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# Stony Brook Grows a Green Thumb

By Rebecca Kleinhaut

You know those new bins that happened to show up in your dorm rooms over break? Do not throw your trash in them; they're new recycling bins, and you have the Environmental Club to thank for them.

At the end of the fall semester, members of the Stony Brook Environmental Club met with President Shirley Strum Kenny to discuss many of their initiatives to make Stony Brook a green-friendly campus. What immediately resulted was the incorporation of new recycling bins all over the campus.

Paper recycling has been the focus of the Environmental Club since the beginning of the school year. The club had many students coming to meetings to ask for easier ways to recycle. While the club began its public campaign to make double sided printing the default setting at all SINC sites, it also helped to design a plan to implement more recycling receptacles on campus.

"[Shirley Strum Kenny] was surprised to hear that there was little recycling on campus," said Justin Grimm-Greenblatt, who is the president of the Environmental Club and attended the meeting with Kenny. "She seemed open to many of our new ideas about it."

Paper recycling was not the only topic discussed at the meeting. The Environmental Club is also working on a variety of other energy efficient projects with Facilities Operations. Recently, soil bacteria was used instead of synthetic fertilizer in front of the Administration Building. They are also campaigning for

the use of wind power and geothermal energy, which is energy that is captured from the Earth's interior.

The Environmental Club is also trying to get the university to divert some of their funds to the Green Choice Program of LIPA so that at least a fraction of the university's power comes from renewable energy sources. According to LIPA, renewable sources provide 17% of the power for electricity in New York.

While these ideas sound promising, the biggest obstacle in all of these projects is funding. "[The Green Choice Program] is much more expensive because it is renewable energy," says Grimm-Greenblatt. Anyone who has tried to get a reimbursement of any kind understands that money is a sensitive topic with the university.

In the meantime, one of the largest environmental projects that the club is working on involves the work of the student body. According to Grimm-Greenblatt, Shirley Strum Kenny was extremely excited about the prospect of having internships available to students. The internships allow students to work through the Environmental Club and do carbon auditing, which, according to Grimm-Greenblatt, is a term for tracking the amount of harmful emissions on campus. The internships would also have students involved in projects that would help to limit these emissions in the most cost effective ways possible.

If you were one of the many students who were pleasantly surprised to see recycling bins in their dorms, then you are encouraged to attend the Environmental Club's meetings on Wednesdays, at 8:30 PM, in the Hendrix Lounge in Roth Quad.

# Congressional Dems Set Pace for 2007

By Steve McLinden

The 110th Congress began session with Democrats in control of both the House of Representatives and Senate for the first time during the Bush administration, and the new ruling party in the House wasted no time, introducing a blitzkrieg of progressive bills in their first 100 hours. And then things really got busy.

Under the new leadership of Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) — who is, in case you hadn't heard, the first female to hold that position — the House of Representatives introduced, beginning on January 9th, bills to: limit the ability of lobbyists; expand national security; raise minimum wage; fund stem cell research; cut the interest rates on student loans; reform Medicare's pharmaceutical negotiations; reduce the budget deficit; end Bush's high-income tax cuts; and remove subsidies to Big Oil. All passed with 13 hours to spare. The Senate has since not passed the minimum wage bill, with Republicans saying it should include tax breaks to small businesses. Some of the bills, such as that on embryonic stem-cell research, will more than likely be vetoed by the President should they pass the Senate.

And while speculation as to the Democratic Presidential candidate for 2008 had been underway since before Bush's 2004 re-election, New York's own Senator Hillary Clinton officially announced her intention to run. In a video post on her website on January 20th, Hillary stated, "I'm in. And I'm in to win." As most cable news talking heads have noted, her near-100% name recognition from her years as First Lady and Senator make her one of the clear frontrunners. Other official candidates include Delaware Senator Joe Biden, former Iowa governor Tom Vilsack, New Mexico governor Bill Richardson, former 2004 Vice Presidential candidate and South Carolina ex-Senator John Edwards, and Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich. Meanwhile, the bettors' favorite to rival Clinton, Illinois' Senator Barack Obama, is still (officially) only considering the position. With campaign efforts beginning earlier than ever (the first state primary is still almost a year away) many analysts are saying that this trend will hinder smaller-budget, smaller name candidates and will favor the likes of Clinton or Obama, who have high name recognition and the more apt infrastructure for fundraising.

On January 23rd, Mr. Bush issued his State of the Union speech, and he was notably less brazen than in previous years of working with a Republican-controlled Congress. Newly elected Virginia Senator Jim Webb read the Democratic Party's official response following Bush's address. With a tone of skepticism, Webb expressed hope that the White House was honestly committed to reforming

health care, improving education, and revitalizing the American economy (while slipping in a reference to Hurricane Katrina and the growing factor of how much more money CEOs are earning than the average worker). On Bush's latest adjustments in Iraq, Webb called for a plan to remove of US troops, as the father of a Marine currently in Iraq, and in



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Nancy Pelosi has been takin' care of business and workin' overtime.

line with the majority of Americans' disapproval for the direction in which the Iraq War has gone.

Since Mr. Bush's announcement outlining a 21,500-soldier increase in Iraq, Capitol Hill Democrats' have shown even greater hostility towards the White House's Iraqi operations. The calls for a withdrawal and allowing Iraqi police forces to take control of their nation are growing louder: most Democrats in Congress are seeking a gradual withdrawal, others (including Kucinich) believe in a more immediate departure, though Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman is in agreement with the President. "Escalation of this war is not the change the American people called for in the last election," Illinois' Senator Dick Durbin said on behalf of Senate Democrats after Bush's primetime speech on Iraq earlier this month. The most direct action that Congress can take against the President's plans is to cut back the budget for the Iraq War when provisions relating to the troop increase come up during Pentagon appropriations.

Other Democrats, including some 2008 candidates have criticized Bush a little more harshly, particularly on Iraq. Obama warned that Americans should watch Bush's forthcoming actions and not just trust his words. Vilsack pointed out that unlike the President, he has a positive record on healthcare, with Iowa actually decreasing its number of uninsured citizens under his governorship. Clinton appeared on several morning news programs, stating that the decision to give Bush the authority to go to war (which she initially voted for in 2003) has been "a terrible decision for everyone, including the President." The candidates will likely have plenty more to say on these issues and others in the coming months: there are still more than six-hundred days until November 4th, 2008.



Every suite in the West Apartments got new paper bins

Jowy Romano





## CEWIT 2007 Wireless Technology Conference

By Huy Huynh and Tuan Le

On January 18, Stony Brook University's CEWIT, the Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology, a part of CEAS, the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences, had its 4th annual Business Without Boundaries Conference.

Tuan: For those of us in the field it was a day packed with speakers and talks on every aspect, from technical to futuristic - and well worth the time and expense. My employer, Globecomm Systems Inc, picked up the tab and was a Gold Sponsor. I was particularly interested in most of the sessions. It turned out to be better than I expected. Sometimes while working in the real world I get to focus in one specific area of technology while great progress is being made in other areas. C.K Park's 'Strategy of i-Fashion', for example, showing wireless remote capability of purchasing clothing for someone without knowing their size by simply having a photo of them, was fascinating. My colleagues were particularly impressed with the discussion on homeland security.

Huy: I agree. As the E-Zine Editor I had a press pass but I think students were allowed to go for free. While I understand the need to have it during intersession because of space limitations, my peers missed a great opportunity. As a computer engineering major, this was showing me areas of research I had not even thought about going into. Hopefully in the new campus plans a large conference center will be included too.

Tuan: The Director of Technology at

Globecomm, Donald Gutman, was supposed to give a presentation on the topic of the GSM Cellular hosted soft-switch, but he had laryngitis so the President of the GSI, Ken Miller, was the fill-in. Miller's presentation was Commercial IP Base Station Technology. In the world of computer networking, there is a convergence process happening with many communication networks heading towards IP. It is happening in the cellular world where there is less reliance on SS7 network and standardizations of hardware based proprietary equipment over to software control and using IP. Our company interfaces satellite technology with down to earth networking creating a seamless interface. We are everywhere and do the full spectrum - from being in war zones for the government to handling highly distributed retail data networks.

I joined the company six months, almost four years after graduating from CEAS with a computer science degree. I traveled all around the US and Caribbean in my first job and while it was a great learning experience, after awhile living in hotels becomes tiring. Globecomm Systems turned out to be the perfect answer to give me a little of both. I am based close to home on Long Island but we are a worldwide company with offices in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. I get to work with the latest technologies and use the skill sets I had acquired from my years at Stony Brook. Today I am here again at school as a

Globecomm Systems employee and a proud member of the Asian American alumni network. My past, present, and definitely future will always somehow be involved with this University.

Huy: The morning began with introductions from Dean Yacov Shamash, CEO of CEWIT, and Satya Sharma, CEWIT's Executive Director. This photo of the Future of Wireless overhead will give you a good idea of the many areas wireless is headed into.



Tuan Le and Fred Dugourd, Globecomm

That was all brilliantly put into perspective by Yogesh Gupta, Chief Technology Strategist for CA. He was a fill-in for Russell Artzt, CA's EVP, and although I have never heard Artzt,

Gupta would be hard to top. He showed what the world will be like in the near future with existing technology, not even what is being developed, and just as the computer and the internet changed our lives radically, wireless will do the same.

Tuan: Lunch was also surprisingly good. They never had food like that when I was a student.

Huy: They still don't. It's too bad the cafeterias here do not offer the same quality of food. We all had thinly sliced, tender roast beef in a barbeque sauce smothered in mozzarella and onions. Then I had to go back to work so I did not get to stay for the afternoon sessions unfortunately.

Tuan: The luncheon speakers were also excellent. First was Girish Rishi, GM

of Motorola's US Enterprise Mobility Sales, then Anthony DiMaso, VP of Corporate Strategy and Development for Verizon. To get an idea of all the presentations, check out the conference program, and although they do not have an email group you can join for further info, contact the organizers to get yourself on their list for CEWIT 2008, <http://www.cewit.org>.

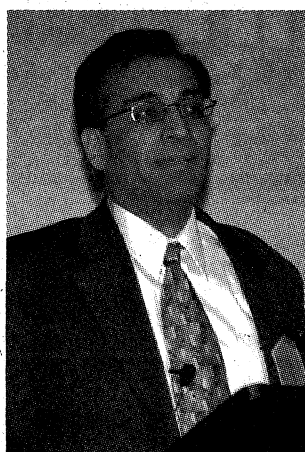
The day ended with a poster session and closing reception. There were about 20 posters coming from academia, industry, and government. The topics covered a wide range including computer security, computer visions, and networks.

It was also good to see an old friend, Bin Tang. I had worked with him on the opening of the Wang Center when he was the President of the GSO (Graduate Student Organization). He will be getting his Ph.D. in Computer Science in May and has been doing some of the interesting research on ad hoc networks. Bin has been studying the role of caching on the system performance of wireless networks, particularly in wireless ad hoc and sensor networks. He has developed a framework which can be used to facilitate information access.

All in all it was a great day.

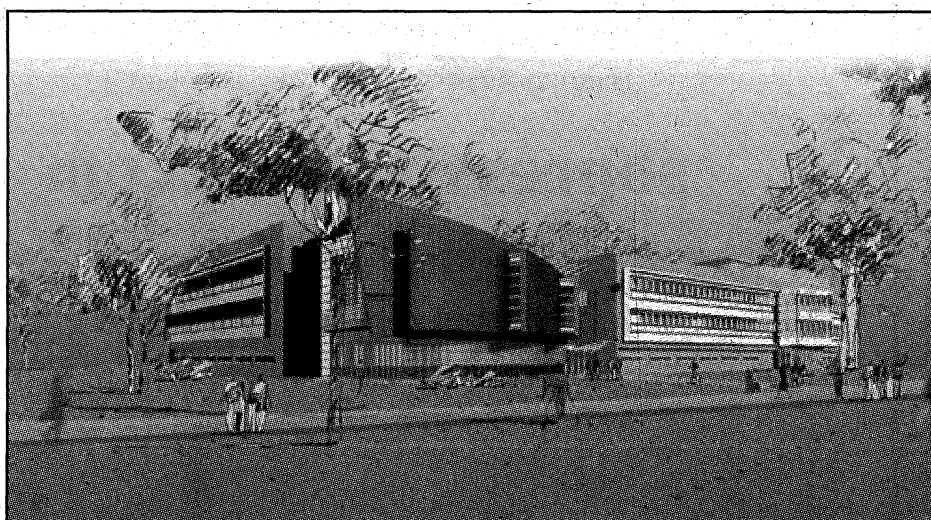
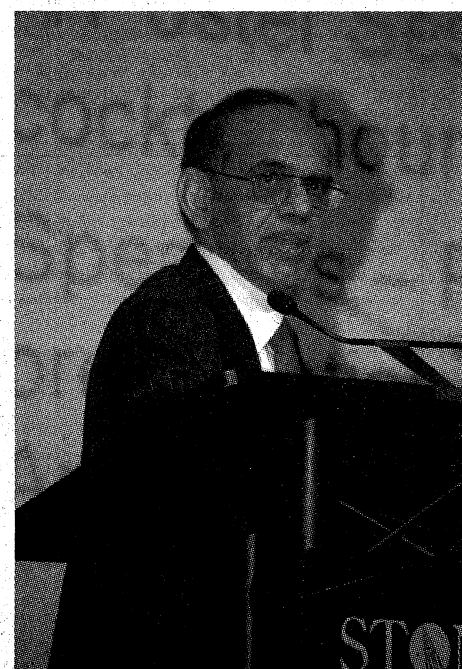
Huy: And coming in the next issue will be what's in store with all the construction across the road for Stony Brook's newest campus. The first building on the drawing board to be completed is CEWIT, soon to be followed with the Center for Computational Neuroscience and then the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center.

Photo Album of the Conference: <http://aasquared.org/gallery/CEWIT2007>



Keynote speakers, distinguished speakers and the proposed CEWIT building clockwise from the bottom left:

- Yacov Shamash, CEO CEWIT, Stony Brook University
- James Hueser, Business Unit Executive, IBM Americas
- Yogesh Gupta, Chief Technology Strategist, CA
- Girish Rishi, GM US Entprns Mblty Sls, Motorola
- Anthony J. DiMaso, VP Corp. Strategy & Devel., Verizon
- Satya Sharma, Dir. CEWIT, Stony Brook University
- Newly Proposed Drawing of the CEWIT Building





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## To Stony Brook's "Band of Brothers"

As most of you are, by now, well aware, on January 10th, President Bush declared to the nation that he intends to send an additional 21,500 US troops to Iraq. We choose not to enter into this debate. While we at *The Stony Brook Press* could certainly launch into a tirade on our opposition to this plan, or start a diatribe on our views of the war, we choose to use this space for a different purpose.

We are a newspaper, yes, but we are a student newspaper first. Our job, our sacred duty, is to represent the student body and its interests. Among our readership, among our student body, are a number of those who serve in various forms of military reserve or are in the National Guard or are active military personnel. Some have already left the military but, due to the relatively-recently created system known as "inactive ready reserve" status, can be called upon to serve again. They are our classmates, our roommates, our friends, our loved ones. To those of you fine, brave men and women in uniform, we devote our words here.

Some of you may be called upon to leave mid-semester. Some of you are but one or two courses shy of graduation and would otherwise be earning your degrees at the end of this term. Some of you, unfortunately, will not return. We do not envy you your situation, nor do we intend to make light of the sacrifices you are making. To the contrary – we view you as heroes.

We at the *Press* have a long history of dissent, of challenging the various administrations of the country, be they that of this university, the local community, the state, or the nation. It has oft been said, in a quote that many incorrectly attribute to Thomas Jefferson (but was actually uttered, during her protests of WWII, by the pacifist Dorothy Hewitt Hutchinson in her own defense) that "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism." This is but a half-truth. There is a type of patriotism that is truly the highest form. You, our friends and fellow students, you who proudly don the uniforms of our armed forces and carry our flag into battle, are those who exhibit this highest form.

You brave men and women will be leaving a country torn apart by the very war in which you will be fighting. The people of this nation, whose flag, whose principles, whose ideals you feel so deeply that they stir you to enter this war, will not throw a ticker-tape parade down New York's "Canyon of Heroes" for you when you come home. This is a great travesty, a great miscarriage of justice, as there is no one more deserving of such an honor.

Let it never be thought, not even for the briefest of instants, that *The Stony Brook Press* does not support you. Let it never be thought, let alone said, that we are not on your side. This war has been called, to paraphrase, "the Vietnam for our generation" by many, including former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird. We choose not to enter this debate. Instead, we choose to laud your bravery. We choose to support you in every way we can. And we call upon those students who do not serve to do the same.

You go with our thoughts, our hopes, and our prayers. You go and we will never forget all that you have sacrificed, are sacrificing, and will sacrifice. When you return, we will welcome you with open arms. We who have hotly debated, on both sides of the coin, the existence of God, and all aspects of religion, we who have challenged orthodoxy wherever we find it, are united in our prayers for your safe return. We have among our number people of almost every major religion, and people of many denominations, and a fair number of atheists and agnostics, and still we pray, each one of us in our own manner, but all of us united in the fact that we are praying nonetheless, for your safe return. We will be waiting here at *the Press*. But we will be waiting with bated breath, with anxiety and with trepidation, as we know a very unfortunate fact, one that saddens everyone who realizes it – some of you will not return, and others will not return whole. We realize this is a fact of war, one you know all too well, but still we shall pray that you all return alive and whole. Every time we see that the chair you once occupied in our classroom is now empty, we shall pause, and in that moment our thoughts and hearts will turn to you as we reflect on your absence and the sacrifices you are making in the name of duty. We shall pray that you return ready to put down your swords and pick up your pens and pencils, ready to hang up your uniforms and re-don the civilian clothing you left behind, ready to leave the world of war behind you and have the world of academia and of college and post-college life ahead of you. We shall pray, like Shakespeare's valiant Henry V, "O God of battles! steel my soldiers' hearts; possess them not with fear; take from them now the sense of reckoning."

We leave you with this, you fine men and women in uniform, you who exhibit the highest form of patriotism, you who are being called upon to leave behind your classmates, your roommates, your friends, your loved ones to enter into battle, you heroes: Go with God.

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## LETTERS

PIZDA69: Wuzzup

HUYOVA143: NM. U?

PIZDA69: Sme. Chillaxing n rding Teh Press

HUYOVA143: WTF, Mate?

PIZDA69: kekekekekeke no zerg rush 5 min

HUYOVA143: wtf? I sy Press u sy Zerg.

PIZDA69: KEKEKEKEKEKE ALL YOUR BASE ARE BELONG TO US!

HUYOVA143: U is FUXED UP

PIZDA69: SOMEONE SET UP US THE BOMB! CHUCK NORRIS SET US UP THE BOMB!

HUYOVA143: U JUST CMBNED 2 MEMES!!!! DUDEEE!!!!!!

PIZDA69: BY THE WAY, I KNOW KIBO PERSONALLY.

HUYOVA143: WOW. LTS ASK TEH INTERNET ORACLE!

PIZDA69: Y IS THS ISSUE SO SMALLLLLLLLL?

HUYOVA143: I LAMMED UR MOM LAST NIGHT

PIZDA69: FUX YOU!

HUYOVA143: The travesty of this all is that we're serving as the "Letters to the Editor" column for the first issue of the year 2007. How sad is that?

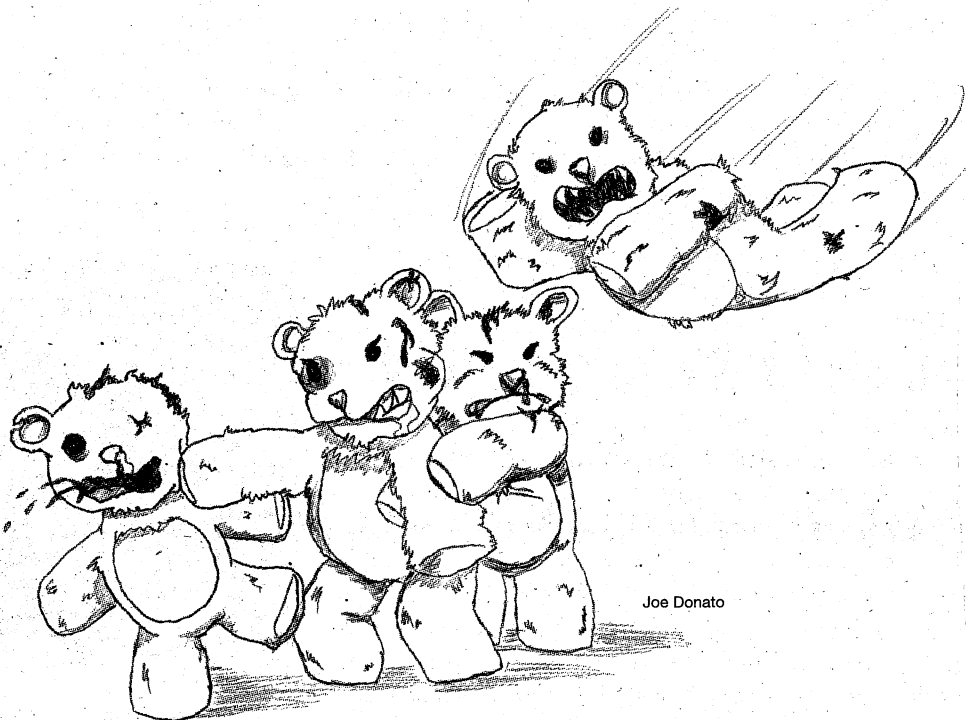
PIZDA69: I would definitely have to agree with you there. A/S/L?

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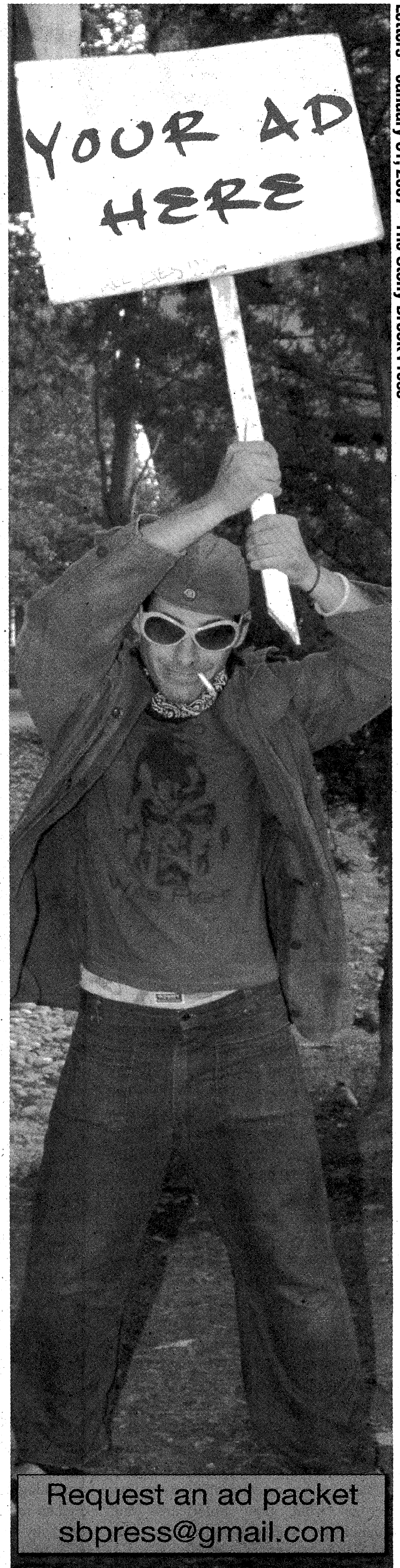
PIZDA69: FUXXORZ

*PIZDA69 has signed off*

We at *The Stony Brook Press* agree. Combining memes is a fucking travesty against all the is good and holy. Please, do this wonderful world that we life in a favor, and DO NOT, we repeat, DO NOT procreate, EVER! Thks plez ^\_^



Joe Donato



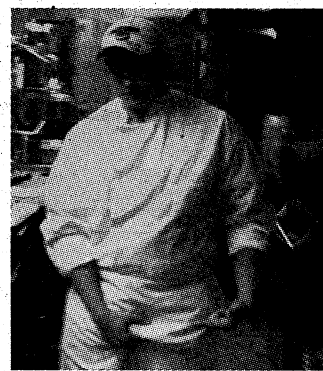
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# EAT THIS!

With Chef Heath

"ROAD TRIP FOOD"



Chef or serial killer, you decide?

Jesse Schoepfer

Over winter break, I had the opportunity to drive to North Carolina with my brother to visit my family (I say opportunity, because I do not think of it as either a good or a bad thing). We drove for two reasons: one is that flying on Dec. 23rd is a nightmare, and the second being that I am terrified of flying. Not the type of fear that two scotches and some friendly encouragement can solve; I mean the type of fear that eats at you deep down and manifests itself with irrational outbursts of uncontrollable rage. But more on my shortcomings later.

The trip to western NC takes about twelve hours, depending on how you hit the bridges in New York (I like to hit them early, but my brother prefers to hit them mid-afternoon. Rock, Paper, Scissors ensues at the onset of every trip). So I was excited to eat three meals of road trip food. I love road trip food. It is that kind of fast, greasy, convenient food that has defined what most Americans (and Cannuks too, I'm told) eat on long trips. If I am in a car for more than a few hours

and see a sign for a cheesy restaurant or a mom and pop diner, I want to stop, if for nothing else than to stretch my legs and maybe get a quick bite to eat. There is something about diner food that draws me in every time.

Typically, I order the same thing for breakfast at every diner where I stop: two over medium eggs with bacon, hash browns, and rye toast. This case was no exception. I cannot help myself. I see the rest of the items on the menu. I know that they advertise that they have some wonderful pancakes and dynamite French toast, but I get the same thing every time. I am what I am; there is no shame in that. Something about runny eggs and the savory crisp of the rye toast brings me back to a simpler time in my life. My brother also gets the same thing at every diner, corned beef hash with over easy eggs and white toast. He then scrambles everything together and douses it with ketchup to create something that resembles baby food but tastes like heaven on white bread. Something about that grease

and salt really makes the trip for me. Another typical item for me to order from a diner is a Reuben sandwich. Some places serve them 24 hours a day, and I find it hard to justify stopping to get one only two hours after breakfast. My attraction to the Reuben is easier to vocalize than my attraction to the other diner foods that I love. Simply, the Reuben is Pollock soul food. It makes me feel warm and fuzzy inside in such a way that makes me call out like a Wookie (Yes, I am a Star Wars fan) and sometimes hump the table. I only wish I were kidding, as then I still might be welcome in the Hibernia Diner in New Jersey.

However, you cannot always stop for an hour and get something to eat. I knew that by hour ten or twelve in our trip, I wasn't even going to stop if I hit the real Elvis hitchhiking his way to Tallahassee. There is something about spending that much time in such close proximity to your chain-smoking brother (who feels he needs to sing along to every Madonna song that comes over radio) that lets you appreciate just how important personal space is. So what was hungry guy such as myself going to do? The answer is simple my friends, simple and delicious: beef jerky. Not that sissy-fied ground up Slim Jim crap either; I mean whole chunks of salt-cured cow, slow-smoked to bring out a flavor so mouth-watering that you become hot and bothered. Now, some of you may be thinking, "What makes beef jerky so good?" Simply, everything. Any self-respecting college student will tell you that beef jerky has saved his or her life at least once, and has gotten him or her laid at least twice. It is the way things are. If neither of these cases is true, that person is probably lying about being a student, and lying to him or herself about who he or she really is. De- Nile is not just a river in Egypt. In all seriousness, however there is nothing that I can eat more of, or want so completely in my life, than beef jerky.

Another favorite place of mine to stop and grab a bite on a trip is All-You-Can-Eat Buffets. These types of restaurants are more popular in the South, but you see them in the North most frequently as Asian food eateries. One chain of such buffets holds a special place in my heart, and more than likely has left a clog in my artery as well. Shoney's restaurants form a chain that covers most of the Old Dominion, as well as some parts of the Midwest, and has expanded into linked motels and car washes. Shoney's offer an

All-You-Can-Eat buffet that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner throughout the day for a small fee of seven bucks per person. If I could, I would live at Shoney's. The food is home-style American cuisine, with some Latin and Southern influences. They offer everything from eggs to pork roast to fresh fruit parfaits to brownies. The food is good, about a two-star rating, but the unending service and the wide variety make it something unique. If anyone wants to go into business on Long Island and be guaranteed a profit, open a Shoney's, because they are always full and always open. I don't even think they have locks on the door.

The important part of dining during travel is to actually stop and eat. Too often we hit a McDonald's or a Wendy's and continue driving while we eat, and this is a real problem. Not only does it distract you away from what is really important (watching the road and not your fries), but it helps to degrade the dining culture of America. It is true that I will chew on some jerky or some trail mix while I drive, but, to eat an actual meal, I always pull over and stop at a local diner because keeping these small restaurants in business is important; they are what keep American food on our plates and in our hearts (literally, in terms of cholesterol). After all, food is more than sustenance; it is more than something to sell. Food is an extension of the person who creates it. It is something personal and tangible that is passed from one person to another. All too often I forget this while turning and burning orders. I constantly remind myself to slow down and relax, and you can taste the difference. Keep food where it belongs, on a plate, on a table, in a restaurant owned by real people, and not in your lap going 80 mph down some stretch of highway.

Good Eats Everyone!



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"A dish best served cold... or with wine"



# A Great Structure Destroyed



"This will soon be replaced by dust and cobwebs"

Tower Records

By Vincent Michael Festa

Usually in late December of every year, when the semester ends, I looked forward to selling my books after finals so that I could get money back and then get together with a friend to go music shopping at Tower Records in Huntington. In a matter of one hour, all of my money would be gone. Right now I'd be very excited about what I found in those bins.

Unfortunately, that won't be possible anymore, because as of the end of December, all Tower Records in the States had gone out of business. The entire chain totally went under and closed its doors for the final time just a month ago, before being liquidated.

In November of last year, people were standing on the sidewalks of Route 110 holding picket signs like it was the end of the world. First advertised on those signs was 10-30% off all merchandise at Tower. When passers-by and sidewalk shoppers took a closer look, they ended up in shock as they realized that it was an end of an era. As time passed, the stakes gradually went up. 40-60% discounts finally garnered Tower's final audience in a rush of shoppers, and, in the end, it came down to the final swan song when all merchandise was down to a whopping 70-90% off.

Tower Records, in its last months, had garnered its biggest turn-out, customer numbers increasing as the discounts increased. Music collectors and fans reluctant to buy any new release or any title to complete their collection at full price (nowadays, a new CD can top out at \$20) jumped at the opportunity to clean out the shelves at a steal. Buyers hovered and searched entire sections looking for that one shining crown jewel that made their lifetime.

As a music fan for more than fifteen years, I can't begin to tell you how much Tower helped shape my musical and

style tastes. Unlike FYE and Sam Goody, Tower was the one commercial music chain that had a lot of artists and titles that no other commercial store had. Think of the Port Jefferson Music Den (closed down in 2002), the one underground record store that had everything other stores didn't even come close to carrying. I remember in the summertime, I'd visit the Tower in Massapequa, picking up rare CD singles and imports, as well as other rare, hard-to-find, and ahead-of-release-date CDs.

Being a fan of print media and graphic design, I also bought stacks of magazines. The magazine selection in Huntington was unrivaled, a row at least 60 to 70 feet long of anything and everything you could think of. Industrial (*Industrial Nation*), punk (*Punk Planet*), experimental (*Wire*), graffiti (*Disruptiv*), style (*Mass Appeal*, *Mean*, *Vice*, *YRB*), and art design magazines (*LoDown*—especially *LoDown* because it satisfied my requirement for underground German *pop-kultur*) as well as hardcore 'zines (*Short Fast Loud!*, *Maximum Rock And Roll*, *Under The Volcano*) and other one-off cult issues I happened to be lucky enough to pick up (*Lisa Carver's Rollerderby*). Every month at least \$60 to \$70 of my money went to magazines.

Towards the end of Tower's existence, I didn't pick up as much music because, just like other buyers, I had to stand back from the higher-than-usual prices for releases. Compared to discount chains like Best Buy and other record stores, it wasn't unusual to find a new release with no-frills to be priced at \$19.99, or even \$21.99. DVDs, I noticed, were priced at times to be \$5.00 higher than their competitors'. Maybe some shoppers experienced the same sentiment I did.

Not only that, the forces of Internet piracy and MP3 downloading of current years proved to be too dominant and powerful to be stopped. Consumers rerouted the system right to their own bed-

rooms with no price to pay for their music. These factors, plus the incurred debt that led the chain to bankruptcy in 2004, proved to be too much for Tower.

Without Tower Records, it'll be less convenient for me to pick up whatever artist or movie title I want right away right after work. No more magazines letting me know what's the latest art direction or who is in the spotlight. No more frantically walking around with a huge stack of everything (and more) in my hands, still looking for one more CD. No more back room full of posters, sheet music, jazz, classical, hip-hop, techno, and soul. No more silly *Clerks* memorabilia and *Batman* merchandise. No more Playstation games, no more individuals hanging out in the store wearing goth, backpack indie, or hardcore.

No more random snotty attitude employees who treated customers like nothing on certain days of the week because they felt like it. That was the only problem I had with Tower Records, mostly in Huntington. The cashiers pointed people out with a huff and puff because they were given too much money and had to make change, and they would ring up a transaction without even showing an emotion or saying a word. Some just got that flat out stuck-up act from the female cashiers. Sometimes I even renounced the shop because of its sometimes poor service, but that was not the case in the end, as the attitude did improve.

No more of the place where I had my first date with my now ex-girlfriend Jenny. I will never forget wandering in that Huntington store looking for the next purchase when she walked into the store, greeting me with open arms. We left when a thunderstorm knocked the power out, but we returned after dinner and had a fun time, the first of many for many months to come.

What is now left of the record shop scene on Long Island? Permanent Records (Northport), Cheapo's (Commack), Looney Tunes (West Babylon), Mother's Music (Patchogue), and my new favorite, Record Stop (Ronkonkoma). It used to be that the other and just-as-good stores used to be around. Jimi LaLumia's Record Connection (Ronkonkoma), The Port Jefferson Music Den and its Commack store went out of business due to poor sales. None Of The Above (Centerreach) collapsed just like its owner, who died of a heart attack. Mother's Music in Central Islip was shut down due to illegal bootleg sales, and Eclectic/Common Ground (Whitman) went to the way of the Internet, which is basically where the supposed new goldmine of music acquisition is.

Even though I do most of my music testing at home, I still very much prefer

to go out of town to buy the music with my money to support the artists I like. Even to this day, I'm very happy spending \$200 to \$250 a visit on music (ask Marjorie who owns Permanent Records; she'll tell you I was the one who broke the store record!) just to have the artwork, colours, lyrics, pictures, ink, liner notes, credits, barcode, and the entire CD itself. I'll turn a profit in style points as time goes by, just like people who hoarding vinyl now.

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November was my last visit to Tower Records. 22 CDs and a massive book about Andy Warhol. At that time, prices were 40% off on music, and I decided to go ahead and treat myself. There comes a time you just can't wait and risk a good sale on music before they no longer have stock. The total spent on my last visit to Tower Records was \$200 on music and the Andy Warhol book at \$75 (have you ever carried a book so massive and so heavy?).

I took my bag's worth of music and magazines with me to the trunk of my car, never to return to the Tower Records experience again.

## Final shopping visit at Tower Records, 11/2006:

**HATEBREED** *Supremacy*  
**DEFTONES** *B-Sides And Rarities*  
**BOYSETSFIRE** *The Misery Index:*  
*Note From The Plague Years*  
**LAMB OF GOD** *Ashes Of The Wake*  
**THROWDOWN** *Throwdown*  
**KILL YOUR IDOLS** *From*  
*Companionship To Competition*  
**STEREOLAB** *ABC Music*  
**PRETTY GIRLS MAKE GRAVES** *Elan Vitale*  
**ROOTS MANUVA** *Awfully Deep*  
**A TRIBE CALLED QUEST** *The Low-End Theory*  
**LEONARD COHEN** *Death Of A Ladies' Man*  
**JESU** *Silver*  
**JENNY LEWIS & THE WATSON**  
**TWINS** *Rabbit Fur Coat*  
**STEREOLAB** *Fab Four Suture*  
**BOARDS OF CANADA** *Trans-Canada Highway*  
**LADYTRON** *Light And Magic*  
**KID 606** *Pretty Girls Make Raves*  
**BUZZCOCKS, THE** *Operator's Manual*  
**PUBLIC IMAGE LIMITED** *Greatest Hits So Far*  
**ROY AYERS** *Virgin Ubiquity 2*  
**FLYLEAF** *Flyleaf*  
**VIA** *Punk v. Emo*

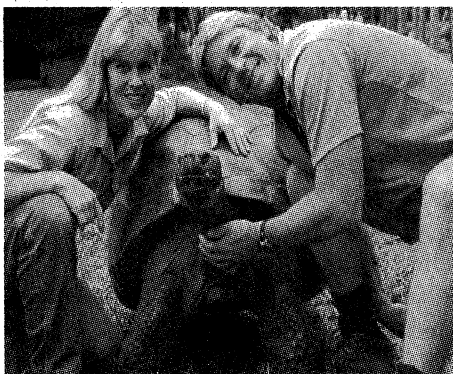
Total cost: ~\$200.00



# PRESS Staffers' TOP 5



Joe Rios



## 1. Steve Irwin "off-ed" by stingray

Crikey! *The Press* was truly shocked to hear that our beloved crocodile hunter was not killed by some horrible crocodile or shark accident, but stabbed in the heart by a stingray. We were all saddened. But the news that followed truly astounded us. In the period after Irwin's death, deranged fans were killing stingrays in revenge. The stingrays got their revenge when one jumped into a fishing boat, stinging and almost killing a man. That will teach them not to fuck with stingrays.



## 2. Sony releases PS3, gets ass handed to it by Nintendo.

In the middle of November, geeks and parents of spoiled children across the nation were lining up outside video game and electronic stores across the nation. What were they waiting for? The long awaited Playstation 3. The launch would have been a smashing success except for a few minor problems: 1. There weren't even close to enough units for the masses of people that wanted them, allowing the extra greedy people of America to sell them to desperate parents for thousands of dollars! 2. The system itself was insanely priced, while the Nintendo Wii sold for half the price! 3. The high demand and cost of the console led to individuals being mugged - occasionally at gunpoint - for the PS3s. 4. The console itself had issues with its reverse compatibility, problems that have only recently been addressed. Way to suck at life, Sony!



## 3. "Hello My name a-Borat!"

Sacha Baron Cohen, the genius who created the character of Ali-G, released the smash hit "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan" in November of 2006. The movie was so hysterical and demented that I do not even possess the words to describe it. So, go see it for yourself!



## 4. UCLA tasers Student

It's amazing that a riot didn't break out at UCLA after a student was tasered by campus security. Thanks to students with camera phones, videos of the student being tasered were on MySpace in no time. Having seen the video of the relentless assault, I believe that if I were there, I'd be the guy throwing the first flaming garbage can!



## 5. Oil tops out at over \$75 a barrel.

Nothing kicks off a beautiful summer day like going to the gas station, and paying \$3.50 per gallon for a 15 gallon tank of gas. I'm not quite sure why the prices for oil, and as a result gas, were so high, but I should probably thank the Republicans for lowering the prices just in time for elections... lot of fucking good it did you!



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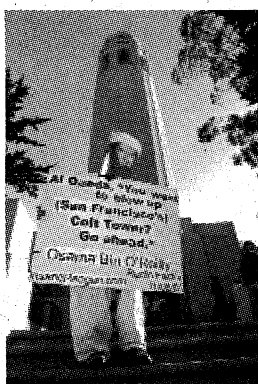


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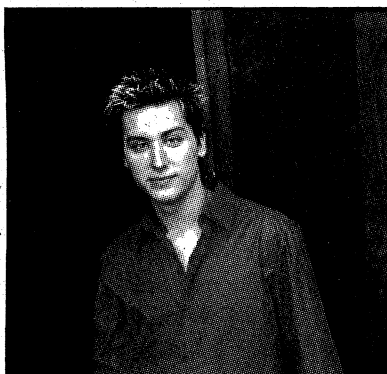
## 1. College Student Mistakes Child Porn CD for Final Project

As *Dateline NBC* has shown us this year, there's nothing more entertaining than catching pedophiles. At the end of the '06, from Connecticut's Bristol Community College, we have 18-year-old Andrew Erickson giving his professor his child porn stash on CD-R instead of his final Computer Science project. I can only imagine what had to go through his mind when he realized what he'd done, but that's the best part. "Oh snap. I am sorry," he wrote in an e-mail to the professor, saying the disc was his friend's music mix. But it was too late, he's facing felony charges. Moral of the story: mislabeled CD-Rs = serious business.



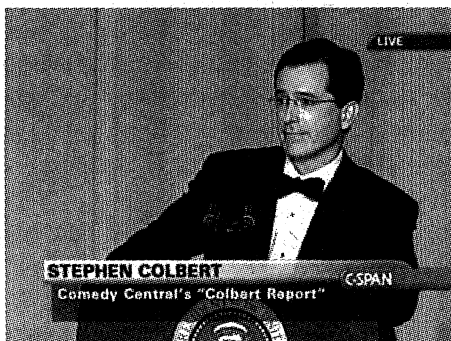
## 2. Bill O'Reilly OKs Terrorist Attack on San Francisco

Yes, everyone knows Fox News commentator and Nassau native Bill O'Reilly likes to troll for reactions. But sometimes he really surpasses expectations. After *The City By The Bay* voted on an initiative to keep military recruiters out of their schools, the culture warrior himself gave the green light for violence. "... if Al Qaeda comes in here and blows you up, we're not going to do anything about it. We're going to say, 'look, every other place in America is off limits to you, except San Francisco.' You want to blow up the Coit Tower? Go ahead." And New Yorkers wonder why America hates us.



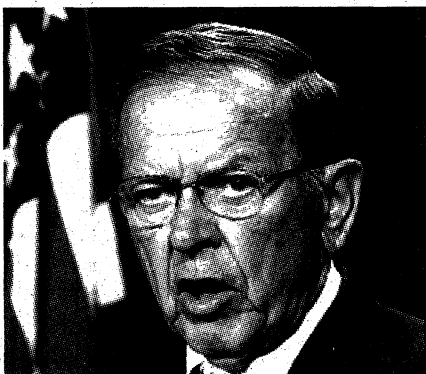
## 3. Lance Bass Is Gay

Aha, I knew it! I knew it all along!



## 4. Colbert at the White House Correspondents' Dinner

You've probably seen the video online; it's really the moment that pushed Colbert's popularity past *The Daily Show* from which he originated. The in-character straight-faced jabs at Bush were just so perfect that I can't help but read the transcript over and over from time to time. The uncomfortable looks on Laura and George's faces, the deadpan audience, it was just brilliant. "This administration is not sinking. This administration is soaring! If anything, they are rearranging the deck chairs on the Hindenburg!"



## 5. Ted Stevens And The Series of Tubes

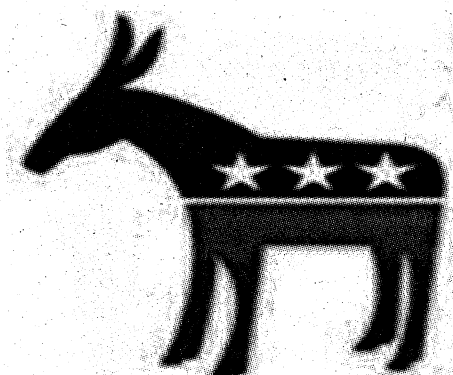
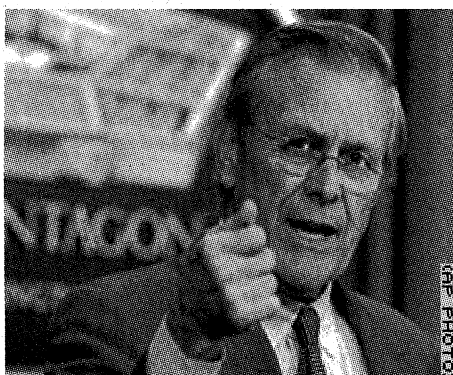
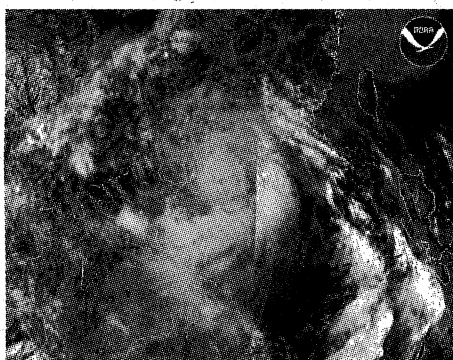
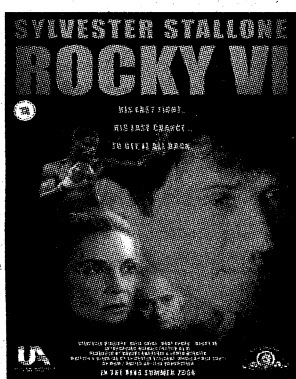
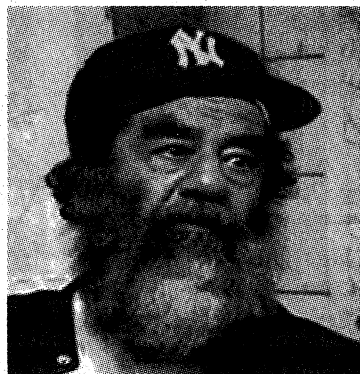
As Dave Barry would say, it sounds like a good name for a band. But this was Alaska's Republican Senator's explanation of how the Internet works, as you probably saw on *The Daily Show*. "What happens to your own personal Internet? [Commercial enterprises] want to deliver vast amounts of information over the Internet. And again, the Internet is not something you just dump something on. It's not a big truck. It's a series of tubes. And if you don't understand those tubes can be filled and if they are filled, when you put your message in, it gets in line and it's going to be delayed by anyone that puts into that tube enormous amounts of material..." I love it.



# PRESS Staffers' TOP 5



*Maddi Schecker*



## 1. Saddam Hussein Hanged in a Television Special

I know, I know, it wasn't supposed to be taped or broadcast, but it was on every major news network at least five times a day for the entire week following the execution. The obvious objection would be to refer back to the infamous Janet Jackson "Titty Incident," and ask why it is that it's okay to see what amounts to a snuff film, but it's not okay to see a titty, and a fake titty at that. But it's not really about boobs and violence, it's just about the violence, and why the hell is it okay to televise an execution? While I'm on the topic, who the hell thought it was okay to have a public execution in the first place? An inhumane execution for crimes against humanity could possibly be called hypocritical; it's at the very least humorous in a morbid ironic way. Hell, might I make a connection between this and the execution of the Romanovs during the Russian Civil War? I'd better not, because that would be calling this a desperate show of power by forces afraid they were about to lose the war.

## 2. Rocky 6 is Finally Released.

Hell, yeah. Oh, hell yeah.

## 3. Four Typhoons Hit the Philippines in Four Months

One of the most devastating natural disasters since . . . last year is largely ignored by mainstream American media. The entire phenomenon clearly needs more study.

## 4. Rumsfeld Resigns

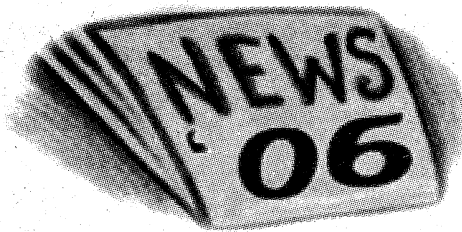
I know, but why is the rum gone?

## 5. Democrats Take Congress

And it's about time, too. Also, the first Muslim is elected to Congress by the same state that elected Jesse "The Body" Ventura. I love the great state of Minnesota. Seriously, I only mentioned that it's the same state because one so rarely gets to mention Jesse "The Body" Ventura anymore. "I ain't got time to bleed!!"



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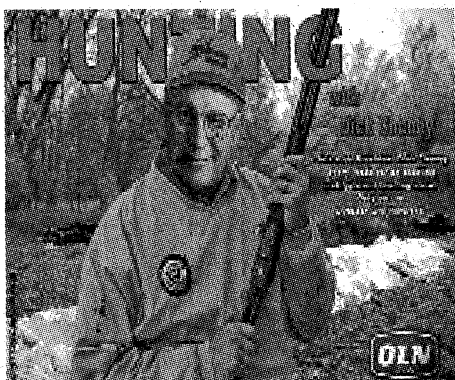


Alex Nagler



1. Gerald Ford dies at the age of 93.

Gerald Ford, dead today. Senselessly eaten by wolves.



2. Vice President Cheney Shoots A Man

The man apologizes for getting in the way of VPotUS' shot, hating America. Irony is killed in the crossfire.



3. Congressman Mark Foley resigns in cyber-sex scandal with pages.

Asks how his favorite young stud is doing, almost misses floor vote due to text message cyber-sex, wants to know if you're horny. Also chairs committee on sexual abuse of minors. Nearly wins reelection.



4. Syd Barrett dies at the age of 60.

Crazy diamond finally stops shining. This had absolutely nothing to do with that one time Bob Geldof shaved his nipple off. Sadly, *The Final Cut* still sucks.



5. Tony Snow named Press Secretary

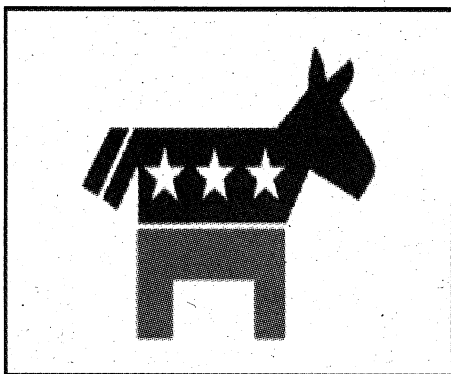
Administration departs from reality by hiring Fox News commentator to serve as White House Press Secretary. Next up: Jack Bauer as Homeland Security Chief. "WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?"



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*Rebecca Kleinhaut*



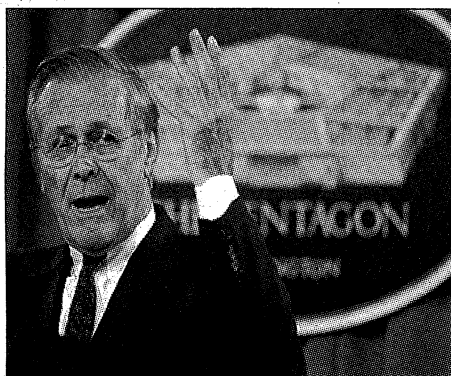
## 1. Democrats Forced to do Something

Remember those guys (and gals) who never clapped during Bush's State of the Union addresses? You might also know them as the people who sat around most of the time and watched the Republicans step on their faces. They now hold the majority of seats in Congress. Let's hope that they act more like the leaders of this country and less like George Bush's pet rocks.



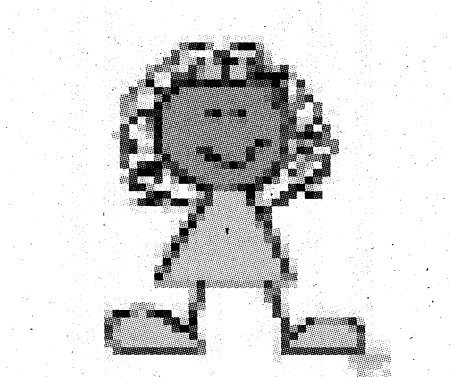
## 2. Illegal Immigration Causes Uproar

During the spring, thousands of people took off from work and took to the streets to support amnesty for illegal immigrants. In a time where so many things seem to make Americans mad, it was nice to see some people actually do something.



## 3. Donald Rumsfeld Resigns

One time, I saw a woman that looked like Donald Rumsfeld. Now that he's retired, he'll have plenty of time to wear pillbox hats and try on jeans at the Gap.



## 4. Danish Cartoons Depict Muhammad

Jyllands-Posten, a Danish newspaper, printed a series of cartoons with images of Muhammad. According to one of the editors, they printed the cartoons as a way to battle censorship of art. The cartoons ranged from simple to extreme; the one that caused the most uproar was a man with a ticking bomb for a turban. While 2006 was full of instances of free press going head-to-head with political correctness, this scandal took home the first prize ribbon because of its incorporation of current world affairs.



## 5. Kim Jong Il: "Rongry" No More

You know that moment when you realize that you made a wrong turn, but instead of backtracking, you decide to just keep going? And then, you eventually reach a roadblock that's really short, but it just happens to wear platform shoes, and it crushes your car? I thought so. Such is life.



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Alex Walsh



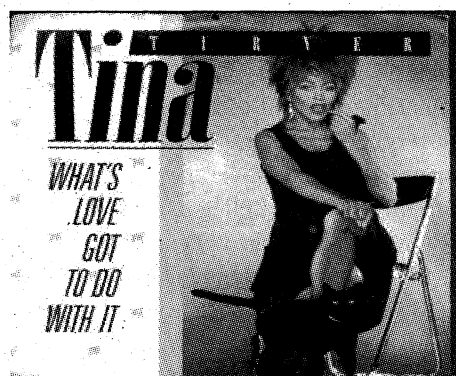
## 1. Keith Ellison Kicks Some Ass

Here's what happened: Minnesota elected Keith Ellison, who became the first Muslim member of Congress. He said he was going to be sworn in on the Qur'an. Then this backward-ass motherfucker Virgil Goode, Representative from Virginia (do I even have to say he's a Republican?), claims that good old Keith's choice of religious text was "a threat to American civilization." Ellison went on Wolf Blitzer's program and totally took the high road. Here's a bit of dialogue... Mr. Blitzer: "Do you think he's a bigot?" Mr. Ellison: "You know what? I don't know the fellow. And, you know, I'd rather just say that he has a lot to learn about Islam. And, you know, we all have a lot to learn. I don't know him. I look forward to meeting him. I'm not afraid of being frank about my views about him, but I simply haven't gotten a chance to get to meet him so I don't want to start any name calling."



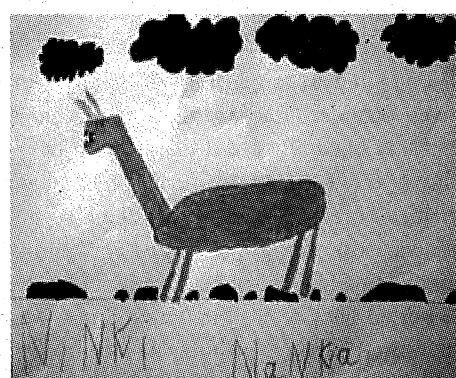
## 2. Steve Irwin Used to Kick Some Ass

Obligatory celebrity death story: Steve Irwin died this year, and it sucked. I thought he was pretty damn awesome. The world is much worse off without old Steve. I may not have learned a damn thing from his show, but he could always make me smile. I learn enough in class. Fuck that shit. I want to smile. Runner up: James Brown. Papa's got a brand new body bag. You'll be missed, James.



## 3. US Congress: "What's Love Got to Do With It?"

This marks the beginning of the section where I've chosen things because of funny lines in them. The debate in question here was about that silly gay marriage ban amendment Dubya's so hot on. My personal favorite part was Rep. Todd Akin (R - Mo.) declaring that "Marriage is not about love." What, then, could it be about? "It's about a love that can bear children." Guess he's just in it for the puussaaaay. On the subject of church and state, Rep. Phil Gingrey (R - Ga.) had the following to say in defense of his anti-gay marriage position: "I think God has spoken very clearly on this issue." One of those crazy liberals challenged him, but our boy Gingrey shut him down with this sick comeback: "I refer the gentleman to the Holy Scriptures."



## 4. Dragon Hunting

The great year of 2006 saw a UK dragon-hunting expedition dispatched to search for the Nigerian creature Ninki-Nanka. According to the BBC, "Team leader Richard Freeman told the BBC, evidence so far was sketchy as most people died soon after seeing it." Who the fuck did they get to join this expedition? "Help wanted: interns for dragon hunting expedition. You'll probably die."



## 5. Norwegian Doomsday Vault

Norway started construction on a facility on the island of Svalbard to store frozen plant seeds to safeguard biodiversity in the event of a global catastrophe. When I saw this, I thought to myself, "Why Norway?" I mean, doomsday vaults are all well and good, but Norway seems like a pretty random place to put it. Then, I read this: "Fenced in and guarded, with steel airlock doors, motion detectors and polar bears roaming outside - the concrete facility will, its backers say, be the most secure building of its type in the world." Polar bears! That's what it is. You want a secure facility, surround it with bears. We've all seen *Lost*, right?



# George Bush Killed Alexander Litvinenko

By Natalie Schultz

Not directly, but he most assuredly is complicit in his death, as is Tony Blair. If you are like most people who get their information from Western media outlets, you are probably of the opinion that Russian President Vladimir Putin had Litvinenko taken out for researching the murder of Russian journalist Anna Politkovskaya. Of course, that is easy to believe considering that the whole truth behind Litvinenko and his mobster cohorts has never been brought to the attention of the average American or British citizen. Why is that? Well, for starters, Litvinenko's cohorts either own large stakes in Western media or the companies that control what information is distributed to our media outlets. The fact is, the situation is so complex and so perverse that very few people other than the Russian victims of these mobsters and the Russian Nationalists who have bravely tossed political correctness to the wind to crack down on these murderers actually know the truth about what is really going on.

Disclaimer: Under normal circumstances I would be writing an in-depth analysis of all the crimes Litvinenko's associates have committed, crimes Putin has cracked down on, and hence, pretty obvious evidence as to why they are trying to frame Putin and the Kremlin for this murder. However, I have a really bad ear infection and I can barely breathe; I've been sick all week, and so, I have all these files on my computer but it's like the info is going in one ear and being trapped in oblivion. I cannot write coherently enough and I'm already past the deadline, so my brain-fart is forcing me to write a pretty weak article. So, all I can say is the information is out there, but it takes a lot of time to sort through all the blatant bias of British and American press reports to get to the truth.

You are probably thinking that I am a Russian Nationalist myself. Well, I am not Russian; in fact I was raised to hate the Russians because ever since Catherine The Great decided to annex my country and destroy the Grand Duchy of Lithuania we have been under a steady barrage of Russification. That being said, although we hated the Russian Empire for destroying our country, that was nothing compared to the total devastation of my people under the Bolsheviks; they not only stole our land but outlawed our religion as well. The destruction of the Russian Monarchy was even worse for us than the destruction of White Ruthenia; at least the Russian Monarchy was willing to fight to save Europe at all costs, whether against the Ottomans, Napoleon or Hitler. My people had to fight against Catholic conversion from the Poles and the destruction of our language and culture by the Russians, but the Russians have had to fight against the

Muslim invasion of the Tatars and Ottomans throughout their history. This fight is at the heart of Russian Nationalism and this must be understood in order to understand Putin's nationalism as well as the problems in Chechnya and the Balkans. Unlike other Christian religions, Eastern Orthodoxy does not try to convert others, but it has had to defend itself against Islam and Communism. Western Europe was spared Muslim invasion throughout history because of Russian and Polish forces defeating the Ottomans on the borders of Western Europe; unfortunately this has led to Western Europeans viewing Eastern Europeans as backwards because Christianity is at the heart of their identity.

Western media makes Putin out to be



some sort of Stalinist dictator, but in reality he has done a lot to protect the innocent Russian citizens who were victims of the mobsters who controlled Russia under former President Yeltsin. Granted, his tactics haven't exactly been to the liking of the West; instead he has opted to take immediate action and end the problems without going through a lengthy court trial. How undemocratic, you may say. Well, considering that these mobsters actually rig the courts and do business with powerful Westerners such as the Bush family, I don't exactly blame Putin for not trusting our version of "democracy." If our media really is so "fair and balanced," they would also be reporting on all the murders in Russia against people in Putin's party. Recent murders include the president of the Russian non-profit National Oil Institute Foundation that works with the government to create small and medium-sized businesses in the oil and gas industry, and a popular mayoral candidate in Putin's "United Russia" Party in the Dalgorsk region. The citizens of Russia were outraged, but we didn't hear about it. Why? Maybe because those who are behind the killings are the ones who control the information that gets out to Western media; I read an article once (sorry, can't remember

where) that complained about the Associated Press deliberately not sending its American subscribers the same information about Russian mob crimes as it sends out to its European subscribers. That explains a lot, since ALL news agencies get their information from AP or Reuters.

Who benefits from Litvinenko's death? For starters, we must look at who exactly Litvinenko was: by the time of his death he was really nothing more than a pawn for Berezovsky and his fellow exiled mafia men; before that he worked in the organized crime division of the FSB (KGB) and was found to have been a traitor. So, after he 'left' the FSB he claimed that he was ordered to take out Berezovsky and later joined him in exile in London. Whether or not he really was ordered to take out

Berezovsky doesn't have much bearing — after all, any sane person knows that Berezovsky is nothing more than a wealthy murderer who Great Britain welcomed with open arms. Once in London, Berezovsky used Litvinenko to smear Putin and the Kremlin by commissioning him to publish his book, *Bombing Russia*, which bombed in its own right. Litvinenko became a liability to Berezovsky since that book and articles he had written made Litvinenko and his mafia comrades seem like lunatics by claiming that Putin is a pedophile who was actually behind the Beslan massacre and al-Qaeda (Litvinenko was a Chechen sympathizer who converted to Islam), and that the Italian Prime Minister is actually a Russian spy. Now, why would Putin want to take him out if no sane person actually took him seriously to begin with? Even if the Kremlin did want to take him out, they most certainly would not be crazy enough to use such a specific radioactive material that could only lead to a terror-related investigation; they'd just pop him one between the eyes.

The key "witnesses" who pin this Polonium 210 poisoning on the Kremlin: Boris Berezovsky, Leonid Nevzlin, Alex Goldfarb and Mario Scaramella. Nevzlin

has been hiding out in Israel ever since Putin disbanded the Yukos Oil monopoly; Israel refuses to extradite him on charges of murdering at least ten Russian civilians. Goldfarb is the notorious American lawyer who manages to spin everything in favor of the "Oligarchs," and Scaramella is an Italian who uses his 'environmental' agency as an unconvincing front to gain access to various biological and nuclear weapons. Berezovsky was one of seven key "Oligarchs" during Yeltsin's Presidency, during which time he managed to defraud Russia almost to the point of total bankruptcy through various money-laundering schemes. On July 8, 2000 President Putin declared that he would eradicate these "shady groups" that launder money and prevent a liberal market economy and take the law into their own hands. Berezovsky was arrested in London in 2003, but he was later given political asylum and eventually British citizenship, and he changed his name to Platon Yelenin (spelling varies). In 1996, James W. Michaels, editor of *Forbes* magazine, stated, "Berezovsky stands tall as one of the most powerful men in Russia. Behind him lies a trail of corpses, uncollectible debts and competitors terrified for their lives.... In Moscow, asking questions about Berezovsky was like being back there in pre-Gorbachev days. At the very mention of Berezovsky's name, people would look around furtively, lower their voices and try to change the subject. Russians have good reason to be afraid of Berezovsky and people like him: Emulating the old communist bosses, the new crime bosses use KGB-trained assassins and enforcers. In the prevalence of brutality and extralegal power grabs, Russia hasn't finished paying the price for those 70 years of communism."

Berezovsky has been trying to topple the Russian government from the get-go, first taking advantage of Yeltsin's poor health to gain political power in Russia, and, ever since he fled to England, he has been trying to topple Putin's government from outside. Earlier this year, he came out and blatantly stated his plans to overthrow the Kremlin, so Jack Straw, then British Foreign Secretary, warned him that he was still on Interpol's most-wanted list and that he had better watch out or he'd be deported back to Russia. Jack Straw was then fired from his position — no surprise, considering that Tony Blair and George W. Bush seem to love these "Oligarchs." Bush's brother Neil has been in business with Berezovsky for some time; they met this past September in Latvia, a meeting that went un-reported over here, but was seen as highly suspicious by those in the know. The Bank of New York was involved in a major money-laundering scheme with the Russian Mob in the late 1990s that managed to wipe out the sav-

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# George Bush (continued)

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ings of millions of innocent Russians in order to increase the wealth of a few powerful American and Russian "businessmen" (and probably a handful of politicians as well). So, why does the Western media give in so easily to accusations by these criminals against Putin? Our media cheered on the US government for going after the Enron crooks, so why, when Putin did the same in Russia, did our media make him out to be the criminal? His hands may not be totally clean, but can you honestly say that Bush and Cheney and Halliburton are cleaner than him?

If the War in Iraq has caused you to question our government, then there is no reason you should take these blatant anti-Russia attacks at face value either. Throughout the 1990s Western media has labeled these murderous mobsters as nothing more than billionaire "businessmen" or "brash young capitalists" whom the Kremlin has undemocratically ousted from power. Only one, that's right, ONE, American media outlet was brave enough to report the truth about the brutal murders, rapes, human smuggling, money laundering, and rampant theft of money from innocent Russian civilians by these so-called Oligarchs whom Putin ousted. That media outlet was Forbes, the financial powerhouse that realized that, in the long run, all the money that the American politicians and Wall Street and the banking industry gained from supporting Russian organized crime would not be worth it. Forbes knew that, as long as the "Gang of Seven" controlled Russia, she would be unstable and eventually collapse. Unfortunately, because of his reporting the

truth about Berezovsky and others, Forbes journalist Paul Klebnikov was murdered in 2004 in Moscow. In response, a friend of his said, "Experienced expatriates from Russia shared an essential rule: Don't cross these brutal billionaires, ever, or you're likely to go home in a box." Two Chechens linked to Russian organized crime were arrested, but the trial was completely rigged, and, this November 9th, the Supreme Court ordered a re-trial.

*Unlike other Christian religions, Eastern Orthodoxy does not try to convert others, but it has had to defend itself against Islam and Communism*

Every single Russian exile who has come out as a witness to this poisoning and blamed the Kremlin is on Interpol's most-wanted "Red List," and every single one of them has ties to Israel; either they are living there in exile, as Israel refuses to extradite known criminals, or, in the case of Berezovsky, he is an Israeli citizen living freely in London because Great Britain refuses to extradite anyone if Israel asks it not to do so. It is a well-known fact that Russian organized crime is directly linked to Israel. Why? Because Israel knows that Russia has enough power on its own to prevent Israel's dream of a One World Government; Israel almost succeeded by taking advantage of Yeltsin's illness to put the "Gang of Seven" in power. Luckily for the rest of the world, Yeltsin was smart enough to appoint Putin as his successor, knowing that his sense of nationalism

would destroy their New World Order agenda. Putin is not crazy; he knows that our concept of "democracy" has virtually annihilated Western Europe and has caused the United States and Britain to go to war with Iraq and threaten every other nation on the planet, and he knows that the only way to stop the NWO from taking over Russia as well is to take a no-holds-barred approach in ousting the Neo-Bolshevik mobsters.

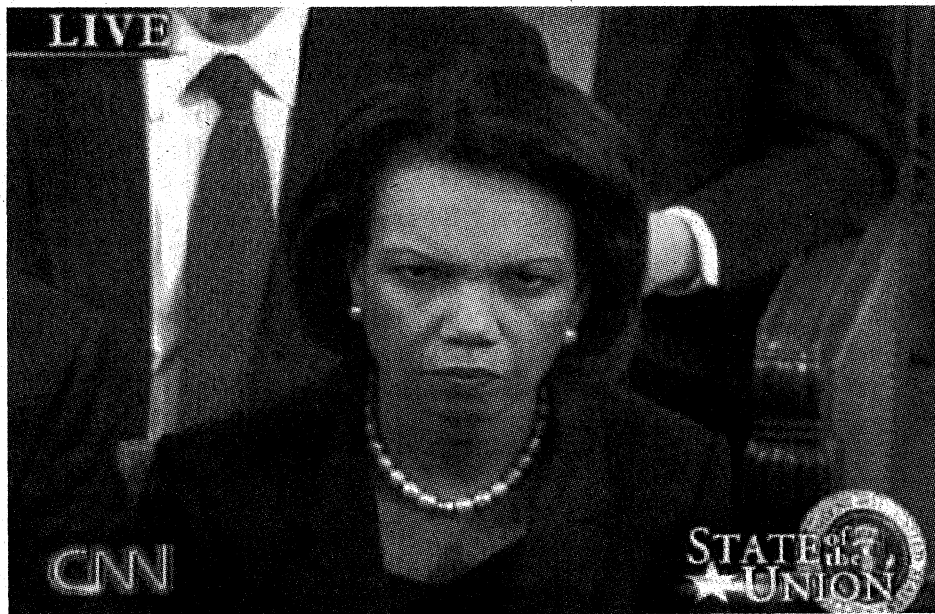
It doesn't matter what you call them: Neo-Cons in the USA, Zionists in Israel and elsewhere, Illuminati, Russian Oligarchs or the Social-Democrats and Christian-Democrats in Europe, they are all the same: a handful of powerful Synarchists willing to destroy the people who elected them in order to advance their mysterious global domination. Putin realizes this, and that is why he has taken a stance of 'it's either us or them' and, in turn, has decided to support the only regimes that will have nothing of the New World Order; so he has sold arms to Iran and refuses to OK sanctions against our other enemies. Does Putin actually like the Islamic regimes? No; like I said, he is an old-school Orthodox Christian, and Islam has always been our arch-nemesis. The unfortunate truth is that if Russia doesn't support the weak regimes whom the Western World has promised to annihilate, once the Arab world is gone, Russia will be next on the hitlist. Sometimes you have to make a deal with the devil to save yourself from hell.

Trying to find out the "truth" is nearly impossible, but there are a few decent websites that aren't completely biased. If you google any of these names, only pro-Berezovsky information pops up, but if

you type in "Russian mob" before or after, more interesting information appears. A few good sites are the American Russian Law Institute ([www.russianlaw.org](http://www.russianlaw.org)) and the Centre for Russian Studies Database ([www.nupi.no/russland/database/start.htm](http://www.nupi.no/russland/database/start.htm), a Norwegian site in English that gives a chronology of events with no biased analysis either way). A really great website with an honest, geopolitical-economic perspective that covers everything the media and politicians don't want you to know about is Sanders Research Associates (non-profit think-tank, but you must subscribe to read most of the articles) at ([www.sandersresearch.com](http://www.sandersresearch.com)).

It's time to wake up! The world has become too dangerous for us 'laypeople' to just accept what we are told at face value. If Fox News 'analysts' can seriously sit there and say with a straight face that Putin is the new Stalin, then there is definitely something wrong. Only one person during that debate was willing to state the obvious: Stalin murdered between 20-60 million people; it is utter blasphemy to equate Putin with him. Mark Levin, the most annoying talk radio personality (in my opinion), just the other day went off against Putin and the UN because they are preventing us from taking out Iran and Syria! If the majority of Americans are really against the war in Iraq, then they have to realize that these accusations against Russia are just another smoke-screen to distract us from realizing who the real criminals are: the governments of the United States, Great Britain, and Israel. We harbor these criminals, allow them to deal in "weapons of mass destruction," and simultaneously claim that we are righteously fighting a "War on Terror."

## No Hybrids without Representation



"The product of evil interspecies mating experiments"

By Alex H. Nagler

My fellow Americans, the State of our Union is full of wood chips, grasses, and agri-

cultural waste. Yes, it's my favorite time of the non-election season. It's the State of the Union address, or, as the Constitution calls it, "He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the

union...." This annual media Mongolian Clusterfuck has evolved from a simple letter written by the President to be read by a page to an hour-long event that pundits declare successful based on how often the Congress stands up and claps.

This year's State of the Union started off differently than any other, ever. This is because the first two words of the formal address were "Madame Speaker," signifying the power of the new Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. For the first time since 2002, President Bush faced off against a Congress that wasn't under Republican control. There were fewer prolonged standing ovations for this speech, with the President interrupted for a mere 14 minutes. This is a significant downturn from his career high of 18 minutes.

This was also matched with a significant decrease in grandiose promises. Gone were the mission to Mars and the hydrogen fuel cells. Instead, we were greeted with troop increases and the mildly frightening prospect of an increase in the size of the standing army. Iran and Syria were shoved into the

spotlight as the President talked of democratizing the Middle East. Iraq was on the front burner as President Bush reinforced the need to stay the course, achieve the mission, and somehow single-handedly blame the Shia sect of Islam for the troubles of the entire Middle East.

Among the more comical points of this year's speech was the call for general bipartisanship, a first for President Bush's speeches and a recurring theme since the 2006 midterm elections. You know that a speech is not well-received when even Fox News calls it "flat." All in all, I was thoroughly unimpressed by this speech. However, the images of a death glare from Condi Rice and a poker-faced Hillary Clinton made the entire speech worth it. Oh, and "Son of the Congo." What the hell was Bush thinking calling Dikembe Mutombo, a 7'2" center for the Houston Rockets, a "Son of the Congo?" Now that was funny.

*Alex Nagler is Madame Speaker! The President of the United States!*



# Pat Robertson Was Right All Along; Northern Liberal Elite Unfolds Plan to Put Christian into Concentration Camps

By Joey Safdia

With the exception of far right Republicans and extremist Christians, most of America brushed off evangelical leader and 700 Club founder Pat Robertson when he stated in a 1993 interview with Molly Ivans, "Just like what Nazi Germany did to the Jews, so liberal America is now doing to the evangelical Christians. It's no different. It is the same thing. It is happening all over again. It is the Democratic Congress, the liberal-based media, and the homosexuals who want to destroy the Christians. Wholesale abuse and discrimination and the worst bigotry directed toward any group in America today. More terrible than anything suffered by any minority in history." Most Americans, most notably liberal Democrats, scoffed at Robertson's seemingly paranoid remarks, countering that no U.S. domestic policy in history (with the exception of slavery and the Japanese-American internment camps) has ever born any resemblance to those of Adolf Hitler. In fact, many have complained that America is too politically and socially influenced by the Christian faith. However, recent events have proven the former Republican presidential candidate correct. With the rise of the Democratic Congress, America is doing to evangelicals just what Nazi Germany did to the Jews—and then some.

On January 4th, 2007, Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was sworn in as the first female Speaker of the House of Representatives. Right away, her crusade against Christian morality began when, in a sudden display of sexual promiscuity, she allowed children to come up and "touch her gavel" on national television. Once she and the children were done banging and gavel-touching, she revealed to a shocked public that the Democratic Party has been secretly ordering the Supreme Court to rule against conservatives in homosexuality-related free speech cases, such as those that arise when teachers and professors are fired from public institutions for harboring anti-gay attitudes. Having eroded free speech for conservative Christians, she and her co-conspirators—which have been confirmed to include the Democratic Party, everyone on the left of the political spectrum, libertarians, the pro-choice movement, the homosexual community, the media, every Muslim and/or Arab in the mainland United States, Mexican immigrants, and key members of Al Qaeda—marked that day as the beginning of "partnership," not "partisanship," and the end

of the Christian faith and its followers.

"Today marks the rise of the Democratic Congress, which will from today forward be known as the Fourth Reich," announced Pelosi, her eyes red with the fires of Hell. "I hereby declare myself the sole ruler of the United Non-Christian States of a Non-Christian America! I would love to see that heretic Bush stop me now!"

Cackling with evil glee, Pelosi unveiled a bold new plan to put all Christians, regardless of denomination, into concentration camps. The details, which have been in the works since the early 1990s,

say, despite not having any figures to back it up, that approximately 120% of all mosques in America are run by extremists. I'm sure the President would agree that it's a good idea had Pelosi not just stripped him of his power."

Representative Jack Murtha (D-PA) then disclosed to the liberal media (which will, starting tomorrow, be delivering non-stop leftist propaganda in order to advance the interests of the infallible Speaker Pelosi) the exact details of the camps' setups.

Each congressional district will have a camp adjacent to the district's largest pub-

camp," according to Murtha.

In an effort to make the concentration camps more "fabulous," the LGBTA has sent representatives who will be overseeing certain functions of the camps, such as interior decorating and uniform design. The arrangement of furniture in cells will be determined by feng shui; prison uniforms will consist of tight pants, open-chested shirts, and pink scarves, and all interior hallways will be painted bright pink. In addition, "It's Raining Men," by the Weather Girls, will be played in all cafeterias during mealtimes. LGBTA representatives will also make sure that the concentration camps advance the homosexual agenda, though the organization is still unsure as to what the homosexual agenda is and has resolved to find the answer out from Christian internees, many of whom have been speaking about the dangers of the homosexual agenda for years. It has also pressed the new Democratic Congress to pass an amendment to the Constitution limiting marriage to either two men, two women, or one human and one dog.

Keith Ellison (D-MN) spoke of big plans for his camp. "As the first Muslim elected to Congress, I feel it's my duty to show the Christians that Islam is the anti-American, woman-hating, terrorist death cult that they've been saying it is. That is why I will be initiating a program in which one internee will be chosen at random to strap himself with bombs and detonate himself or herself in the middle of a crowd of fellow prisoners. After all, nothing makes you feel closer to Allah than blowing the limbs off your family, friends, and a bunch of other random people."

"I truly believe that this will prove to naysayers that Allah is not the same as the Christian God, despite the fact that 'Allah' is the Arabic word for 'God'," added Ellison. "After all, would Allah ever say something as peaceful, loving, forgiving, tolerant, or compatible with civilized democratic society as, 'And if a man sell his daughter to be a maidservant, she shall not go out as the menservants do' (Exodus 21:7)? No, of course not. Nor would the deity of an evil death cult out to destroy civilizations ever go on record saying that those who work on the Sabbath shall be put to death, as God did in Exodus 35:2."

Fuhrer Pelosi also took time during after her speech to talk about the future of education. She said that, while public school programs would not inherently be changing, current programs will be pushed into overdrive.



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"Her Greatness's First Satanic Sex Orgy" courtesy of The Northern Liberal Elite.

have been finalized in bipartisan talks between the Democratic Party's Pelosi and the Nazi Party's resurrected corpse of Hitler. Concentration camps have already been up and running in designated towns for six months and have met with startling operational success.

The Fourth Reich plans to have all Christians in camps by the end of the month. They will all be exterminated by early 2010.

"And thus, the 'Final Solution' to the 'Christian Problem' will have been carried out," said Pelosi, moments before kicking a baby. House Democrats applauded the kicking of the baby.

Congress was divided on the issue, with Democrats unanimously being in favor of the idea and Republicans being jealous of not thinking of using concentration camps first.

"If I had known that was even an option, I would have proposed putting gays and Muslims into camps a long time ago—especially Muslims," said Representative Peter King (R-NY), moments before he was dragged out by armed guards to be placed in the Smithsonian Concentration Camp, formerly the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. "After all, I can safely

lic elementary school. A Democratic Congressman or, if necessary, a liberal/socialist state lawmaker will oversee the camps. A 50-foot concrete wall will separate the interned Christian prisoners from the school's students and faculty, with many involved in the initial planning phases referring to it as the "Jeffersonian Wall." The prisoners will spend the rest of their natural lives performing backbreaking physical labor while being degraded, humiliated, starved, beaten, tortured, raped, and killed on a daily basis.

"At this time, there is no set system for determining which prisoners will be beaten, which prisoners will be raped, which ones will be shot, or which ones will simply be left alone," said Murtha. "At this point, we will probably leave it up to the guards."

Murtha also told reporters, just before having the Christian reporters taken away to the Smithsonian camp, that the most hardcore, gung-ho, insane, muscle-bound, non-Christian marines will be chosen to be reassigned as prison guards, regardless of their actual training or qualifications. "Anyone who just wants to shoot someone else without consequences is almost guaranteed to be a guard in one of these

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Conservative Christians and Republicans in general, including those who are not members of Congress, openly resisted the Fourth Reich's concentration camps. As members of the United Non-Christian States of a Non-Christian America Marine Corps (UNCSCAMC) break into the homes of Christians and drag out family members at gunpoint to be placed in these camps, influential Southern Republicans have called on citi-

“Oh man, I can’t believe what I said really came true. I mean, I was just bull-shitting when I said it,” a stunned Robertson told the world. “I mean, come on. It sounded pretty ridiculous at the time. I’ve said in the past that the feminist movement tells women to kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism, and become lesbians. I’ve told people that Planned Parenthood teaches children to have sex with animals. I’ve called for the ‘godly fumigation’ of all non-Christians. I can’t believe anybody ever took me seriously. I’m doubly shocked that one of my nonsensical, psychotic ramblings ever proved true. I mean, really though, in 1993, and even until 2006, it was a pretty outlandish thing to say.”

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# Life On Mars?

By Larry Lamb

Reading the title of this article may lead one to believe that I belong to an Internet conspiracy forum. However these are not some zany ideas from an overweight Linux user who has nothing better to do than develop asinine "theories" on a Saturday night while his fellow *Homo sapiens* are copulating.

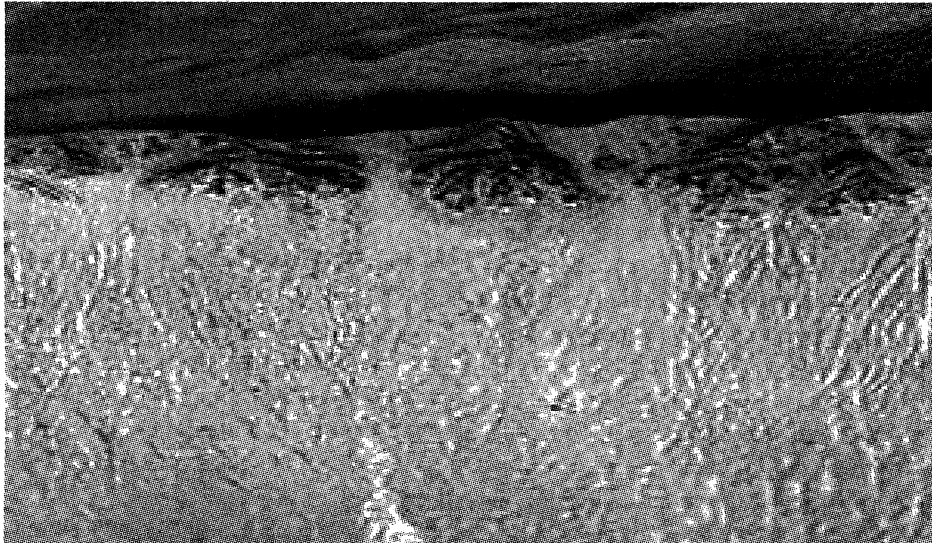
Well to start things off, there may be life on Mars. To be clear, I am not talking about intelligent life or even multicellular life. But there is news to report. There is strong evidence to suggest that there may be life or was life on Mars. After the Viking landings on Mars were unable to find any microbes on the surface, it seemed that the general public gave up any hope of finding any life.

However, over the past few years there has been a renewed interest in the possibility of finding life on Mars. The most exciting discovery in the past few years was when fossilized microbes were found in a Mars meteorite. However these fossilized microbes turned out to be rock formations; when the gold coating was removed from samples of the meteorites, microbes that where once round and cell-like became more rigid and rock-like. Yet again, one more nail in the coffin in the search for life on Mars.

But it seems scientists have not given up yet, as they are looking in new directions. Water is essential for life; no water, no life. So, using this fact that water is essential for life, scientists have started looking for evidence of active water channels on Mars. In the early 2000's, small channels were found below the surface of Mars. These channels believed to be formed by the movement of water. But in 2006 another bump was encountered - these channels were found to be made by micro-meteorites.

But there is a new light shining on this story. This light was revealed this past December. NASA discovered evidence of occasional water flow on Mars. The images showed changes in sediment deposits and change in the geometry of the sediment channels. The images NASA studied did not show direct water flow, but nonetheless, this is strong evidence in support of active water channels up to several years ago on our little red friend Mars.

There is skepticism, which is essential for good science. The skepticism lies in that sand being blown around can create the illusion of water flow. Whether it is water or sand that created these movements in sediment, we can not ignore the evidence. And therein lies the beauty of science, pressing on in the search for evidence and lack of evidence to support or disprove a new discovery.



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Unlike in their anti-censorship statement Lollapalooza '93, Rage will probably wear clothes at Coachella.

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## Music News & Reviews by Steve McLinden

### Rage Against The Machine is comin' back around again

Rage Against The Machine will be reuniting for the first time in 8 years – but it's for one show only. The politically-charged rap-rock group broke up in 2000 after disputes between frontman Zach de la Rocha and his bandmates, the rest of whom formed Audioslave with Chris Cornell. All the while, left-leaning RATM fans have been without the rallying rhymes of de la Rocha for the entirety of this Bush administration. But on April 29th, Rage is getting back together to play at Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in what is, to the disappointment of East Coast fans, expected to get the group back on stage just this once.

The Southern California Deserts Music Marathon has showcased alternative and indie rock as well as hip-hop and electronica artists since 1999. Scottish noise-pop band The Jesus and Mary Chain will also be getting back together for Coachella, bringing their influential guitar feedback-drenched Wall of Sound. Brothers Jim and William Reid have put aside their differences, having split after Jim walked off stage during a performance in '98. Other well-known acts of the \$250 three-day weekend will include (amongst about 100 other performers) Red Hot Chili Peppers, Bjork, Ghostface Killah, and Willie Nelson.

### RIAA Using FBI to Crack Down on Mixtapes

In case you didn't have enough reasons to

hate the RIAA already, they've brought in the big guns, literally, when they spurred an FBI raid of an Atlanta recording studio – all because of mixtapes. DJ Drama (real name: Tyree Simmons), well-known for producing the *Gangsta Grillz* mixtape series, was arrested at his studio on January 19th and has been charged with reproducing copyrighted materials. FBI spokespersons attempted to justify the raid – in which Simmons, colleagues, and friends were ordered to get on the ground while agents pointed rifles – explaining that there are often drugs in situations like these, but none were found and no drug charges were brought forth.

Mixtapes are generally a legal gray area, though it appears the RIAA is getting aggressive against them as a new policy. In the hip-hop community, mixtapes have a sort of salutary neglect by labels under contracts with rappers, because appearances will often build up hype and name recognition with no promotional spending. Since 2004, over forty volumes of *Gangsta Grillz* have been released, featuring top rappers from New Orleans' Lil Wayne to New York's own Jim Jones. DJ Drama has also been closely affiliated with T.I. and his Grand Hustle Records, and is expected to make his own major label debut this spring. Drama's stock of mixtapes waiting to be sold is expected to be destroying.

### Of Montreal: *Hissing Fauna, Are You the Destroyer?*

And now for something completely different from Georgia: the colorfully weird Athens-based Of Montreal, recently released a new album. *Hissing Fauna, Are You the Destroyer?* came out on Polyvinyl Records

on January 23rd. Out of the bands to come from the Elephant Six Collective, a loose-knit group of indie-pop bands focused around a '60s psychedelia/pop revival, Of Montreal has become one of the most popular – if you count the Outback Steakhouse jingle based on one of their melodies, they've probably got more airplay than the rest combined.

On *Hissing Fauna*, which lead singer Kevin Barnes has called a concept album, we see the transformation from Barnes to, um, someone named Georgie Fruit, one of the album's many throwbacks to the opiate era of glam rock. The goofy and surrealist style typical to Of Montreal becomes secondary to near-menacing despair on tracks like the epic "The Past Is A Grotesque Animal," which clocks in at twelve minutes. The most apt comparison I can come up with for it is not musical, but cinematic: you know when Judge Doom melts the cartoon shoe in his chemical dip in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* It's like that. And in a very noticeable shift in style, the soft sounds associated with Elephant Six reminiscent of the likes of The Byrds go out the window with *Hissing Fauna's* synths, which hold on to the poppy feeling, but manage to invoke the feeling of a manic anxiety attack on "Heimdalsgate Like a Promethean Curse" and bring out a steady reggae-like beat in other parts of the album. As the troubles lurking in darker corners of Barnes' brain come seeping out at you, *Hissing Fauna* on the first listen-through can be appreciated, in spite of its really uncomfortable vibe. But after a second and third experience, I found it grew on me – or rather, I grew on it – and expect to go back for more.

### The Shins: *Wincing the Night Away*

Meanwhile, indie darlings The Shins released their new album, *Wincing the Night Away*, on January 23rd as well. After rising to popularity for their appearance in 2004 film *Garden State*, the Albuquerque band had been both lauded and criticized for a comfortably familiar Beach Boys-esque sound. In line with a growing trend amongst independent labels, Sub Pop is offering the vinyl for sale on its websites with free download of the album in MP3 format, for those of us who just can't choose between the technology of yesterday and of today.

With *Wincing*, The Shins' first album since 2003, they open up and explore a little more, with some synth samplings, some less-than-happy themes, and a more varied use of the guitars. Fans of the old upbeat *Chutes Too Narrow* sound will likely enjoy "Australia", while those seeking more adventure will find it in tracks like "A Comet Appears". Though the attempt at a progressive-indie-pop sound sometimes comes across as trying too hard or too forced, it's a solid foot forward and shows that they're not afraid – well, maybe a little afraid – of moving into new creative directions.

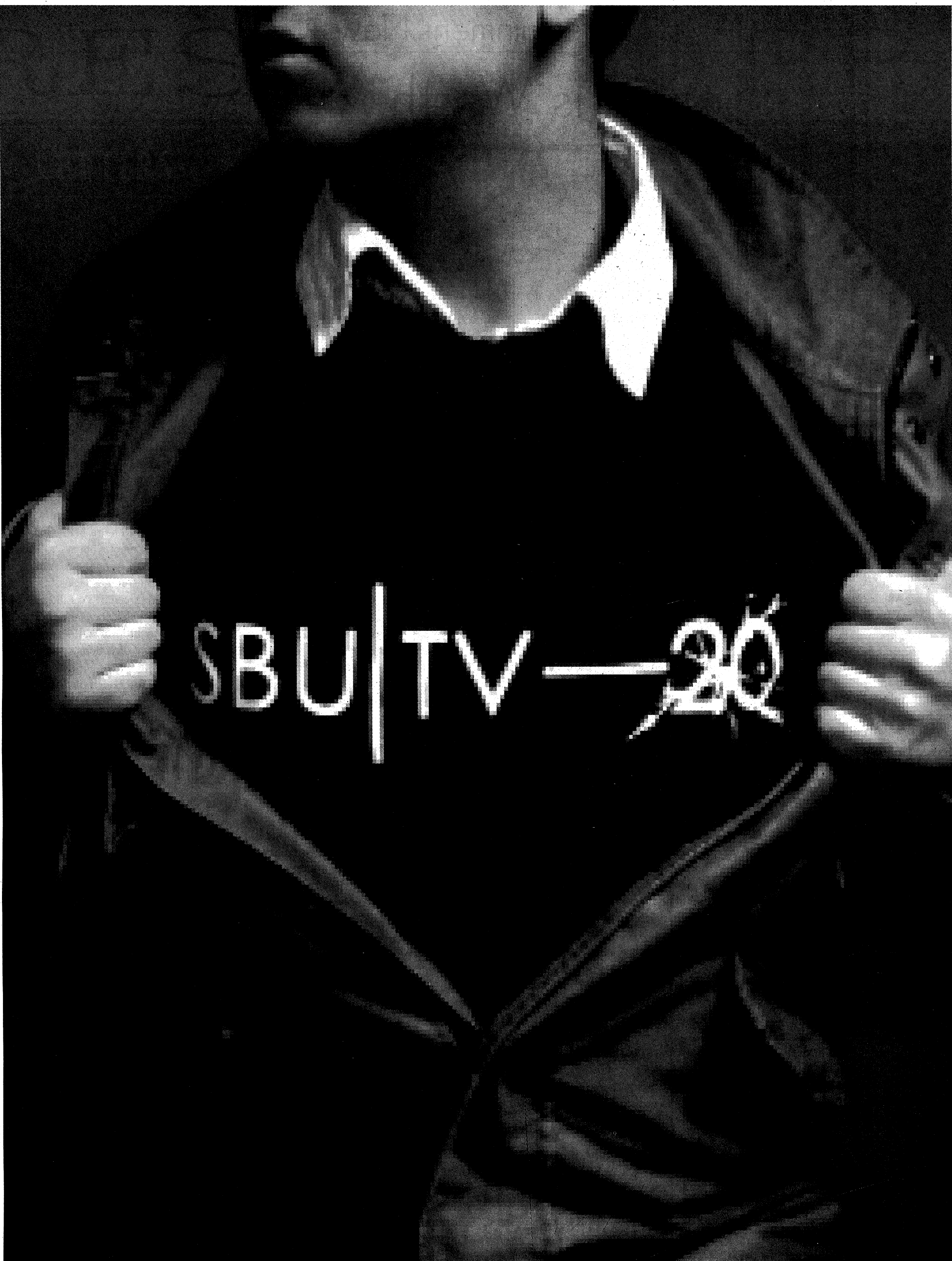
### Right Now, Van Halen is Planning a World Tour

Yes, the most successful hard rock band of the '80s is getting back together, again, with another lineup change for a 40-amphitheater summer tour which will most likely include Jones Beach. Sammy Hagar is out, and David Lee Roth is in again. The Van Halen brothers, guitarist Eddie and drummer Alex, will remain as always, but a third member of the family will join them on stage: Eddie's fifteen-year-old son Wolfgang (who has no performing experience) is the new bassist. Michael Anthony, who had been the band's bassist since its inception in 1974, hasn't spoken with Eddie in several years and will not take part in the tour. Anthony is expected to be present when the band is officially honored by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but likely won't perform with VH for the induction in Cleveland later this year. And remember, Van Halentine's Day is coming up on February 14th.

### Liner Notes:

Rumors are swirling of a reunion tour for The Police this year to commemorate their 30th anniversary. Capitol Records and Virgin Records will be merged under their conglomerate parent, EMI Group. Oh, and Justin Timberlake put his dick in a box. I hate music critics, so I hope this doesn't make me one.









## Cinderella's Night Out

By Jon Plaisted

Cinderella and I took  
dance lessons every Monday  
night before the big pumpkin  
carriage came and whisked  
us away to a grand ball of  
strangers  
on Saturday-and we beamed.

Cinderella made me wild  
and assuming and she winked  
at a man I did not know.  
She searches for the eyes of ones  
she does not know, but Cinderella  
(may I call her "Cindy")

can dip and disco, rumba  
and tango and when she  
showed me the steps I just  
laughed for Cindy can thrill  
too, and so did I, so we swung  
to the beams of our laughter.

and hopped and bumped  
and moved together, Cindy  
and me, (and I?) stepped on her  
little toes and didn't apologize.  
I knocked over a glass of cham-  
pagne  
and didn't flinch or turn around

as we knocked some people  
around and it felt good. We  
were wild dancing to the sound  
of our own music in a hall  
full of strangers, wildly  
spinning to the beam of life

where only Cindy was my friend,  
and I laughed and she smiled  
and she winked at a man I didn't  
know. No, Cindy--rella and I  
danced and we laughed  
and they laughed  
and everyone danced.

## Last Call

By Jon Plaisted

She is able to walk  
this fact I will defend  
for I have seen her do it  
time and time again.

I see her, I falter  
tripping on my pride  
chasing clumsy intentions  
she turns quickly, I hide.

Carefully guarding my feelings  
wishing only to share  
I clasp the idea dearly  
that she may really care.

Unable to cope, afraid, exhausted,  
I have so much to say..  
I choke on a cigarette  
as she walks away.

Yes, she is able to walk  
this fact I'll defend  
for I have seen her do it  
time and time again.

## Dear Jack Kerouac

In the fast lane  
with thy soul a flaming  
and with thy lips  
thy truth proclaiming,

On the Road is what  
thou is saying when  
the madness sends  
thee on thy waying.

You'll speaketh worlds  
from deep inside  
and groove to jazz  
with poet's pride

jotting words  
upon the page  
and smoking tea  
to calm thy rage.

You mambo  
in the whorehouse bar  
then drive to town  
in a stolen car.

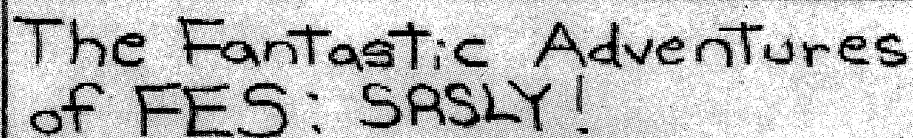
Thumbing west or  
south or east  
life's marrow  
each day you feast.

To Jack  
I put you one request  
to give thy life  
to a simple test:

Did you find that  
which you sought?  
Or's death at 47 all  
thou got?

Another poem by JP





Good evening, tonight  
FES News brings  
you a very serious  
story...



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Emote rape  
happens...

D: D: <sup>My</sup> e-hyenn!  
Noooo!

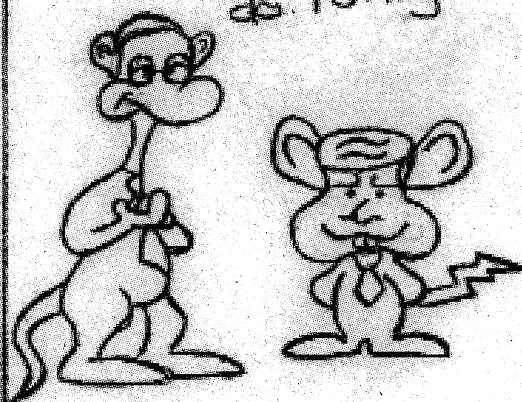
So please  
remember to spay  
or neuter your  
emotes. rofl!



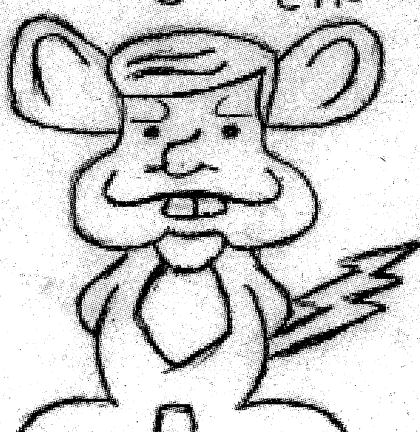
# The Fantastic Adventures of FES: OF Mice and Meen

By: John  
O'Dell

Gee Bush,  
whadda ya wanna  
do tonight?



The same thing we  
do every night  
Cheney



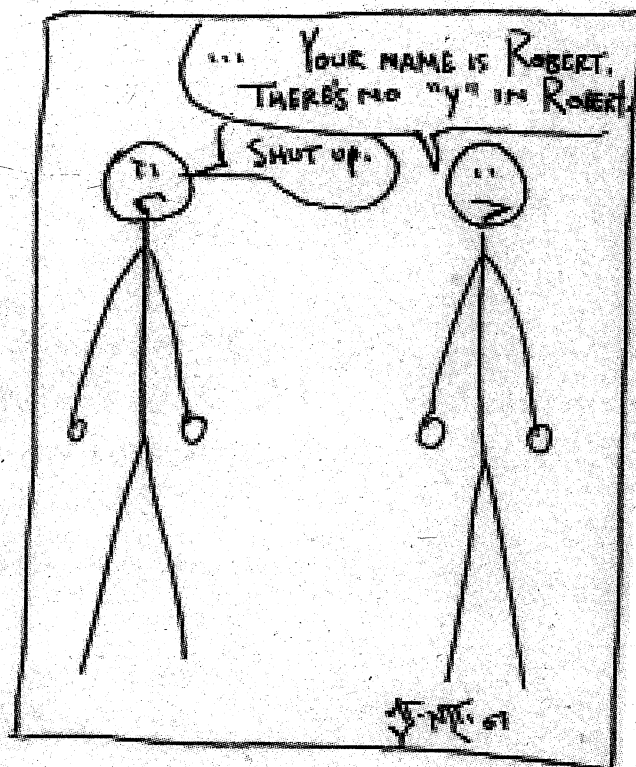
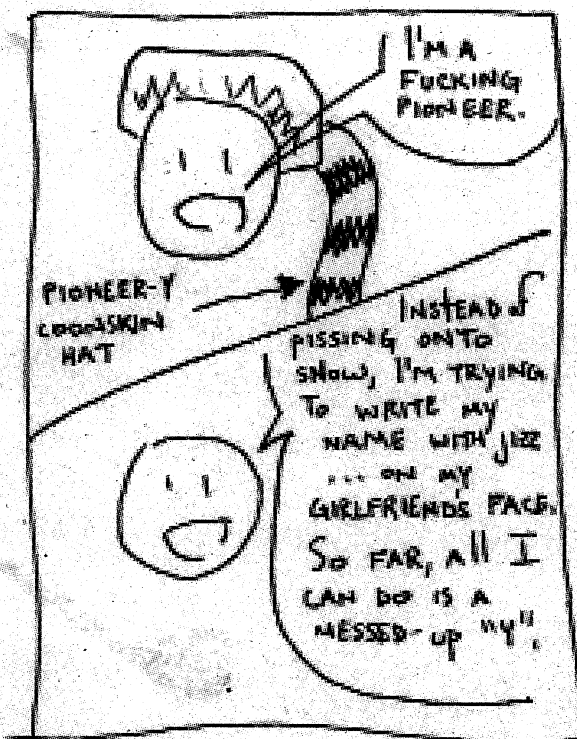
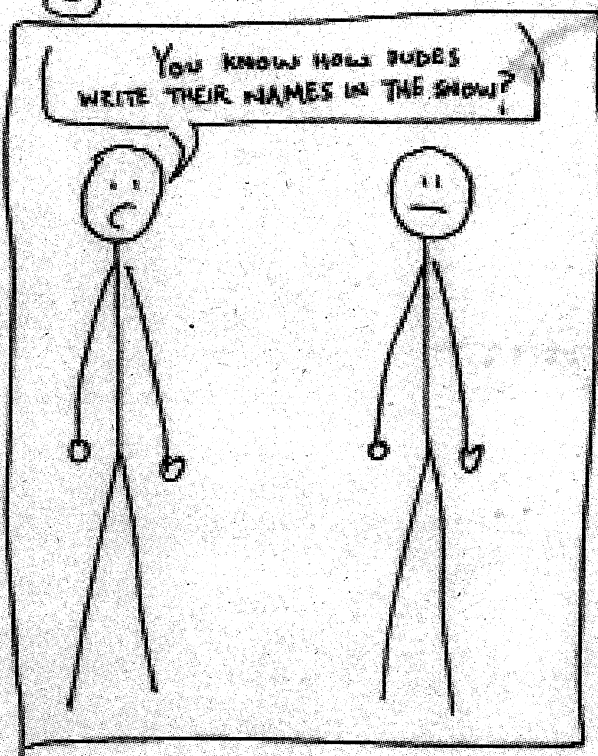
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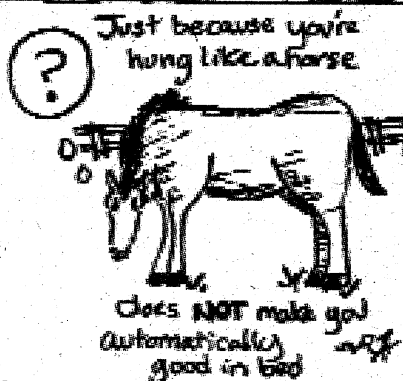
... Bush, I think you mean "Earth". Narf!



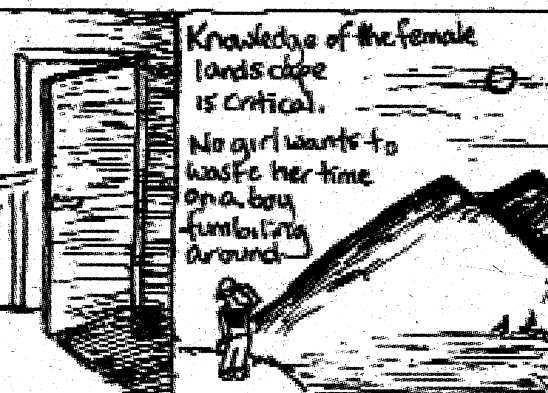
# STICKLOVE BY JAMES MESSINA



Tips for boys  
Seeking  
casual  
encounters  
with  
women



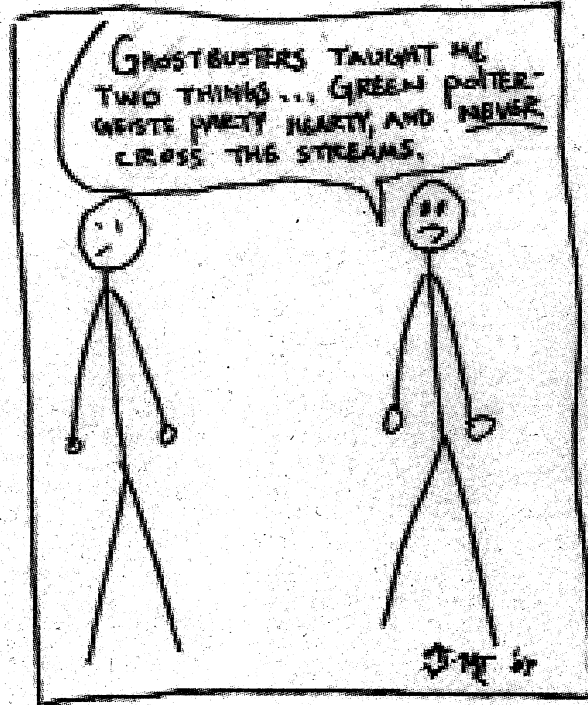
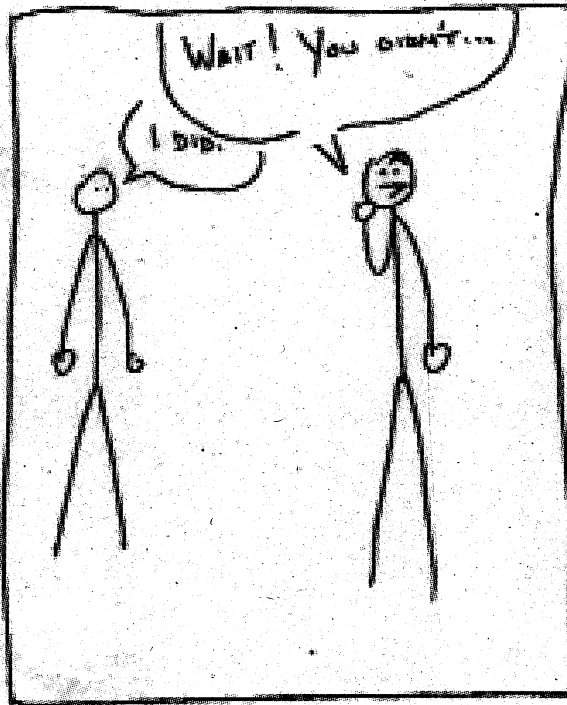
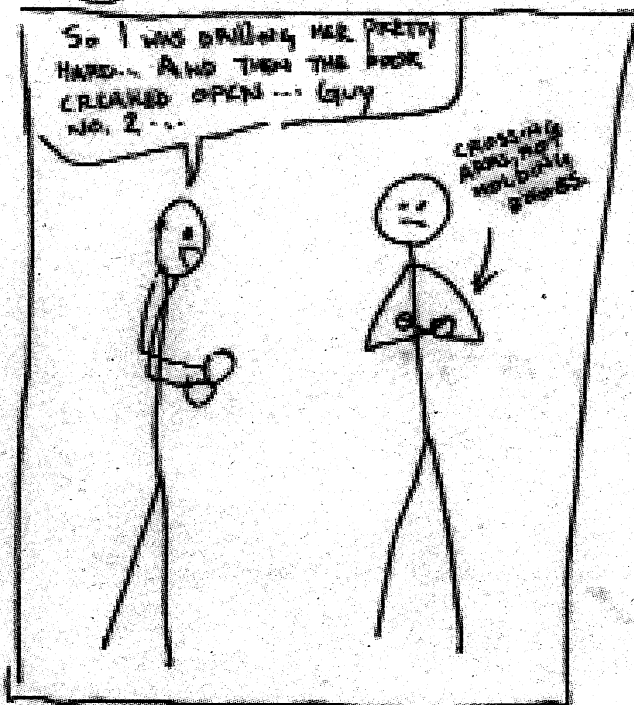
Proper form  
dictates that you  
don't get dressed  
and leave  
right away



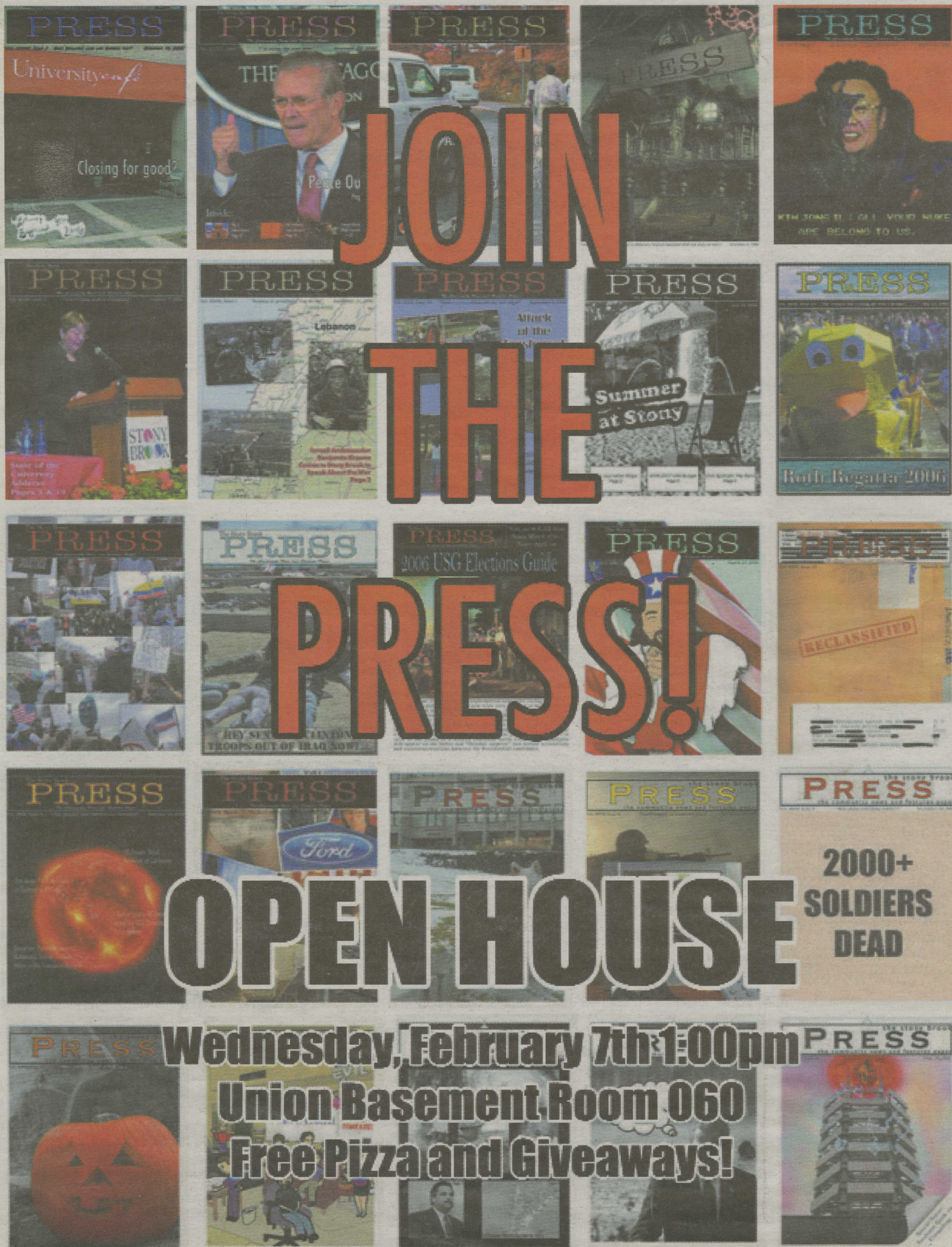
Do not discuss other women  
with her.  
Especially cows.  
Especially cows.



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DEATH EGG ZONE