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# USG Senate to be Paid

By Erica Smith

The Undergraduate Student Government Senate voted last month to pay themselves for their previously volunteer position. Under the "Pay Roll Adjustment Act," senators will now receive \$60 a week. Only two senators abstained, allowing the motion to pass unanimously.

"It slid right through, people were all for it," said President Pro-tempore Robert Romano, one of the bill's drafters. He said it was only fair that senators are paid like most other USG members. "Equal pay for equal work," Romano said.

While most of the senate supported the measure, there are students who don't.

"I don't think it's a good idea for any of these people to be paid," said Matthew Willemain, the campus editor of the Stony Brook Independent, who often attends USG meetings. "You want people motivated by desire to do a good job, not money."

But many USG members believe that it is difficult to find people willing to do a good job for free.

"There's a history of senators not coming to meetings and office hours," said Treasurer Stephen Hui.

Elections Board Commissioner, Max Sequeira agreed. "Instead of having one or two senators do everything voluntarily, and in a sacrificial manner, the entire senate will be responsible to work as a team and get things done."

According to the Pay Roll Adjustment Act, senators need to perform a minimum of two office hours a week and come to the weekly two-hour senate meetings to be paid. Their pay comes out to \$15 an hour.

Previously, the only recourse available to deal with senators not fulfilling duties was impeachment. Now USG can just withhold their pay.

"It creates incentives," said Hui.



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There are, however, loopholes. While senators are constitutionally required to be a member of one budget subcommittee and one standing committee, there is currently no legislation that requires them to attend these meetings to receive their paycheck.

Senators are also allowed two excused absences and three proxies for senate meetings, allowing up to five weeks for a senator to be paid for only attending his or her two office hours. Essentially, this amounts to them working for \$30 an hour.

"Come to think of it, yeah it is kind of high," Hui admitted.

Senator Christopher Dole, one of the two senators who abstained from the vote on the bill, said he should have voted against it "I signed up as a volunteer and I see it as a volunteer job. This is going to cost the stu-

dents over \$40,000."

The money will come out of the student activities budget, which students fund with their mandatory activity fee. The senators' salaries will account for only about two percent of the \$2.6 million budget.

Still Michael, a senior English major, was not thrilled with the bill, and characterized it as "shady."

"You have to know its going to get under people's skin when you give yourself a raise. It's one thing to give it to posterity...it's bad form."

In the U.S. Congress, the 27th Amendment requires any pay adjustments to take place during the following term-- a measure added to curb corruption.

But Romano thought it was important for the new pay to take effect immediately, pointing to the necessity of keeping good senators. He said some

senators had to resign last year, including Igor Levenberg, who Romano said left for a part-time job. Levenberg could not be reached for comment.

Senator Nathan Shapiro also thought that the pay would attract more candidates for the upcoming special elections for the vacant seats in the senate. Seven senators have resigned since the beginning of the year.

Another change under the Pay Roll Adjustment Act is that now members of the judicial council and supreme court will be paid \$20 a case. Before justices were unpaid.

Romano said this will prevent justices from "sitting on cases" and require them to hear briefs in the timely manner required by the constitution.

Raises were also given to various USG members.

Erica Smith is a USG Supreme Court Justice.

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# Southampton Welcomed to SUNY Family

By Rachel O'Brien

Stony Brook University took the final step on October 4 in securing what used to be Long Island University's Southampton College campus for Stony Brook's ownership and use.

University President Shirley Strum Kenny and numerous Stony Brook University, Southampton College, Stony Brook town and Southampton town officials met on the Southampton campus to reveal the new "Stony Brook Southampton" sign that graces the entrance of the newly acquired campus into the SUNY system.

"We are going to do great things," Kenny said at the gathering, referring to the campus. "And we are going to do them together."

For the past year, Stony Brook University has been leasing space on the once LIU Southampton campus that was closed down after the spring '05 semester. Stony Brook's Marine Sciences program has been holding classes on the otherwise empty campus with about 200 Stony Brook students attending. In March of this year, Stony Brook and SUNY reached an agreement with LIU that allowed Stony Brook to purchase the Southampton property for \$35 million.

"You will see in a few years a bubbling campus offering a top notch education," State Senator Ken LaValle said to the eager and happy guests at the gathering.

Congressman Tim Bishop added to that saying, "To have this

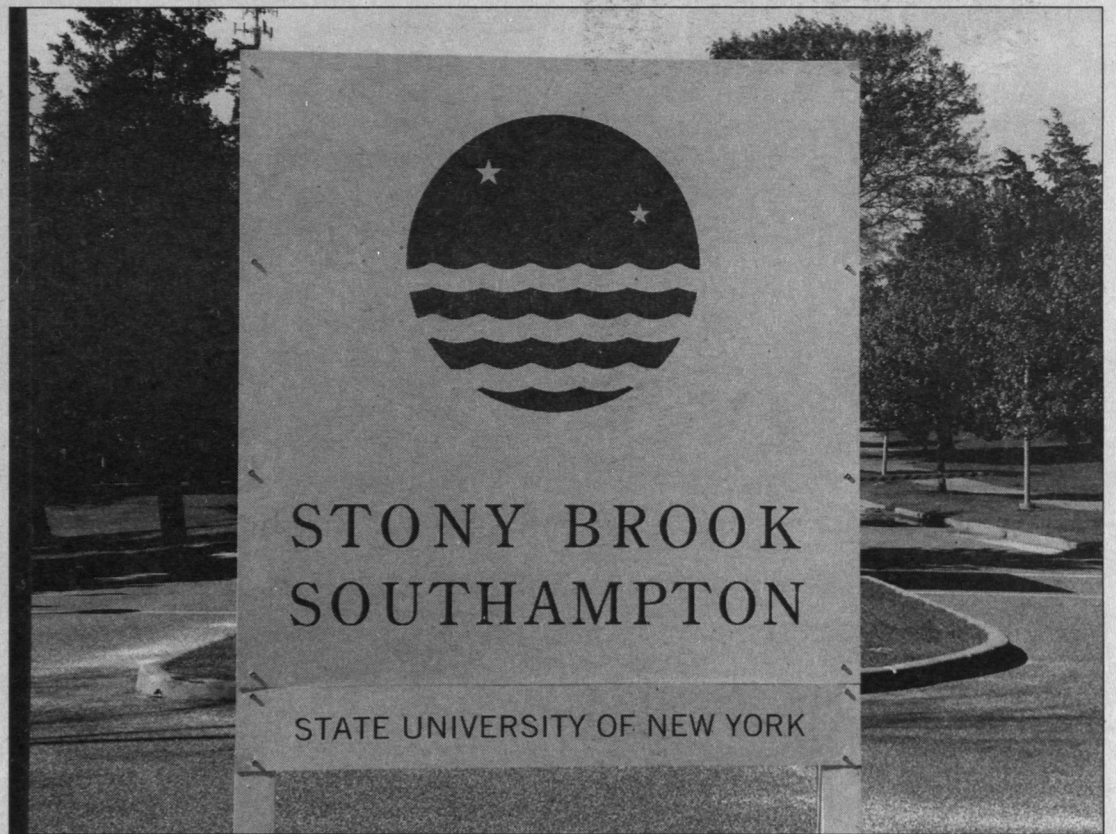
campus reborn is the best possible outcome we could have."

"This is a wonderful day for those of us who love Southampton College...who believe in the transforming power of higher education," he said.

When Southampton College closed its doors, the college suggested to the students that they transfer to CW Post, another LIU school. However, the Marine Sciences Research Center at Stony Brook offered students in Southampton's Marine Science program an alternative to CW Post. With the influx of Marine Sciences students in the fall semester of '05, Stony Brook's Marine Sciences Research Center was extended to the Southampton campus, thus allowing former Southampton students, now current Stony Brook students, to return to their former college campus for the program.

"This is the end of an extremely long task, an extremely long battle to keep this campus an educational facility" Fred Thiele, a New York State assemblyman, said.

A group was formed called "Save the College" whose goal was to provide support for restoration of the college and acting as a leader in the Southampton community to build up support from residents and businesses in the town. The group, together with Strum Kenny, Thiele, Bishop, LaValle and many other politicians and Stony Brook and Southampton officials, were able to keep the campus, just that: a campus. There was a fear that the



82-acre plot would be used to build "McMansions" as Kenny and others referred to the million-dollar homes on the east end in Southampton.

"Today we get to exhale," Thiele said. "We get to enjoy a great accomplishment. We'll be back here a year from now and we'll be amazed at how great this campus is." In an interview Kenny explained that admission to the Southampton campus will be through the Stony Brook administration. In other words, students interested in enroll-

ing in one of the programs offered at the Southampton campus will still apply directly to Stony Brook University.

Currently the only programs available at the campus are the Marine Sciences program and a graduate program in creative writing. In the fall of 2007, when the campus is expected to be up and running, programs in nursing and health technology will be added to the curriculum. The end result, Kenny added, is to make studies of the environment

and ecology the main curriculum at the campus.

Kenny announced the Interim Dean of Stony Brook Southampton, Martin Schoonen, a professor of geochemistry and Stony Brook's Associate Vice President for Research, who summed up what the previous speakers had all agreed on by saying, "We want to make this a first-rate campus that will be a leader for others to follow."

## USG to Hold Formal Dance

By Erica Smith

The Undergraduate Student Government will be hosting its first formal dance this November, after the idea was proposed by USG President Romual Jean-Baptiste. The senate has already allocated \$3,000 for the dance, which will be free for all Stony Brook students.

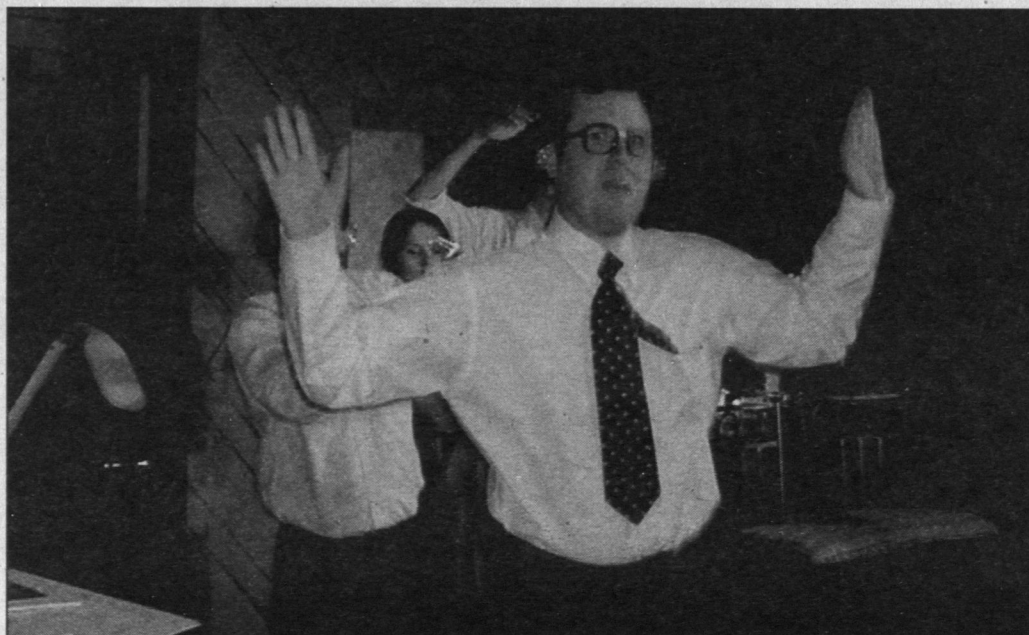
"It's going to be a really nice night," said President Jean-Baptiste in a telephone interview.

The catered formal will take place in one of the Student Activity Ballrooms, with an expected capacity of 200-300 people. The dress will be formal, and men will be encouraged to wear suits instead of tuxes.

"I don't want people spending money," said Jean Baptiste, who will be directing the event.

While the dance will be "highly advertised" as formal, "if someone comes with jeans, there's no problem," Jean-Baptiste said. "They might be in a financial situation where they can't buy pants."

Jean-Baptiste said he planned to decorate tables with candles



and Stony Brook's colors of red and grey. Space for a dance floor will be in the middle of the room. The music played will be "very diverse," and will include pop, rock, R&B, hip hop, reggae, and Latin. There will also be slower music for more romantic dancing.

Students will not be required to have a date. It has not yet been

decided whether non-students will be allowed, but if they are, they may have to pay a charge. Some faculty with "continual relations with USG" will most likely be invited, such as Dean of Students Jerrold Stein and Vice President of Student Affairs Peter Baigent.

The dance will take place at the end of November before mid-

terms, and the exact date will be determined soon. If it is successful, there may be another, larger dance in the spring.

Students won't be discouraged from going all out. "If a student can afford a limo with friends, go ahead," Jean-Baptiste said. "It will add to the prestige." Alcohol, however, won't be allowed.

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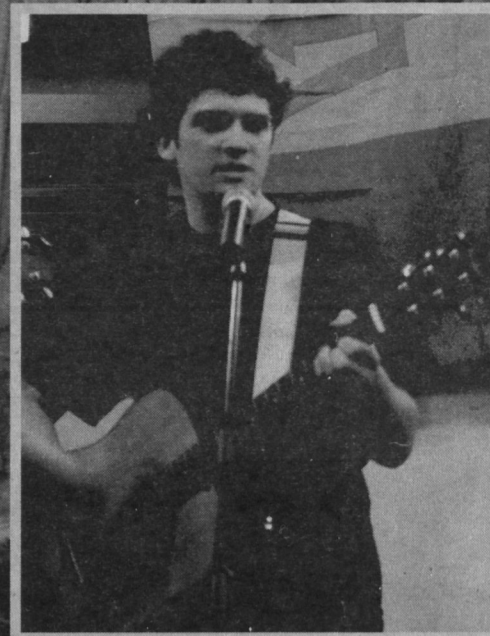
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# Return of ERQ Around the World



By Alexander Markow  
and Kwame Opam

On September 20, the ERQ (Eleanor Roosevelt Quad) Around the World event, which is now several years in the running, was once again held in Greeley College. There was an outstanding attendance numbering over 120 students and faculty. This multi-cultural event was greeted by the diverse student body found here at Stony Brook. The evening's festivities included raffles, food, informational tabling, poetry, singing, martial arts,

and musical talent.

Greeley LEG would like to thank all those participating, as well as the earnest efforts put forth by the RHD, Sherrill Shabazz. LEG would also like to extend an invitation to attend the Greeley Haunted House, which will take place on Tuesday, October 31st.

On Halloween, the Greeley penthouse will be transformed into one of the creepiest places on campus (next to Roth Cafeteria); a Mansion of the Macabre, if you will. Come on up and enjoy the experience!

## Former VP of CBS to Head SBU Dept.

By Rachel O'Brien

She started out as a secretary working for CBS news. At the age of 20, she had no formal training as a journalist and having just graduated a two-year, all-girls' college in Washington D.C., she came to New York. Her name is Marcy McCinnis and she is an important figure in shaping the growing School of Journalism here at Stony Brook.

McCinnis, the senior vice president of news at CBS for four years, from 2001 to 2005, overseeing the worldwide operations of the news station, spoke to a room full of students and journalism professors on September 27 at Stony Brook and shared her experiences in journalism.

Painting a picture for her audience, she described her first news reporting assignment at the Kennedy Space Center as Apollo 14 was about to launch.

"Here I am, 22 years old, standing there with my short skirt, platform shoes and long hair down to here," McCinnis said. "I couldn't have looked older than 12."

"A guy from NASA comes up to me and says, 'I'm sorry, this is a tour for the press. No dependents allowed.' And I said, 'I am the

press."

"I am glad today to say, 'I am the press' and I still say it with a great deal of passion," she said.

McCinnis explained her advancement over the course of her 30-year career at CBS from secretary, to assistant producer, to associate producer, to senior producer, to London deputy bureau chief, to senior vice president of news at CBS.

Explaining her success she said, "I just learned. I learned from the best." She mentioned that about every three years she received a promotion; promotions that were all her ideas.

"This is the most competitive field you could possibly pick," she said to the crowd of journalism students. "Go for it."

She narrated her memories of stories she had covered over the years. The collapse of the Berlin Wall, the Pope's election in St. Peter's Square, Princess Diana's wedding, her death, traveling to Auschwitz, traveling through Poland with the Pope, covering Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign, seeing Nelson Mandela released



Marcy McCinnis is to head the New Broadcast Department in the SBU School of Journalism.

from jail in South Africa and other exciting events.

Then came 9-11.

"Every single person in that newsroom had some connection to someone down there," she said. McCinnis herself was in a cab on her way to the CBS building in NYC on September 11 when she got a phone call from a friend who told her a plane had crashed into one of the Trade Center buildings.

"Terrorism was the farthest thing from my mind," she said. "I figured it was an accident."

She said her role as a leader at CBS, where people were looking to her for guidance as well as comfort, was difficult. She had to juggle her responsibility to cover the news and at the same time, keep her crew and herself sane.

"It's counter-intuitive," she said, speaking of the reaction journalists have to disasters, and in particular to 9-11. "Everyone's running away and you're running to it." This also applied to cases like Hurricane Katrina and the War in Iraq, both of which she covered.

McCinnis, along with many other CBS employees, was asked to leave CBS after Dan Rather's scandal involving fake documents on President Bush's time served in the military. Although she had nothing to do with the story, a "changing of the guard", as McCinnis put it, came into effect and a new president and vice president, among others, were hired at CBS.

"I was hurt," she said of the firing. "I wanted to say, 'It wasn't my fault! Why should I have to go?'" but I knew it wasn't personal." In the end it opened up a door for McCinnis to help start a broadcast journalism program at Stony Brook.

McCinnis said to herself at age 26, "If I get to do more stuff then I'm going to help the people behind me." And she did.

After the firing, McCinnis began volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and at a hospital. Soon after, she decided she wanted to give back to students eager to enter the field she had so reluctantly left after 30 years.

"It was about giving back so it's not all about me," she said. McCinnis has been named the head of the Broadcast Journalism Department and announced that the first ever broadcast journalism class will be offered in the spring semester, with the pre-requisites of JRN 110 and JRN 210.

"You've picked a field that is exciting and interesting and fun... a field that I am proud to be in... a field that has a huge amount of responsibility," she said to the future (and some present) journalists.



# Stony Brook... Rocks?

By Jimmy Davis

Veteran Stony Brook Students may be confused by this article's headline, especially if they are well-acquainted with StonyBrookSucks.com. Stony Brook Sucks, a community allowing students to vent their frustrations about the University (though often humorously so), may have found itself a rival in the up-and-coming, and somewhat more proactive, StonyBrookRocks.com.

Stony Brook Rocks! is an open directory of upcoming campus events that allows any internet user to add events to the listing. The freely accessible nature of the site makes it a great way to advertise for any club event. If the site gains enough popularity, it could possibly present an alternative to "chalking", which often stains our

campus.

The high visibility of events posted on the site could make Stony Brook Rocks! a good choice to get exposure and attendance for your club when used in place of, or in addition to posting of paper flyers. Unlike mass advertising on campus, your online flyers can't be torn down or covered up.

Of course, because anyone on the internet can post to the site, there are features in place so you don't have to sift through page upon page of spam or fake events. There are four "user levels" used to keep the site spam-free.

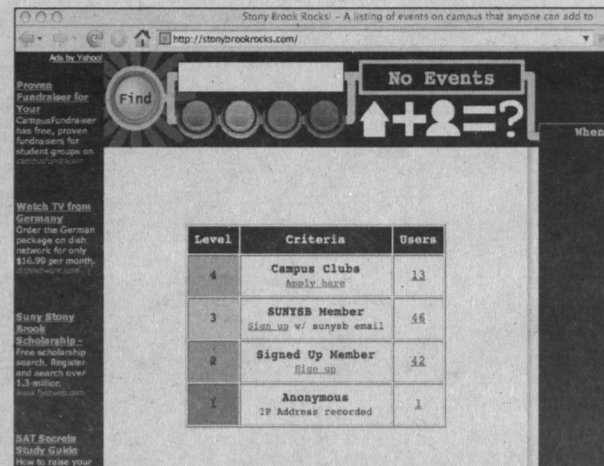
The first level is the unregistered user. Unregistered users are tracked by their IP addresses, and can be prevented from making future posts if necessary. Registered users are one step "above," followed by registered users



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that use a Stony Brook e-mail address.

And finally, registered campus organizations can set up a club account to post all their events. At the time this



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article was written, some of the clubs already registered include MSA, NYPIRG, and The Press. The listing is easily sorted by the type of account the events are posted from.

Stony Brook Rocks! presents a new way to take your campus life online. The

free event listing sure beats the price of a Facebook advertisement.

As do all websites, Stony Brook Rocks! is starting small, but given attention from the student body, it could prove to be the next big thing in Stony Brook campus life.

## Drew's 2006 Election Guide

By Andrew Curran

This is an election guide to help you make an informed decision when you exercise your right to vote this November. This guide will focus on the issues of national security, America's energy policy, and the economy.

These are just some of the important issues that voters will be thinking about when they go to the polls in November. Up for grabs in this election are most of the seats in Congress, determining America's policies for the foreseeable future.

Whichever candidates are victorious in this election will decide which party has

the momentum going into the presidential elections of 2008.

According to a recent FOX News poll, most voters say they would support a challenger over the incumbent candidate. Democrats are almost two-thirds more likely to vote for a challenger than Republicans.

### War on Terror and National Security:

The Republicans seem to be running on their record when it comes to this essential issue. Some of the president's thoughts continue to be that Americans are fighting the terrorists abroad so they don't have to face them at home, saying that Iraq is a central battlefield in the War on Terror. On the other side, Democrats seem to be running on the idea that homeland security has to do with hometown security.

### America's Energy Policy:

The Democrats have put forward a comprehensive plan for reducing America's dependence on foreign oil. They also state that they would eliminate the subsidies that oil and gas companies get from the government, and they claim this could save American's money. These savings would be used to invest in energy relief for consumers, as well as in alternative energy sources.

On the Republican side, the president has proposed his own comprehensive plan for America's energy policy. The president's proposal focuses on the four main electricity sources, which are, coal, natural gas, nuclear power, and renewable sources. The renewable section of the president's proposal focuses on wind energy to provide electricity and also solar power. The Republicans feel that by funding more research on these renewable energy sources as well as nuclear power America's dependence on oil could be reduced.

### The Economy:

The Republicans believe that tax cuts will provide for a stronger economy, as well as exercising spending restraint when crafting America's budget. The president has also put forward a guest worker program to deal with America's immigration problems, which focuses on matching prospective foreign workers with American employers. The president's proposal also claims it would help the illegal immigrants that already reside in the United States to come out of hiding and participate in the economy legally. However, Republicans are divided on this issue with the Senate, the House, and the president putting forward separate proposals.

The Democrats claim that they will help the economy by raising the minimum wage and making spending decisions that would cut America's deficit. Democrats say that they will make college tuition tax deductible and lower student loan interest rates.

Information in the guide pertaining to the Democratic position was obtained from [www.democrats.org](http://www.democrats.org).

Information in the guide pertaining to the Republican position was obtained from [www.gop.com](http://www.gop.com).

For more information on what issues the candidates in your district are running on I would suggest visiting their official websites.

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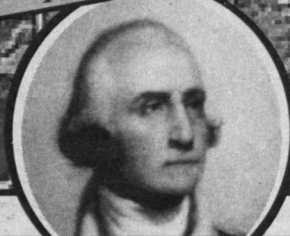


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# VAULT OF HISTORY



FEATURING:



General George Washington

On December 19, 1777, an ill fed and ragged Continental army of some 11,000 men went into winter quarters on the bleak hills of Valley Forge. While there, George Washington wrote, "Through the want of shoes and stockings, and the hard frozen ground, you might have tracked the army from White Marsh to Valley Forge by the blood of their feet."

Washington pitched his marquee or tent with his men and set the shivering army working like crazy to hew the trees and build huts. Which they did...900 of them in all. The encampment was laid out by General Duportail and safeguards were thrown up for a possible attack by Howe's army which was still in Philadelphia, 20 miles away. An army that was well fed and comfortable for the

winter.

Further suffering of Washington's men occurred when the commissary department broke down completely, leaving the army destitute. The suffering of his men at Valley Forge was described by Washington as such, "Naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery, that they have not been excited by their suffering to a general mutiny and dispersion." Before long, 3000 of the men in his camp would die from disease and exposure.

A soldier at Valley Forge once reported that he came upon his Commander-in-chief, out in the snow, alone and kneeling in silent prayer. Washington was a reverently religious man and certainly

found ample need of prayer during those dark and despairing days. Valley Forge marked the low ebb of the American Revolution. Of it, Washington once said, "No history now extant can furnish an instance of an army's suffering such uncommon hardships as ours has done, and bearing them with the same patience and fortitude...men without clothes, without blankets to lie on, without shoes, for want of which their marches might be traced by the blood from their feet, and almost as often without provisions as with them...And again, I feel superabundantly for the naked, sick and distressed soldiers, and from my soul, pity those miseries which it is neither in my power to relieve or prevent."

With the coming of spring the army began to take heart. On

May 6, 1778 news of the French Alliance was celebrated and General George Washington, whose example had held the ragged army together in its darkest hours, was wildly cheered by his troops as he rode down the line.

On June 19, 1778, Washington led his troops from Valley Forge in pursuit of General Sir Henry Clinton's British army near Philadelphia. Washington overtook the enemy, and after a long day of battle, the British were forced from the field. Final victory was to take place three years later at Yorktown, but the heroism and sacrifices of Valley Forge would stay with General Washington for the rest of his days.



**Alex Ovtcharenko, World's No. 1 Man's Man Says:**

# Don't Be Half A Man!

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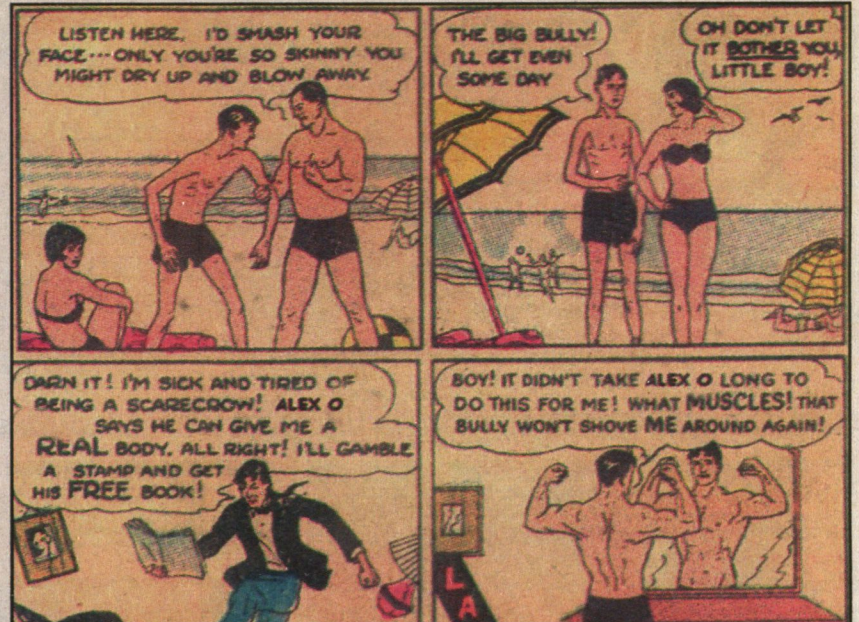


**Let Alex show how he can make you a real man from head to toe- just by reading his monthly column!**

Last issue I promised I would impart my infinite wisdom of gaining the fair sex's attention. Guess what? I lied. I'm not going to tell you just yet how to stuff that proverbial turkey. There are much bigger issues we must address, my sickly-looking feeble-minded readers. The "pathetic factor". Allow me to explain!

I spend quite a bit of time on campus, although thankfully I don't have to live in those crack-shacks called dorms, and I see many things that would bring a tear to Schwarzenegger's eyes. The absolute lack of Manliness is astounding! For example, I see this one obese blubbery kid, about 300 lbs, riding one of those Razor scooters. A SCOOTER. If I was a three hundred pound fat-ass, I would run, not walk, but RUN everywhere I could to lose a few. This un-Manly wimp is so sad that he rides the scooter in HALLWAYS of buildings. Hallways, people. That's how lazy he is. This simply won't do. Without even getting into the greasy unwashed rat's nest that's on his head, how does this man expect to find a suitable concubine and ravage her in the finest Viking tradition? Take heed, soft-fleshed one, you will never conquer Scheherazade's perfumed pouch if you don't stop using your ungodly metal wheel-stick that I have re-named "Weight-Gainer Fatassthousand"!

And speaking of hygiene, I have another soapbox to stand on for a moment. The concept of showering. This is a tricky subject, as no self-respecting example of Barbarian Manliness should ever admit to using body-wash and exfoliating or what-not. That's for homosexuals. However, as unfortunate as this is, women-folk in this day and age no longer appreciate the mix of blood, sweat and chicken fat permeating the air around the He-Man that the gods willed us to be. This goes double for my foreigner off-the-boat readers from strange little countries with names I can't



pronounce and would envision conquering through the sheer force of my Manliness: In this country, indoor plumbing is readily available and should be used at every opportunity. Smelling like a wet dog mixed with rotten broccoli might be cool in KluckKluckLand or wherever you are from, but here it will not impress your new-found bride. In addition, sending a gift of a live sheep to the father of the dame you are trying to woo is also unacceptable. Not that it ever stopped me. I mean what kind of man turns down fresh lamb that's still walking around?

The worst example observed through my eyes under my Cro-Magnon forehead has to have been pansy-picking table with the sign "Vote for Peace". Never mind that there is no such campaign issue as "vote here for peace" and that's plain 'ol stupid, it's un-MANLY! When I saw the pinkish hue of the sign and the pathetic postures of people behind it, I was overcome with primordial rage! By Crom, I wished to charge the table, swinging my battle-axe, smash

the hordes of un-fed skinny people behind it, lop off their heads and make goblets out of their skulls so I can partake in a libation of mead after the slaughter! People, being hippies and screaming about peace is definitely Un-Manly and unattractive! No woman wants a castrated peacenik that tries to impress her by playing crappy 60's "protest songs" on his acoustic guitar. Women want strong, burly men that will manhandle her and use skinny hippies as lawn dart that they use to kill dinner with! So suck it up and stop flashing that peace sign before I break your arm off and feed you to the wolves.

So there you have it, boys, all those things need to be changed before you attempt to club a woman and drag her back by the hair back to your dwelling, cave-man style! I promised you that I would make a Real Man out of you last month, and I have not fallen flat on my promise. If you keep reading this column every month, you just might finally grow some hair on your balls by the end of the semester!

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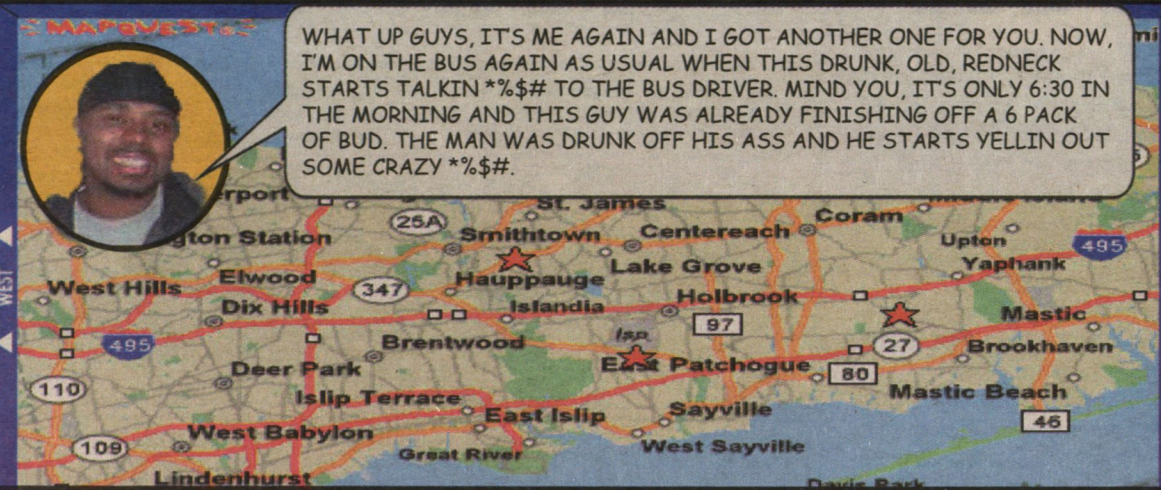
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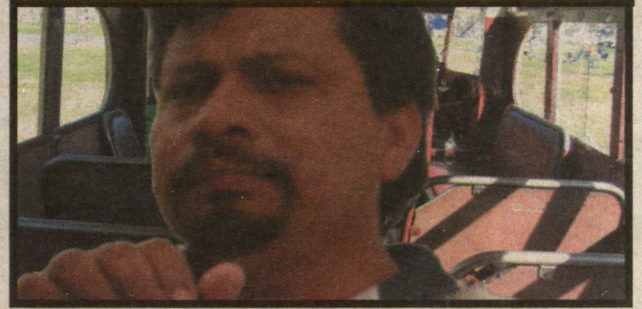


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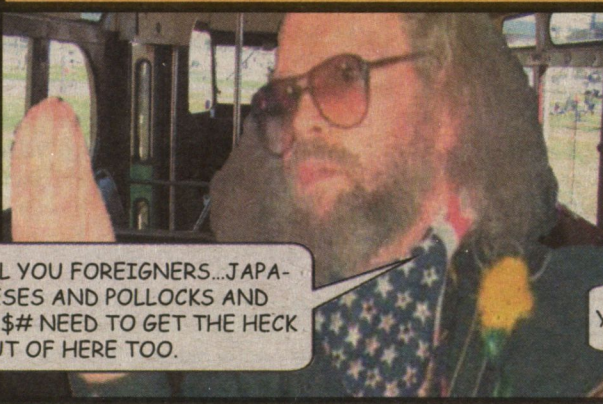
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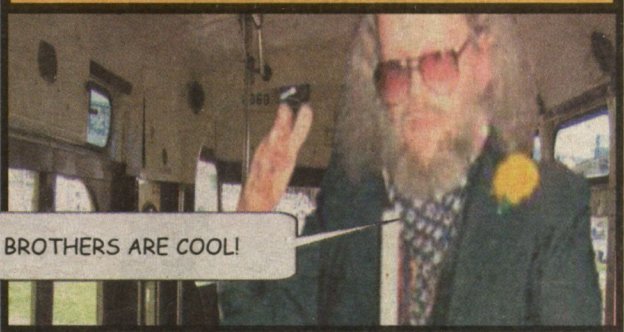

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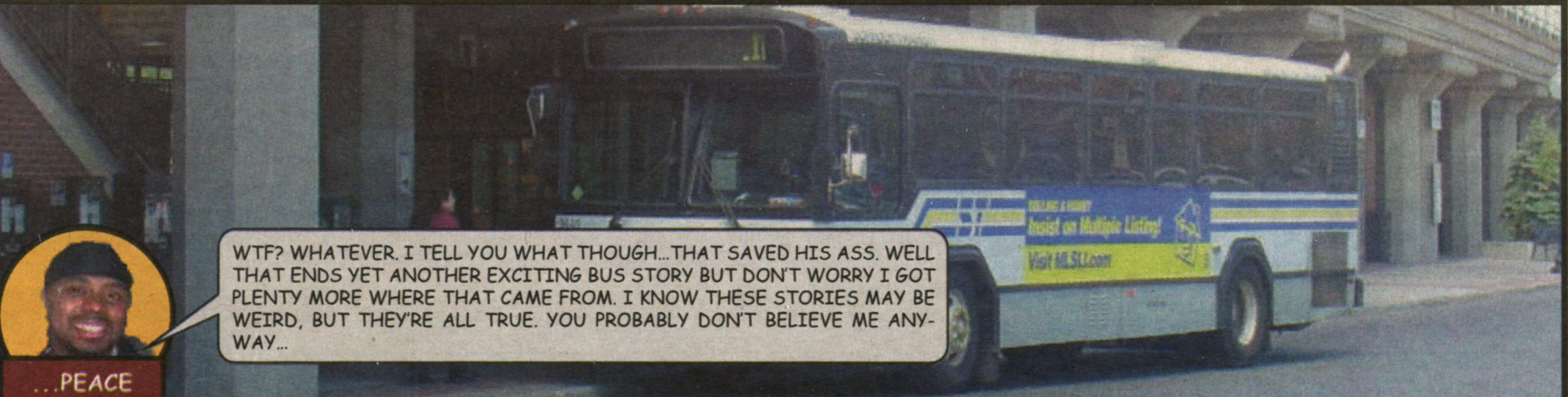


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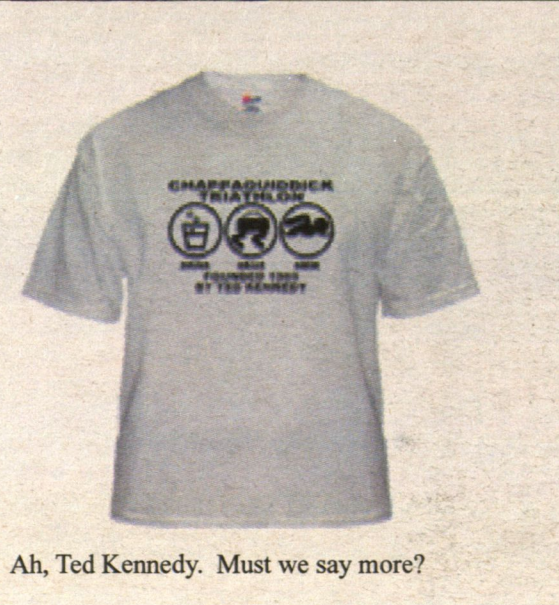
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# How to Tell a Terrorist



## Old-bama bin Laden:

- Suspiciously high waistline, must be a bomb in his pants.
- Old-Man Scowl: He's definitely up to something ... and that something is HATING AMERICA.
- Prune Juice: If the bottle's seal is broken, this "blowout" could be a bit more potent than the usual pruney faire.

## Back in the Habit:

- Bible is actually an extremist version of the Quran disguised, with a pull out homemade plastic knife.
- Don't be fooled by the holy apperance; there are bombs strapped underneath her robe.

## By Jason Frank

One of the most emotionally driven issues in society today is racial profiling. More specifically, racial profiling at the airports. The problem is, these emotions blind people from some of the most obvious logic they can digest.

One of these emotions is fear. There is a fear amongst the pseudo-liberal populous that we will hurt people's feelings by profiling on the basis of religion. This religion, obviously, is the Islamic faith. Many people today let this fear tug at their emotions, and the resulting guilt makes them incapable of using basic reason. This type of outlook begets danger.

As important as it is for everyone to feel good and love one another, I find the most pressing importance to lie within our right to not die rather than our right to have a smile on our face. Simply put, there are people out there that want to kill us. When I say "us," it includes all Americans. To further clarify; this also includes Muslim Americans. This is why it boggles my mind that people could be against a measure

that would undoubtedly make us less susceptible to a terrorist attack.

But wait! A terrorist can be of any race, religion, or creed, right? What about timothy McVeigh? What about Ted Kaczynski?

I'll humor you're astoundingly weak point, Mr. Larry Liberal. This is the purest, most unadulterated form of weak left wing arguments. Sure, a terrorist could be of another faith, but probably not. There are far more attacks committed by peo-

ple in the name of the Islamic faith than any other religion, and that is an absolute fact. The fact that liberals automatically bring up Timothy McVeigh further weakens their argument. The best example they can provide is of an attack that happened over 11 years ago. In the 11 years since that attack, there have been more Islamic based terrorist attacks and acts of violence than one can even keep track of. It is no secret that today, the number one

group that desires to kill Americans is Islamic extremists.

Let's make a conservative estimate that the likelihood of a terrorist attack in this country being purported by an Islamic group is 75 percent. If there was a 75 percent chance of rain, you would bring an umbrella. Upon bringing an umbrella, I doubt anyone would cite your bigoted weather profiling. People would deem your decision as a very logical one, had they heard

the weather report as well.

So who should we profile? Not simply men of middle-eastern descent; but rather those of the Islamic faith. There are many non-Arabic examples of Muslim violence. This includes the two snipers in Washington DC who were of African descent. This also includes the Chechnyan rebels in Russia who conducted the attack on the Moscow theater. The list could go on. There are several indications to one being of this faith. These could include but are not limited to the wearing of traditional clothing, wearing an Islamic turban or Islamic skull cap, having religiously significant first and/or last names, etc.

Even though in totality, one can still state that most Muslims are good people, this does not mean that the desire to kill is extremely isolated. The Palestinian people voted in the terror group Hamas in a popular democratic election. The people of Lebanon show overwhelming support of the ruthless terror group Hezbollah in nearly every poll. I think the satire of former Saturday Night Live star Colin Quinn sums it up best. "You can't let a few million bad apples spoil the bunch".





# Opinions



**Ben** THE HEBREW HAMMER



**ANSWERS**

**America**

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

Recent events brought the specter of Islamic terrorism to the forefront of our minds. I ask you, what can I do to keep me and my family safe?

*Dr. Bruno Kreisky,  
Wien, Osterreich*

The Hammer Says:

Dr. Kreisky, here is a checklist you should find helpful for the purpose of avoiding terror attacks.

1. Don't fly on airplanes.
2. Don't ride the subway.
3. Apologize for being a civilized human being.
4. Move to France.
5. Don't be Jewish.
6. Don't look Jewish.
7. Don't act Jewish.
8. Convert to Islam.
9. Chop off your balls and mail 'em to someone who would actually use them.

You see, my dear readers, there is really nothing we can do to get these Untermenschen off of our backs. Questions like these only give strength to the terrorists who seek to spread evil in the world. Instead, we should ask this question: How can we hurt these people so badly that they won't even THINK of harming us again!

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

As the recently elected mouthpiece for the glorious Islamic Republic of Iran, I wish to ask you a question. What would be the most efficient way of spreading chaos and evil in the world to hasten the coming of the Shi'ite messiah, the exalted Mahdi? How many innocent people must die before our savior emerges from hiding to lead us into the Islamic utopia?

Tenderly Yours,

*Dr. Mahmoud "Manny" Ahmadinejad  
President of Iran*

The Hammer Says:

OK! Here is what I have to say: Stop reading my column. Stop asking me for advice. In fact, stop reading The Patriot altogether. Check yourself into a mental hospital. And if it is not too much trouble, just slit your wrists already.

Dear Hebrew Hammer:

As a leading professor at a top Saudi university, I would like to ask you the best way of keeping my children safe from Jews this holiday season. After all, it has long been known that Jews kidnap innocent Christian and Muslim children for the purposes of their satanic human-sacrifice rituals.

*Dr. Umayma Ahmad Al-Jalahma  
Professor, King Faisal University  
Dammam, Saudi Arabia.*

The Hammer Says:

Again, stop reading my column. Stop asking me for advice. In fact, stop reading The Patriot altogether. Check yourself into a mental hospital. You obviously need a lot of help.

## Clinton's Outburst: Calculated or Outrage?

By Alexander Ott

We all have become accustomed to former President Clinton's tirades such as, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," but getting your hand caught in the candy jar or should I say cigar jar is nothing compared to jeopardizing our future national security for political purposes (ie. Hilary Clinton and Clinton legacy!). So... if you haven't heard by now, President Clinton had a meltdown on a morning cable talk show when a question was asked if he thought he had done enough to get Osama bin Laden. A legitimate question by Fox News Sunday's Chris Wallace.

Was Clinton's outburst against the Bush Administration, Fox News, conservatives, and the political right calculated and planned? His outburst was something of a surprise to the network, the interviewer, and the viewers, but I'm quite convinced it was not a surprise to Mr. Clinton himself. Remember whom we are dealing with here! A cool, calculated politician who claimed to support labor unions and then signed NAFTA, probably the only good move in his eight years in office. He's a better communicator than "The Great Communicator," Ronald Reagan, and yet continues to amaze us with his political savvy.

What did this outburst accomplish? It's an attempt to get the "I lobbed a couple of cruise missiles at bin Laden" off the table for Hillary in 2008 and for rebuilding his legacy, which is pretty much Monica Lewinsky and the balanced budget economy of the mid to late 1990s. Let's not forget that in the former he was an adulterer and that the Republican led Congress of 1994 accomplished the latter.

While it is easy to pick apart his statements on the Fox News Channel, one stands out loud and clear. Why did you send two missiles and not as many as needed to decimate bin Laden's hide-out in Somalia? One fact Clinton seems to conveniently forget is that the Republican leadership at the time did support his actions. Only some talk show hosts, and some politicians spoke of "Wag the Dog." Another fact is that Clinton said

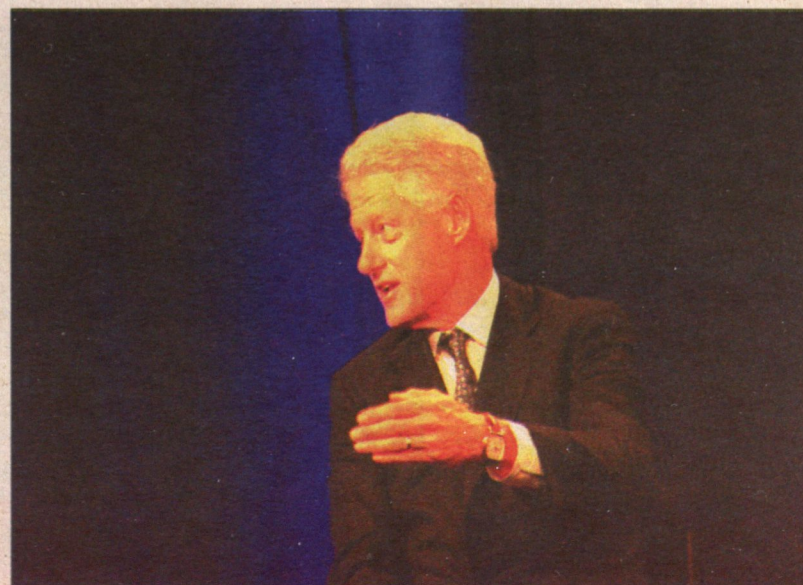
he was waiting for the FBI and CIA to certify action against bin Laden, but in 1998, the FBI already indicted bin Laden for multiple terrorist acts. In other words, Clinton had more authority than he had as Commander-in-Chief, given the FBI indictment, to specifically arrest bin Laden and remove him from the terrorist scene by using special forces; possibly preventing 9-11.

Another amazing part of that infamous interview that few are reporting is Clinton's, "I worked hard to try to kill him. I authorized a finding for the CIA to kill him. We contracted with people to kill him. I got closer to killing him than anybody has gotten since." This is in complete violation of international, and U.S. law since Executive Order 12333, signed by President Ronald Reagan on Dec. 4, 1981 went into effect. This was superseded by our declaration of War on Terrorism which gives President G.W. Bush the authority to kill terrorists. Either Clinton is telling falsehoods or is violating U.S. law! Does this make Clinton a criminal? I suppose not any of the left leaning liberal types would admit to that, but they certainly have spun enough rhetoric about "Bush lied, people died" and "Bush frowned, people drowned" all over the media in order to champion their human rights cause.

What this accomplishes for the Clintons is that it brings forth a discussion about policy decisions after 9-11 and compares the Clinton White House to the Bush White House and in a Clinton-esque way shrugs off blame for 9-11 and puts it solely on President Bush.

What most people forget is that it takes many months for appointments and policies to be put in place, and what is handed down from one administration to a new administration is not always disseminated within the structures setup for chain of command in our government agencies.

When intelligence gathering, both domestic and foreign, is not shared between agencies, failures in that intelligence will occur. Evermore popular is the idea that notwithstanding the mistakes cited here, there is plenty of blame to go around!





# Bushwacked!

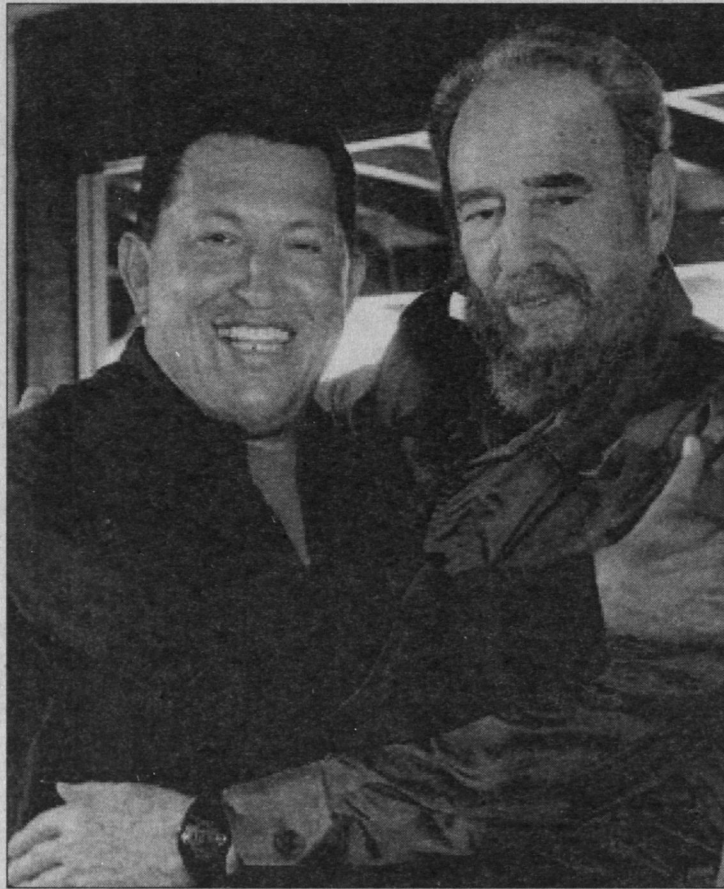
By Nathan Shapiro

President Bush is under fire again from the world stage, and once more, people have begun rallying around him in his defense. The unique twist is that this time, some of his defenders are prominent Democrats.

"The devil came here yesterday, and it smells of sulfur still today," said Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, speaking of Bush. He joined the ranks of fellow anti-American nations at the United Nation during last month's General Assembly meeting that verbally assaulted President Bush.

President Chavez is a left-wing strong man who has been in charge of Venezuela since 1999. After his government was almost toppled in a failed coup during his first term, he has regularly accused the United States, and Bush personally, of attempting to topple his government or to assassinate him. Chavez, a close ally of Cuba's Castro, has used his country's vast oil wealth to spread his socialist ideology through Latin America and to oppose and embarrass the U.S. whenever possible.

Chavez's anti-American tirade didn't end at the UN. Afterward, he told an audience that Bush is "an alcoholic, a sick man with a lot of hang-ups." And back home, sounding eerily similar to extremist critics



Hugo Chavez is a close socialist ally of Fidel Castro in Cuba.

in the America, he said that President Bush should resign "if he has any dignity" because "the president of the United States has failed completely."

The comments made by Chavez

were considered so outrageous that even the most liberal Democrats were condemning them. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), positioned to become Speaker of the House if the Democrats win the mid-

term elections, called Chavez "an everyday thug."

"You don't come into my country, you don't come into my congressional district, and you don't condemn my president," said Congressman Rangel (D-NY). He said further in that both Democrats and Republicans consider personal attacks against the President as an attack on all Americans.

President Bush's so-called Democrat defenders should deceive anybody into believing the president can now count on his opponents to stand with him against criticisms of his policy. While condemning Hugo Chavez's comments, Rangel also went out of his way to praise some of his oil-related policies.

In addition, Rangel reserved the right to attack Bush without his own personal restraint. "If there's any criticism of President Bush, it should be restricted to Americans, whether they voted for him or not," he said.

It's a right that he has exercised many times before to many extremes. Some of his most outrageous remarks involve comparing Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq to the Nazi Holocaust and calling President Bush "our Bull Connor," referring to the Alabaman segregationist who unleashed dogs and fire hoses on peaceful protestors.

Not to be outdone by foreign critics, some Democrats expressed



Even prominent Democrats such as House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi have spoken out against such ridiculous comments from people like Chavez.

solidarity with Chavez.

"I can understand the frustration and the anger of certain people around the world because of George Bush's policies," said Senator Harkin (D-IA), adding that Bush was to blame for Chavez's comments because Bush was "fanning the flames of a [Hugo] Chavez."

Whether the Democrats' own attacks on Chavez's speeches are genuine, or merely election year posturing, is up for voters to decide. What this entire ordeal has made clear is that there is a very unstable, unsympathetic leader in America's backyard to deal with along with the unpredictable leadership found in Iran and North Korea.

## Doom, Gloom, and Democracy

By Scott E. Silsbe

Election season is upon us yet again. And thus, we the people of these united States are subject once more to the usual senseless pretension and demagogic rhetoric commonly associated with the electoral charade. And a charade it is. You may disagree with my assertion that there is little real choice in the national elections. And if you would like to discuss one's ability to have a submicroscopic effect on the particular ways by which we are tyrannized, then you may be on to something. But on the grand political spectrum the two major parties which now dominate the American political scene are nigh indistinguishable. The political platforms of every member of congress to whom we are now subject, with the notable exception of Ron Paul, represent some stilted amalgamation of, in short: democratic socialism, economic fascism and generally well-meaning authoritarianism.

Both sides of every major issue are statist in nature. The question is how to save Social Security, not if it should exist at all. The Welfare State must be if anything reformed, but not abolished. Whether or not we should interlope in the affairs of other nations is not questioned; only the particular nature of our intervention is under discussion. etc. etc. Of course lip service is paid to such Draconian artifacts as the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence; but these documents have long since been tossed aside as actual features of the U.S. political system.

Nonetheless, to vote we are told is one's sacred duty. The separation of church and state may be in vogue, but a sort of mysticism yet surrounds political society; we are ever implored to worship at the shrine of democracy. It is for all practical purposes synonymous with liberty and peace. Thus democratic government is the solution to all that which plagues less prosperous nations, even if this means war and tyranny in the meantime. But what, exactly, do I mean by 'democracy'? The term is now used so promiscuously that it seems to have lost all meaning as a term useful to political science ('liberal', being the other great etymological treachery of the American politi-

cal lexicon). The most accurate meaning historically is simply majority rule. And if this alone is the essence of 'democracy,' then any educated individual should want nothing to do with it. For the majority can certainly be as tyrannical and warlike as the minority.

Another term often used synonymously with democracy by muddled thinkers is 'self-government'. Needless to say, it appears to me that we can discharge this notion outright. Democracy in none of its semantic incarnations can be described as such. By self-government we mean, in short, one's having control over his own body and property; in other words, we mean one's not being in a position to be dominated over against his will by another. Self-government is thus synonymous with the practice of the Golden Rule: keep your hands to yourself. This is the only possible incarnation of self-government on the individual level. And I can see no correlation between any sensible meaning of the word democracy and true self-government which can be reached in some way other than mysticism or buffoonery. Majority rule is not self government. It is, plain and simple, the domination of the individual by the majority.

But we know better than to believe that simply 'majority rule' or even 'self-government' is meant when the term 'democracy' is used by our beloved politicians. Never too precise in their rhetoric are the do-gooders who now have, or seek to gain control of that particular organization which has managed to dominate over those territories, which we now call among others, the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Green Zone. Indeed, anyone so masochistically inclined as to pay dutiful attention to the political class can see that democracy is used simply to describe the current structure of the United States' federal and state governments.

The U.S. is certainly not a democracy, nor was it ever intended to be one. The very word democracy appears nowhere in either the Declaration of Independence or the United States Constitution. In fact, the Founding Fathers were in large part anti-democratic. Johns Adams wrote to Thomas Jefferson in an 1814 letter, "Democracy will envy all, contend with all, endeavor to pull down all, and when by chance it happens to get

the upper hand for a short time, it will be revengeful, bloody and cruel." Jefferson, for his part, only supported majority rule which was highly localized and limited in scope; and he completely rejected it in the urban setting: "The mobs of great cities add just so much to the support of pure government as sores do to the strength of the human body." Finally, Madison once wrote that laws must be "capable of protecting the rights of property against the spirit of democracy." They all rightly saw the unfettered will of the majority to be as much of a threat to life, liberty and property as a despotic minority.

But we need only quote them if we wish to be superfluous; for the Constitution itself is evidence enough. The very nature of limited government is contradictory to true democracy; and the overarching end found in the Constitution of these united States is, contrary to what assorted fools and knaves now tell us, not democracy, but limited government. One need only read the document, and perhaps the Federalist papers to be convinced of this (incidentally, one might also wish to read the Anti-Federalist papers, for an explanation of the current, unfortunate state of the Union).

Moreover, we find that, as it was originally conceived, only one part of one branch of the government can even be considered truly republican in form. That part is of course the House of Representatives. The Senate was not originally intended to represent the people of the Union even through representatives. Rather, it was a body which represented the assorted governments of the individual states. It should be remembered that the individual states established the Union, not the people themselves. As for the Supreme Court and President, we all know of Senatorial appointments and the Electoral College; though these institutions have both become perverted and generally more democratic in character today due to the rise of political parties. The United States government as founded could be best described as an aristocratic republic. It was perhaps the best hope liberty ever had in form of a government.

Such is no longer the case, for there can be no hope for lib-

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# Double Trouble, Double Standards

## Democrats Attempt to Double

By Alexander Ott

Rich, Poor, Straight, Gay, Black, White, Hispanic, Chinese, Christian, Muslim, Jew, Man and Woman. These are just some of the people who make up our great American society, yet there are political parties whom claim to be inclusive to all and promote general welfare and still do as much as they can to alienate their very constituents from the consensus of our society. You can always tell its nearing the end of a political season and the liberals are at it again!

If this was a game of Clue, then Rep. Mark Foley (R) of Florida would have done it with his fingers, on his keyboard, across state lines, to a Congressional page. Since it's the mid-term elections, scandals real or not, spun or not, are the only means by which the Democrats can attempt to win seats in Congress. Yes, Rep. Foley did some inappropriate, if not criminal acts. Yes, it was ethically wrong, and YES their are gay Republicans, black Republicans, Hispanic Republicans, Muslim Republicans, and Jewish Republicans! I know the Democrats want everyone to believe that only white, Anglo-Saxon Christians, oh and I forgot... rich Republicans exist but the Republican Party is the inclusive party.

People will try to say that Republicans hate gays with the whole gay marriage thing, and say that President Bush caused the levies to break after Katrina and that only black people drowned. These are attempts by lib-



erals to make their constituents proud that they support them, and most important to win votes. Let's set the record straight on gay marriage! The gay marriage issue should be a topic for another day, but let's say it is about who has the responsibility afforded in our U.S. Constitution to make laws with respect to marriage. States have been afforded those rights and not the Federal Government. It is up to each state to decide and the voters in those states. Marriage is a legal contract whether you like that term or not that is what it is. It must be left up to each state to decide what constitutes that contract or not. It is not about excluding a group of people from marrying or having civil unions, it is about contract law and the causes and effects of opening these laws to other groups of individuals.

Back to the Foley incident. Since Rep.

Mark Foley's resignation, liberals and mostly Democrats have now called for the Speaker of the House, Denny Hastert to resign. Did he send inappropriate emails to a male page? What is so interesting from this story is that there is a gay Republican member of Congress! How can that be if only the Democrats can have gays in their party?

Now, lets take this new scandal one step further, Foley resigned. A member of the Congress actually did the appropriate thing, of course only Republicans would think of their party, constituents, and country ahead of their own personal interests! There is a clear double standard here. Rep. Tom Delay resigned due to alleged misconduct, and the jury is still out on this one, but you don't see Democrats taking ANY responsibility for their actions. President Bill Clinton lied under oath and never resigned. Senator Ed-

ward Kennedy, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident, after his car plunged off a bridge killing his passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne and never resigned. Democratic Rep. Barney Frank paid for sex from a male prostitute, Stephen L. Gobie and then hired him as his personal assistant, and never resigned. Sowande Ajumoke Omokunde the son of newly elected Democrat Rep. Gwen Moore, was booked on charges of criminal damage to property for allegedly slashing tires on 20 vans and cars rented by the Republican Party for use in election day voter turnout efforts in 2004, and she did not resign. While the list goes on and on and is too long to list here, we come to the most hypocritical act from the current Minority Leader in the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi. Pelosi and her Democrat brethren has called for Republican resignations over the Foley matter, but when Rep. Gary Condit had an affair with an intern, lied to police when she was found missing and then dead, she supported his re-election campaign publicly and did not ask for him to resign. Now that's hypocrisy at its best!!

Finally, Republicanism is not about excluding people. It is about including everyone, and allowing everyone the opportunity to the pursuit of happiness. It is a philosophy that government should be a fail-safe for protections and that there are certain inalienable rights afforded to all citizens. It is a belief that individual states take up the causes and local protections of their citizens. It is a belief that anyone can dream and pursuit that dream of becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a politician, an electrical worker, a teacher, a writer or anything they desire, and the sky's the limit!

# Doom, Gloom, and Democracy

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erty in government. Constitutional limits on federal power are now largely illusory; and state sovereignty was long ago swept away by the Grand Armies of the Republic. With the coming of the Federal Reserve, the government now prints fiat faux money to subsidize the massive cost of the Welfare-Warfare State, sowing in its wake inflation and business cycles; this combined with the 16th Amendment gives the federal government powers of expropriation which Louis XIV would envy. As well, the alleged system of checks and balances in operation within the federal government is apparently inadequate. Perhaps on petty issues such as federal investigations and the nuances of bills is there some functionality; but in the bigger picture, the trend is one characterized only by the political class as a whole resting ever more power from the general populace.

And what particular portion of society has control of Leviathan; that is, who really decides which individuals hold the seats of power within this government and what they legislate? Do the sincere opinions of the majority, however perverted by the political process they may end up, indeed find their way into the legislation on congress; or are the issues at hand and the terms of the debate determined instead by an elite cadre of influential party members, bureaucrats and lobbyists? I am inclined to believe the latter opinion. Is the average voter really satisfied with his representatives; does he even care? I don't deny that I can find no shortage of people who are enamored, indeed completely enthralled, by their political party or candidate. These people are always highly politicized individuals. Members of the subject class though they are, they are of the mind to govern. And one day they just might transcend the masses and enter into the political class; but for now they are simply party members. It would appear that these people's opinions are manifest fully in the platform of their party. Or is it perhaps the other way around: that the political opinions

of the party leadership are fully manifest in the faithful? Too often I find only those who's guiding principle is simply the party line. As the particulars of the platform ebb and flow, so the opinions of the rank and file follow suit. Whoever is truly determining party opinion, these satisfied voters are in my experience, limited though it may be, a small minority of the population.

In large part, voters are generally apathetic but for a few major issues. These are usually defined by the political climate and the facts of society at the time. In other words, they are defined by what the government is doing, or some condition in society which is the result of prior government activity. As such, we may consider these major issues themselves to be dictated by either the government itself or by the leadership of the major political parties and interest groups. Whichever portion of society is actually in control of the government, the fact yet remains that its potential scope is no longer limited by legal or traditional restraints. Depending on one's interpretation of the American political system, it seems we have but two possible views of the current, sad, state of affairs: tyranny of the majority, or tyranny of the minority. Which is worse? I haven't the mental faculties to discern.

The truth, though, is likely somewhere betwixt the two. A legitimate opinion of the majority must occasionally manage to climb the rungs of power and influence, finding itself at long last codified in legislation (though that legislation is almost certainly unconstitutional). But as always, legislation is subject primarily to the machinations of powerful interest groups seeking to gain power by providing their constituents with a portion of the legal plunder. It is what Adams feared when we wrote of the envy and contention of democracy. Without constitutional restraints on federal power, our union has become, as the French economist Frederic Bastiat put it "[that] great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else."

And so election season is upon us; there are a few ways

one may look at it. You can disregard the fact that whether or not you personally cast a ballot will have no noticeable effect on the outcome of the election whatsoever, and go to the polls. In this case, I implore you to vote for the politician whom you think will be able to get the least done while in office, preferably someone who is old, infirm, and likely to be frequently hospitalized. On the other hand, you could spend that portion of your precious little time on this planet doing something more constructive, like studying or exchanging theories on television shows like *Lost* with your friends and acquaintances.

If you are a decent individual who is ashamed of his government and yet disillusioned with the political process, then you might seek the spend that time educating others. For in the end, this all comes down to education. It is because the general population is ignorant of both politics and economics that things are now as they are. A recent Zogby poll found that only 42% of the population was able to name the three branches of government (now allow me to do 58% of you a favor: Executive, Legislative, Judiciary). Moreover, the masses are ignorant of the political thought and values of our forefathers.

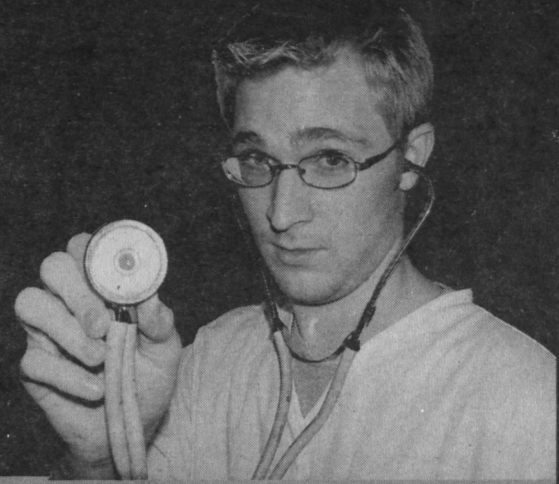
These men saw the dangers of what Jefferson called "energetic government." Through the Constitution they sought to create a system which would inhibit the rise in America of this eternal scourge of civilization. They unfortunately overestimated the ability of a written constitution to deter the State. Federalism and internal checks were not enough; for it is within the very nature of government to grow. Ink and parchment can not long endure the onslaught of those who are committed to the consolidation of power, and to the expansion of political influence over vast areas: social, economic and territorial. In hindsight it does not come as a surprise that the experiment failed; and considering that America's attempt at republicanism was the best hope liberty ever had, we may wonder whether limited government is itself the truly utopian idea.



**Patriot Labs Presents:**

# Medical Myths Exposed

With "Doctor" Erik



## What happens when we swallow chewing gum?

Does chewing gum really take seven years to get through your digestive system? Nope!

Chewing gum, according to wrigely.com, is made up of five basic ingredients: sweeteners, corn syrup, flavors, softeners, and the gum base. The gum base is what puts the chew in chewing gum, of course. The rest of the ingredients are soluble and dissolve in your mouth when you chew gum.

Now, this gum base is not digestible, but

then again neither is fiber and we're all told that we have to get plenty of that to stay "regular."

Basically, what happens is this gum base simply passes through your system and leaves when you go to the bathroom a few days later. That said, while it's okay to swallow gum and it won't really hurt you, it's probably not the healthiest thing to do. It's obviously not meant to be swallowed, but it's certainly not going to clog you up inside!



# Elections: A Market Anarchist Perspective

By Brett Denyer

I love autumn. The air is crisp and fresh, the sun is bright, and the trees showcase their beautiful colors, all blissfully ignorant of the inane political gibberish overwhelming the already less than intellectual radio and television broadcasts across the nation. November is just around the corner now, and no one is spared the barrage of lies and half-truths crafted by the least noble of all human subspecies: the politician.

And so vast numbers of ill-informed voters will flock to the voting booths, unencumbered in their decision by such trivial matters as what politicians actually stand for, encouraged all the while by the whistle-blowing morons (yes, NYP-IRG, I mean you) to "do their civic duty" for our grand participatory democracy. But what are elections, really, other than a chance for the government to trick us into thinking we actually have a choice in which group of charlatans rules us?

Perhaps this is an overly cynical worldview. Perhaps. Nevertheless, I claim that elections are farcical in two aspects:

1. Elections are merely a way in which the government may subjugate individuals to mob rule.

2. At this stage in the decay of our governmental system, we are given very little variety in candidates, leaving only the hollow illusion of choice.

My first claim is becoming increasingly true as principles of republican government and protection of the rights of the minority are



Logo for Libertarian Party of New York.

abandoned in favor of simple majority rule. No one could possibly illustrate this claim better than T.H. White in *The Book of Merlyn*:

"We find that at present, the human race is divided politically into one wise man, nine knaves; and ninety fools out of every hundred. The nine knaves assemble themselves under the banner of the most knavish among them, and become 'politicians': the wise man stands out, because he knows himself to be hopelessly outnumbered, and devotes himself to poetry, mathematics, or philosophy; while the ninety fools plod off behind the banners of the nine villains, according to fancy, into the labyrinths of chicanery, malice, and warfare. It is pleasant to have command, observes Sancho Panza, even over a flock of sheep, and that is why the politicians raise their banners. It is, moreover, the same thing

for the sheep whatever the banner. If it is democracy, the nine knaves will become members of parliament; if fascism, they will become party leaders; if communism, commissars. Nothing will be different, except the name. The fools will still be fools, the knaves still leaders, the results still exploitation."

Moreover, the government has absolute control over the electoral process. It is the agent that determines which candidates are suitable, administers the elections, tallies the results by its own arbitrary means (hanging chads, anyone?), and grants power to the alleged victors. In short, the government is guarding all the doors, and holding all the keys. In private industry, this would be called a monopoly and its ring-leaders would be burnt at the stake; but since the government runs this particular racket, people blithely and unquestioningly throw in the towel and call it the status quo.

But let us cast aside the issue of individual sovereignty and assume that elections are legitimate in empowering slimebag politicians to micromanage every detail of our lives, from what food we may or may not eat to what interest rate we pay on mortgages. We have to decide between one candidate who will take our money and give it to one set of special interest groups, another candidate who will give our money to another (or maybe the same) set of special interest groups, and Ralph Nader. What kind of choice is that?

If we must have elections, if we must allow ourselves to think we have some element of control in who

rules us, there must at least be some variety in candidates. In this respect, a proportional representational system is by far preferable to the 'winner take all' system that dominates our government

Historically, our system of government has resulted in little political action other than to entrench policy in the center. Some argue this is a good thing, but why settle for mediocrity when you can do better?

If candidates from many parties were able to run, instead of being effectively banned due to the structure of the electoral system, the Democrats and Republicans would lose their stranglehold on political power. If they were to retain their power, they would at least have to work honestly to do so. Other parties who represent potentially large groups of people would at last have a legitimate chance to come forth and become a viable political force.

Consider the Libertarian Party, for example. There are many voters who are registered Republicans but are de facto Libertarians, simply for the reason that they would be effectively banned from participating in primaries if they registered Libertarian. Third parties would receive a major boost and would finally attain the station they deserve in the political system, and—gasp—might actually accomplish something instead of blowing hot air and running up the deficit.

So what is to be done? I say the whole political system is rotten and I'd be overjoyed to see it come crashing down in flames. I'm tired of suffering from the stupidity and

belligerence of the majority of voters. Vote for whomever you want; just don't, in the words of Jefferson, use an election to pick my pocket or break my leg. However, since I realize that such a system of complete individual sovereignty is light years beyond our current capabilities as a society, for at least the intermediate term we should make an effort to address the issue of real choice in elections.

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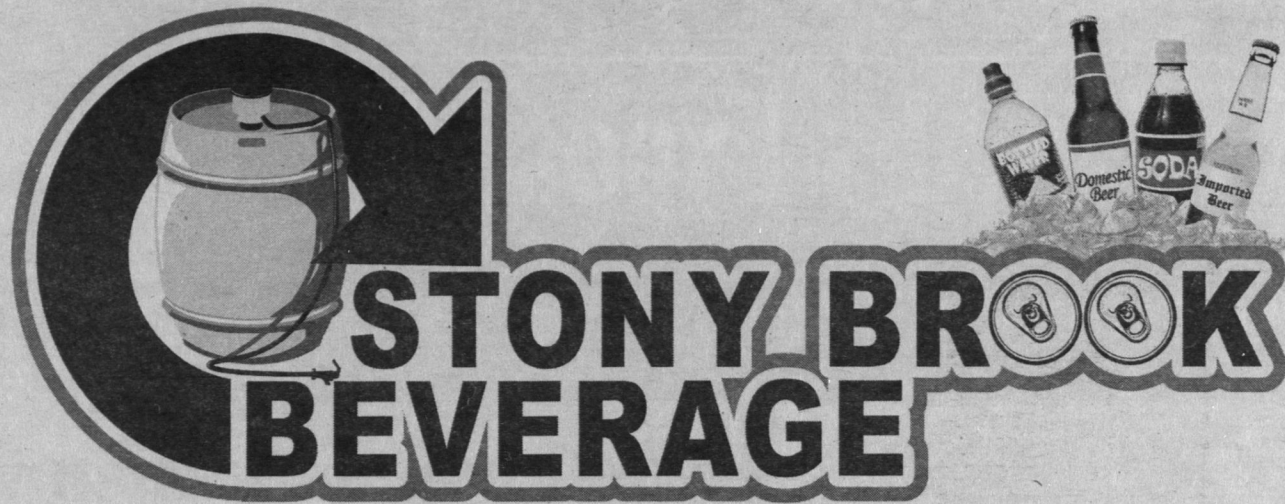
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# Ted Kennedy's Drink of the Month

Satire By Virginia Morgan



## Alabama Riot

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

### Ingredients:

2 oz Southern Comfort  
1 oz Peppermint Schnapps  
1 oz Vodka  
8 oz Fruit punch  
1 oz Lime juice

### Directions:

Simply add ice and mix.

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: Alabama Riot

## Rabid Girl Scouts Pose Public Threat

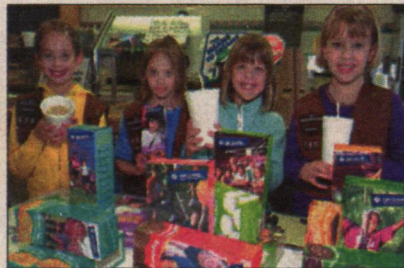
Satire by Damian Geminder

Officials notified parents of nearly 1,000 Girl Scouts that their daughters may have been exposed to rabies at a Virginia camp.

"With all of the bird flu, West Nile virus, SARS, AIDS and ED going around, we just can't take the chance," Loudoun County Health Department Director David Goodfriend explained.

Several Girl Scouts were already found to be exhibiting signs of infection, officials said.

Sally Hayes, aged eight, had to be forcibly restrained and tasered when she began foaming at the mouth. It turned out that she had failed to wipe tooth paste from her mouth before police caught sight of her.



Jean Glock, aged fifteen, was shot on sight after she was found in a tie-dye tee shirt. "It's very simple," Goodfriend explained, "Hippies wear tie-dye and smoke pot, which in turn causes them to hallucinate. Hallucinations are a symptom of rabies infection. In light of this overwhelming evidence, we simply could not take the chance and allow a hippie to live. I mean, the smell alone would make

more children sick."

Fear that the infection had spread to their most popular product has resulted in the Girl Scouts' recalling their most recent batches of cookies. Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt ordered Sunday that "every Thin Mint, Samoa, Tagalong and Do-si-do be confiscated and all parties caught selling them be treated with extreme prejudice." The cookies will be sent to an undisclosed location and destroyed, and the same is true of all troops suspected of being infected.

"Make no mistake, these may seem like sweet, innocent girls with their hearts set on earning merit badges, but once infected, the little bitches can become merciless killing machines," Leavitt declared.

## Letters

Dear Patriot,

I read your paper regularly and find many of the articles amusing, interesting and/or informative. I thought that your 2006 food guide was pretty accurate in general, but I disagreed with one point you made. Let me state here that I am a student, a campus resident and a food service worker, so I feel that I am well qualified to discuss campus food.

The section on the SAC stated, "The pizza's pretty good here, but they still haven't figured out how to prepare for the lines they get (hint: make more pizza ahead of time, guys)". This is quite unfair. The reason that the pizza at the SAC is the best is because it is the freshest. Even if you were willing to accept

lukewarm pizza in exchange for a shorter line, the SAC pizza line does not have the same warmer equipment that the Kelly pizza line has. Therefore, simply "making pizza ahead of time" is not a viable option; there's nowhere to put it.

It is pretty rare that there is NO pizza on the counter at the SAC. The problem is that many students refuse to consider getting something other than plain cheese pizza. This is silly for two reasons. First, eating plain pizza for 4 years or more must get pretty damn boring. Live a little! Second, toppings can be peeled off. Yes, it will cost a bit more, but it's less than a dollar difference. Conversely, if you wanted a topping but you're in a hurry, get a plain slice. It won't kill you.

The bottom line is, the SAC simply does not have the space, facilities or employees to have a huge array of pizza at all times and to serve it with lightning speed. It falls upon students to decide whether they have time to wait for what they want, or whether they need to get something else.

-Nesta Johnson

Dear Nesta,

Fair enough. Glad you enjoy reading The Patriot and thank you for your witty response ("Live a Little!"). I'm sure a lot of students will be more patient, now that we understand the issue better. -The Patriot

## Depressing Poetry Corner

For the times when you think  
your life sucks

### I Miss You

By Lena Tumasyan

Body, heart, and soul ... I miss you.  
Or is it "love you"? Maybe because I love you?  
But "love you" is so strong,  
So do I ... love you?  
Or just miss you?  
Would I miss you more if I had loved you?  
Is this what the "more" feels like ---  
Like every song that has the words "miss you"  
Makes me think of you  
Or because images of you flood my mind  
And I yearn to see you.  
So I suppose I do "miss you"  
Because you never gave "love you" a chance.  
I wish I could have loved you  
But that was not in your plans  
So no I don't love you,  
And don't really want to.  
But I also miss others like you  
Do I love them too?  
No, their images don't flood my mind like yours.  
I think I miss you most of all  
Probably because my arms want to hold you  
And my eyes wish to look into yours  
And tell you "I love you"  
But all they can say is "I miss you"  
Out of all them I miss you more  
I miss you more  
I miss you more  
I will always miss you more.



# The Patriot | Sports



Sean Martin

## SPORTS MINUTE

Despite Initial Reports to the contrary, Joe Torre will be returning as Yankee Manager for the 2007 Season. While many will disagree with me, I feel that this is a poor decision by Yankee ownership and that it is time that Joe Torre stepped down as Yankee manager

When Joe Torre took over the job as Yankee manager

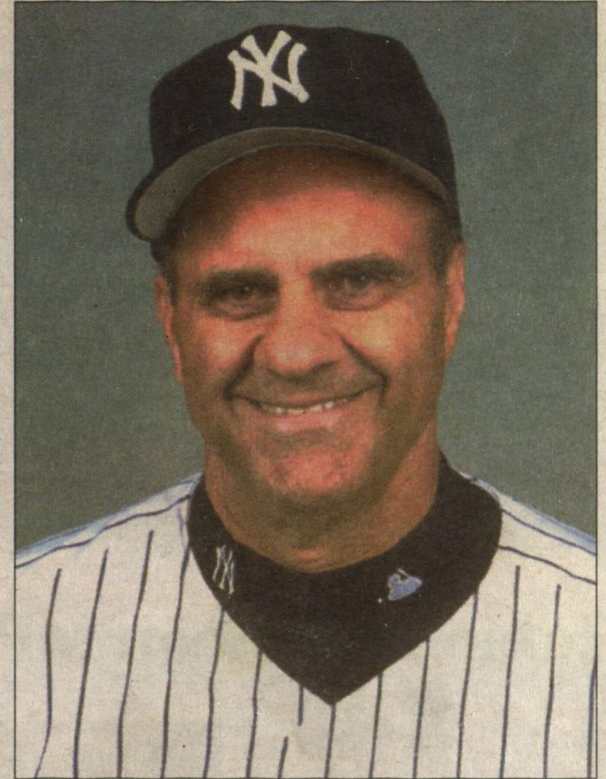
in 1996, he walked into what would have been any manager's dream. He inherited a roster that was loaded with solid veteran leadership, an extremely deep starting rotation and two young phenoms named Rivera and Jeter. Essentially, Joe's main job was deflecting the pressure from the media and George Steinbrenner away

from his players, which he did, quite successfully winning 4 World Series Championships. Torre was the Yankee version of Phil Jackson, who is more of a Zen master then a tactical coach. The Yankees of today, however, are a far different team then they were in their dynasty of the late 90's and they are in need of a new voice in their

clubhouse.

For me, the final straw came when during the play-off series against the Tigers I tuned in and heard that Alex Rodriguez was hitting in the 8th spot in the lineup. Now everyone who lives in New York is aware that Alex has had a rough year, at least in the media, but give me a break. This is the same Alex

Rodriguez that is on pace to hit 800 homeruns and had over 120 RBI's this season, and who was he bumped in the lineup for? Good old Gary Sheffield, the same Gary Sheffield that saw action in only a few meaningless games late in the season due to injury. People will say that A-Rod wasn't hitting against the Tigers, well that's great but neither was Sheffield. Some will defend Torre by saying that he was just trying to take pressure off Alex by moving him down in the order, which is just entirely outrageous. A-Rod is sensitive, it's no secret, so there is no way you can



think that publicly slapping him in the face would be a benefit to him in any way.

The Yankees have suffered some extremely tough exits from the playoffs since 2001, and in these losses Joe Torre has shown himself to

be the same mediocre in-game manager that he was with the Mets in the late 70s.

The Yankees let Joe Girardi walk away once to manager the Marlins, it would be a travesty if they miss their chance at him a second time.



## A Tribute to

# Cory Lidle

By Sean Martin

In 1997 the New York Mets were a complete afterthought. They were in what was their 4th year of trying to rebuild while the Yankees were the defending champion. On any given night at Shea Stadium you could find thousands of empty seats, seats of which even the best in the house only cost \$18.00.

But for a group of junior high school friends, none of that mattered. We loved those guys, and we were there every week cheering, knowing that tonight would be the night that things started to turn around for us.

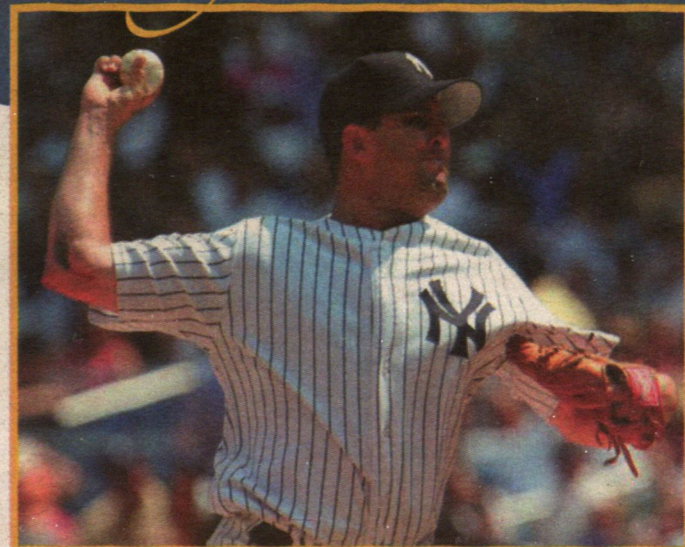
That summer, my friends and I got the chance to meet a lot of those players. Unlike the Mets

team of today, that fields 6 All-stars, the Mets of 1997 were virtual unknowns. This gave us the opportunity to get our autographs and to talk with the players without the swarms of people that there would be today. Most of the players on that team were barely 25 Years old and they still acted like they were happy to be there.

One of those players that I had the pleasure to meet was a twenty-something, relatively small, rookie relief pitcher. That pitcher's name was Cory Lidle. Lidle was killed recently when his plane crashed into a high-rise apartment building in Manhattan. He was 34 years old and leaves behind a wife and a 6

year old son.

Lidle was more than the average player that his statistics would lead you to believe. He was the rare, completely upfront and honest athlete in a world that is clouded with suspicions of cheating and steroids. He was never afraid to speak his mind, and unlike most, wouldn't run and hide from his statements.



So thank you Cory, thank you for making me feel like I should still

watch, that I should still cheer, still care. Thank you for making those junior high school kids know that no matter what was happening in the Bronx, it was the Mets we loved. And thank you, from that part of me that will always wish it was 1997 again.