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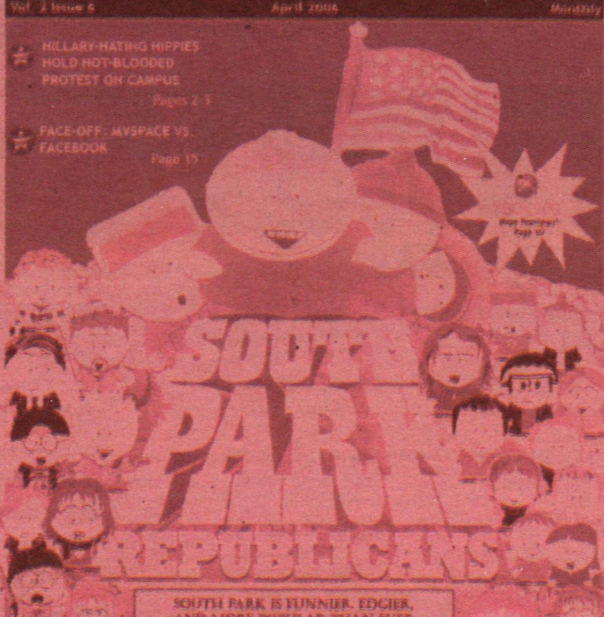
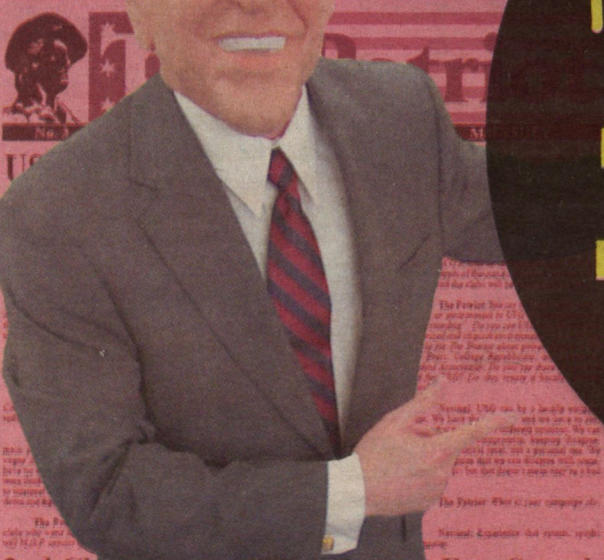
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I was given the opportunity to sit down with our very own USG President, David Wong. We spent an hour discussing various issues that are not reported in the mainstream media. I was in the presence of USG Supreme Court Judge, Vlad Frazin. I felt the need to ask President Wong a question that has been on my mind for some time. Wong said he hopes that the following interview will serve as a clarifying and enlightening experience for those who are not familiar with the inner workings of the USG.



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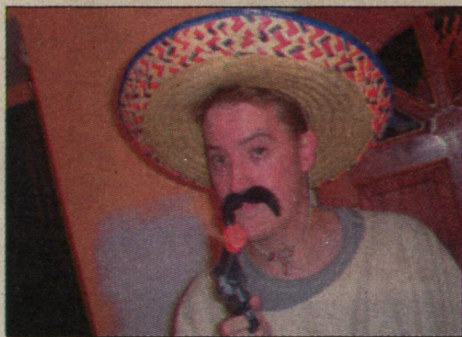


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# Pre-Med Students Must Volunteer Early and Often

By Erica Smith

Conquering pre-med requirements, battling stubborn grade-point averages, and trudging through grueling seven-hour MCATS: This is the typical life of a pre-med student. But another aspect of their busy lives may be just as important: volunteer work.

According to medical schools, it's essential.

In recent phone interviews, the assistant deans of admission from Michigan State University, University of Wisconsin, University of Virginia and Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York were unanimous that community service was expected from all their admissions candidates. They didn't even hesitate.

Beth Bailey of the University of Virginia said her school does not like it "when we see a student who has lots of other great qualities, but they haven't bothered to do anything in the community."

"It's a very negative flag," she said.

Noreen Kerrigan of Albert Einstein College agreed. "What we care about most is your ability to put your patient first," she said.

Despite their already packed schedules, it seems that most pre-med students at Stony Brook understand and are even enthusiastic about this policy.

Anna Verde, a junior Italian major, volunteers at the blood bank and pediatrics section of Stony Brook Hospital. Verde said she believes the policy is necessary to weed out potentially poor doctors.

"You can be book smart and know everything, but if you don't know how to deal with people you're not going to make a good doctor," she said. "You need to show compassion, because that's your job."

Kerrigan would agree. "We don't want brains on stilts," she said.

Since medical schools also require medical experience of their applicants, pre-med students often combine the two requirements and volunteer in hospitals.

Bailey said she also recommends volunteering in free clinics, nursing homes, hospices, or as an emergency medical technician. "Go where you think you can get the most valuable experience," she said.

She warns, however, against volunteering in pharmacies or in "the bowels of the hospital"

to jump from one activity to another without consistency or substantial commitment- "tourists" as two of the deans described them.

There is, however, at least one exception to this stringent evaluation process.

Candidates who need to work many hours to support themselves or their families are usually not held to the same volunteering standards as other candidates.

"We would cut hours for hard workers. We just look for

Theoretically, doing volunteer service should promote that type of ethical value," He said. Yao leaned his head on his hand as he stared down at a table in his dorm suite.

"But there has to be a better way."

Yao explained that he wished there was a way for medical schools to determine that certain students would make skilled and compassionate doctors, even if their college record didn't necessary show it. Yao has a 3.2 G.P.A.

Yao said he did many hours of community service in high school, but he hasn't done any since he has been in college.

He attributes this to his time spent in the National Guard before he was honorably discharged last year, as well as being "lazy."

Some students completely disagree with the volunteering requirement.

Pouria Farhoomandi, a sophomore psychology major, says that although he thinks pre-med students should have some medical experience, they should not necessarily have to do community service.

"Going through the torture of med school shows compassion," he said with a laugh.

Becoming more serious, he said, "You can't prove compassion." He explained that some students might do volunteer work just so they can get into medical school and make money.

While Farhoomandi disagrees with some of his peers about most medical schools' volunteering requirements, he seemed to share with them something else: underlying anxiety.

"My friend just came back from advising," he told me, standing up to leave our table across from the Melville Library concession stand. "She told me we're never going to get into med school." Again, Farhoomandi let out a laugh. This time, it was tinged with nervousness.



where one may never lay eyes on a patient or a physician.

Whatever students decide to do, they should start early. Medical schools tend to frown upon students who start volunteering only a few months before their applications are due.

Lucy Wall of University of Wisconsin said that this shows a student is not prepared to apply. She recommends that such a student take a year off and gain more experience before sending in their application.

Kerrigan agreed that such an applicant does not sit well with an admissions committee. "If nothing else, it looks like they're rushing to get brownie points," she said, but added unenthusiastically, "it's better than nothing."

Medical schools also seem to be wary of students who ap-

pearing, not hours," Kerrigan said.

These four schools are not the only medical schools who take community service so seriously. Books like "U.S. News's Ultimate Guide to Medical Schools" and "Medical School Admissions: The Insider's Guide" emphasize the importance of volunteering for every medical school.

While pre-med students seem to agree that that volunteer requirements are reasonable, some regret that it makes a difficult field even more competitive.

Guang Yao, a business major, is currently questioning his medical-school plans because of this competition.

"The end goal of being a doctor is not about the money or prestige, it's about the patients.

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# WRITER EXPOSES ANTI-AMERICAN BIAS

## Controversial Speaker Surprisingly Faces No Protests

By Erica Smith

In the past, conservative author Dan Flynn has been greeted at college campuses by screaming protests, book burnings, and the occasional mooning. However, Flynn's recent visit to Stony Brook was met with only cheering and applause. Flynn came to speak about his book, "Why the Left Hates America," at a banquet held by the Enduring Freedom Alliance in a Student Activity Ballroom on April 26. About 50 students attended.

Flynn started out by clarifying exactly what he means by "the Left."

"I'm talking about people who make up no more than 10 percent of this country," he said, explaining that he was not talking about all liberals and democrats, but just those with extreme viewpoints. He used Noam Chomsky as an example.

"If they had influence of 10 percent, I could just laugh them off," he said. "But they have a huge influence" in the media, Hollywood, libraries, museums, and "especially college campuses."

Flynn used recordings from war protests and numerous quotes from intellectuals and college professors around the country to try to show the Left's disgust toward the United States.

One particularly poignant image was his description of University of Massachusetts sociology professors complaining when a receptionist put up an American flag after 9-11. The chairman of the department ordered her to take it down, even after she explained it was in memory of a family member that had died in the attacks.

Flynn said his book has many more examples.

The "big problem" the Left has when they discuss America, Flynn said, is that they compare the United States to an ideal where "everyone's a millionaire, air and water are pure, there's no racism or sexism, and depending on your view of utopia either everyone has a job or no one has a job." Members of the audience laughed.

"America is not a candy land and American doesn't exist in a hypothetical state," he said. "America is a real place and a real country, you should compare to other real places and not imaginary places."

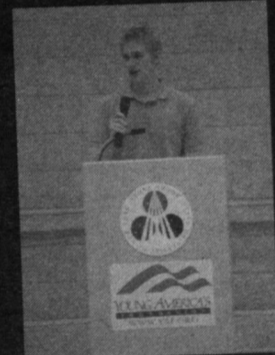
During most of his lecture, Flynn did exactly just that. He spoke of America's incomparable medical and technological advances, and most importantly, its unprecedented freedoms.



Vice President of EFA, Virginia Morgan, making opening statements.



Dan Flynn posing for a group photo with the Enduring Freedom Alliance.



EFA President, Erik Berte, introducing Dan Flynn

He said the Left ignores that America has been a "beacon for freedom in an unfree world." He used the 1989 protests in Tiananmen Square as one of many examples.

"[The protestors] weren't citing passages from Mao's little book. They were citing the Declaration of Independence," Flynn said. "They didn't have cultural icons of France or Sweden or Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. They had papier-mâché versions of the Statue of Liberty."

He added, "They know something that maybe a lot of your professors don't know."

At the end of the lecture, Flynn tried to answer the question posed by his book.

The Left hates America, Flynn said, because "it stands as a massive refutation to the central theories touted by leftists." He said these theories include that America is reli-

giously intolerant, bigoted, and that capitalism is a failure- all of which he said, are ridiculous once looked at in a global perspective

Flynn ended with the words: Americans love their country not simply because it is their home, but because it is indeed "lovely."

When Flynn finished his 40-minute speech, there was a standing ovation. Erik Berte, president of the Enduring Freedom Alliance and editor-in-chief of The Patriot, said he really enjoyed the speech and thought the event as a whole was very successful.

"The most important point he made was that America truly is an incredible country and probably the best country on earth," he said.

Even liberals did not hate the speech as much as they thought they would.

Matt Willemain, a writer for

The Stony Brook Press and a member of the Social Justice Alliance, said he became interested in reading the speaker's book.

"I disagreed with a few things the speaker had to say and I wanted to see the arguments in a more polished form," he said.

He added the event had "a lot of tasty food."

Rachel O'Brien, secretary of the Enduring Freedom Alliance and managing editor of The Patriot, also enjoyed the speech. "We as conservative college students can really relate to it," she said.

### The Patriot

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



# Who is Italo Zanzi?

By Rachel O'Brien

He is just 31 years old, but Italo Zanzi is running for a position that usually only the most seasoned politicians attempt to gain. He is running for New York's First Congressional District on the Republican ticket.

Running against the Democratic incumbent Tim Bishop in November will prove to be a challenge for the Zanzi campaign but he is up to the challenge.

"I don't think he has been effective and I don't think he has shown the aggressive leadership that constituents need," Zanzi said about his opponent Tim Bishop. "I believe that citizens of Suffolk County deserve better representation at the federal level."

Zanzi was born in Port Jefferson in 1974 after his parents legally immigrated to the United States from Chile. He was raised in Setauket, becoming fluent in both Spanish and English and graduated Chaminade High School in Mineola. He incorporates his Hispanic heritage and upbringing into his job as the Vice President of International Broadcast Sales and Latin American/ US Hispanic Marketing for Major League Baseball. As a Vice President for the MLB, he oversees international television and radio sales, Latin American marketing and sponsorship and U.S. Hispanic marketing initiatives.

Zanzi is also a member of the U.S. Handball team, winning the bronze medal in the 2003 Pan American games and named the U.S. Olympic Committee's Team Hand-



ball Athlete of the Year in 2000, 2002 and 2004. He is actively involved in youth athletics and mentoring programs.

"I grew up as an athlete in the Three Village Soccer Club," he said in a phone interview. "Most of my work with kids has been through handball. We have a series of clubs, clinics and programs that I have been a part of for the past eight years. I am also a personal mentor for kids." So why would he get involved in politics?

"I've been a lifelong follower of politics," Zanzi said. "And 2006 is a watershed year for the Republican Party. It's important now more than ever to get together."

He earned a BA from the University of Chicago in 1996, a law degree and MBA from Emory University in 1999 and is licensed to practice law in New York State.

Zanzi outlines immigration reform and tax relief as two important issues he will focus on but for the residents of his district,

he wants to represent them for what they believe are the important issues.

"I believe the Republican and non-Republican voters will welcome a new candidate with fresh energy and ideas," Zanzi said. "I will represent the interest of each citizen in this campaign. We're treating this not as a federal election but as a local election in Suffolk County for a federal seat."

"Instead of efforts to implement immigration reform and provide our hard-working families with much-needed tax relief, our representatives would rather engage in personal attacks, while failing to step up to the plate and provide the type of inspired leadership that is so desperately needed. I'm honored to receive the support of so many individuals and I look forward to this challenge."

Other information regarding Italo Zanzi and his campaign for Congress can be found on his website [www.zanzi2006.com](http://www.zanzi2006.com).

# Elections Are Over?

By Robert Romano

This spring in the USG, a significant transition of power will be taking place, as the results of the recent elections have significantly altered the composition of both the senate and the executive council. After an aggressive campaign between the USG Reform and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. party coalitions in which both parties scored victories respectively, it appears that the upcoming academic year will be quite interesting to see how the two parties shall govern. Romual Jean-Baptiste, the president-elect of the USG, and who ran with the USG Reform party, winning by only nine votes, has made overt efforts to reach out to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. party victors. Cognizant of the split power structure brought about by the party system in place, Baptiste understands that he not only represents the constituency of the USG Reform party, but of the undergraduate student body as a whole, and already has begun implementing his comprehensive agenda to improve student life by coordinating with the Faculty Student Association.

As it stands, Baptiste is the only USG Reform candidate who won election in the executive council (which has 11 seats), though he has help in the senate (which has 22 seats), where the party won all eight of the Senate seats it was running. Conversely, the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. party coalition won six out of seven of its executive council contests, and nine out of 11 of its Senate contests. This leaves two independent members on both the council and the senate, respectively, with three seats still open on the senate (the HSC, RHA, and CSA seats, though the RHA and CSA seats are filled when those organizations hold their elections for president), and one seat still open for the executive council (the freshman class representative to be elected in the fall).

Despite the advantage in numbers that the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. party appears to have, they cannot count on the two independent members of the senate nor the RHA and the CSA to vote their way, and which coalition will have the majority remains unclear. What is clear is that whichever party wants a majority will need to reach out to these independents and their constituencies. In addition, with the presidency, which has the power to veto any legislative act, it is clear that USG Reform shall have a significant role in shaping the laws of the USG for the upcoming year, and that both parties will need to work together in many respects to address the ideals and interests of the student body. Finally, Baptiste, in his role as president will have significant control over the agenda of the executive council, so despite being in the minority, it is his agenda that will be implemented, and it is important to note that he will have the power to make appointments to the agencies of the USG and to the courts.

What will be particularly telling in the upcoming year is which party manages to win the seat of president pro tempore of the senate. This person will coordinate with the elected vice president, Amy Wisnoski from S.U.C.C.E.S.S., on the composition of the committees including the important legislative review and budget committees, and would chair the senate in the absence of the vice president. The senate's majority leader, the key to victory of this spring's elections, may ultimately be determined by which party controls this important position.

# Ending "Fresh Off The Boat" Stereotypes

By Erica Smith

Last summer, Dong Hee Hong packed his bags to leave South Korea for the first time. Soon he would be in the United States to attend a college called Stony Brook University. Hong was more than a little apprehensive.

Now he is finishing his second semester as a student almost 7,000 miles away from home. While he said America turned out to be far from the violent and gun-filled country he had imagined, he is still not without fear: Speaking English with Americans fills him with anxiety.

"It takes a lot of energy to talk in English," Hong said. "I have to pay attention to everything I say."

Still Hong has managed to adjust. ICE Buddy, he said, was a big help.

ICE Buddy- ICE stands for International Cultural Exchange- is a Stony Brook student volunteer organization that was founded last spring. The club pairs up international students with Americans to give the newcomer a friend that helps them adapt to the United States.

The president, Ali Mehrabian, founded the club after having a positive experience in a similar program when he studied in South Korea.

"One of my main goals is to break cultural barriers and bridge different cultures together," said Mehrabian, explaining that he avoids pairing up people with others of the same ethnicity. Instead, he links people according to similar interests, which are determined by a brief questionnaire.

Vice President Ronald Chiu said he first agreed to help Mehrabian with the club out of loyalty to their friendship. He never expected to make such close friends.

"Americans have a stereotype they put onto international students- 'They're 'FOBs,'"

we shouldn't hang out with them,'" Chiu said, explaining a FOB means "fresh off the boat." He admitted to once having shared this mentality.

Since joining ICE Buddy, he said he has learned Americans and international students have more similarities than differences. He listed a long list of their shared habits, hobbies and favorite sports.

"The only barrier is on the surface," he said.

Chiu, a Chinese-American, now has lunch with his Korean friends every other day. One of those students is Hong.

Hong says that Chiu has been invaluable. Chiu has helped him with everything from pronunciation and idioms to general advice on life.

Hong remembered the first time Chiu greeted him with the American expression, "What's up?"

"I looked up at the sky," said Hong, laughing.

Saqib Saddiqi, the treasurer of the club, said that ICE Buddies usually help international students deal with everyday things: running out of meal points, navigating the SOLAR system, even taking care of an injury. The most frequent question is what to do for fun, Saddiqi said.

In addition to pairing up buddies, ICE Buddy also puts on a variety of events, including trips to New York City, a Halloween party, a Thanksgiving dinner, bowling nights, trips to the mall and movie theater, casual sports games, and international movie nights.

Their next project is a boat for the annual Roth Pond Regatta. "It's top secret," Chiu said, but he revealed that it will be designed by the secretary of the club, Ameya Mane, a mechanical engineering major. "I'm a little worried," Chiu confessed with laughter, "because

on his Facebook photo, he looked like he was swimming in the pond."

Many ICE Buddy meetings also feature analytical discussions, like one following an event that featured music videos from all over the world. According to Mehrabian and Chiu, members were surprised by the videos' similarities. Other discussions are intended to dissect stereotypes, such as the recent "Do all Indians have accents?" and "Do all Asians sound the same?," Saddiqi said.

While the majority of the club members are of Asian ethnicity, there are also members from Germany, England, France, India, Australia and New Zealand.

According to the Stony Brook University website, there are about 715 international undergraduate students, 5 percent of the 14,287 population. They make up an even greater part of the incoming full-time graduate students, at 28 percent. There are currently about 7,700 graduate students. Most of the international students are matriculated Stony Brook students. About 40 are temporary exchange students. ICE Buddy has members from all of these groups.

"I want to change Stony Brook somehow, and I think the best way is to interact with these students," Mehrabian said.

ICE Buddy has about 15 active Stony Brook students and about 30 active International Students.

One obstacle to the club, however, seems to be the tendency for students, especially international students, to spend most of their time within their own ethnic groups.

Kenta Usui, an ICE member and exchange student from Japan, said that he hangs out mostly with Japanese and Korean international students.

"I'm not saying I don't like America, but it's just so comfortable," he said.



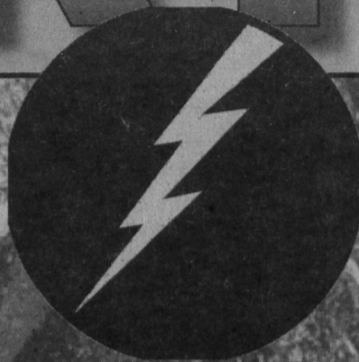
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Did you know?

James Otis stills holds much influence today. On March 22, the U.S. Supreme Court decided in a 5-3 vote that police can not enter a home without a warrant if one occupant consents, but another refuses. Justice Souter led the majority opinion arguing that the Fourth Amendment protects the privacy of both occupants. "A man's home is his castle," Souter wrote. This famous phrase was first coined by Otis when he argued against the Writs of Assistance in a crowded Massachusetts courtroom in 1725.

## By Erica Smith

His name can be found in dusty archives, short paragraphs in history texts, and in the minds of only the most serious historians. Nevertheless, James Otis was one of the most important contributors to the advancement of American independence. Not only did he use his speeches, pamphlets and essays to fan the fire of America's revolutionary spirit, he was also arguably one of the sparks that set it aflame.

James Otis was born on February 5, 1725. He was the eldest of thirteen, son of Colonel James Otis and Mary Allyne and was born in his family's mansion in West Barnstable, Massachusetts. He graduated Harvard University in 1743. In 1755, Otis married Ruth Cunningham, and they had two daughters and a son.

Otis first began his rise to fame as a lawyer in February 24, 1761 when he argued against the "Writs of Assistance" in the crowded room of the Massachusetts Bay Superior Court. These writs, implemented by King George III in response to colonial smuggling, allowed custom inspectors to examine any ship, warehouse, or home according to their discretion. His argument was one of the first direct challenges to the authority of the British government, and it was delivered with characteristic eloquence. His argument rested on the premise that

parliament was bound to frame legislation in accordance to the Magna Carta and natural law. Otis declared government could not take away man's God-endowed rights to life, liberty and property.

"For four hours he continued, while lawyers scribbled in their notebooks the phrases that would help establish the literature of the revolution," wrote John Adams, then a young lawyer who witnessed Otis's fiery oratory.

Otis's speech was so overwhelming that the justices were afraid to give a ruling. They decided to postpone their decision by declaring the need to write to England for clarification of the use of the writs. Almost overnight, Otis became the most popular man in Boston.

It was "an epoch in public affairs," wrote William Tudor, Otis's biographer. Among its many effects, it caused political parties to distinctly form and their followers to be more passionate. More importantly, it encouraged many to openly deny British parliament's right to tax the colonies. "Taxation without representation is tyranny," Otis had said.

"American independence was then and there born," wrote Adams.

Three months after the case, citizens overwhelmingly voted Otis into the Massachusetts legislature. There, he continued to use both his reason and passion to influence the colonists.

In 1762, Otis led the legisla-

ture's opposition against Governor Bernard's attempts to spend money without the house's permission. To advocate his position, Otis published, "A Vindication of the Conduct of the House of Representatives, of the Province of Massachusetts Bay" in the Boston Gazette. In this 53-page pamphlet, he argued the importance of separation of powers, checks and balances, and no taxation without representation. "Vindication of the Conduct" may have been the "original source" of all later arguments against taxation, wrote Tudor. "How many volumes are concentrated in this little fugitive pamphlet, the production of a few hurried hours," wrote Adams, ticking of a list of documents that would later share its principles, including the 1774 Declaration of Rights and Wrongs, the Declaration of Independence, the French constitutions, and Thomas Paine's Common Sense.

Otis published many other similarly argued and influential essays, such as the "Rights of the British Colonies Asserted and Proved" (1764), "Brief Remarks on the Defense of the Halifax Libel on the British American Colonies" (1765), "Vindication of the British Colonies" (1765) and "Considerations on Behalf on the Colonists in a Letter to a Noble Lord" (1765). His other political contributions were numerous, and he passionately fought against all of Britain's oppressive

legislation.

Unlike the common perception of the American patriot, however, Otis did not scream for American Independence. On the contrary, he envisioned a future with the British Empire as the greatest political power of all time, with an enlightened and objective parliament cable of self-analysis, self-restraint and self-correction. He consistently wrote of his loyalty to the King and of parliament's rightful power over the colonies. That power, however, should only continue with American representation in London—without it, he said, Americans are merely slaves.

Progressively, however, his expression of the colonial relationship with Britain began to change. In "Considerations," he wrote Britain and America should be considered equal partners, without talk of "our colonies." He argued that the survival of the British Empire depended on its recognition that America would be the most powerful part of its empire, and the beginning of this should be the repeal of the Stamp Act.

No man in the colonies did so much to confute the principles on which the Stamp Act rested as did James Otis, said Historian J. C. Ridpath.

Yet Britain continually failed Otis's expectations. Once criticized for holding an idealized image of parliament, Otis began to regard

it with doubt and even scorn. This could be seen in a series of his articles in the Boston Gazette during 1765 and 1766, published under the pseudonym "Hampden." In these, he commented on the "pitiful expedient of an American representation in Parliament" and wrote that a union between Britain and America would have to be based on such "noble, generous and disinterested principles, that it is ten thousand to one if any such thing every takes place." This dramatic shift in opinion was reflective of the increasingly oppressive legislation from parliament. Otis's hope, however, was not gone. Instead, he transferred it to America, and his belief that it could alone be "a greater empire than the world has yet seen." Like so many of his other expectations for this country, this too would come to pass.

In 1769, at the height of his popularity and influence, Otis was pulled from the public stage. One of his essays had enraged a Boston custom-house official, who beat Otis over his head with a cane. The injury resulted in mental instability and he was forced to withdraw from public life.

In Massachusetts, on May 23, 1783, Otis's life came to end when he was struck dead by a bolt of lightning. Perhaps more tragic, is the loss of his name in the American consciousness—a people that he had helped make free.



# Opinions



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**AMERICA**

The Hebrew Hammer will not be offering advice this week, as he is still recuperating from his mother's huge Passover meal. Instead, he has decided to run profiles on selected terrorists.

#### Ali Hassan Salameh (1943-1979)

If you have ever seen the film *Munich*, you are familiar with Ali Hassan Salameh. He was the evil mastermind of the entire terrorist operation, which resulted in the slaughter of 11 Israeli athletes. He was also a close confidant of Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat, and was responsible for planning terrorist operations against Israel. Unlike today's terrorists, who are puritanical religious nutcases, Salameh was a notorious playboy, never seen without a horde of girls following him through the streets of Beirut. He had a penchant for sports cars, and once bragged of having slept with 1,000 women. To top it off, he was married to Miss Universe 1971, Georgina Rizk, which made him a legend among young Palestinian men. Unfortunately for Salameh, his flashy lifestyle meant that the Israeli Secret Service had little trouble tracking him down, and in 1979, a roadside bomb ripped through the car he was traveling in, mortally wounding him. The Israelis, wanting to make sure he had absolutely no chance of survival, packed the road with so much explosives that eight bystanders were killed along with him.

#### Zacharias Moussaoui (1968-)

It sounds impossible, but there are actually some people who are crazy enough to get kicked out of Al-Qaida. That's exactly what happened to Zacharias Moussaoui, who was kicked out of the group by Ramzi Binsalbibh for drawing too much attention to himself and behaving erratically. He is a constant source of entertainment at his otherwise serious trial, demanding he be allowed to represent himself, cursing his defense lawyers, and exaggerating his role in Al-Qaida. In all likelihood, this crazy lunatic will probably get the needle, unless a patriotic inmate or guard gets to him first.

#### Mohammad Salameh (1967-)

Not a relative of Ali Hassan Salameh, this bozo was part of the original plot to bomb the World Trade Center in 1993. After the rented van used to store the explosives blew up in the garage of the trade center, this guy was stupid enough to try and collect the deposit he left on the van. A suspicious clerk called the police, and within seconds, hundreds of NYPD officers swarmed the rental agency and hustled Mr. Salameh off to prison, where he will enjoy a lifetime of beat downs.

## The Republic is Dead: Long Live the Empire



Brett Denyer

lic, are paying for our government's foreign and domestic idiocy. Our money is confiscated, effectively at gunpoint, and dumped down the welfare-warfare drain that we call a state.

My intent is for this rant to be non-partisan. As I read through this, it seems like I am singling out the right, and that is unfair; the left is just as bad, if not worse. The two halves conspire to make up the welfare-warfare state. I can't think of a better example than New York's own Hillary Clinton, who wants high taxes, huge government spending, and a war in Iraq.

The right — the 'warfare' half — has traditionally believed that the government should be smaller domestically (though this claim seems somewhat hollow at present) and taxes should be lower. However, the right has also traditionally believed — since Teddy Roosevelt, at any rate — that we should also have a large military ready to lunge at whatever we perceive to be a foreign threat.

The fundamental dichotomy of this thinking should be apparent, however. Domestically, the right tells us that the government is inept, its welfare programs should be small, and a minimal amount of money should be taken from the taxpayers to fund these programs. But jump outside the borders and all of a sudden we are to both trust and fund the same inept government with the most violent and costly (in terms of money and lives) state program, war?

The left — the 'welfare' half — correctly believes that waging war is unjustified except in self defense, looking at war from both a moral and fiscal perspective (and probably also with its own hidden agenda, but that's politics for you). But also observe that one of the first arguments the left uses when it speaks out against the war is how all that money could be spent at home. Not returned to the rightful owners, the taxpayers, but spent on a ridiculous amount of inefficient government programs. So the left thinks the reverse of the right: that the state is too inept to wage war abroad, but that this same inept state should take more money from the taxpayers, fund even more government programs, and reign in those greedy businesses to protect "the common man."

What makes this union of the most negative sides of both main parties possible is the structure of our government. In addition to depriving voters of representation in Congress, the bicameral system we have in place tends toward this centrist equilibrium between the two parties in control, resulting in the worst of both worlds: the welfare-warfare state, a sprawling empire at home and abroad.

As the warmongering neocons peer from their bunker through the haze of smoke rising from the rubble of Iraq, salivating with lustful eyes on the next target, Iran, the last illusions of legitimacy crumble around our illustrious leaders. Welcome, o disparaged populace, to the machine. The momentum builds, the gears turn ever faster, and the monstrosity of the welfare-warfare state barrels full speed ahead down a perilous slope. Fasten your seatbelt; the ride is far from over.

Unpleasant though it may be, let us now face the ugly truth: the United States of America is now the world's foremost empire, with over 500 military bases spanning 130 countries around the globe. In the last five years, we have invaded two foreign nations and toppled their governments, installing American puppet states in their wake. If that doesn't qualify us as an empire, I don't know what does.

Perhaps the ugliest truth of all is that the attacks of September 11th were precipitated by more than half a century of imperialistic, interventionist foreign policy in the Middle East. I learned on an elementary school playground what our foreign policy makers have yet to discover: you can only bully other people around so much before they are bound to push back. I don't seek to justify those heinous acts of terror, but rather to ascribe part of the blame for them to our own government now that the post-9/11 nationalistic fervor has begun to subside, and the tarnishing of the Establishment's halo is finally apparent.

Foreign policy aside, the Empire has also been tightening its hold domestically. Our government has legislated away our civil liberties in the name of 'freedom' and 'patriotism' at a rate not seen since the time of the great American fascist, FDR. We are holding alleged criminals in the legal black hole of Guantanamo Bay, depriving them of one of the most fundamental rights of our once great nation, the right to a trial by jury. The per capita share of the national debt for every man, woman, and child in the United States is nearly \$28,000 and the national debt continues to grow. According to Mark Brandly, writing for the Mises Institute, in fiscal year 2006 on average the government will spend \$7.4 billion dollars a day, or \$5.1 million dollars per minute. And that's if the boneheads don't overshoot the budget.

The most sickening part about this is that we, the taxpaying pub-

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# The Easy Way or the Right Way?

Nathan Shapiro



When the United States Supreme Court decides a case and discovers new, hitherto unknown rights or freedoms in the Constitution, many people are left scratching their heads. It's difficult to comprehend how rights can be found in a relatively short document (it's the shortest written Constitution in the world); rights that are so fundamental that we haven't noticed we lacked them thus far. The technical answer of the court is that they are found in the Due Process Clauses of the fifth and fourteenth amendments. But to support this assertion, they have developed a dubious doctrine known as "substantive due process" that fails to survive under a strict scrutiny of its merits.

The Due Process Clauses prohibit the federal and state governments from being allowed to "deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." Now, and in times past, the court has applied a doctrine called "substantive due process," which claims the clauses contain substantive enumerations of rights which the court must protect. In the simplest terms, the court has said the Due Process Clauses grant individuals the rights of life and liberty rather than a procedural safeguard against their abuse by government. It is in the substantive rights of life and liberty that the court has divined numerous unheard-of rights.

Largely based on the political ideology of the Court, justices have added and subtracted so-called "fundamental rights"

to the Constitution through this doctrine. At the turn of the 20th century, a period often referred to as the Lochner-era after the case *Lochner v. New York* (1905), the court used substantive due process to establish an individual's "right of contract," which limited the states' abilities to regulate the economy. Constitutionally-protected rights of contract, and the controversial substantive due process doctrine itself, fell out of favor on the court due to pressures from the New Deal era. But the procedural due process was resurrected by the court in the 1960's, not to limit government intervention in the economy, which was almost all but forgotten, but instead to create sexual and abortion rights.

The phoenix-like return of substantive due process in order to suit a new agenda by the court shines a light upon its flaws. Namely, its interpretation is arbitrarily based upon the whims of a court.

Justice Scalia succinctly wrote of the court's personal ideologically-based activism by its inconsistent use of substantive due process. "The picking and choosing among various rights to be accorded 'substantive due process' protection is alone enough to arouse suspicion, but the categorical and inexplicable exclusion of so-called 'economic rights' (even though the Due Process Clause explicitly applies to 'property') unquestionably involves policymaking rather than neutral legal analysis."

The fundamental question in substantively interpreting the word "liberty" found in the Due Process Clauses is: just what liberties does it protect? No person can know that for sure, so we just have to be patient and wait for the only 9 people in America qualified to tell us. Perhaps aside from those universally

accepted common-law rights from the ratification period of the Constitution, there can be no meaningful interpretation of what the right of "liberty" actually means and therefore any decision made by the court will necessarily be contentious. If the court cannot rationally implement the doctrine, then the doctrine itself must be flawed and rejected.

The Due Process Clauses themselves appear to be so literally straight-forward in their meaning that the very term "substantive due process" represents an offense against the English language. In stating that the government can only deprive individuals of life, liberty and property if given due process, it implies that government can deprive people of them in accordance with a particular process, clearly making it a procedural right. Justice Scalia has often called substantive due process an oxymoron, saying, "Only lawyers can walk around talking about substantive process, in as much as it's a contradiction in terms."

It has often been argued that the court must be allowed to "read into" certain words of the Constitution, giving them new meaning and inserting new rights, because no enumeration of rights can be exhaustive. Such an argument is only half right insofar that there can be no exhaustive list of rights, but it misses the source of the problem. By giving the court the authority to, as Justice Scalia put it, "[liberate] itself from the text of the Constitution" and insert its own judgments on what rights we have, it gives government more power over affecting our freedom, not less. While today the court might rule in favor of certain rights and some people feel liberty has been expanded, a few new justices later and the court can decide in the opposite

direction, turning back such gains. The key is limiting the scope of government power, including the judiciary, not expanding it.

As a firm supporter of limited government and free markets, I am often an advocate for individual life, liberty and property; all of which makes me very amiable to most limits on government powers. For example, I'd agree with the Lochner-era courts that there exists a right of contract and that every American should be guaranteed it. But it does not exist in the Constitution, let alone in the Due Process Clauses, and no amount of well-intentioned wishing by me or the Supreme Court can place it there.

With the possibility of establishing a more conservative Supreme Court, it's tempting to want to use the doctrine of substantive due process for conservative agendas, such as restoring the right of contract to fight against government regulation of industry. But doing so would be no better than when the liberal Courts had done it, and would firmly establish jurisprudence based on the whim of the court, not the rule of the Constitution. And let us not forget, while the court may be amicable to conservatives now, its future make-up is always susceptible to changes.

The easy road is to seize the courts as a means to get a particular policy agenda across, but we do so at the expense of the Constitution. It is far more difficult to pass laws and change constitutions, but that is the only way to enact lasting and meaningful change while maintaining our movement's integrity and the integrity of the supreme law of the land. Without the Constitution, we have nothing; no nation and no liberty. The stakes are too high to go the easy way; the only alternative is to do things the right way.

## "Either Write Something Worth Reading or Do Something Worth Writing."

By Mark Bannick

Perhaps it is redundant for a reader to be introduced to a story through a quote. Originality, in any of its forms, has the capability to open minds, challenge authority, and lead others to an understanding that is wholly different from what was previously accepted. Or, as the case may be, original concepts may fail in their application, and simply serve as a reaffirmation of previously held beliefs to others. Our experiences with worldly scholasticism, logic, and emotion must together mitigate our passage towards enlightenment. Humanity has adored, worshipped, and followed the leads of its members who were believed to be enlightened. Many recognize that omniscience is unobtainable, yet, we still strive to know our world more completely. Despite quarterly reports that the known world is expanding exponentially and hourly, this reminds us that the world is still in strife.

As an icon of an age when reason superseded faith as authority, Benjamin Franklin analyzed the world, and, in annals, made available much of what was known so that his contemporaries and their posterity

could continue to explore the world. It must have been evident to a man such as himself, and inspiring colleague to the movers of his age, that humanity must progress towards its end by individuals nobly exercising their virtues.

In our world today, the simple solutions to the questions of the cosmos may only be answered by minds such as Hawking. For those of us wishing to solve more tangible problems, difficulties arise when the scope of the solution is expanded beyond the initial tested set. Natural scientists, above all, are best equipped to predict the sequence of events once a tested set leaves the laboratory; this, due to the scientist's control of the experiment as well as the understanding of the elements. For the remainder of the world's movers, determining the actions of individuals in a random or even a sequenced set is at best, biased and inconclusive. At worst, it is prejudiced and autonomous.

So what are those individuals who must derive policy from the interactions of others to do? From public policy that is sanctioned by state law to a sales executive leading a team of associates, policy must not only conform itself to human nature,

it must also obtain its proscribed end without creating subsequent scenarios in which additional or revised policies are needed. The best policies are those which are unnoticed by the individuals upon which a policy has been placed.

Every human who has the capacity for thought, is regarded to be free. Since we can find no tangent that dictates our rationale, and cannot conceive of a situation where we surrender our rationale to another individual, we assume that we are all equally free—free to think and free to be individuals. On the other side of the coin, we recognize that our freedom is not absolute. Our minds are inexplicably linked to our body and our bodies are no freer than those of dogs. We are not free to live without nourishment and respiration, nor without the umbrella of society. Our actions yield inconclusive evidence of our status. We are compelled by our nature to act accordingly, being that the manner in which we act is left to the individual. Through no exercise of logic can an answer be found. Our history has chronicled the actions of groups and individuals who have struggled to emancipate themselves, with many choosing death rather than oppression. This,

even through emancipating oneself, leads to a loss of freedom as one removes himself from the comforts of society. Perhaps economists provide the soundest evidence supporting humanity's freedom. For, when governments make it their policy to restrict the markets, the wealth of a society decreases.

For public policy to be complete, its precept and its tangents cannot be contradicted by scientific and logical analysis. To derive such policy based solely on ideology, that is, without examining it in light of empirical evidence, is folly. Doing such leads one's plan to risk failure as obstructions that are potentially avoidable in hindsight, impede or halt progress.

As the possibilities of what can be known are seemingly infinite, what can be said of government and authority? From scientific and philosophical approaches, we cannot justifiably proclaim that humans are essentially free and autonomous entities. However, we recognize that proclaiming humans to be anything else other than free and autonomous can yield to conditions of humanity that are so emotively unnatural that we judge them to be absolutely wrong even though we are uncertain

of laws which state otherwise. In an ideal state, mankind would have no need for a system of government to which he must surrender his authority. As such, governing institutions would have no need to take such authority.

Since this charge is great and the stakes high, it is essential for the populace to check the government not only with votes, but with criticism, inquiries, open forums, free debates, alternative proposals and solutions. In addition, the government must impose checks on itself, foster civic pride and promote debate—even dissent, rather than simply assure constituents that their platform and position is correct. For apathy, though statistically ambiguous in our current political climate, should be viewed as a mar on the idealist platform from which democratic governments are derived. Just as we individuals do not know whether we are autonomous actors in our lives or whether our actions are precipitous of an, as of now, unknowable source, we citizens do not know whether it is in our nature to be governed. The correlation between personal autonomy and civic autonomy is intrinsically linked and restricting one thus restricts the other.



# Hey Illegals, America's Not an All You Can Eat Buffet!



Chris Pitera

The minds and hearts of confused individuals took march recently at Stony Brook University. Drum beats and outcries sounded throughout the campus while student protestors shouted for soft-law immigration. As I watched dumbfoundedly, blood boiled to the very pinnacle of my head and my eyes were practically bulging from their sockets. I was mad.

To cool down, I decided to get a soda with some fellow classmates of mine at the Student Activities Center. Upon walking through the doors, I was approached by an ignorant individual who asked me nicely to sign a petition which would harass Senator Schumer to oppose strict enforcement of the Mexican border. Now, if any of you have been following my story on illegal immigration diligently, you know that I am very passionate about the subject.

So, I asked the lady, exactly what does the petition propose and why I should sign it. (I knew she had no idea). Stuttering foolishly she shuffled through her papers looking for the reason, apparently she was not ready for an intellectual conflict. I proceeded to ask her questions about why she supported lose-regulations concerning illegal immigration. She went on to explain how "they" (she was Spanish and referred to "her people" as "we" or "they") take the jobs no one wants, we work harder, and America is racist that is why you (she said towards me) want strict immigration laws. RACIST?? (All man is my brother and all woman is my sister).

Now, I concur with the notion of illegals taking jobs that are beneficial to our economy, and there is no way to measure how hard they work, but where does racism fit into the equation? And since when do we

undermine the constitution and the law of naturalization and citizenship?

As we started to debate, we drew a crowd of about 10 people who listened intently. Almost instantaneously, she started firing away at me claiming that I am racist and naive (because I'm white she said) about the process of immigration. I beg to differ. My great grandfather, Giuseppe Lamonica immigrated to the United States from Italy in the early part of the 20th century. He was a man of respect and honor, and came to the states legally as many immigrants did. (His name is on the Wall at Ellis Island). While receiving legal status, he was separated from his family for nearly a decade as they waited to receive American citizenship. This was no easy task; being away from your family is difficult. But they managed to overcome the hardship, and here I am today, 3 generations later living in the greatest country in the world as a result of their sacrifice. I understand what immigration is about, and what the benefits include. But the point of my story was to show how there is a legal process that must be followed.

She told me that the American government had no right to tell illegal immigrants they cannot come to America. I was perplexed in her assessment of immigration. First of all, anyone who breaks the law such as an illegal alien does not enjoy unalienable rights granted to American citizens under the constitution. In addition, the American government has a responsibility to monitor the borders and keep them secure, especially in the post 9-11 world with the threat of terrorism lurking in every crevice of the earth. America is not a free-for-all, all-you-can-eat buffet. There is a price for everything, and



there is no tolerance for illegal immigrants to defy the law because it is beneficial for them. And I believe and support immigration, but only if it is done legally.

We debated for roughly 15 minutes, and it was interesting how a minority defended illegal immigration because she was able to relate to it (it was like Al Sharpton arguing for minority rights). She did apologize for calling me racist after I explained to her how racism is irrelevant to her argument.

I do not want to sound insincere about the topic. I understand that most illegals just want to earn a decent living so they come to America in search for a better life. But, there is something called law, and if you do not obey it, then prepare to suffer the consequences. Also, we must control immigration because it is a national security issue. The petition that this lady wanted me to sign would have encouraged more terrorist and illegals to enter the United States.

I leave you with this. Nothing in life comes easily, I'm sure we all know this by experience. If an immigrant wants to receive full American citizenship, then he or she must do so in a legal fashion. If you do not like the way the law is enforced now, then that is a separate issue. The month of May will be blooming with many pro-immigration demonstrations, I hope they wise up.

# Newsflash: Rudy Giuliani Might Be Socially Liberal

By Jorge Sierra

Warning: Rudy Giuliani may not be conservative enough for right wing conservative presidential primary voters.

Old news? Maybe not. For some inexplicable reason, the second most famous Republican in the country has appeared to avoid conservative disapproval from the time speculation about his candidacy began, being topped in hypothetical primary polling only by Condoleezza Rice (who has ruled out running), but don't be fooled. Left wing activists "found out" that Hillary Clinton (gasp!) supports the war in Iraq at around the same time other Democratic names hinted at throwing their hats into the ring. Now the left has "found out" who Giuliani's "conservative" competition is: fellow black sheep John McCain. As surely as openly lesbian Mary Cheney was blasted out of the closet by John Kerry and John Edwards in 2004, the time is ripe for some liberal political commentator (or ten) to out the most flamboyantly liberal, adulterous, cross-dressing Republican in America. And this time, instead of someone who almost got kicked out of his church, the traditional conservatives' alternative is merely someone who they wish they could kick out of their party.

It could work. Imagine Giuliani being shouted down during one of his glad-handing sessions with Pat Robertson and other evangelical Christians by right wing protesters demanding an immediate withdrawal of the American Civil Liberties Union from the Supreme Court (Roe Out Now!).

The reason it will not work, aside from the fact that most people really aren't that bigoted, is because the social and cultural battles which have been waged in full force during President Bush's two terms are winding down to a conclusion. Is Giuliani pro-gay, pro-choice, and pro-immigration? Yes. Will it matter? Not by 2008, when more states will have passed amendments banning gay marriage, more conservative federal judges will be seated who will hold the line on abortion and gay marriage, and this country will have passed a comprehensive immigration bill. What will still matter is that rising tensions in the Middle East and the War on Terror overall will not be resolved. And Giuliani's social conservative record isn't a total loss. When it came to actually picking fights and sticking out his neck on an issue, as New York City Mayor Giuliani choose to kick porn stores out of Times Square and battle the display of a dung-splattered painting at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

As a strong supporter of the war in Iraq who appeals to independents, and is also making nice with Jerry Falwell and the religious right, John McCain has some of the same strengths Rudy Giuliani has. He even played a strong hand in addressing the steroid scandal in Major League Baseball. But McCain is not the hero of 9/11 and does not have the record of a strong culture warrior. Between the two of them, Rudy Giuliani actually presents a slightly stronger passion for values-based government policy than McCain does, and this is where he may have something extra to offer the conservative base.

So don't count Rudy out yet. President Bush and the conservatives still have plenty of time to win all those battles they don't want him to decide.

## You Know You're at Stony Brook When...

By Drew Curran

- ...the architecture has a cold, barren, communist look to it.
- ...you have to put bottles of Dasani water on layaway to afford them.
- ...you've got snow up to your hips and you're practically tunneling to classes that are still in session.
- ...the campus looks like a ghost-town from a western movie on the weekend.
- ...you're in Javits and the "state-of-the-art" technology doesn't work.
- ...you have a test the day you get back from spring break.
- ...you have to wait 30 minutes for an elevator.
- ... "Wolfy" is the mascot.
- ...you see Geostrophic Geoff interacting with the natural environment.
- ...face a wind tunnel every time you walk under the Chemistry building.
- ...you spend most of your time walking through construction zones.
- ...it's time for Strawberry Fest.
- ...see duct tape and cardboard floating through the sewage that is Roth Pond.
- ...The Patriot is your favorite newspaper.



# Illegals: Who Needs 'Em?

The immigration issue is very emotional and deeply personal for many people today. Amidst the debate, one thing seems eternally repeated by the side in favor of legalizing the criminal act of illegal immigration. They make the case that without illegal Mexican immigrants, certain types of work would not get done, because they do the jobs that Americans do not want to do.

Sure, the jobs they perform are not glamorous or well-paid. And sure, I personally would not want to do them. However, it is far too simplistic to say that we need them. We don't. And we would be better off without them.

Americans have an uncanny ability to meet needs when change arrives. We can use gas prices as an example. Gas prices are reaching all-time highs across the country. Yet, traffic does not seem to be letting up one bit, and everyone is going out just as much as they did back when 87 octane was \$1.50 a gallon. The reason for this is, we need to drive, so we meet the current demands. We cut back here and there to take into account the higher cost of fueling our automobiles. This is no different than what would happen if illegal immigrants suddenly disappeared from our country. The cost of landscaping, construction, and many other services would go up due to the fact that employers would now have to hire American workers. And they'd at least pay them minimum wage, which is more than the pay for many current illegal aliens.

Those of us who still want these services performed for us would cut back in other areas of our lives, and pay the extra amount it will cost to have them done. Those of us who don't want to pay would go back to cutting their

own lawns like we all did for essentially 150 years. Let's face it, the jobs they perform, while very present in our lives, are not essential. Essential jobs are performed by doctors, engineers, scientists, police officers, firemen, paramedics, nurses, teachers, military personnel, etc. Cutting grass, cleaning up litter, and clearing your table at a restaurant are *not* essential professions. The great free world that is the United States of America will not collapse without those things. Our grass may be a little taller, our waiters and waitresses a little more worked, but think about the upside.

Crime will go down. Period. Illegal immigrants make up a much larger percentage of the correctional system than their overall population would suggest. Proportionally speaking, illegal immigrants commit more crimes than any other minority group in the country.

The burden of the taxpayers to pay medical bills for illegal immigrants will go down. Illegal immigrants commit a crime by entering this country illegally, and then utilize our top rate healthcare system on the backs of every other legal, tax-paying American. Those Americans includes legal hispanic immigrants, which should be reason enough for them to be just as angry at this situation as the rest of the country is.

Morally speaking, it would be reprehensible to reward a crime. Entering this country illegally is a crime no matter what way one would like to spin it. Most crimes are responded to with punishment. This is the first time in history there is a lobby in this country to respond to a crime with a reward. It's a backwards concept that does not fit into the structure of our society.

Lastly, instead of taking in people

Jason Frank



from a failed nation, lets put some pressure on Mexico to become a successful nation. Mexico is full of corrupt leadership and the United States, along with the citizens of Mexico, should rally together to force Mexico to realize its potential. With its ever popular resort beaches, oil, and the largest city in the world, Mexico could be a succesful first-world country. Instead of the United States working for the Mexican people, Mexico should work for the Mexican people. It's amazing how we have lost all touch with the country they are coming from and have a defeatist attitude as we treat it like a lost cause.

This opinion may seem harsh and unpopular in the realm of Stony Brook, but don't let that fool you. The liberalism that exists on this campus is in no way a reflection of how most of the country feels. In fact, in every major scientific poll since this issue broke out, a majority has responded in favor of stricter immigration laws and enforcement. One such poll conducted by Zogby in May of 2005 indicated that an astonishing 81 percent of people believe that local police should detain illegal immigrants, while a similar poll showed that only 35 percent of people favor a guest worker program.

We should not disregard the opinions of the many to satisfy the few. I can safely say that is not the American way. And if the American way means so little to these people, perhaps America is not the place for them.

Peter Griffin's



## GRINDS MY GEARS

Things That Ruin My Beer Drinking Experience Edition

1. There's nothing I like more than beer commercials containing two women rubbing tanning oil on each other, but let's face it...with all of those freakin' dicks out there nowadays censoring anything anyone might actually like, we get stuck with boring old commercials with some old guy just sitting there talking or something. You know what I really miss? All the cool mascots the beer companies used to have. Colt 45 had Billy Dee Williams with two broads on each arm saying, "Colt 45...works every time." Yeah, how cool was that? I mean c'mon, and, and, and what ever happened to uh... Spuds Mackenzie? Yeah... you remember Spuds Mackenzie. You know the dog with the unparalleled ability to water ski and skateboard? I mean who didn't love that dog? Much better than my dog, I mean all he can do is speak but uh, uh, don't let him know I said that. I mean, ya know...my dog's cool and all but he's no Spuds Mackenzie. No Lando freakin' Calrissian either.
2. Another thing that's been ruining my beer drinking experiences lately is plastic beer bottles at sporting events. Big deal, you say? Well let me tell you something. Not only does the plastic container taint the beer, but they're all freakin' wide mouths and it makes me feel like an ogre each time I take a sip.
3. Michelob Ultra. Yeah...that's right. I feel it's my appointed duty to inform you of the...heh, heh. I just said doody. Heh, heh...diarrhea. Oh... sorry...lost my train of thought there for a second. Well uh anyway...as I was saying, if the makers of Michelob Ultra want me to pee in a bottle and save their time, I will.
4. You ever try to order a beer at one of those brew-houses? Each time I'm in one of those places, they try to get me to try something by saying something like their beer is a "strong, full bodied golden lager...smooth and malty with above average alcohol to celebrate the coming of spring." I am not making that up people. Listen to that..."celebrate the coming of spring?" Who talks like that? Not real men, that's for sure. Makes me feel like I'm ordering a beer from Starbucks or something and that is very uncomfortable for me. Those places make me feel like I'm supposed to be reading a book or something.
5. BUD MUD. Nah...who am I kidding? That's half the fun. You should see the looks my wife gives me when she sees what I left her the next morning. Yeah...priceless.

# The Real Deal Behind Gas Prices



Chris Pitera

Lately there has been much talk over who's to blame for the rising cost of gas. Some critics claim that the corporate oil industry is price gouging and much suspicion has occurred after news sources reported the oil companies' wind-fall profits. Exxon-Mobil just paid out their CEO around 400 million dollars, while we are paying \$3.00-\$3.50 a gallon. Although it may seem like oil companies are greedy and price gouging to make outstanding profits, this may not be the case.

It is important to realize that there are other reasons why gas prices are high. A major culprit is our own government; specifically environmentalists and the extreme left. Through their lobbying and political pressure in Congress, they have made it virtually impossible to build a new oil refinery, drill off any of the American coasts, and mandated we blend our gasoline with "environment friendly mixes" which end up being worse, and banned from production. These are three main political reasons why the price of gas is very costly. Without the addition of new oil-refineries we

cannot produce more oil. And the law of demand tells us when supply is low and demand is high, prices are high. So here's an economic idea: create more refineries-thus raising the supply (while demand is the same) and there will be a decrease in prices.

This of course is assuming that companies are not gouging. As for drilling, under environmental protection laws, we are prohibited to drill in any of the 48 states as well as any coast. If we cannot end our foreign dependency on oil, we will never have the price of gas come down. Considering a large percentage of our oil comes from the Middle East, in and of itself is a reason for high gas prices. That part of the world as we all know is very unstable and just imagine if they decided not to export oil to the United States. Be prepared to spend \$10 a gallon. It would be a total catastrophe.

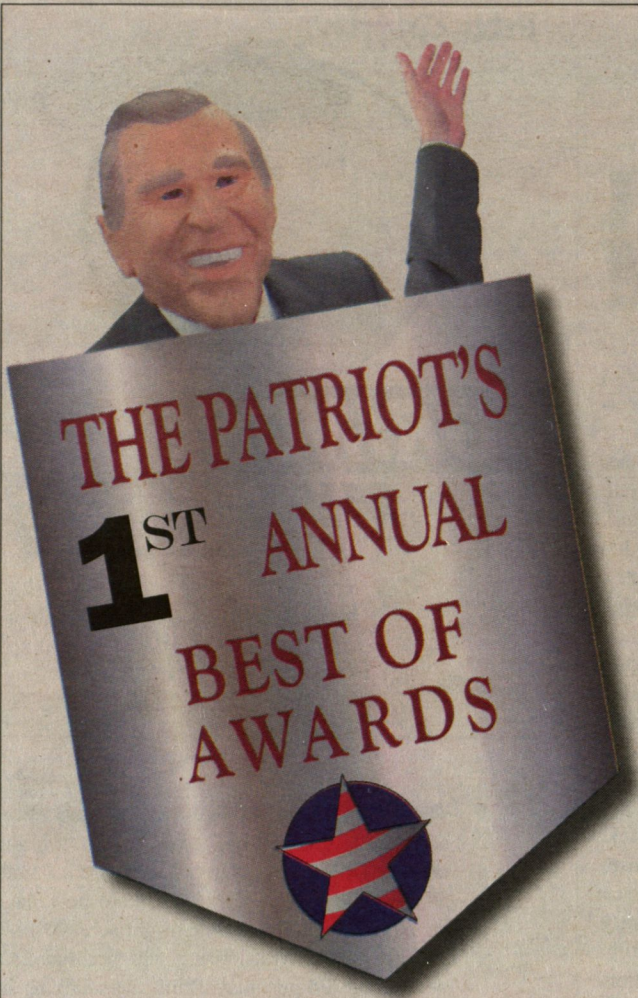
As for the mandates which force oil companies to blend in other additives such as ethanol to help reduce air pollution, it is really just a burden that is reflected in the price of gas. For example, the EPA and other pro-environment groups have lobbied Congress so hard that a bill was passed requiring all American oil companies to blend their gasses, which by the way change all the time and dramatically

effects the way a refinery operates. Not only do companies have to refine the barrels of oil they purchase but they also have to buy other sedatives and refine it in a separate process. This wastes more time, more money, and it does not help when the government bans the very sedatives they required the companies to use, after realizing that they are more harmful to the environment.

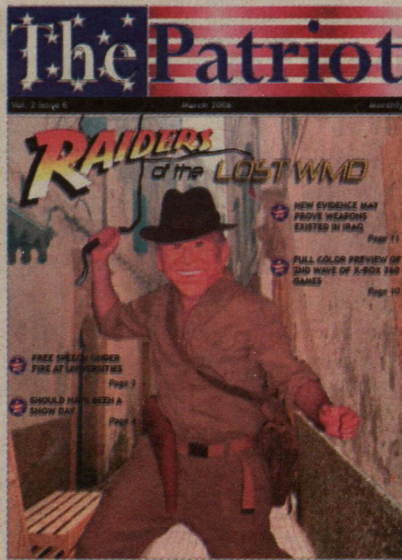
Oh wait, there is one more thing if you live in the state of New York: you are paying 63 cents in taxes on each gallon of gas. Oil companies make under 15 cents profit on a gallon of gas.

Anyway, a 400 million payout to Exxon Mobil's CEO may seem enormous and ridiculous, but that is business, there is nothing new about CEO's making unimaginable money. They are selling a product, a very important one, oil (and making under 15 cents on each gallon). The government is taxing us four-fold, and our roads in New York are terrible. What should we do? Let companies drill here in the United States, thus we will no longer depend on anyone else for our most needed resource. Cut gas taxes to help alleviate some of the monetary burden. Build more oil refineries to produce more oil. And transition our dependency from oil to a new form of energy.



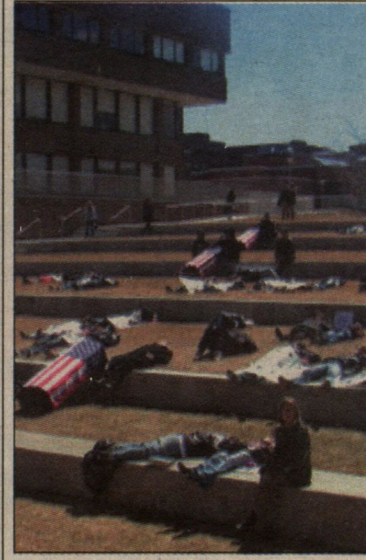


This is it! The end of the school year. And to commemorate the occasion, The Patriot has brought together a motley collection of things that have amused us in and out of our very own pages. And now presenting the best of 2005-2006...



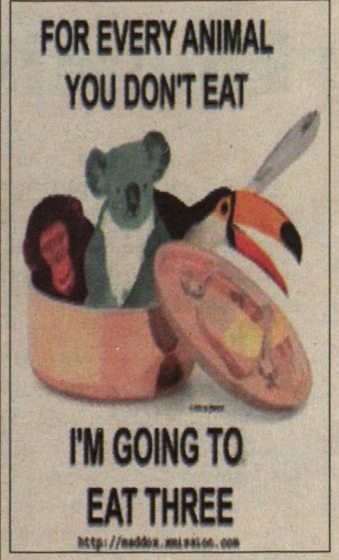
### Best Patriot Cover Story

In March 2006, Robert Romano challenged readers to reevaluate the evidence supporting Iraq's lost WMDs. And for that, we just had to take a moment and recognize that this guy's got balls.



### Best Radical Liberal Event

The Die-in Protest, as featured in the April 2006 issue. Hey hippies, next time you lay down follow orders... Face down and hands behind your head!

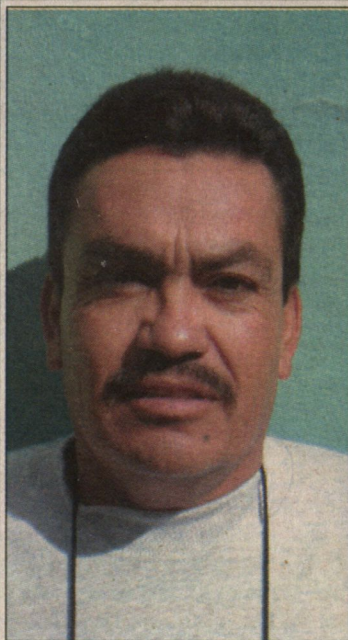


### Best Facebook Groups

- PETA - People for the Eating of Tasty Animals
- Kiss Me, I'm White
- I Press Disabled Person Buttons To Open Doors Despite Not Being Handicapped

These groups are totally politically incorrect and that's the way we like it. Free speech, baby!

NEXT TIME I'LL TRY EATING SOME RICE AND BANANNAS BEFORE I BEGIN CONSTRUCTION.



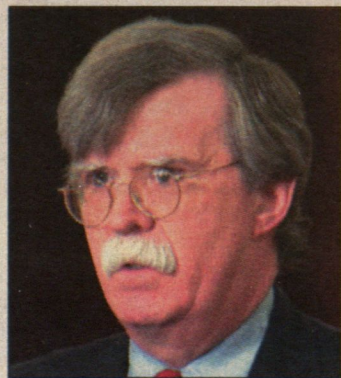
### Honorary Hombre Award

This guy wins for making the fastest run to the border. Today we salute you, you real-life speedy gonza-lez, you.



### Best Mullet

Female auto mechanic, we tip our caps to you.



### Best Mustache

U.N. Ambassador John Bolton: a mustache like that can only belong to a true man's man.



### Peter Griffin's Best Nonsensical Rant

"How Abraham Lincoln could successfully build a cabin out of 'Lincoln logs' but whenever I try to build something out of 'Peter logs' all I wind up with is a big, messy pile of poo."



### Most Overplayed Song

"You're Beautiful" by James Blunt. I'll be blunt, your song not only sucks, but we're tired of hearing it every five minutes.



### Joke Beaten to the Ground

Okay, we made jokes too, but that was back when it was still relevant. Enough already!





### Best Patriot Exclusive

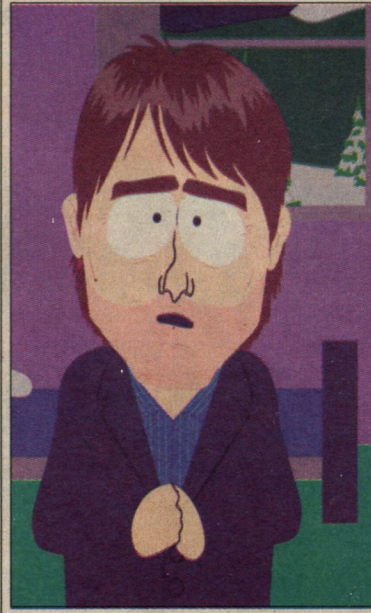
All throughout last semester, everyone on campus asked the same question: "who the hell is this guy?"

Well, Geostrophic Geoff granted his exclusive story only to The Patriot. Further proof that if our readers want to find out what's going on, they know where to go.



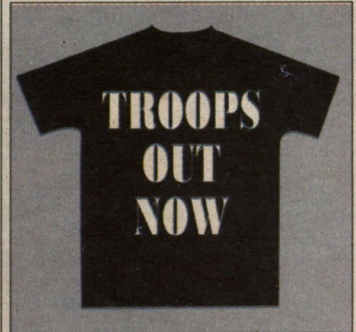
### Best Hard News Patriot Article

Back in September, Erica Smith investigated the breakdown of the student activity fee. We're still astonished by how much some of those clubs are getting.



### Most Outrageous South Park Moment

Tom Cruise refused to come out of the closet in this December episode, that not only put South Park in the mainstream news like never before, but led to Isaac Hayes quitting as the voice of Chef.



### Most Balsy Moment

The hippies hate Hillary Clinton all of the sudden. Who the hell are they gonna vote for now? "Goddamn hippies"



### Crazy Dictator of the Year

That guy from Iran... Next up: Alladin carpet-bombs Israel



### Best Side-Boob

Hillary Duff is the winner hands down, or in her case, hands up.



### Best Satire in The Patriot

As featured in the April 2006 issue, when asked to accept the award, Cobra Commander threatened to whip out his snake and...

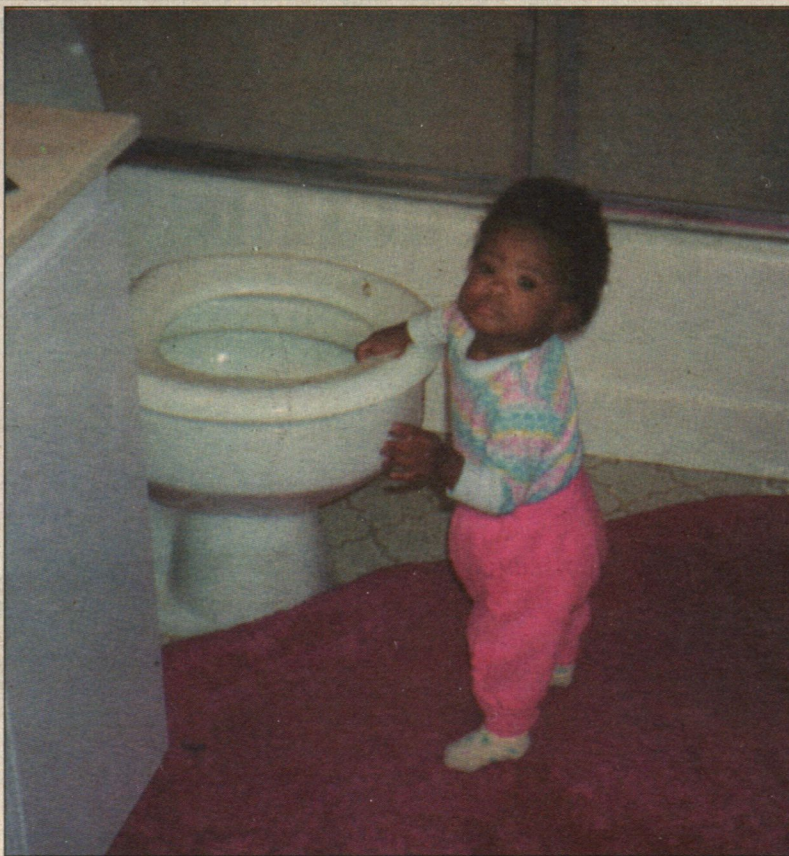
Well, you probably got the picture.

This guy is just plain evil.



### Best Food Service Worker

The guy in the SAC cafeteria who's actually named Food. Yeah, we know that's not him, but they all look the same anyway. So who cares? (Just kidding, of course)



### Best Place to Take a Dump on Campus

No need to continue exploring other toilets anymore. Take our advice and release your bowels in the best and cleanest facility on campus: the psychology building's bathroom, located directly behind the SAC. So relax, read a book, and don't forget to thank The Patriot when you're done.



### Best Featured Patriot Article

"Where Are Our Rights Going?" asked Rachel O'Brien back in our September 2005 issue. Her article serves as a reminder that this country was founded on principles that call for personal responsibility and freedom from tyranny of the government. So, in the words of Axl Rose, "Take that to the heart."





IN THIS ISSUE...  
 COBRA COMMANDER  
 SPEAKS OUT ON  
 U.S. IMMIGRATION  
 PROBLEMS

## The Cobra Commander Corner

Ever since we published the Cobra Manifesto in our last issue, we here at The Patriot have been swamped with letters, emails and phone calls (which is uncanny, as we don't have a central phone number). The response has been overwhelming and we thank everyone who took time to write or speak to us. However, nothing was more shocking than one particular letter we received. It seems to be a direct communication from Cobra Commander, Praised Be His Name (he paid me to say that). As we understand, we were given the dubious honor of reading his words before the president and Department of Homeland Security, so we decided to print the letter unedited for your displeasure!

### Cobra Commander Speaks:

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 Greetings, filthy infidels of the United States! It is I, your benevolent dictator, Cobra Commander! May your crops wither, may your fast-food workers have disturbing hygiene and I hope you get many paper-cuts during your days at the office. But enough with the pleasantries, I'm here on official Cobra business. It has recently occurred to me, after watching 12 hours of your Cobra-biased TV network of VH1, that your oppressive capitalist regime of a country is experiencing a problem with illegal immigration. These poor, hard-working, ripe-smelling, border-jumping men women and children want nothing more than to continue to use your

schools, roads, hospitals and public utilities without having to pay taxes. This, as I understand, has been a great source of division within your ignorant, tax-paying public. I come bearing a solution!

We, in the Cobra Dictatorship, are in dire need of manpower. Thus, we are offering to accept all illegal immigrants who are protesting your legitimate democratic process of immigration, which your nation has practiced unfairly for 300+ years. They will be given jobs, free housing and food. Sure, some might say that the jobs are twelve hour long shifts with no weekend time off, the housing is just unheated army barracks and the food is ham and lima bean K-rations bought by Dr. Mindbender from the Bulgarian

Army's 1970's surplus, but we have no immigration restrictions! And Cobra Island is a tropical paradise, conveniently located in the Gulf of Mexico. No need to swim here, transportation will be provided. Once on the island, you will see many wonderful sites, such as the Landlocked Freighter, the Cobra Airfield, Cobra Employment Center and Army Boot Camp, Cobra Spa and Sewage Treatment Plant and many picturesque statues of me, Cobra Commander, conveniently located in all public areas. You will meet your friendly morale counselors, the Cobra Vipers, who will show you to your new places of employment (which will begin immediately at your arrival, in one of many exciting M.A.R.S. weapon

factories located in your new homeland). Your children will be educated in many Cobra schools, where they will learn the Cobra Infantry field manual and other exciting subjects, such as tank maintenance, AK-47 firing and envelope stuffing.

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 Unfortunately, there is no voting, as we are a strict dictatorship, and you will become slaves of my every whim, but that's much better than that oppressive democracy of United States!

But, have no worries about singing the national Cobra anthem in a language so offensive to you, we have prepared a special Spanish version just for our new arrivals! Viva la Cobra!

## Movie Review: Silent Hill

### Lost in Translation?

By Damon Vetere

It seems that studios have yet to learn that video games don't always make good movies. In fact, they hardly ever make good movies. Yet year after year, it seems more and more video games are being made into films. The latest attempt to capitalize on the success of a video game is Silent Hill, a creepy survival-horror game that debuted on Playstation One. While Silent Hill was never a major success in the videogame industry, it was successful enough to gain a solid fanbase and become a franchise.

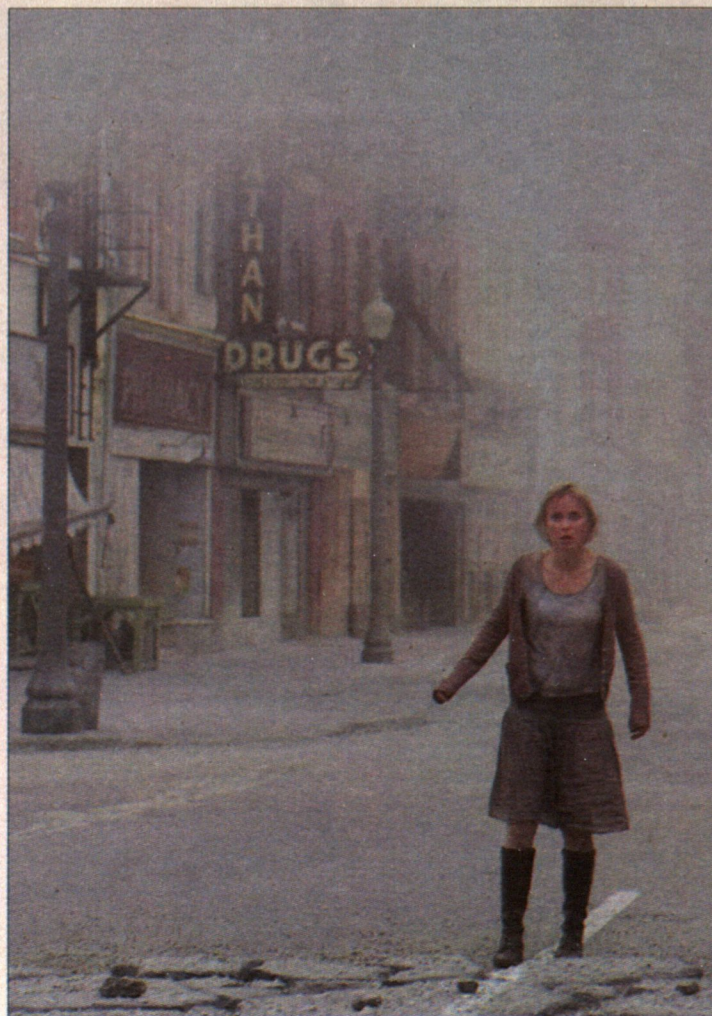
So does Silent Hill: the movie prove to be a successful adaptation of the game, or does it get lost in the translation? Believe it or not, this isn't an easy decision. Silent Hill accomplishes what it sets out to do. It is creepy as hell, and oozes atmosphere. From the start of the film you are curious, wondering where this movie is go-

ing to take you. When the movie finally starts to pull up the curtain and reveal some of the strange characters and hideous creatures that are residents of Silent Hill, you can't help but be interested. Unfortunately for the movie, the content gets old fast, and the longer you stay at Silent Hill (which is over 2 hours), the less interested you will become. While Silent Hill certainly has its fair share of exciting scenes, it fails to move the story, or even develop one. A lame 5 minute explanation scene that attempts to explain what the hell you've been looking at for the last hour and a half still doesn't explain everything, and eventually proves to destroy any momentum the film had built up for the grande finale.

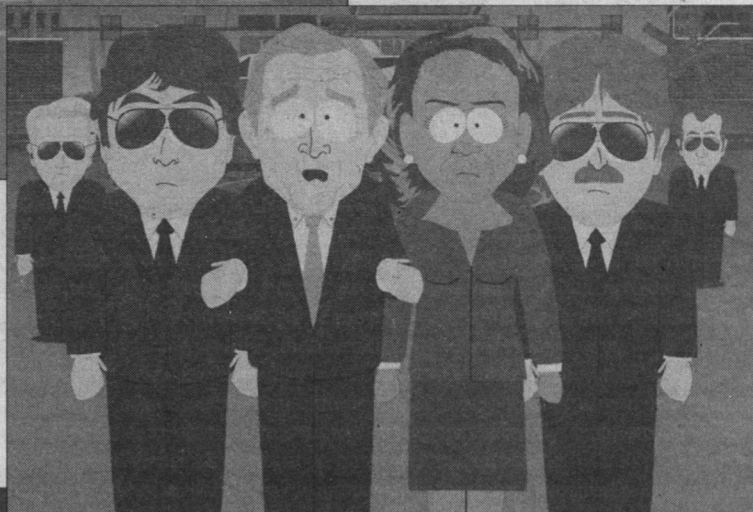
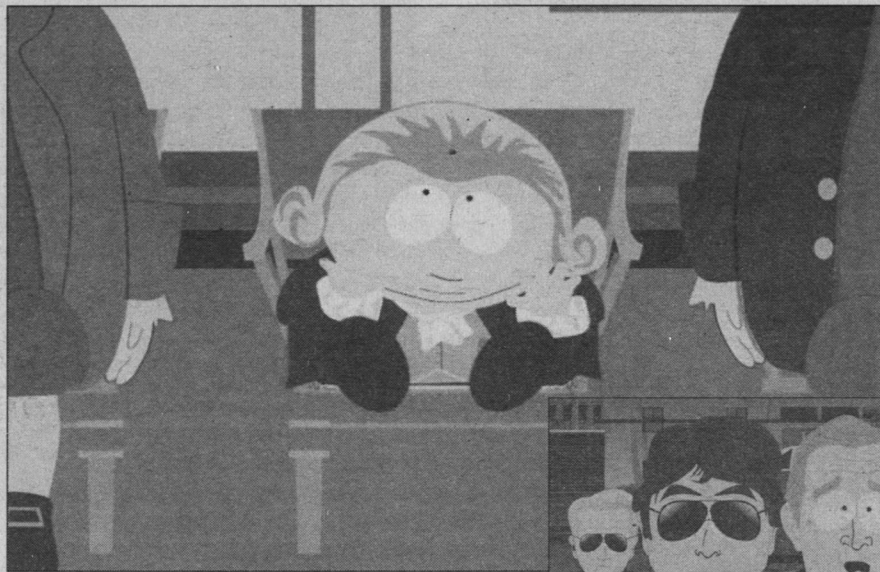
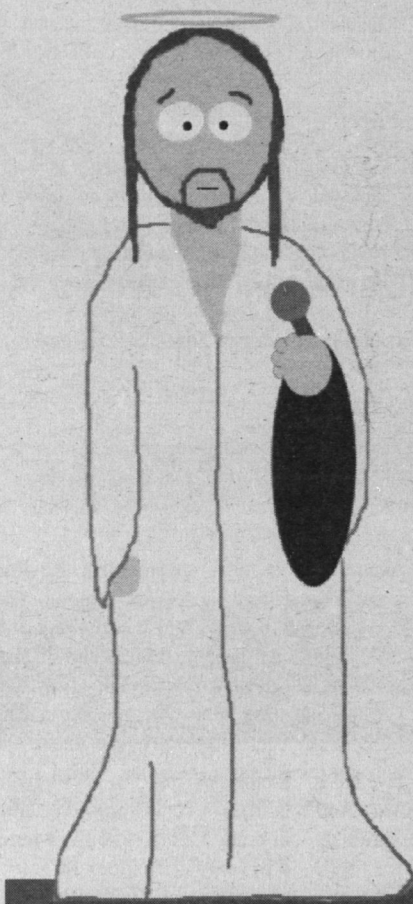
The best parts of the movie are the creature scenes. If you love horror movies and the weird things that go bump in the night, Silent Hill is worth a look at. If you appreciate cinematography and love



eye candy, Silent Hill is will satisfy you. The movie definitely looks great, and has some memorable characters along the way (none of the cool ones are human). However, if you need closure in your movies, or even a solid plot without much room for imagination, save your money. Compared to other video game movies, this movie is great. Compared to "real" movies, Silent Hill is all fluff and no stuff.







# Religion, Morality, & Government

In his Farewell Address of September 1796, Washington called religion, as the source of morality, “a necessary spring of popular government,” while Adams claimed that statesmen “may plan and speculate for Liberty, but it is Religion and Morality alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand.” In recent years, however, the separation between church and state has grown wider, and religion has become increasingly removed from public life. Some fear that without the root of religion, the morality of our society will erode. Can there be morality without god and religion? Can a godless morality be effective in an entire society?

## Rachel O'Brien

Yes, there can be morality without God and religion. However, as a Christian, I find that the morals I live by and the beliefs I have about ethics and how to treat others, etc. come from my belief in God and what He has said. It is silly to say that one cannot be moral if one is not religious, but there is a much greater chance, in my opinion, that a person will be moral if they have something to go by; some standard. And such a standard that I live by is set by God.

Also, when people don't believe in God, they tend to have the idea that there is no set standard for morals; that everyone “makes” their own morals. I definitely do not believe that to be true. If it was true, then child molesters, “making” their own morals, would believe their lifestyle to be moral.

I do not believe that a completely godless morality would be an effective society. Why? Because, most people would not be moral on their own. It is human nature to be selfish and from selfishness stems many bad things. So to say a society completely without God would be just fine, I believe to be false. I think a lot of people need to be pushed to do the right thing and wouldn't come to do it themselves all the time, if not for something else provoking them to do so. A thing such as God. So no, I don't think a completely godless moral would be ef-

fective in society because a lot of morals would be left out.

## Brian Holt

The citing of Washington and Adams in “defense” of religious liberty and its supposedly ineluctable connection to morality neglects the musings and cogent polemics of two other Founding Fathers- Jefferson and Madison. In their drafting of the Virginia Resolution, which served as the template for the Constitution's freedom of religious clauses, they thoroughly “defrocked” the fallacious concatenation between morality and religion. In addition, the infusion of the Enlightenment, and its moral tenets that are predicated on ethical ratiocination, lay fallow to the claim that “only religion can wear the conical hat of morality.” And finally, the history of secular humanism, particularly in the nineteenth century, squares the circle between morality and religion!

## Brett Denyer

The notion that morality must be based upon religion is a myth that was begun by religious institutions thousands of years ago to gain control over large numbers of people through supernatural threats, such as punishment after death. As Thomas Jefferson once remarked, “History, I believe, furnishes no

example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government. This marks the lowest grade of ignorance of which their civil as well as religious leaders will always avail themselves for their own purposes.” Consider the political power that the Catholic Church wielded in the Middle Ages, during which it forced its “morality” upon millions of people; as a result, Europe was kept in the dark for a thousand years and countless people were tortured, burned, mutilated, and killed in the name of the church. It would seem in this instance that society eroded (or stagnated) not for lack of religious morality, but because of it. The liberties that we enjoy in America today (what's left of them, anyway) are not due to the Bible or the Quran or any other religious text but rather are due to the secular philosophers of the Enlightenment, such as Hobbes, Locke, and Montesquieu. The right to life, liberty, and property is found nowhere in the Bible—but plenty can be found about thoughtless submission to religious authorities, which has enslaved millions of people over thousands of years. Compare this religious “morality” that kept whole nations in chains with the godless morality that allowed America to become the freest, most prosperous nation in the world. The skyline of New York is the ultimate testament to the success of our secular morality of individual liberty and the separation of church and state, and symbolizes political

and economic freedom that no religion could ever ensure.

## Evy Schmidt

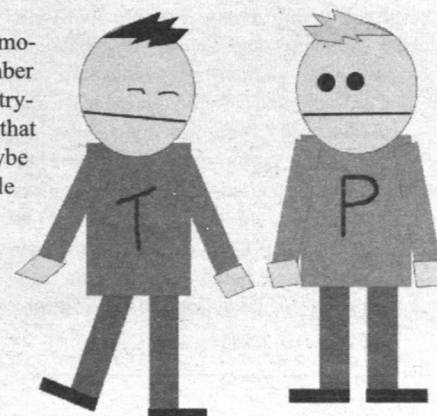
As someone who is not religious, I most certainly think that objective morality can exist independently of God. I'm not sure, however, if American society would be able to hold the same moral standards without the aid of religion.

According to a 2004 Gallup poll, 91% of Americans claim to be religious and six out of 10 Americans say they attend religious services at least semi-regularly. It is then safe to assume that most people believe morality, or least their own morality, comes from God. What happens when over the decades, religion is wiped away from the public sphere? Without society reinforcing their religious beliefs, future generations will come more and more to doubt their religion. What will replace those beliefs?

Let's say for a moment you have a member of a Godless society trying to persuade others that it is wrong to steal. Maybe they will say that if people steal, they will start a vicious cycle, and they may wound up being robbed themselves. Or maybe they will say that a life of stealing is not fulfilling, and hap-

piness can only come from earning things on your own. Or maybe they will take the more philosophical approach, and talk about rights, duties, and responsibilities. For some, this may not be very convincing: “What will I ever have that someone will want to steal? And won't I be happier stealing once in a while than working my butt off in a boring job?” Sure, there's always the chance of going to jail, but one needs to be caught first. The beauty of religion is that God is always watching. And hell doesn't have air-conditioning.

This idea extends further than simple law breaking. Think about all the things that religion makes individuals think twice about. For many, religion is that little angel sitting on their shoulder, tugging their hair when they are thinking about doing something wrong. What type of society will we become if those angels disappear?





## GAMER'S GUIDE



By Damon Vetere

Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and our final video game preview of the semester is upon us. The past few months have certainly treated gamers well, as the next generation in gaming has finally hit the ground running. Games like Ghost Recon: Advanced Warfighter and Elder Scrolls IV: Oblivion have proven the power of the Xbox 360, and things are just getting started for Microsoft.

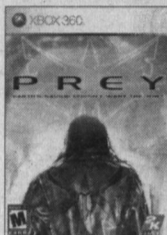
This summer it's looking like

the 360 will continue a steady flow of games leading up to the frenzy that is fall. While gamers have been forced to bear the boredom of summers past, where developers and publishers hold out titles until the holiday season, it seems that Microsoft has something else in mind. The 360 will average about two titles a month, which may not seem like many games, but compared to the past is a very healthy summer schedule.

These games aren't the bottom of the barrel, either. Most of the games

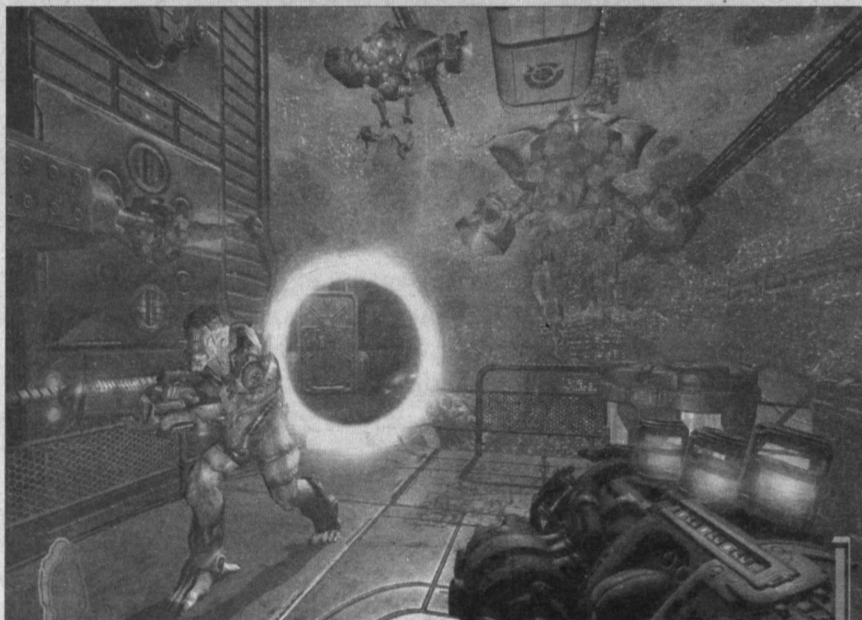
scheduled for release this summer have the potential to be very impressive additions to your Xbox 360 collection. We hope this guide will help you during the long, hot nights of the summer. We hope you enjoyed the Xbox 360 Gamers Guide this semester, and we look forward to bringing you more coverage next semester, when the PS3 is supposed to join the next-gen battle. From all of us in the bowels of Castle Wolfenstein, deep in the heart of Hyrule, have a great summer, and happy gaming!

### Prey - Out: July 11



Prey is a first-person shooter that has been in development for a very long time. A sci-fi shooter, Prey tells the story of a Native American whose girlfriend has been abducted by aliens. Now he must fight through a giant alien sphere

which assimilates many different alien cultures and organisms, much in the spirit of Doom or Quake, where technology meets biology, to get his girl back. What may set this game apart from the likes of Doom are the spiritual sequences, where the protagonist's ancestors guide him through the ordeal and teach him to unlock his potential. Prey certainly has high expectations, and all signs look like it will certainly deliver.



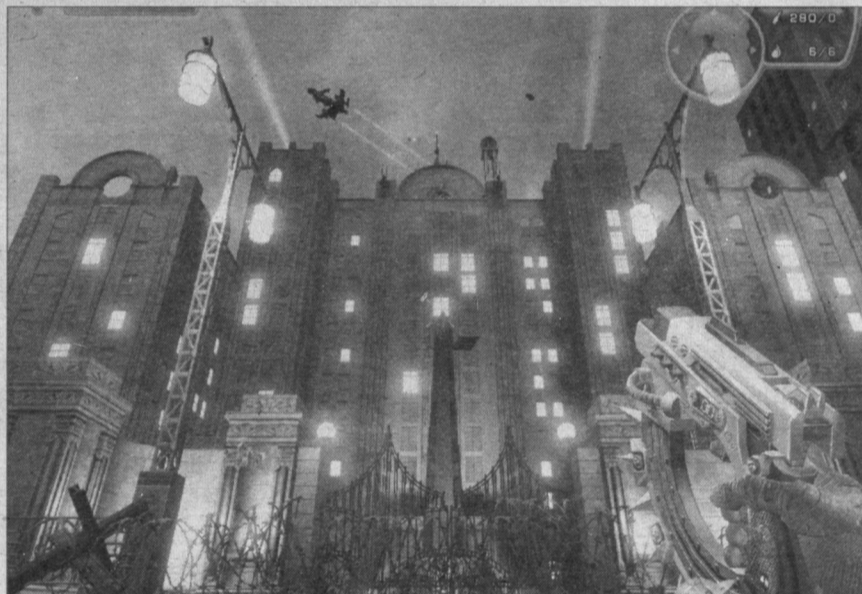
### Timeshift - Out: August



After losing its former publisher, Atari, Timeshift has regained some momentum after being picked up by publishing giant Ubisoft. After two month delays, Timeshift now seems to be back on track, and

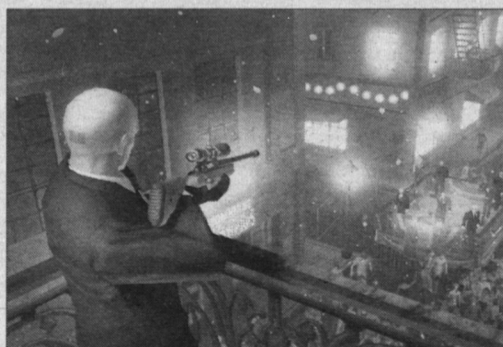
should live up the final month of the summer. Timeshift is a first-person shooter in

which time is under your control. Rewind, fast-forward, and slowdown time to take down tons of baddies and win the day. Info is still tight on this game, but E3 should shed some light on what makes Timeshift tick. Controlling time is always fun, and adding guns to the mix should prove to make this game a must have in August. With Ubisoft behind the wheel, Timeshift has become a major player this Summer.



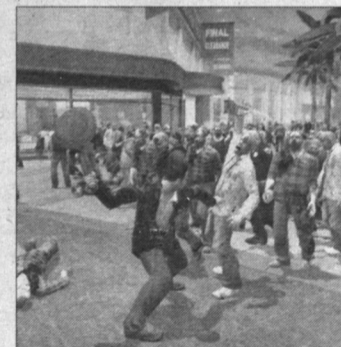
### Hitman: Blood Money - Out: May 31

Agent 47 is back, as the Hitman franchise returns to bring us more interesting ways to maim and murder. Collect contracts to earn Blood Money and upgrade weapons in different ways, so you can kill in a style that's best for you. Expect some familiar sights, as this installment in the Hitman Franchise takes place in the United States. Hitman: Blood Money should be a great way to kill off the first few weeks of June.



### Dead Rising - Out: August 22

Capcom has become the master of the undead, their next zombie adventure called Dead Rising. The premise of this zombie romp is that you are a photographer who has become trapped in a shopping mall for 72 hours. After that everything is up to you. If you want to save people, you can. If you don't want to, you don't have to. You can enter virtually any store you wish, from the supermarket to the sporting goods store, and use any weapon you want. Want to run over zombies with a shopping cart or lawn mower? Why Not? Point is, you can do almost anything you want in this game. This may be one of the best games of the summer, so keep your eyes peeled.



### Chromehounds - Out: June 28

Ever want to create a giant robot with rocket launchers and spider legs that can blow up other giant robots? Now you can with Chromehounds. Tank warfare is always a good idea, and Chromehounds is boasting a strong online component featuring clan wars, as well as a class-based customization mode where you can create your mech (or hound in this case) from scratch. If you love Transformers and hated Mechassault, this game may be just what you are looking for.



### Battle for Middle Earth 2 - Out: July 6

Still can't get enough Orcs in your daily diet? Fear not, brave hobbit! Lord of the Rings: Battle for Middle-Earth 2 is a Real-Time Strategy game that should satisfy that craving. Developed by EA, you can re-create the epic battles that gained the Lord of the Rings franchise so much popularity on the silver screen. Don't be afraid of using a controller in an RTS, either. The game will have a solid control-scheme that is developed strictly for the 360.





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## U.S. Voters Go to Polls; Elect President for '32

### Runaway Capitalism

By Andrew Kirell

#### Myths vs. Facts of The Great Depression

Myth: "Runaway capitalism" caused the Great Depression.

Fact: Before the Great Depression, an expansionist credit policy existed at the hands of the Federal Reserve. Domestic and foreign monetary supplies were inflated beyond sustainability. Business responded to government stimulus and "easy" credit by leaning on being able to borrow money for investments. However, the inflated monetary supplies at this time resulted in inflation and the devaluing of currencies. Although more money was available to borrow, it was worth less. Creditors responded by calling in investments and converting it into hard currency. The 1929 crash was precipitated by central banking and poor government policy, not capitalism.

Myth: President Hoover, the "Do Nothing Capitalist."

Fact: Hoover spent more money on public-works programs over the course of four years than was spent in the previous thirty years total. Also President Hoover either increased or established new taxes in the areas of corporate, estate, gifts, cars, gasoline, electric energy, bank checks, and telephones - among oth-

### One Will Be President for the Next 12 Years;



Franklin D. Roosevelt

Herbert Hoover

er areas. The Smoot-Hawley Tariff itself is a strong instance of government intervention.

Myth: Blacks were massive beneficiaries of FDR's New Deal legislation.

Fact: The staples of the first New Deal, the NIRA and the AAA, mandated higher wages and prices, forcing many unskilled workers and sharecroppers (greatly consisting of blacks) out of work and footing the bill for the higher prices. Also, the

government practically legislated compulsory unionism, giving way for many labor unions to discriminate against blacks and not allow them to join or work. The South received a disproportionately lower amount of New Deal aid because it was already a Democratic stronghold and in no need of electoral reassurance for FDR.

Myth: The New Deal successfully provided food for a starving nation.

Fact: While Americans went hungry

and needy, FDR ordered the slaughtering of millions of livestock and the destruction of millions of acres of already-grown crops.

Myth: World War II ended the Great Depression.

Fact: While the war draft took millions of people out of the unemployment figures and the American economy focused on war goods, the war itself did not provide actual prosperity as many goods were unavailable or forbidden to be pro-

### Interesting Facts:

"In 1920, FDR himself had described Hoover as, 'certainly a wonder; I wish we could make him president of the United States. There could not be a better one.'"

"Hoover thought government spending could help get America out of the depression. He urged state governors to spend money on public works projects."

"FDR issued Executive Order 6012, which expropriated privately owned gold. He ordered Americans to surrender their gold to the government... Violators would be subject to a \$10,000 fine or as much as ten years in prison."

For more fun FDR facts, check out FDR's Folley, by Jim Powell.

duced. While the national income increased due to government bonds and paper money, the real standard of living of Americans is not taken into account. By all measures, the real numbers during the war do NOT resemble prosperity. The return to normal conditions and the end of the business uncertainty after the war are the real end of the Depression.

*This article was originally published in George Mason University's George Mason Liberty Letters*

### The Hidden Tax

By Former Congressman Tim Penny (D-MN)

Between individual and employer contributions, all workers contribute 12.4% of their income to Social Security - starting with the very first dollar of income. For higher income earners, this Social Security tax stops after \$94,200 of income. Because roughly ninety percent of workers make less than that, it means they never escape this tax!!

Meanwhile, the percentage of income taken by payroll taxes

has increased exponentially over the years. When the Social Security system was created in 1935, the maximum annual tax paid by any worker was \$60. Today, that number has skyrocketed to \$11,000!!

Some say these payroll taxes are completely reasonable given that they fund our Social Security system, guaranteeing every worker a retirement income. But the taxes collected each year will soon be insufficient to finance the system. The numbers tell the story. In 1965, there were six workers supporting every retiree.

Today, we have only three workers supporting each retiree. With the retirement of the baby boom generation, there will be only two workers for each retiree. In response to this demographic and fiscal challenge, will today's younger workers be forced to pay even higher payroll taxes?

It just does not seem fair to continually ask each generation of workers to pay ever more into this system, while giving them no assurance that the money will be saved and invested for their own retirement needs.

A better way exists in the form of Personal Retirement Accounts or PRAs. Here's how they would work. Some payroll taxes would still finance a basic Social Security safety net. However, a portion of those taxes would go into a diversified investment fund. This fund would be owned by the individual worker - and could not be spent by Congress. Over the years, this fund would grow to become a healthy retirement "nest egg."

Clearly, this is not a "risky scheme" as some politicians have claimed. We know this because

Congress has already created a PRA system for themselves and the federal workforce. It is called the federal Thrift Savings Plan. If PRAs are good enough for Congress, why not for every American worker?

On April 15 our government expected a detailed accounting of our finances and how much we owe in taxes. It's about time that the government gives us a better accounting regarding our payroll taxes and the future of Social Security. After all, it's our money, and we need to know if it will be there for us when we retire.



# Patriot Labs Presents: Hangover Remedies

Hangover Remedies Study - April 28, 2006

Ah, the end of the semester! A time when classes wrap up and exams are finished. A time also known to all college students as massive alcohol consumption days. A time of waking up in the morning with a pulsating headache, dehydration, burning eyes, and an overall need to pray at the porcelain idol for a few hours.

So we here at The Patriot have decided to do a public service for the student body and test out various hangover remedies (and "test-drive" various drinks, but unfortunately, no one kept track of what was consumed after the 7th pint, thus we don't remember). All names have been changed to protect the identities of the writers.

**Day One:** Extensive research by our Special Assignment team is done on various aspects of a "hangover." Biological, social and behavioral studies are read, compared and prominently relocated to the "round filing cabinet." The general consensus of big, important scientists in lab-coats is that the only way not to have hangovers is not to drink. We say, way to thee, oh bespectacled ones! Plus, we all know science is just unholy black magic anyway. We relax with a few Coronas and contemplate illegal immigration for the rest of the afternoon.

**Day Two:** Actual research begins. We decide that we need a "control" in our experiment. Or as they are commonly referred to, a designated driver. Various females are contacted and pleaded with. Here we learn our first lesson: apparently, even girlfriends do not wish to "be a control group" to a bunch of guys who plan on getting as drunk as possible to achieve a perfect state of "Oh god, why me?!" on the next morning. All pleas are further nullified by the idea that this experiment will be taking place at the local strip joint. A driver cannot be found; everyone goes to Hooters instead. They have great chicken wings there. And tits.

**Day Three:** No one is hung over, as beers at Hooters are overpriced. Morale is running low, there are attempts to ditch the experiment with excuses of "but I have a paper to write" and "my girlfriend told me not to get plastered at nudie bars." To raise the spirits of the group, everyone gets together at my place, also known as H.Q. The menu for the night is Guinness, as it is dark, smooth and drop-kicks you like Chuck Norris on a bad day. Supermarket shelves are cleaned out of the local stock. Debauchery ensues and lamps get broken. Some say that "Elvira, Mistress of the Dark" was watched. Lies, all lies, we say!

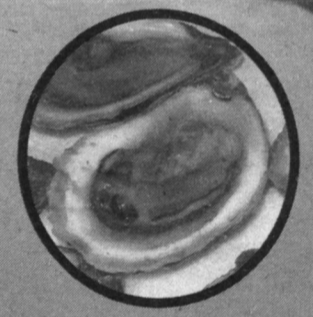
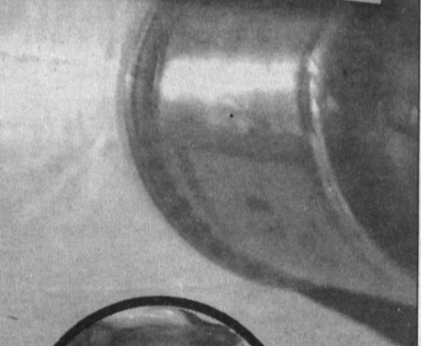
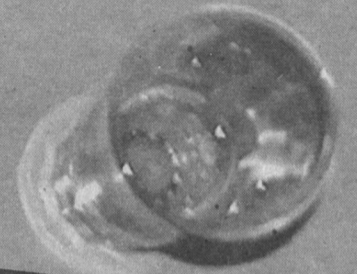
The following morning is utterly brutal. Participant A wakes up and immediately makes a mad dash (more of a stumble, actually) to the toilet and attempts to vomit. Alas, cruel fate, it is nothing but dry-heaves. And the sweaty stripper boob-sweat smell doesn't help. Having read somewhere that things like aspirin and carrot juice are beneficial to the body, as one dulls the mad Frenchman living in one's head and the other replaces fluids lost, your brave Patriot Staffer takes both. The effect is not as planned, however, beneficial nonetheless: the dry-heaves stop and a nice, healthy stream of vomit comes out. And regurgitating half-digested aspirin is no picnic. However, in about twenty minutes the headache subsides and after a few cups of tea, Participant A is able to lay down for a few hours of peace and quiet.

Participant B, a much braver and cultural fellow, decided to take a different approach. The night before, he purchased some fresh oysters and left them on ice for the morning. Supposedly, according to the ancient lore of the stack of Playboy's from the 1950's we found in one of our dad's garages as children, oysters have some kind of magic voodoo power to make bad things go away (and prolong erections, but that's neither here nor there). As the fearless writer drags himself out of bed and attempts to make his way to the kitchen, one major problem becomes apparent. Opening up fresh oysters while your eyes are burning with a fire of a thousand infidels (who are also on fire, incidentally) is a Herculean task. The results were questionable, as eating raw shellfish in the morning after astounding alcohol absorption is just not a good idea, the participant did find the texture of oysters appealing and left this quote on your faithful writer's answering machine: "I'm telling you man, slurping a fresh oyster off a shell is just like having a vagina in your mouth, but chewier!" The result is unclear, but this did provide us with some interesting information on comparative anatomy!

The third candidate for a liver transplant, Participant C, was the unluckiest of the group. His assignment of hangover cures consisted of drinking coffee to directly stimulate the central nervous system and speed up the breakdown of alcohol in the body, followed by a light two-mile run, as exercise is apparently healthy. The poor fellow calls me from his cell phone, informing me that he is a few blocks from his house, laying in a ditch having chest pains and left arm numbness. After calling him a taxi, the threats to sue the "pants off the editor" subsided and a friendly bounty of Burger King Breakfast was offered. This, in retrospect, might not have been a good idea for someone who has such obvious cholesterol problems.

One other option was considered, an extract from the kudzu plant. However, to procure this marvelous mystery medicine, we had to go to the health-food and herbal store. Try as we did, once we attempted to cross the threshold, we were confronted with a stench of unwashed hippies and had to turn our backs and run, in fear of suddenly growing long unwashed hair and wearing filthy tie-dyed Grateful Dead t-shirts.

So there you have it, loyal readers! We, the Patriot Staff, will put our bodies through any kind of abuse to bring you the latest and most scientifically-correct information on alcohol consumption!



## This Just In: The Patriot Celebrates Earth Day!

By Damian Geminder

My favourite time of the year! The primary purpose of Earth Day is the driving of hippies out into the open so that we might execute them in groups. Yes, on this day every tree hugger, flower child and hemp smoker celebrates the intrusive federal laws that prevent true Americans from raping the land as Almighty God intended.

Of course, environmentalists (read: Commies) love to use Earth Day as an excuse to espouse the latest "news" about global warming. These anti-business dolts cream their shorts every time pre-determined (read: agenda-driven) scientific data seems to prove that global warming might be caused by humans. They claim that carbon-dioxide emissions raise global temperatures, but there is not a clear correlation between CO2 levels and the

temperature of Earth. We know that CO2 can raise temperatures, but to what extent (and how much human activities contribute to this) is uncertain. Now we are to believe that the globe will be engulfed in eternal Hell fire, the seas will drown all coastal cities and that every last drop of oil will be gone in but a few centuries so long as we ignore the vast reserves offshore, under the Great Plains and, of course, in Alaska.

We must research and implement alternative energy sources, they cry, but not nuclear power, despite the fact that Japan and France both use the stuff as their primary energy sources.

As was mentioned, there are countless oil supplies left untapped, but the environmentalists, aided by Congressional Democrats and Republican "moderates" blocked any and all attempts at further oil exploration and halted

the building of oil refineries and nuclear power plant facilities.

Wind and solar power may be clean, but they are costly. Again, it is the Left that complains about the deficits that George W. Bush magically managed to create out of Bill Clinton's surpluses (read: interest generated by the dot-com boom and nothing more), yet it is they who wish to pour countless billions into inefficient energy sources. Speaking of which, for all of their support for protecting wild life, they sure don't seem to care about birds; every wind turbine kills one bird annually in the UK. Granted, this number is negligible compared to the ten million killed by cars each year, but it's their problem if they're too slow to fly out of the way. They deserve it for crapping on our cars and statues all the time, anyway. Also, wind turbines are aesthetically displeasing (read: fugly).

So, in short: Alarmism, good. Reason, bad. Expensive pipe-dreams, good. Efficient, cost-effective power, bad. Go forth, my brethren, plant a tree on this fine day! Oh, wait, that's Arbor Day. Ahhh, screw it. Buy a SUV and then drive a hybrid off the road! Piss in your local reservoir! Mix paper and plastic recyclables! The environmentalists are all pacifists, so what are they going to do about it?! Huh?!

Editor's note: Shortly after publishing this article, the author was shipped off to the Tom Cruise Sanitarium for the Criminally Conservative. We regret the outburst concluding this piece.

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# HOW TO SPOT A HIPPIE

## OLD-FASHIONED HAT

Caught in the past, hippies often wear accessories most of us would only expect to see on great-grandpa. Also note the cigar. That ain't just tobacco in there.

## ANTI-WAR SIGN

Hippies are staunchly against all wars including the war in Iraq. Be wary of college-know-it-all hippies, as they might be mistaken for intelligent people.

## WHERE YOU MAY FIND HIPPIES:

- Hippies are often found in colonies outside their natural college habitat
- Home attics may have the "giggling stoner" breed
- Check large backyards and university libraries for "drum circles"
- Hippies tend to be attracted to protests so avoid attending, if possible

## EARTH TONES

Obsessed with the environment, hippies like to match their natural surroundings, dirt and trees.

## ROSE-TINTED GLASSES

Hippies see only the pleasant parts of the world. Attention: this is a no violence zone. Also note the flowing head scarf, covering dingy hair.

## FLOWER POWER

Floral patterns are often found on hippie apparel. Also note flower in hair.

## ANTI-AMERICANISM

Socialist, anti-american protest signs are a staple hippie accessory. Also note the signature Che Guevara t-shirt.

## MASSIVE HOLES

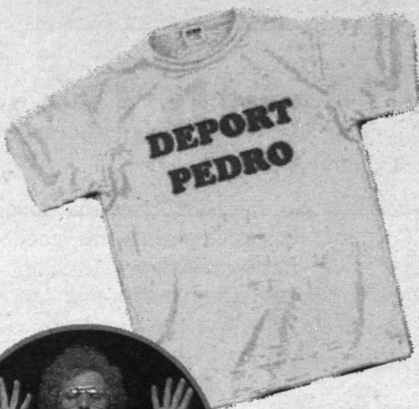
Worn jeans with huge holes in them are a must. Avoid washing... ever.



Shawna Smith's

# REPUBLICAN GEAR

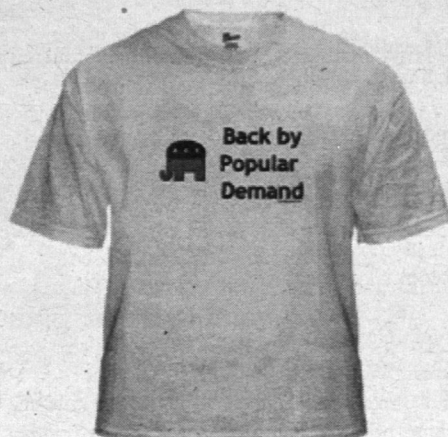
FOR ALL THE GUYS WHO NEED A GIRL TO PICK OUT WHAT THEY WEAR



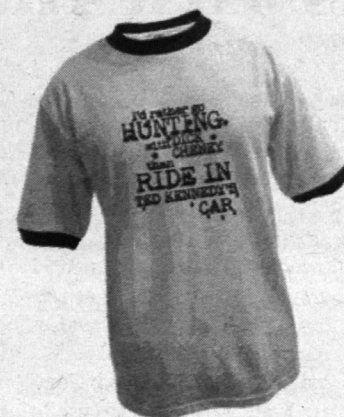
Yeah, it was funny a year ago, but now we'd want a recount.

"Sick of those damn protesters? Pick up one of these shirts and let everyone know what your position is on the immigration issue."

Find these shirts and many more at:  
<http://www.cafepress.com/rightwingstuff>



Show them that you are on the RIGHT side. Four More Years! Four More Years! Make Shawna happy and keep this up in 2008!



"Wouldn't you?" says Shawna... We couldn't agree more. After all, we all know Dick Cheney is a big lovable teddy bear deep down inside.



# Sex at The 'Brook

Virginia Morgan



The other day while I was flipping through the television channels, I came across a new show on MTV entitled Parental Control. The show gives parents who are dissatisfied with their child's love interest a chance to set them up with someone new. Both the mother and the father each pick someone new for the child to date, hoping that at the end of the show their child picks one of their dates over their current love interest. Although the show is obviously scripted to attract greater appeal, it does highlight a very real concern among young people today: parental influence over their love life.

While we may never be featured on that show, many of us find ourselves in similar situations: we are in a relationship with someone our parents disapprove of. In a situation such as this, our first reaction is usually to shout, "Yeah, well I am over 18 so I can do whatever I want, with whomever I want and there is nothing you can do to stop me!!" While that is true and you have every right to shout it as loud as you wish, you are

better off not saying anything until you have had time to sit down and analyze the situation. I know this sounds hokey but if you hear me out, it may be to your benefit!

The main reason your parents object to relationships, or at least the main reason they should be, is because they only want the best for you. Parents refuse to believe that their children should have to settle for anything in life, whether it be a relationship, a career etc. Another reason they tend to object to relationships is because, believe it or not, they were once your age and made some of the same mistakes you've made- they have the benefit of hindsight. They want to prevent you from dating and subsequently falling in love with a tattooed metal head named Spike because they once dated, and almost married, a tattooed hair band roadie named Stryker. They realize now they are better off having not married the Twisted Sister look-alike and they want you come to the same realization about your own Pantera wannabe.

Not only that, but even though they are

your parents, they do have a much needed objective outlook on the relationship. (Keep in mind that by objective I mean they aren't in the relationship, so they aren't therefore "blinded by love" as they say.)

You may be willing to write off the fact that your significant other disappears for days on end without calling or that they are willing to break a date with you to hang out with their pals, but your parents aren't. They are able to see that behavior like that from a significant other is not cool, and that it's grounds for possibly ending the relationship.

While there are certain pros to having your parents offer their opinion on your relationship, that doesn't mean you have to take their advice. After all, you are over eighteen and are qualified to make your own decisions about your personal life.

Also, there are some instances where your parents are only looking out for their best interests and not yours. Remember Sylvia Fine on The Nanny? She was willing to marry her daughter Fran off to anyone,

regardless of what her daughter thought. She once tried to fix her daughter up with a bank robber who was holding them hostage because "He's not wearing a ring!" and "[He'll] be worth \*millions\* in a few minutes."

So my advice to you is this: unless you have been dating your significant other over a year or if you are considering marrying them, take your parents advice with a grain of salt. (However if your parents feel you are in an abusive relationship either emotionally or physically, no matter how serious the relationship, do listen to their advice!) There's no use for you and them to get worked up over a relationship that might only last 'til Labor Day.

I'd like to inform all of my devoted readers that this will be my last Sex in the Brook column. While I have enjoyed writing this column for the past year, I graduate in May and will be attending law school in the fall. So thank you all for reading my column and I wish you all the best of luck in your relationship endeavors!

## Depressing Poetry Corner Presents:

### The Emo Song

As Seen on MySpace

Dear diary,

mood: *apathetic*

my life is spiraling downward.

i couldn't get enough money to go to the Blood Red Romance and Suffocate Me Dry concert.

It sucks cause they play some of my favorite songs like: 'Stab My Heart Because I Love You,' and 'Rip Apart My Soul,' and of course, 'Stabby Rip Stab Stab.' and it doesn't help that i couldn't get my hair to do that flippy thing either, like that guy from that band could do, some days you know...

i'm an **emo** kid, non-conforming as can be you'd be non-conforming to if u look just like me i have paint on my nails and make-up on my face i'm almost **emo** enough to start shaving my legs 'cause i feel real deep when i'm dressing in drag i call it freedom of expression most just call me a f\*g 'cause their dudes look like chicks, their chicks look like d\*kes 'cause emo is one step below transvestite

stop my breathing and slit my throat - i must be **emo**  
i don't jump around when i go to shows - i must be **emo**

i'm dark and sensitive with low self-esteem the way i dress makes everyday feel like *Halloween* i have no real problems but i like to make believe i stole my sister's mascara now i'm grounded for a week sulking and writing poetry are my hobbies i can't get through a Hawthorne Heights album without sobbing girls keep breaking up with me, it's never any fun they say they already have a p\*ssy, they don't need another one

stop my breathing and slit my throat - i must be **emo**  
i don't jump around when i go to shows - i must be **emo**

dye in my hair and polish on my toes - i must be **emo**  
i play guitar and write suicide notes - i must be **emo**

my life is just a **black** abyss, you know, it's so dark. and it's suffocating me. grabbing ahold of me and tightening it's grip, tighter than a pair of my little sister's jeans... which look great on my by the way

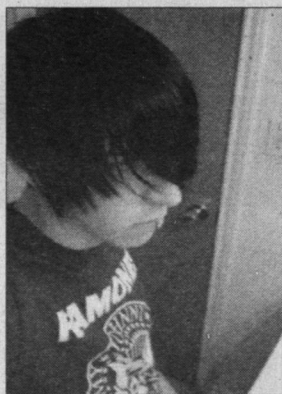
when i get depressed i cut my wrists in every direction hearing songs about getting dumped give me an erection

i write in a live journal and wear **thick** rimmed glasses  
i told my friends i bleed black and cry during classes i'm just a bad, cheap imitation of **GOTH**  
you can read me "Catcher in the Rye," and watch me jack off  
i wear skin tight clothes while hating my life  
if i said i like girls i'd only be 1/2 right

i look like i'm dead and dress like a homo - i must be **emo**  
screw XBOX i play old-school Nintendo - i must be **emo**  
i like to whine and hate my parentals - i must be **emo**  
me and my friends all look like clones - i must be **emo**

my parents just don't get me you know. They think i'm gay just because they saw me kiss a guy. Well, a couple of guys. but i mean, it's the 2000s. Can't 2, or 4 dudes make-out with each other without being gay. i mean, chicks dig that kind of thing anyways. i don't know diary, sometimes i think *you're* the only one that gets me, you're my best friend.

...i feel like tacos



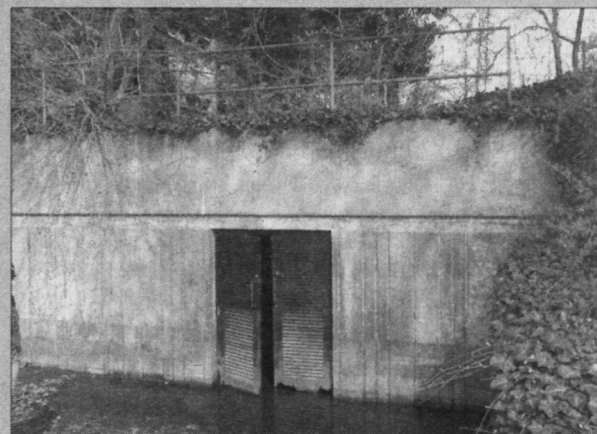
## WTF?! Picture of the Month

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

This month we came across a secrete passageway of some sort not far from the Student Activities Center. There can be only one answer...

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

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



This month's photo was taken near the SAC, between the SAC loop and the faculty parking lot.



Last Month's Picture

"Well, I may not know alien art, but I know what I hate, and I hate this."

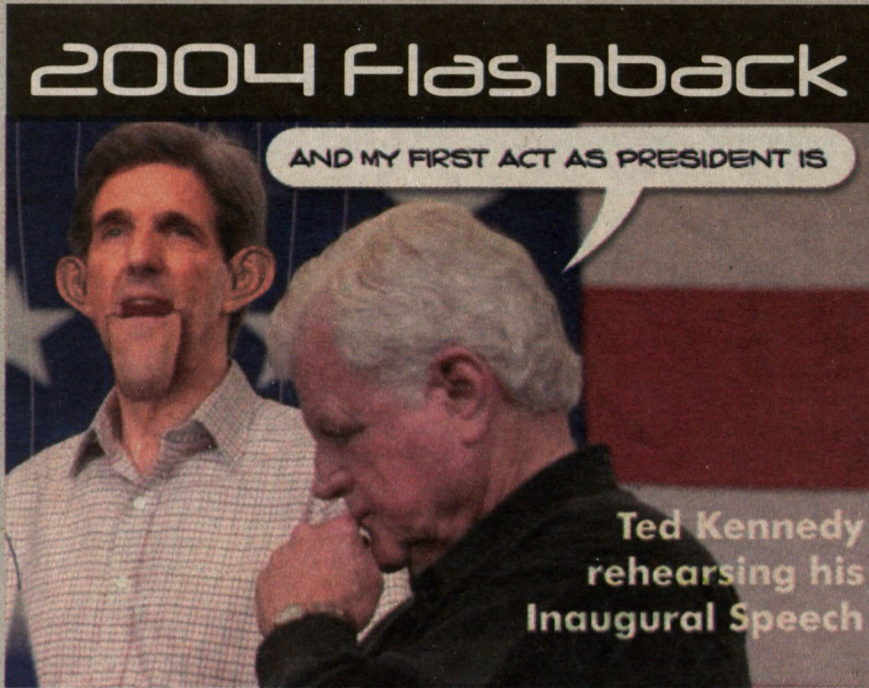
"Canada's attempted moon landing failed miserably this month..."

"Eschewing Stony Brook's recent traffic safety campaign, E.T. decided to park his craft where he damn well pleased."



# Ted Kennedy's Drink of the Month

Satire By Virginia Morgan



## Tequila Sunrise

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

### Ingredients:

2 oz Tequila  
4 oz Orange Juice  
1 oz Grenadine

### Directions:

Mix both the ingredients in a mixing glass with ice cubes. Strain into a highball glass over crushed ice.

### Yield: 1 serving

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

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



Virginia E. Morgan

### Best Drinking Story:

Back in 2004, I went out to Las Vegas for the weekend on "business" with a group of co-workers. One night we decided to walk up to the end of "the strip" and go up in Stratosphere tower. (For those of you who don't know, the Stratosphere Tower rises 110 stories atop the Las Vegas Strip and features three rides at the top.) Along the way, we stopped at various no-name street-front casinos to grab multiple drinks, because it was quite the long walk. (Remember: Las Vegas has no open container laws.) One such drink was a Margarita in a giant two foot tall glass shaped like the Eiffel Tower. By the time we reached the Stratosphere Tower were all fairly drunk and as a result our sense of judgment became tragically skewed. Therefore we were quite excited to ride the morbidly unsafe rides atop the tower. One such ride, that only contained a lap bar for restraint, vaulted us over the side of the tower and left us hanging 110 stories over the strip for about a minute. After such a frightening yet exhilarating experience,

I decided I needed another drink. Fortunately for me there was a Fat Tuesday's concession stand at the base of the tower, so I ordered up a grain alcohol Margarita. After leaving the Stratosphere, instead of walking back up the strip, we decided to spend some money and hail a cab back to the hotel. However, we got sidetracked and asked the cabbie to stop instead at the Frontier Casino because its giant marquee advertised "Hot Mud Wrestling". We walked into the casino with every intention of mud wrestling, only to find out there was no mud wrestling that night. We walked over to the casino's info desk and demanded that the old lady behind the counter let us mud wrestle. We told her that the marquee blatantly said, "Hot Mud Wrestling" and therefore we were not leaving her fine establishment until we mud wrestled. She tried to reason with us, telling us there was no mud wrestling that night but it didn't work because we were all too drunk to succumb to reason. We kept saying that we flew all the way across the country to mud

wrestle at the Frontier Casino and come hell or high water, we were mud wrestling. It got to the point where she said if we continued to be belligerent about the mud wrestling, we would have to be escorted out. We probably would've continued our mud wrestling campaign had we not been distracted by the casino's Margarita bar that featured \$1.99 jumbo Margaritas. So we stumbled over to the bar, ordered up several Margaritas each and lamented about the lack of mud wrestling. The night ended with a long, drunken, three mile walk back to the hotel because we blew all of our remaining cash on Margaritas.

## Get Wasted Like Ted at These Fine Locations



### Stony Brook Area

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

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

### Port Jefferson Area

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

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

### Lake Grove Area

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

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

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



### Favorite Drink:

Jack and Coke with a twist of lime.

### Drinking Philosophy:

Always finish your beer because there are sober kids in Ireland.

### Favorite Bar:

Dr. Longshotz in Morgantown, West Virginia. It's where I spent many a memorable night during my freshman year of college.

### Drunkest Ever:

One New Years Eve Party I was so drunk, I ate part of a live Christmas tree.

### Favorite Bartender:

I don't really have one. As long as the drinks keep coming, it doesn't matter who's serving them.







**Sean Martin**

**SPORTS  
MINUTE**

Since when do New York teams play their home games in Philadelphia? Over the past month I have noticed an incredible amount of New York players being vilified in their home stadiums. I understand that when people pay for their seats that they are within their rights to voice their opinions, but it has just gone passed the point of ridiculousness. I was appalled when Met fans booed Carlos Beltran during the first game of the season. Understandably, the fans want to see production from a player who signed 119 million dollar contract a year ago, but this isn't Willie Mays here guys, Beltran is only a career .280 hitter. That aside, however, he is a good guy. He works hard and he does the right thing. If you want someone to scream at, start with the general manager for signing a player to such an outlandish contract. I'm just tired of going to games and feeling like I'm sitting in the crowd at a prison yard.



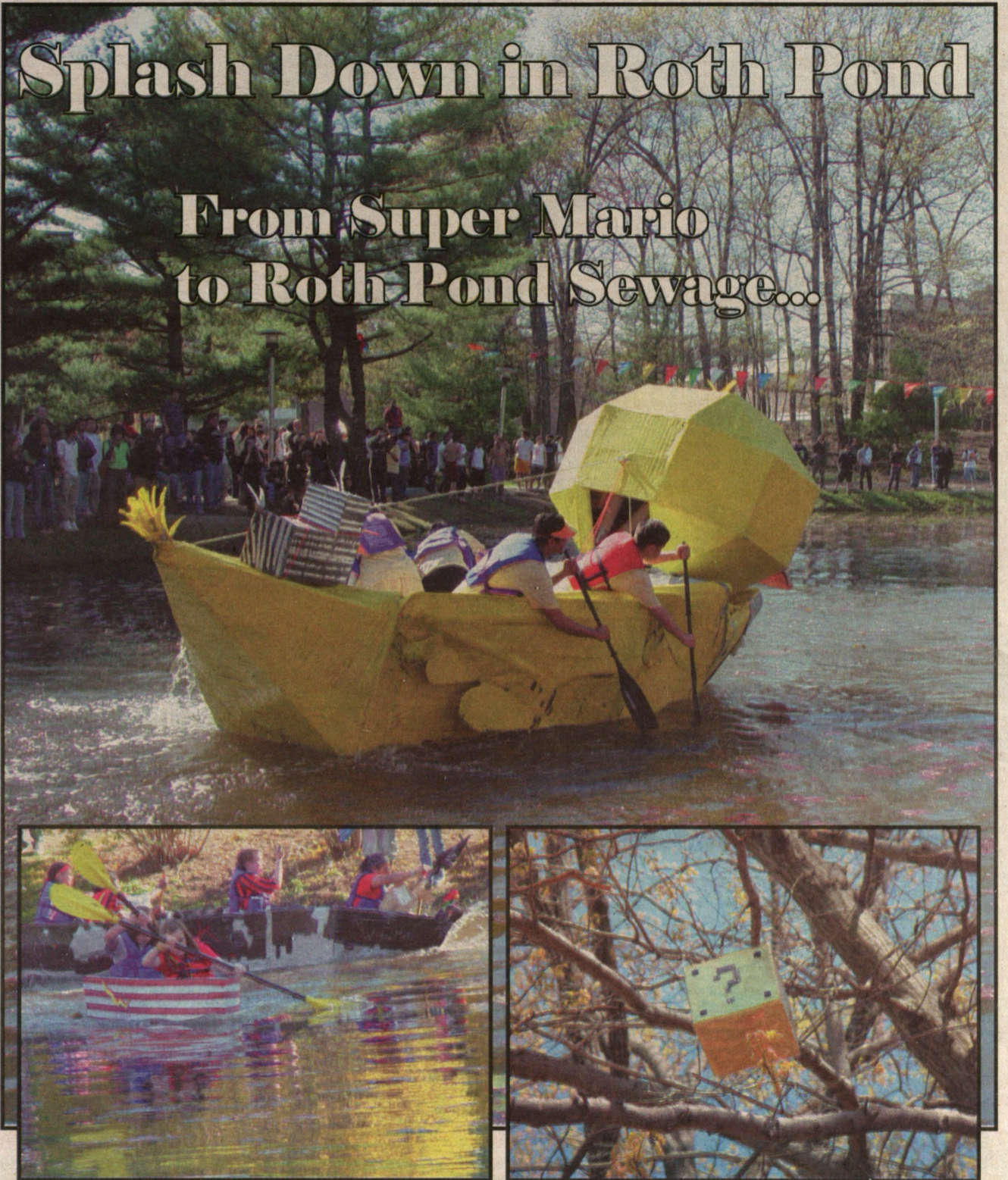
Brett Favre announced this week that he will return this year at quarterback for the Packers. That means that, as NFL fans, we will get to watch as analysts league wide wax-poetic about this courageous warrior. I realize that this man has experienced major tragedy in recent years and for that I am entirely sympathetic. However, I am tired of Favre getting a pass for everything he does in the football world. A year ago, Favre publicly criticized teammate Jevon Walker for attempting to renegotiate his contract, claiming through the media that Walker should only be concerned about his team. Will Favre now issue an apology to Walker and his teammates since he chose to leave them in limbo for the past four months wondering who their quarterback was going to be? The guy has had a great career and more many years was truly worth paying to go see, but I am no longer interested in watching a guy throw four interceptions, only to be told by the likes of John Madden that Favre is merely 'forced to take chances' in order to help his team win. Let's please call it like it is, he makes bad decisions that his aging arm no longer makes up for.



It seems that every day a new piece of information is leaked in the Rape Case involving the Duke University lacrosse team. The accuser picked two players out of a photo lineup leading to the arrest of 2 metro-area sophomores. Upon their arrest, both players have been suspended from school, despite the fact that they have not yet been convicted of any crime. I feel that the situation has been handled terribly by all those involved. Without any physical evidence whatsoever the lives of these young men have been virtually destroyed. Now I grew up as a lacrosse player in a town where lacrosse players received countless amounts of special treatment, so I understand that they have a tendency to rub a lot of people the wrong way, and I feel that this is a case of that coming back to bite them. The whole case has been rushed and the district attorney in the case needed to have arrests made in order to satisfy the local public who have already vilified all of these men. It is never right when a woman who makes an accusation of rape is unjustifiably destroyed in the media but is also not right when those accused are made to be monsters before standing trial.

## Splash Down in Roth Pond

### From Super Mario to Roth Pond Sewage...



## Regatta 2006 is a Huge Success

### Lacrosse: Hofstra 18, Stony Brook 8 Seawolves Face Disappointing Loss

**By Sean Martin**

In the third meeting between the Long Island lacrosse rivals, Hofstra showed why they are currently ranked number two in the country and why many feel they have a good shot to make it all the way to the Final Four this season.

The Pride dismantled the Seawolves's 18-8 and now leads the all time series with Stony Brook 2-1. The win, coming in front of 3,233

fans at LaValle stadium, was Hofstra's thirteenth consecutive and also put an end to Stony Brook's six game winning streak.

Stony Brook's Owen Adams and Ryan Maehr each scored early first quarter goals giving the Seawolves' their only lead of the game at 2-1.

However, the lead was short lived as Hofstra used a 9-2 scoring run in the second and third quarters to establish a 10-3 lead by the middle of

the third quarter. Hofstra out shot Stony Brook 46-26 and also dominated the number of groundballs, allowing the Pride to take control of the game.

Hofstra cruised to victory thanks largely to Athan Iannucci's six second half goals. The six tallies give Iannucci 47 on the year, which currently leads the nation.

Stony Brook's Ryan Maehr finished with three goals to lead the Seawolves.