirius is \$9.95 per month. The 3 dollar difference is more than justified.

# What Grinds My Gears

Peter Griffin



1. When you've accidentally broken something in someone's house and the host doesn't try to comfort you afterwards. You know, by saying something simple like, "Oh... it was broken already," or "It does that all the time."

2. When one of those annoying little brats rolls by on their Heales shoes and you have the sudden urge to knock them violently to the pavement but know at the same time that society does not permit you to do so.

3. When you're sitting on one of those leather sofas and you're thigh rubs against it, emitting a loud, ripping noise, and you know you have to rub your leg against it again in an attempt to make the same noise to prove to the public that it wasn't a fart, but it sounds nothing like the initial noise at all.

4. Wondering if the guy who just prepared your meal is the one who scribbled "Shove it!" on the sign that reads "Employees must wash hands after using rest room."

5. Those asinine new Dunkin' Donuts commercials. Haven't heard one yet? I'll give you an example of my own: "Hi my name is Peter and I was on my way to the clinic to get my girlfriend the morning after pill, but I needed my morning cup of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. The closest one was thirty miles out of my way so by the time I got to the clinic it was closed. And while I'd like to be able to proudly introduce you to my family, my girlfriend died during childbirth and Jr. was born retarded and is currently institutionalized in a home, but damn that was one fine cup of Dunkin' Donuts coffee."

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is what really grinds my gears.

# The Libertarian Alternative

We in the United States are living in a time during which the true meaning of freedom has been all but forgotten. It is a time of war, of great political division, and of spying on American citizens by a government that has far exceeded its legitimate bounds. Moreover, according to a recent MSNBC poll, over seventy percent of Americans feel that both major parties are equally corrupt. Perhaps the saddest part of the current situation is that both major political parties routinely advocate policies that are completely antithetical to the idea of freedom, seemingly leaving us with nowhere to turn. It is time for a change.

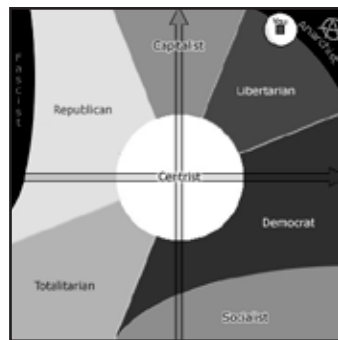
The Republicans, who currently have a majority in both houses of Congress, claim that freedom is a state of existence where the government may spy on its own citizens at its leisure, where citizens should not have the ability to marry whom they choose, where women should not have the option to be the ultimate authority over their own bodies, and where the United States may depose foreign leaders as it pleases on bad intelligence. Fortunately for the GOP, the only thing

worse than being the party seen as corrupt, unpopular, and generally prudish is to be the party that was beaten by the corrupt, unpopular, and prudish party, i.e., the Democrats.

The Democrats believe that freedom entails the confiscation and redistribution of private property (though so does the GOP, albeit to a lesser degree); the complete inability for individual citizens to manage their wealth, necessitating what will likely become the world's largest fiscal disaster, i.e., social security (though this somewhat overlaps with the confiscation of private property); a large and inefficient government bureaucracy that sucks down money like a 1985 Chevy Suburban guzzles gas; and foreign policy that kowtows to the rest of the world through the most anti-American organization in the history of the world, the U.N.

I encourage all readers to ask: is this really how you want to live, to live in tyranny that a nearly omnipotent government passes off as freedom as it consolidates more and more power for itself? Do you like the fact that the government effectively steals your hard-earned mon-

ey and simply gives it to others, as with welfare? Do you think that the government should deny you the right to manage your own money and then fund someone else's retirement with it, leaving you up the creek just like social security will? Do you think that the government should deny any of its citizens the legal privileges of marriage just



because they have a different lifestyle? Do you think that the government has the right to spend our money, and more importantly, our soldiers' lives in a war that we initiated on incomplete information? If the answer to the above questions is no, then there is a party comprised of people with just your predicament: the Libertarian Party.

Having the distinction of being the country's largest third party, the Libertarian Party, simply stated, combines all the positive aspects of both the Democrats and the Republicans with none of the negatives. To sum, these are: limited government, free markets, and peace. Libertarians call for the immediate repeal of the income tax, a major government bureaucracy overhaul to reign in spending of your hard-earned and unfairly-taken money, and a removal of the government's clumsy hand in the economy. According to the National Libertarian Party website ([http://www.lp.org/article\\_85.shtml](http://www.lp.org/article_85.shtml) — check it out for lots of cool info), "Libertarians believe that you have the right to live your life as you wish, without the government interfering — as long as you don't violate the rights of others. Politically, this means Libertarians favor rolling back the size and cost of government, and eliminating laws that stifle the economy and control people's personal choices."

Note that the Democrats and Republicans both cite their devotion to individual liberties when it is convenient; a quick review of



Brett Denyer

all the hot air from the recent Alito confirmation hearings will highlight this enough to make one sick. But what we really need is not leaders who will protect individual rights when cornered by the confirmation of a new judge and ignore them the rest of the time; we need leaders who will unfailingly and unflinchingly declare the sovereignty of the individual regardless of the way in which the political wind may blow.

The Libertarian vision of America is a return to the original principals upon which this nation was founded, of the America that the framers of the Constitution set out to create, where everyone is free to live, love, dream, buy, spend, and think in their own way, without the government telling you what you may or may not do. If you feel disenfranchised by both parties (and there are many of us who do) then you should consider the advantages of the Libertarian alternative, the road to the truest kind of freedom.



# How To Get Rid of a Roommate

## Your Worst Nightmare...

Okay, here's the situation: You have a shitty roommate. This person must be corrected. And if this person cannot be corrected? They must be destroyed!

Male or female, chances are you will get a shitty roommate. It will happen. You will draw the short straw and you will get stuck with some worthless loser who continually smells bad, possibly ruins your life, and just generally makes everything miserable. Or maybe you are that asshole and you smell bad, and make everything miserable.

It doesn't matter; bottom line is your counterpart must go. It's spring semester and there hasn't been any let up with this continual downpour of dysfunction. Bluffs

must be called. Scores must be settled. This stalemate must come to an end. One of you isn't having this anymore.

But maybe it isn't so bad. Maybe you just have another person who would make a better fit and this stubborn obstacle is just getting in the way.

There's no malice; this is all business. WRONG. That kind of mentality will only serve to ruin your chances in winning this battle of will. The opposition must be eradicated, mercilessly.

You must ruin this person's life as they continue to ruin yours. REVENGE MUST BE HAD... and here's your little checklist of what to do when such an occasion arises.



### John Law

Everyone hates lawyers. If you're in the dorms you can use residential life as your unwitting pawn. If you're off-campus it's the landlord. Dress up like a square, put on a happy face and get to them first. It makes you look like the goody-goody in their eyes and they hear your side first. This will cement in their stagnant minds whatever "truths" or "facts" you need to foist on them.

They won't enjoy seeing you and they don't want to put too much thought into you and whatever paperwork you might be causing them. This is their 9-5 and basically you're screwing up their coffee break. You may happen upon some suit-and-tie nerd who actually enjoys these things. As long as two plus two equals four, they aren't a concern. Stay on their nerdy good side. Remember, you aren't ratting anyone out yet. In the end this'll be settled as it was meant to be. You're just laying the ground-work and cutting off their options. No interlopers. "Nothing happening here, Officer. We're all fine upstanding citizens. Yes, Sir. No, Sir. Blah blah blah..."

### Sleep Deprivation

This is Waco, Texas and that asshole is Davis Koresh. You are the FBI and this asshole is going to be listening to Billy Joel at 3am. Oh, wait, this is Long Island; people actually enjoy that retard around here. Whatever, pick something obnoxious.

### The Stink Bully

Don't have a life? Don't bathe. There's no reason you should be doing anyone any favors in this situation. If you can't go full on and just cease all bathing at least stop changing your socks. If you don't wear socks start wearing one pair and only one pair. In a week they'll be unbearable. Proceed to soak them in water and wipe them on mattresses, the insides of dressers, etc.

### Invading Privacy

Rifle through this asshole's shit when they aren't around. Take pictures of what it looked like before you do. This way you can put things back exactly as you found them. All kinds of secrets lie just beneath the surface.

### Poo

Feces is rarely enjoyed by anyone. This is the 2,000 pound bomb in your arsenal, old and reliable. Everyone has it just lying around and the results are always the same. Don't be squeamish. If you don't use it, they will. Remember: this is war!

### Nair

Nair isn't going to make hair fall out. You can empty out your roommate's shampoo bottle and replace it with nair, but it won't have any kind of dramatic effect. It will eat away at hair and weaken it. And it will smell terrible. But only truly weak hair that's been bleached and permed into some kind of god awful 80's nightmare would fall out because of a little nair. Oh, what's that? Your roommate is some kind of metrosexual frat boy and only he bleaches his tips? Meh, it still isn't going to do anything. Just gouge his head with a buzzer. If you really want to make hair FALL OUT, you'd need some truly caustic chemicals like lye or something. Sure you might go to jail, but whatever.

### Psychological Warfare

You're smart. Use your head. This fool isn't paying attention. Enlighten them. If they are paying attention? Then mess with them. First rule: whatever they do, you do to them times ten. If they stink? You stink. If they're messy? You're messy. Show them the error of their ways. MAKE THEM PAY. If they are unreceptive you'll have to engage them. Grab their attention. Everyone comes back to their room when they need to relax. STRIKE WHEN THEY LEAST EXPECT.

### Drugs

Does your roommate keep drugs around? Steal them. Nothing pisses anyone off more than stolen drugs. It doesn't even matter if you use them or not because the worst part about losing drugs is that you can't cry about it to anyone. You look like a total pussy if you whine about misplaced drugs and if this asshole is stupid enough to leave drugs unattended in a room with a person they aren't even going to share them with well then they freaking deserve it.

## Still No USG Chief Justice

### Continued from page 2

At the beginning of this year, there was a strong legal matter pressing before USG. And it meant that I had to make amends with the rest of the court. The petitioner in the case, Robert J. Romano, filed a brief against the Executive Council claiming that the Student Activity Fee was raised unconstitutionally. It was this brief that had actually saved the court. Working for the first time together, we considered the petitioner's brief. The decision was unanimous--the ten (10) dollar increase per semester of the Student Activity Fee (the amount disputed) was to be frozen by a temporary injunction until this matter was either resolved by the supreme court hearing the case or by the senate voting on whether the referendum should be overturned. The matter in question was never decided upon by the court.

The Executive Council, headed by President Acosta, complied with the petitioner's request and took the matter to the senate, where the Executive Council's decision to raise the Student Activity Fee was upheld. The actions taken by the Executive Council satisfied the petitioner, and he withdrew the matter from the court. However, even though the case was never held, the court had reasserted its authority. Constitutionally.

After the case, myself and other members of the court met in an informal meeting and reconsidered the Judiciary bylaws that I had written last year. This time, the decision was in my favor. The court was going to adopt the document I had written with the more recent modifications: the new Judiciary bylaws undid the precedent of Katz v. Borodkin. The Judiciary bylaws of 2005 were unanimously adopted by the senate.

President Acosta vetoed the Judiciary bylaws on grounds of personal preference, not on matters of constitutionality. According to the Constitution it takes 2/3 of the senate override the president's veto. At the last meeting of the Senate, the legislative body had done its job.

The position of Chief Justice is still open. Justice Katz never took the president up on her offer of what's probably the most important office in USG; membership to the judicial branch requires direct approval of the administration. The nominating committee approves all candidates for the courts, including that of the chief justice. One member of the nominating committee comes directly from the Dean of Students' Office, and the other representative comes from the Provost Office. The president has yet to choose a chief justice. Until then, the judicial branch is without leadership.

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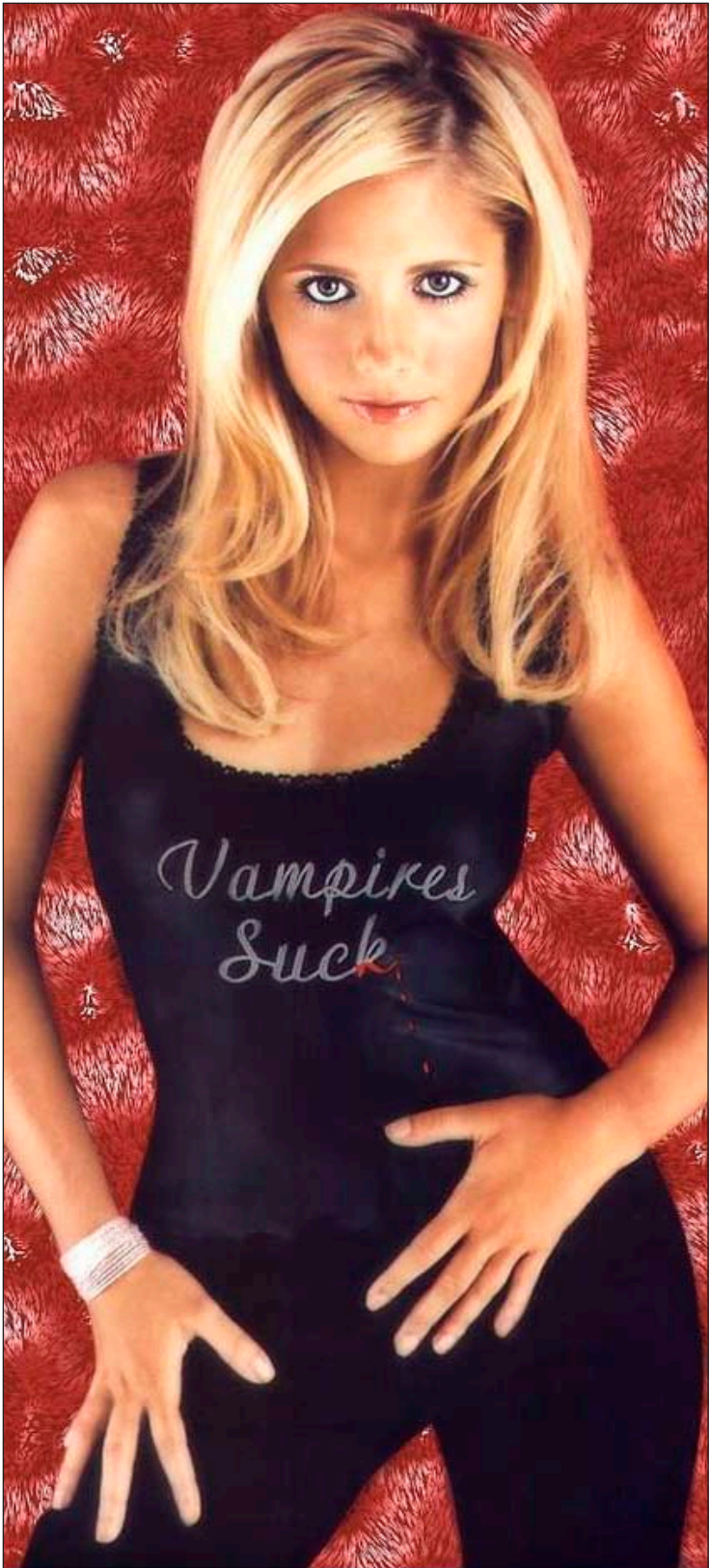
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# Right Wing Girls are Hot!

Like most “Righties” in Hollywood, little information is available on Sarah Michelle Gellar, known for her role as Buffy in the WB series, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, as well as her role as Daphne in the Scooby Doo movies. However, she was featured as the Republican Babe of the Week on the New Jersey GOP website and she’s married to Freddie Prinze Jr. who is also a suspected “Righty.” Here at Stony Brook, we’ve got smart, beautiful conservative-leaning girls. Among them is a huge fan of Buffy herself, Shawna.



## Shawna, 21, Psychology Major

### Tell us about yourself.

“I am a full-time student at Stony Brook University, majoring in psychology, where I am the VP for the Stony Brook Roller Hockey team. I love online gaming and talking about politics (I am a loyal Republican). I am a huge movie buff, I like going to the beach, and watching hockey. Go Islanders!! I am laid-back and I like meeting people who think like me.”



## Sarah Michelle Gellar, 28, Actress

**What do you think about the celebrities who constantly “Bush Bash”?**  
“I’ve had it. Spike is going down. You can attack me, you can send assassins after me, that’s fine. But nobody messes with my boyfriend.”

**What are your thoughts on the U.S. action on the Bird Flu?**  
“I don’t know what that is, but I’m certain I don’t have it. I bathe quite often.”

**Is it just me or are these all quotes from Buffy?**  
“You think?”



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# Upcoming Movies



Your guide to the big films of 2006

By Erik Berte



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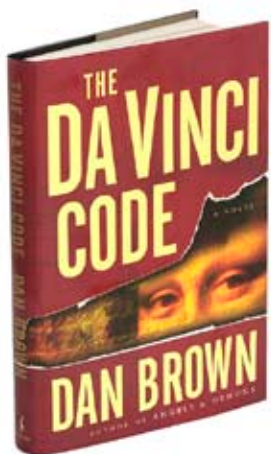
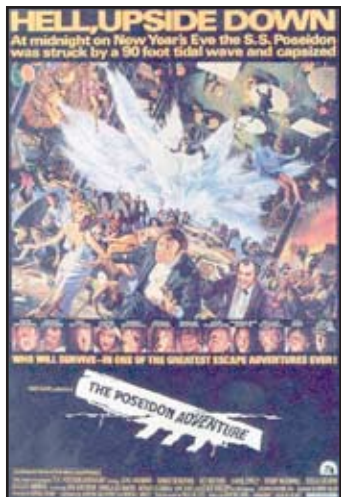
## Mission: Impossible III

Not much is known about the plot of this third installment of the Mission: Impossible series at the time of publishing. The trailer showed footage of a man threatening Special Agent Ethan Hunt (played by Tom Cruise) with the murder of his girlfriend. This time the film is being directed by J.J. Abrams, the creator of TV series Alias, Lost, and Felicity. Laurence Fishburne, known for his role as Morpheus in The Matrix, stars in the film as well.

**5.12.06**

## Poseidon

In the remake of the 1972 classic, The Poseidon Adventure, a luxury cruise ship out on a New Year's celebration gets hit by a gigantic tidal wave that flips it over and practically destroys it. The remaining survivors must find a way out by moving to the lowest parts (or at this point the "highest") of the ship. Starring Richard Dreyfus, Kurt Russell, and Josh Lucas.



**5.19.06**

## Da Vinci Code

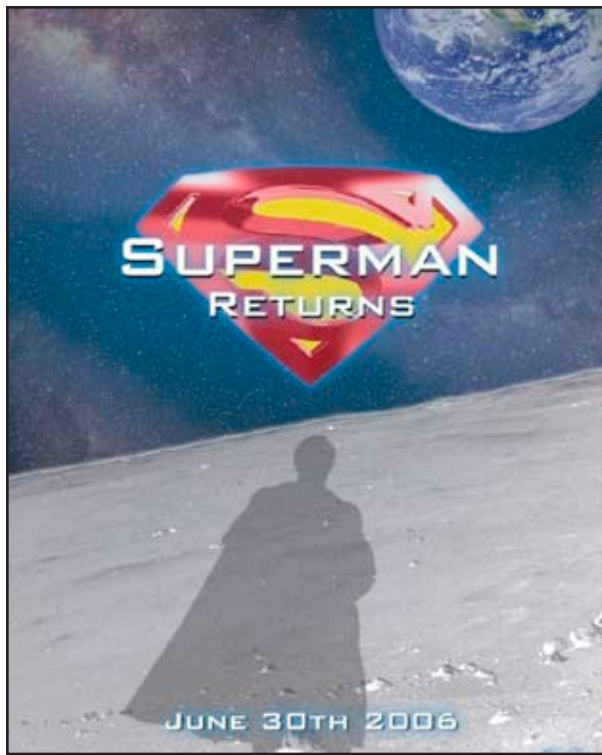
One of the most popular novels of our time comes to the big screen. Directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks. Expert in religious symbols, Dr. Robert Langdon (Hanks), is asked to help figure out what happened in the case of a murdered curator of a museum. A clue left beside the body leads to clues hidden in Leonardo Da Vinci's works of art.

**5.26.06 X-Men 3**

When a "cure" is discovered that could change mutants to average, everyday humans, even sharper differences appear between the X-Men and the Brotherhood of Mutants, led by Magneto (played by Ian McKellen). Jean Grey, apparently, returns as the Phoenix, and it appears that she joins forces with Magneto's Brotherhood. Patrick Stewart, who plays Professor Charles Xavier, said about the movie, "It's very intense, it's very emotional, it's very personal about the individuals that we've already got to know in the first two movies. It has some astonishing set-piece sequences. It has a number of quite significant deaths. [From] what I've seen so far, I think, it's likely to be extraordinary."







In the first Superman movie since 1987, the beloved hero (played by Brandon Routh) returns after a long absence, while he spent time on planet Krypton. While an old nemesis attempts to make him forever powerless, Superman tries to win back the heart of Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth), who has since moved on with her life. Kevin Spacey also stars in this film as Lex Luthor.

**7.7.06**

## Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

In the greatly anticipated sequel to Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl, infamous Captain Jack Sparrow (played by Johnny Depp) returns. Sparrow learns that he owes a blood debt to Davey Jones, the captain of the Flying Dutchman. Halting the wedding of Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth Swan (Keira Knightley), Jack must find a way to repay his debt or else he faces eternal damnation and servitude in the afterlife.



**7.14.06**

## My Super Ex-Girlfriend

Average New York guy (played by Luke Wilson) breaks up with his girlfriend, who he thinks is too needy, only to find out that she's actually a superhero. G-Girl (Uma Thurman), as she calls herself, attempts to make his life a living hell.



# Syriana Review

## Anti-American Film Justifies Terrorism, Victimizes Iran

By Jason Frank

Currently in theaters, *Syriana* is the film which George Clooney executive produced and starred in. Taking place in the present, the movie focuses on the relationship between major American oil companies and the corrupt leadership of Iran. Clooney plays a CIA operative working on the inside of Iran. The movie also featured such familiar faces as Matt Damon, Amanda Peet, and Jeffrey Wright. Damon was a higher up in an American energy company, and Peet was his wife. Wright played the role of a prominent lawyer in the political scene of Washington, D.C.

This is where I would normally describe the plot in detail, had I actually understood it. I'm certainly not the only one who couldn't figure out what was going on. After seeing the movie, many people were left wondering what had just happened. There were a series of storylines revolving around one main theme: America is bad. This movie spent two hours trying to preach that the only reason Iran is a struggling dictatorship is because

America will not let it grow.

The movie makes the claim that America's interest in Iranian oil has created an atmosphere in that country which is ripe for tyranny. This is not a surprising viewpoint coming from Clooney, who plays devils advocate so much that he may actually be mistaken for Lucifer himself.

*Syriana* also makes the major players in the U.S. energy business look like heartless sub-humans. Granted, many leaders in the energy industry are less than honest and rather greedy, but the portrait painted by this movie was far over the top. I was surprised that the film did not have scenes of puppies and orphans being murdered in cold blood by the hands of the savage businessmen.

In my eyes, this movie was not even liberal. As much as it may be bothersome to have a politically motivated film, it can still be well done. However, this film was not politically biased; it was treasonous. This movie was so blatantly anti-American it made me sick. It was two hours of justifying terrorism, rationalizing dictatorship,



and placing the blame squarely on the United States of America.

To top it all off, it was not even a positive cinematic experience. Clooney was average in his role at best. The passive aggressive, melodramatic style of Clooney in the film eventually wears thin. Damon was also sub par, but it was not totally his fault. His character was hardly developed, uninteresting, and relatively unimportant.

The plot was hard to decipher, and resolutions were not clear. Several storylines intertwined to form one conglomerated, complex, and utterly confusing movie. I most certainly would not recommend this film. I would also submit that anyone who praises this film is simply blinded by their own personal agenda, which agrees with the messages represented in the movie, and is not providing an objective assessment.

# Underworld: Evolution

By Damon Vetere

Despite what you may have heard, *Underworld: Evolution* isn't *The Matrix* with vampires. In fact, the only thing that the *Underworld* franchise shares with *The Matrix* is leather. That said, *Underworld* isn't the greatest action/horror series made in the last 5 years, let alone the best ever made, made in the last 5 years. What the *Underworld* franchise does provide is a healthy dose of action, monsters, and full moons.

*Underworld: Evolution* features the return of super-hottie Kate Beckinsale to the big screen as Selene, a vampire Death Dealer who was betrayed by her clan in the original film. The story picks up right after the original ends, with Selene and the werewolf/vampire hybrid Michael Corvin (Scott Speedman) searching for the truth behind the war between "Lycans" and "Vampyres", that continues to rage on in the sequel.

While *Evolution* attempts to help any newcomers to the franchise by revealing several flashbacks of the previous film, I would highly recommend that anyone interested in seeing the film start by viewing the original *Underworld* first. There is a lot to digest, and there are far too many characters that have already been introduced to fully appreciate the key

moments in *Evolution*.

That stated, if you enjoyed *Underworld* you will love *Underworld: Evolution*. More action, more gore, less dialogue, and much improved special



Since most of the characters have already been introduced in the original film, there is considerably less dialogue, which allows director/co-writer Len Wiseman to get right to the good stuff: violence. *Evolution* works best when the monsters come out to play. Something about seeing a vampire and a werewolf want to kill each other is just cool. What helps this is that the special effects in *Evolution* are great. Impalements and beheadings never looked so good, and the werewolf transformations still look great. Above all else, maybe the best thing that the *Underworld* franchise has going for itself right now is that it still takes itself seriously, something that action/horror fans will appreciate.

Even if you don't particularly like the story, there aren't any cheesy moments or appearances by Triple-H or Jessica Biel. Wiseman definitely has a vision for his war. If this still hasn't convinced you to go check out *Evolution*, just remember, Kate Beckinsale is in leather the entire time.

**RATING: 7.5/10**

effects really help to elevate this film beyond its predecessor. There are some particularly fun action sequences, including the opening scene, that help to keep the film moving at a decent pace.

*What to look forward to:*  
Feb. 17: *Night Watch (Nochnoy dozor)*  
Mar. 17: *V For Vendetta*



# Canada Becomes "Red State"

## Liberal-American Refugees Once Again Seek Out New Home

Satire By Nathan Shapiro

The recent election in Canada swept the 12-year Liberal regime out of power and has given the Conservative Party of Canada control of the government, adding Canada to the multitude of so-called "red states" already conquered by President Bush.

The Prime Minister-designate Stephen Harper is expected to strengthen relations with the United States and push for domestic reforms as well.

While many view the election results as liberation from a corrupt Liberal government, the large Liberal-American refugee population that immigrated to Canada following George Bush's re-election is dismayed. Barely a year after abandoning their own country, they again find themselves without a home.

"We had thought we found the perfect nation," said AB, a liberal



American who requested we only identify him by his initials. "It was a lot like home, except not an evil capitalist dictatorship." Now AB must board his private Hollywood jet and find a country more tolerant of his socialist beliefs.

The mass migration of liberals, both Americans and Canadian, has evoked charges that these emigrants are unpatriotic. The refugees vehemently deny such charges. "We love Canada," said one infuriated man standing in line for his passport, "just not enough to stay when we don't get our way."

Despite fear of CPC-backed Gestapo troops, many Liberal Canadians are determined to stay in the country, pointing to the fact that Prime Minister Harper has only managed to win a plurality 36.3% of the vote, forcing him to lead a minority government. "It won't be that bad, eh" said Liberal Canadian James Howlett, who now carries a set of hockey sticks with him for self-defense "just in case."

The liberal-American Anti Defamation League, or LADL, takes a different stance on the matter. "Hitler had a minority govern-

ment too," notes Oliver Queen, "and look how that turned out!"

The LADL insists that the fall of Canada to the "red-state menace" represents the establishment of a North American axis power, drawing parallels to the alliance of Germany and Italy in the 1930s and 40's.

Mr. Queen added: "Unless the United Nations stands up to them, Bush and Harper won't stop until all of the Americas are theirs."

Those nations in which conservatives may next gain power weighs heavily on the minds of the

refugees. Some have considered traveling to the Caribbean communist paradise of Cuba, or even to Castro-wannabe Hugo Chavez's Venezuela, but their proximity to the U.S. lends to fears that the Bush administration may target them next for acquisition.

Even former socialist safe-havens in Europe have been undermined by conservative movements. Germany's new Chancellor, Angela Merkel, comes from a conservative party and has placed improving relationships with President Bush on her agenda. The European Union constitution, which was being touted as a means to counter American power, has been stalled. While such events seem insignificant, some liberals worry it may turn into the opening salvo of a conservative coup d'état in Europe.

No matter how many nations the liberal-American refugees find themselves moving to, conservatives are apt to point out that they cannot escape reality with an airplane ride. The conservative tenets of strong national defense, counter-terrorism, small government and free-market economics appear to eventually stand out as the right path for any country, whether it's Canada or the very heart of socialist Europe.

## Picture Blog:

### Interesting Pictures we Came Across This Month



Wait a second! Is that Shirley Strum Kenney?

## America at War with Venezuela

### King Bush II Continues Empire Expansion

Satire By Erik Berte

Bored with the troubles in Iraq, King Bush II decided it was time to yet again expand the American Empire. His latest target: Venezuela. Responding to "President" Hugo Chavez's accusation of Washington's "imperialism," His Majesty felt it necessary to clarify that the U.S. is a monarchy, not a supreme dictatorship. Bush explained, "Chavez needs to realize that there's a clear distinction between the two types of government. Venezuela, growing 'progressively more autocratic and antidemocratic,' is sharply different than the Bush Dynasty."

Chavez has repeatedly accused the United States of planning to overthrow his dictatorship and has recently threatened holding back oil from the US Empire. King Bush II, worried that such action would impede his aspirations of world domination and terror, quickly responded by declaring war on the country. "We will continue to expand the American Empire by ridding this country of its elected



Chavez makes a toast to King Bush II attempting to appease his imperial ambitions.

dictator," his majesty said. "We shall force the country to live under the same tyrannical monarchy which rules our American Empire, and which our satellite Empire Iraq now faces. Following the same strategy used in Iraq, we will establish a democratic, free government and give all citizens a say in their country's liberated future. In this way, we shall take all of their oil and continue our terror campaign across the globe."

Asked if it was really necessary to go this far with Venezuela, His Majesty replied, "That guy really pissed me off, so yeah." And as if that weren't enough excitement,

the King plans several more attacks to expand our imperialist nation.

Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin met with Disgraced Former U.S. Prince Bill Clinton to talk about climate change last December. King Bush II had opposed the Kyoto Protocol for fear that it might harm our evil corporations. As punishment for further discussing such things, his majesty plans to nuke several key locations across our northern border.

Mexican President Vicente Fox could not be reached for comment. His spokesperson explained that Fox was afraid of "pissing off" King Bush II.





## Most Winning Team at SBU Not a Varsity Sport!

By Nathan Hould and Drue Santora

In the last few years the Stony Brook Ice Hockey team has emerged as a top contender for the Division II American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) National Title. For six consecutive years now the team has been invited to the ACHA Division II national tournament, and in the last three years they have ranked 2nd, 3rd and 7th in the nation out of the more than 150 Div. II ACHA teams. The team also won the Super East Title in the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons by defeating top ACHA opponents from the Northeastern United States including Penn State, NYU, and Holy Cross.

This year, the Stony Brook Ice Hockey team is ranked #1 in the Northeast and will travel to Rochester, NY for the ACHA Div. II national tournament with high hopes of carrying the momentum from their 16 game winning streak straight through to the national title. Currently, the team boasts a phenomenal record of 20W-1L, with their only loss coming to Wagner College,



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Stony Brook senior Dan Valente drives to the net and scores his third goal of the game for a hat trick in Stony Brook's 8-0 victory over Siena College on October 15, 2005.

who they later avenged in a 4-3 victory.

The team's optimism is strengthened by team captain Steve Plackis and assistants Peter Marek and Angelo Serse who are looking to channel the team's abundance of talent in hopes of forming a group of national champions. This year's team re-

turns last year's All-Americans Anthony DiMichele and Drue Santora. Seniors Mike Mitchell, Dan Valente and Michael Gragnano have displayed outstanding play as they pursue what may be their last chance at a national title. Players/board-members Nathan Hould and Matt Muller handle the behind-the-scenes

aspects of the team, and are key leaders both on and off the ice.

You can watch Stony Brook Ice Hockey team in action at the Rinx in Hauppauge. For directions and other team information, including schedule and roster, check out the team website: <http://www.ic.sunysb.edu/clubs/hockey/>

## Sean Martin's Sports Minute

Sean Martin



\*The New York Jets continue to resemble a circus. Coach Herman Edwards bolted to Kansas City but the Jets received only a 4th round draft pick in exchange, which is by far the least compensation ever received by an NFL team for a current head coach. (It should be noted that when the Chiefs hired Edwards' predecessor, Dick Vermeil, the St. Louis Rams received 2nd and 3rd round picks.) Hiring the 35 year old Defensive Coordinator of the New England Patriots, Eric Mangini, to replace Edwards should have allowed the Jets to save face and start fresh, but we then learned that Mangini would not be allowed to hire his own staff. In fact, several coaches would be held on staff against their wills. This was followed by a backlash in the media, causing the team to back down and release the coaches. When you combine these continued front office antics with major salary cap trouble and the questions surrounding quarterback Chad Pennington, Jets fans shouldn't expect to put away their 'same old Jets' signs anytime soon.

\*The New York Mets continued their make-over this month dealing away starting pitcher Kris Benson for another power arm in the bullpen (Jorge Julio.) While wife Anna Benson's antics and revealing outfits will be missed, Kris' lack of gamesmanship certainly will not.

\*In case you hadn't heard, the NHL still in fact exists. In the so called, "New NHL", stricter rule enforcement insures higher scoring, shootouts insure that there are no longer any ties and young stars like Sidney Crosby insure that you're left on the edge of your seat. I'm not sure they remembered to send out the memo, however, as celebrity poker matches continue to draw several more millions of viewers weekly.

\*Prior to the start of the 2006 season, Major League Baseball will hold an International tournament. The World Baseball Classic will give professional players the chance to represent their countries in a true World Series. Mid-March is an awkward time to hold such a tournament, though, and one wonders how competitive it will be with several superstars already pulling out. Barry Bonds is one such star who removed himself from Team USA's roster claiming that he didn't want to risk his season. We hear that Barry has the time to do a reality TV Series, however... hooray.

## Seawolves Basketball On Rise

By Frank Loglisci

With head coach Steve Pikiell at the helm, Stony Brook Seawolves Basketball as we know it has changed. In spite of a 3-15 (1-7) record this year, the Stony Brook Seawolves have shown great promise for this year and for the future. It appears that Coach Pikiell is going to rebuild the basketball program from the bottom up.

Coach Pikiell has engineered one of the top 50 basketball recruiting classes for 2006. Stony Brook is a large university and is located near a hotbed of basketball talent. With the right recruiter it could build itself into a top Division I basketball program.

Coach Pikiell has this year's players playing the game hard and paying attention to quality. So far this year Stony Brook has worked through the most difficult



Coach Steve Pikiell at recent Seawolves game.

schedule in the program's history; going up against top Division I programs such as Villanova and University of Connecticut. While the team hasn't produced the results some seek, the team members have played determinedly



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and put the team on the map in the college basketball world. Sooner rather than later we may be turning on CBS to watch our own Seawolves in the big dance,

the NCAA Tournament, and maybe one day as Luther Vandross puts it best at the end of every basketball year, we'll have our "One Shining Moment."



# Sex at The 'Brook

By Virginia Morgan

With Valentines Day just around the corner, there's one four letter word that will be on everyone's mind: love. Love has always been and will always be perhaps the most confusing part of the entire "dating game."

We, as individuals, never have a problem with casual dating and for good reason: it's easy, fun, and low commitment. We have no problem asking someone out to dinner or to the movies because if they say no, it's easy to accept it and move on. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. However, once we have passed the casual dating stage and moved into a relationship, a problem surrounding the "I-word" tends to arise.

Obviously, we have strong feelings for the person we are with, otherwise we wouldn't have let it get this far. The problem is deciphering whether these strong feelings have turned into love or if they are simply just strong feelings. This problem is often compounded by the notion that love is not a feeling that arises quickly between two people but rather it is one that is developed over a lengthy period of time.

While this may be considered

an acceptable social norm it is not an acceptable way to determine whether or not you are in fact in love with someone. Just because you choose not to say, "I Love You" does not mean the love between you and your significant other isn't there. In the same regards, it also does not mean it is there. For example look at hate, the opposite emotion of love. When you hate someone you know it. You just get this feeling in your gut and no matter how hard you try to shake it, you can't. You don't even have to say, "You know, I really hate Bobby Sue!" because it will be obvious to everyone that you do hate her by way you carry yourself around her or the way you act at the mention of her name. Now think of the times when you have said, "Gosh I really hate <insert someone or something here>!" How many of those times did you mean it?

The moral of this tale then becomes "don't say it unless you mean it"- but how are you sure you mean it?

Unfortunately, there are no tell tale symptoms of love. You don't break out in pox marks, there's no fever or cough. You can't look it up in the dictionary. Well you can, but

all you'll find is: "A deep, tender, ineffable feeling of affection and solicitude toward a person, such as that arising from kinship, recognition of attractive qualities, or a sense of underlying oneness."

So what's a person to do? I have found the best "definition" of love comes from the Bible. It's found in St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians and it states, "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek it's own interests, it is not quick tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things." (1Cor 13:4-8)

I use that as a guide and go from there but I constantly remind myself that love takes work. If you don't work at it, you will loose it. People tend to become complacent once they realize they are in love and will oftentimes take it for granted. Well I urge you not to take it for granted and to do small things every day, not just on Valentines Day to remind that special someone that you still love them.

In the same regards, don't use



Valentines Day as a reason to start loving someone. Don't let a Hallmark holiday trick you into telling someone you love them if you aren't really sure you do. Remember- it's okay to have

strong feelings for someone without loving them.

So now that you have been schooled in the art of love, I hope you all have a very Happy Valentines Day!

## Depressing Poetry Corner

For those times when you think *your* life sucks.

### I Miss You Love

By Aleksandra Borodkin

Funny how the only thing I remember when I close my eyes at night is how you looked at me before everything was alright.

Neither one of us knew it would get this far to much love and sorrow to tell God knows I'm waiting for heartbreak for not everything is well.

But there is one thing certain and I swear this to Him above that the only thing I know tonight is that I miss you love.

## WTF?! Picture of the Month



Can you identify this guy? This month's photo was taken from www.stonybrooksucks.com

Once a month, we shall publish an odd picture that can only make you go, as you would on AOL Instant Messenger, "WTF?"

This month we came across a picture that many of you may have seen on www.stonybrooksucks.com. Apparently some guy stole a cell phone at the Full Moon Cafe and then actually took photos of himself with it, which were automatically uploaded onto a website that the owner could access. There can be only one answer...

And you have it! Please send in your explanations, and we'll publish them alongside the picture as a caption. Tell us what you can discern from this picture, and the events which might have brought it about.

Send in your submissions to [submissions@stonybrookpatriot.com](mailto:submissions@stonybrookpatriot.com) with the subject line, "WTF?!"

### Submitted Captions:

"Once a fly always a fly."

"Making his contribution to the world of high art."

"So that's where he's been since independence day."

### Last Month's Picture:





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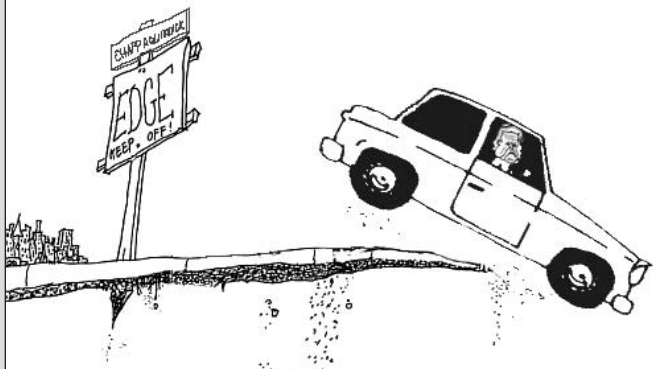
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# Ted Kennedy's Drink of the Month

Satire By Virginia Morgan



## Where the Highway Ends

the poems and drawings of Ted Kennedy

### Angel's Kiss

\*Not intended for the weak of stomach, faint of heart or for those who are under 21 years of age.

#### Ingredients:

1½ oz. lime or lemon juice  
½ oz. orange juice  
½ oz. Cointreau  
Soda water

#### Directions:

Pour lime (or lemon juice), orange juice and Cointreau into a tumbler full of ice. Fill with soda water.

**Yield:** 1 serving

When not ambling through the halls of Congress or filibustering judicial nominees on the floor of the Senate, there's nothing Senator Kennedy likes more than kicking back on the shores of Chappaquiddick with a nice, cold drink in his hand.

Each month this column will highlight one of Senator Kennedy's favorite drinks. This month's drink: Angel's Kiss.

## Official Drunk of the Month

David W. Jones III

#### Best Drinking Story:

I was on vacation in South Beach Florida with my girlfriend at the time. Deciding to go out at around 8 o'clock, I polished off a fifth of vodka and proceeded to then go out to the club.

In order to get a VIP table I purchased two bottles of Absolut Mandarin and proceeded to drink one of those bottles myself and let the rest of my group split the other among themselves. This is where the story gets a little foggy.

We left and went to another club, named Pearl, and I started to drink bottles of Amstel light and shots of Jack Daniel's. Then I decided to go to a strip joint named Club Madonna. My girlfriend wouldn't leave me alone in there. After a short while, I fell asleep next to the stage. Apparently, when my girlfriend left to go get help lifting me up I got up on my own and passed out outside in the street.

While I was sleeping a stripper woke me up and offered me a ride to the hotel. She drove me back, but I lost my key so she talked the doorman into letting us in.

I passed out again and the doorman put a card in my front pocket that read, "If found please return this guest to room 306 at the Clevelander."

To this day that ex-girlfriend of mine still thinks that I walked to the hotel all by myself.



## Get Wasted Like Ted at These Fine Locations



#### Stony Brook Area

Three Village Inn  
150 Main Street  
Stony Brook  
751-0555  
Happy Hour: 5-7

J&R's Steakhouse  
1320 Stony Brook Road  
Stony Brook  
689-5920  
Happy Hour: 4-7

#### Port Jefferson Area

Tara Inn  
1519 Main Street  
Port Jefferson  
473-9602  
Happy Hour: 5-7

Village Way  
406 Main Street  
Port Jefferson  
928-3395  
Happy Hour: 5-7

Printers Devil  
105 Wynn Lane  
Port Jefferson  
473-1130  
Happy Hour: 4-7

Billies 1890 Saloon  
304 Main Street  
Port Jefferson  
331-1890  
Happy Hour: 5-7

#### Lake Grove Area

John Harvard's Brewhouse  
Smithaven Plaza  
Lake Grove  
979-2739  
Happy Hour: 4-7



#### Drinking Philosophy:

Stick with the beer and whiskey.

#### Drunkest Ever:

St. Patrick's Day 2005. I beat up my best friend for no good reason while wearing a kilt with no underwear and then spray painted his car and cursed out every one I knew and then passed out.



#### Favorite Drink:

Guinness with champagne. Its called a Black Velvet. Also a shot of Jameson.

#### Favorite Bar/ Bartender:

It was Buckleys in Center Moriches but sadly it burned down last summer. I was there literally every night.

My favorite bartender is Jay Mazzio who is currently working at Baysides in Center Moriches. So I guess that is currently my favorite bar nowadays.