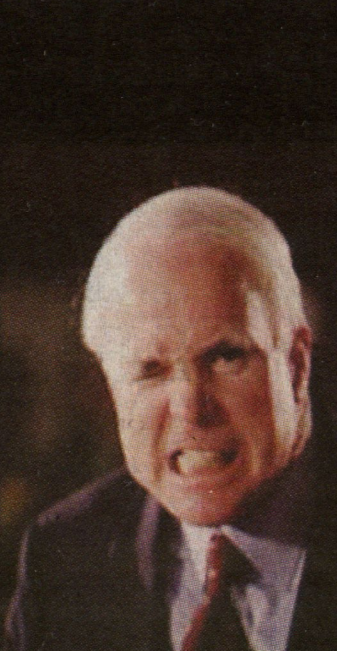
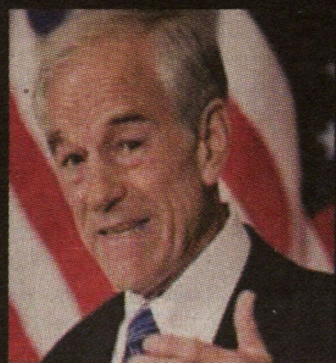


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Letter to the Reader

Dear Reader,

Since its inception, the principal purpose of *The Patriot* has been to promote and defend the fundamental principles of our republic: limited government, free markets, personal responsibility, individual liberty and the rule of law. Insofar as respect and admiration for our unique and successful political heritage can be called conservative, *The Patriot* is and will continue to proudly be Stony Brook's major outlet for conservative and ideas and opinions.

The current political climate, which is characterized by a growing hostility toward the basic elements of a free society, makes our job more important – and more difficult – than ever. The main goal of *The Patriot* in the coming years will be to offer persuasive and sound arguments in defense of the ideas and institutions that have made the United States the freest and most prosperous country on Earth. Much as the founders of our nation designed the law of the land – the Constitution – to prevent the disastrous consequences of a concentration of power in the hands of a few, we hope to work towards the same end by convincing our readers of the wisdom and merit of limited government and civic virtue.

Often, the expression of ideas or opinions that are conservative in nature are met with great resistance and anger in the liberal academic setting. For this reason, many students who share in *The Patriot's* commitment to the founding principles are fearful to speak out in defense of their opinions. As a student publication dedicated to promoting the ideals of a free society, we hope to improve this situation by providing a forum for open expression within our pages.

On conduct; it is our belief that the most effective way to make our case is to carry out this operation with decorum. Accordingly, one will not see in the pages of *The Patriot* the vitriol and intemperance that has become the common currency of our national dialogue. Similarly, our readers can trust that the content of *The Patriot* will always be held to the highest standards of professionalism and honesty.

In the coming issues, readers of *The Patriot* can expect to see many of the articles and features they have enjoyed in the past, in addition to the many new items we've come up with. In this election year, *The Patriot* will keep our readers informed of the latest news and outcomes from the campaign trail. Closer to home, we hope to bring unique perspectives and commentary on the happenings here at Stony Brook. In future issues, readers will also get a chance to learn more about the interesting people who make up the campus community through interviews and highlights of professors, students and others.

Readers will find things that pique their non-political interests as well, such as book and movie reviews, science and medical news, investing tips, and tech talk too. In addition, we have also set aside a place for the creative impulses of our staff, such as the *Patriot Poetry* section and the *Beer of the Month*.

Finally, it is very important to us at *The Patriot* to receive feedback from you, the reader. In this way, we can grow and improve as a paper, reaching our audience more effectively. Suggestions and comments should be sent to sbpatriot@gmail.com. If you would like to become a part of *The Patriot* staff, we encourage you to come to our meetings held on Tuesday nights at 7 PM in SAC 309. More information is available on our Facebook group, and on our website, www.stonybrookpatriot.com.

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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/libertarian 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 and libertarian 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*.

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Features

E-Politics

By Ryan Woltering

Ok, so we are the "electronic" generation. We do everything on our computer or cell phone. Whether it is checking our e-mail, or poking somebody on Facebook; our generation always makes sure to utilize that dang 'ol internet. This concept couldn't be more attractive to the politicians of today as well.

With the 20 something generation being one of the most influential, as well as the largest generation gap with an ever increasing number of voters, today's politicians will do anything in their power to get those votes and the support of our influential young minds. Encompassed in that anything concept is utilizing the internet. Yes, that's right, even politicians know about that dang 'ol internet.

In many of the recent debates, the various political candidates took questions from 20 something's through YouTube submissions. There were a varying array of questions from gay rights all the way to border security. This idea of video submission literally put a new face on how debates are handled. Now, anybody has the ability to submit a video of themselves asking a question. Of course, like all things now a days, these videos were edited to ensure they would "work" with the debate. However, the ability to "talk" to your candidate is still there; even if they do make your question "sway" in their favor.

Another concept becoming popular among today's candidates is the ability of accessing our young minds through our cell phones. "Simply text USA to MCCAIN-1 and you can receive a daily dose of John McCain. You can also receive John McCain wallpaper, ringtones, and outgoing voicemail messages from McCain." This concept of using text messaging can be a viral one. Instead of reaching those of us on

Facebook groups, and those of us who actually watch the news or read the paper, now these candidates have "hip-side" access to our minds. The concept of cellular candidate marketing is only going to increase with time. Perhaps at the next debate, we will be able to text message our candidate with our question. Not likely of course, but maybe by the 2012 elections.

Aside from the ground breaking concepts of YouTube videos and cell phone political marketing, the standard forms of e-politics still exist. There are more blogs on the internet regarding political candidates, than there are porn sites. Well ok, maybe not that many, but the concept still stands. Simply Google your favorite candidate and you will find a sleuth of pro and con websites, blogs, RSS feeds, etc. Even Facebook gets in on the action, providing groups both in support and anti-support of whatever candidate you so choose. Facebook also allows its members to pseudo-vote in mock elections. Hey, maybe one day I will be able to poke McCain! Even better, perhaps I can throw a sheep at, or dance with McCain.

The bottom line, as technology continues to grow, politicians will find more ways to infiltrate our minds with their political propaganda. Maybe in 50 years we will have our candidate of choice pop up in a hologram on our wrist watch, giving us the daily dose as to why we need them to run our country. For now, I am happy poking McCain, and throwing a sheep at Obama. Now I am off to download the 'God Bless America' ring tone to my cell phone, and forward McCain's "word of the day" to all of my friends.

Darwin- The Carrie Bradshaw of Science*

By Rebecca Newman

It was by accident that I found out about Darwin Day. As I was passing through the campus bookstore, I saw David Sloan Wilson's new book, *Evolution for Everyone*, and an advertisement for his upcoming lecture on campus. This lecture was part of Darwin Day, which is an international event that takes place on Charles Darwin's birthday, February 12th. Darwin Day at Stony Brook consisted of various film presentations, lectures, and information tables in the SAC.

Evolution really is for everyone, because it is easy to relate Darwin's Theory of Evolution to mundane problems and social questions. In his lecture, Wilson discussed adaptive purposes of morality, the relation between one's behavior and environment, and other topics that were meant to persuade about evolution's role outside of science. I happen to agree wholeheartedly. After taking an Anthropology course on Darwin and evolutionary theory, I have looked at relationships and the human mind in a different way. Everyone has something to learn from Darwin because his theories are applicable to many types of human behavior. For example, say you are having lunch with your female friends and they are all complaining about their pickiness. They are worried that their standards are too high to get them laid. Or maybe they just feel lonely and need a date for V-day. They don't want to be lonely, but they can't seem to control their pickiness.

Darwin has taught us that this selectivity in females is there for a reproductive reason. Women have fewer eggs than men have sperm and could be subconsciously weeding out potential males to father their children. Since females are the ones to carry a baby, they are more susceptible to being picky and less inclined to sleep with people they don't know. Here's another tidbit: Do you girls ever wonder why guys go gaga over big breasts? It isn't just because they look good. It is because a full chest is a sign that a woman can breastfeed a baby. Physical traits that are stereotypically desirable in females all relate to reproductive health, while male's indicate their ability to be a strong provider and defender.

Darwin Day's presentation of "Why Sex" covered a wide variety of relevant topics on reproduction and gender. An interesting portion of the film explained the advantages of sexual reproduction by performing experiments on asexual and reproductive fish. Asexual fish ended up having more parasites and weaker immune systems, while the reproductive fish remained relatively healthy from the mixing of genetic traits. Studies have shown that this impulse to find someone with opposite traits, like an immune system, also manifests itself in humans. One study shown in the film had

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Hungarian Potato Soup

Potatoes are great because they're so easy to cook, but quite honestly it's difficult to find a way to make an interesting meal out of them. They're great baked with butter, salt and pepper, but that gets a little old after a while. The recipe that follows is an easy and delicious one dish meal that's more interesting than a baked potato and is great to eat on a cold winter night. It serves four, so if you're just making it for yourself, it's easy to reheat. You can also put it in a freezer bag and freeze it for another day. It defrosts easily in a pot over a low heat.

Ingredients:

2 lbs russet potatoes peeled (optional: I prefer not to peel them because I love the skin and that's where most of the nutrients are) and cut into cubes	2 tbsp chopped dill
1 tbsp olive oil	1 tbsp paprika
1 white onion, chopped	1 tsp hot paprika
4 cups vegetable or chicken broth (I recommend going with a no or low sodium broth since they are incredibly salty. It's better to add your own salt to taste.)	1 tsp whole celery seeds
	1/2 tsp salt, or to taste
	Black pepper to taste
	1/8 tsp ground nutmeg
	1 cup fat-free milk (If you don't drink cow's milk, soy or rice m

If you want to make this a full meal and you eat meat, buy some red meat, chicken or pork, cut it into bite sized pieces and cook it in a pan off to the side. You can add it into the soup at the end. I cut up a sirloin steak and did this. It was soooo good!

1. Boil the potatoes in water for about 20 minutes or until soft. Drain them, mash them and set aside.
2. Heat the oil in a stockpot over medium heat. Add the onion and cook for five to ten minutes, or until they are soft and translucent.
3. Add the broth and potatoes into the pot. Stir the potatoes and break them up, but not too much. This is meant to be a chunky soup.
4. Add the two paprikas, dill, nutmeg, celery seeds and salt and black pepper. If you are using meat, add it to the soup now as well to let it heat through.
5. Pour in the milk at the very end and heat for no more than 5 minutes. Don't let the soup reach a boil. Serve!



1001 Types of Investors

The world of investing is one of the few arenas in which one can be successful by following a myriad of unique strategies. Like snowflakes, no two investors are ever the same- nor do they have to be to achieve success. Although different factions of investing philosophy frequently disagree with each other, reality shows that profitable investors can come from nearly all sides of the debate. The common denominator among all victorious investors is the ability to pick an investing strategy that best complements their individual personality, investing goals and risk tolerance. In this article, I will showcase the broad spectrum of investing philosophies and the successful practitioners that follow them. Fundamental Investors

Fundamental investors are so-called because they primarily pick stocks based on fundamental financial information, such as company profitability, debt load ratios and levels of free cash held by a company. A good proportion of purely fundamental investors disregard short-term stock price movements, preferring to analyze stocks from a business perspective. Fundamental investors typically hold stocks for several years and eschew the frenzied short term trading of stocks.

A) Value Investors

Value investors are a particularly successful breed of fundamental investors and include in their ranks such luminaries as Warren Buffett (worth \$57 billion), the world's second richest man, and Charlie Munger (worth \$2 billion), not to mention dozens of others. The crux of the value investing philosophy is the purchasing of undervalued or "bargain" stocks. A value investor looks to buy \$1 for \$.75, figuratively speaking, and does this by purchasing stocks that sell at a discount to their intrinsic value. Intrinsic value is determined by estimating a corporation's asset values, such as the value of factories, real estate, cash, investments and intellectual property. For example, a value investor may appraise a company's assets to be worth \$20 per share, while the actual stock price is trading at \$14. Very often, an undervalued stock will reach parity with its intrinsic value after some time, giving a value investor a healthy and relatively low risk profit.

B) Growth Stock Investors

Growth stock investors are always on the lookout for the next Microsoft. These financial sleuths only invest in companies that sport a rapid growth in earnings, sales and brand recognition. Growth stocks tend to be smaller, newer companies that are rapidly expanding their presence on the global business stage. Growth stocks tend to be relatively risk investments, but the opportunities to grow rich are astronomical. An archetypal growth investor is the much-lauded Peter Lynch, who built a fortune for himself and his investors as the manager of the Fidelity Magellan mutual fund.

C) Short Sellers

Short sellers are a fascinating breed of investors, to say the least. As the vultures of the financial world, they look for companies on the precipice of disaster and actually profit off of the dramatic share price declines. How is this possible? Short sellers use a strategy that is the polar opposite of buying and investing in stocks. Short sellers first borrow shares that they don't own, sell them in the open market and look to buy back at much lower prices. The difference in the sale price and the buyback price is the short seller's profit. A short seller may short a stock at \$100 and buy it back at \$20, while keeping the \$80 per share gain. Short sellers actually look forward to stock market crashes, as strange as it sounds. The infamous short seller, George Soros, has used his unusual financial acumen to earn nearly \$10 billion for himself. In one famous coup, Soros made over \$1.7 billion overnight by shorting the British financial markets!

2) Technical Investors

Technical investors are the philosophical opposites of fundamental investors. These investors are students of stock price movements, while giving little credence to the value of fundamental financial information. Many technical investors believe that fundamental information is virtually useless, because it is woefully out of date by the time investors have access to it. Consequently, technical analysts posit that stock prices contain all known and useful information that is necessary to make profitable investment decisions.

A) Day Traders

Day traders are the A.D.D./A.D.H.D.-afflicted types of

the financial world. These speculators sit in front of computer screens all day, while seeking to exploit minute stock price movements. Day traders rarely hold a stock for longer than one hour, and usually avoid holding a position past the market's 4:00 PM close. Some day traders can make several hundred trades in a single day, while seeking to pocket only several cents per share. If properly executed, these "mere pennies" can add up quite profitably when multiplied by thousands of shares and hundreds of trades per day.

B) Swing Traders

Swing traders seek profits by surfing the vagaries of week-to-week stock price fluctuations or "swings." Typically holding positions for one to several weeks, these investors are masters at analyzing recurring price patterns in stocks, many of which have wonderfully evocative names, such as the "head and shoulders pattern" and the "abandoned baby top pattern." Steven A. Cohen, who runs the extremely successful SAC hedge fund, has become a billionaire by using computer algorithms to scour the financial markets for price patterns and taking bets on them. On any given day, SAC is responsible for 1-2% of trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange.

C) Position Traders

Position traders are technical traders with longer term investing perspectives. Most position traders hold stocks from one to twelve months and incorporate a combination of stock price pattern analysis and some fundamental analysis. These traders can be thought of as hybrid fundamental and technical investors, taking the best aspects of each methodology. The billionaire investor, Michael Steinhardt, looks for fundamentally undervalued stocks and uses technical stock price analysis to time his actual trades.

To conclude, the investing profession allows a great degree of creativity in the development of a successful investing strategy. In my next few articles, I intend to profile each method in greater depth, so that my readers can utilize these aforementioned strategies in their own investing.

Medical Myths Exposed

Does drinking coffee drunk help sober you up?

Weren't you paying attention in health class?! Heh, me neither... well, maybe just a little. The quick answer is no; coffee (black, light and sweet, or any way you prepare it) will not make you any less drunk.

Although I have issues with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for being partly responsible in unfair changes to the drinking age, they are a reliable source of information. According to the MADD Web site, "Although (coffee) may make you feel clean and awake, nothing sobers you up but time. Coffee is a stimulant - it'll keep you awake but won't sober you up."

Bottom line is that your liver sobers you up because it breaks down the alcohol in your system and removes it from your bloodstream. Coffee doesn't have anything to do with this process and no matter how much you drink, if you have alcohol in your bloodstream, the only thing that will sober you up is time. According to MADD (and high school health, but we forgot a lot of that) the average person metabolizes about one drink per hour... so bring your pocket calculators with you when you go out drinking!

That said, coffee does have some positive effects on those who have consumed alcohol (Editor's note: this is by no means an endorsement of driving drunk). Though coffee won't remove alcohol from your body, some studies have shown that, to an extent, it reverses alcohol's sedative effects on the body. Arguably, if you're going to be driving after having a few drinks, which you should obviously never do, it's better to be awake.

An interesting side note on coffee and alcohol: A recent study performed in 2006 by the American Medical Association showed that people who drank one cup of coffee a day reduced their risk of getting cirrhosis of the liver by 20 percent, those who drank four cups a day reduced it by 80 percent. Though it's not known what it is about coffee that does this, there does seem to be evidence that coffee counteracts the effects of alcohol on the liver. So good news for all you planning on becoming alcoholics! Coffee is one substance that's been given a pretty bad rep over the years, but it may not deserve all the negative publicity; stay tuned for more on that...



By "Doctor" Erik

Opinions

Change We Can't Believe In

By Jason Frank

College students across America seem to be in love with Sen. Barack Obama. The outpouring of youth support for the two-term Congressman out of Illinois is approaching hysterical levels. In some instances, supporters have even been fainting at his rallies, says WorldNetDaily.

This support is largely due to Sen. Obama's charisma. He is handsome, incredibly well spoken, and emits a feeling of youth. His speeches are often dynamic and uplifting with a nearly religious power to them.

Another reason for Sen. Obama's support is the fact that President Bush is seen as a complete failure by the current college generation and he is everything that Pres. Bush isn't: black, liberal, and intelligent.

This may sound like an endorsement, but it hardly is. It is no wonder that Sen. Obama is so popular with young people. There are now essentially 3 choices left for president. Sen. Hillary Clinton, a career politician. Sen. John McCain, a weathered, 72 year old war veteran. And there's Sen. Obama, a rock star. The problem is: we are choosing a president, not an American Idol.

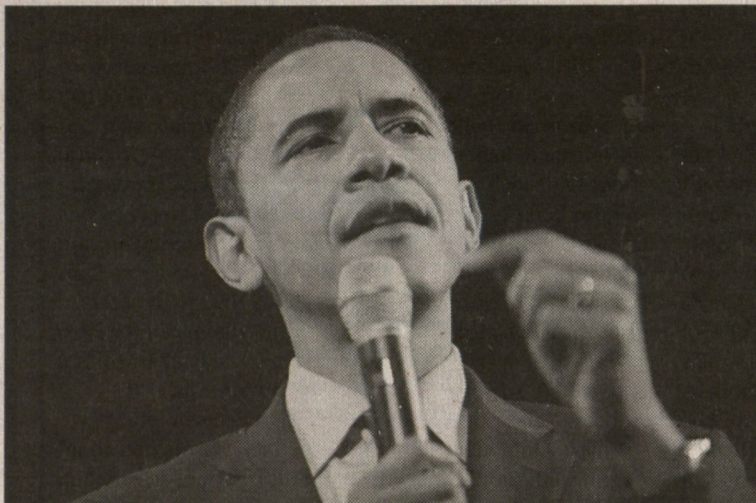
The rose colored glasses donned by all of these young Sen. Obama supporters need to be broken. Sen. Obama represents a far left, socialist ideal. He was recently named the most liberal congressman in the

country in a recent release by the National Journal, an independent group. He has voted with the Democratic Party 97 percent of the time according to this release. By comparison, the democratic majority leader has voted with his party 95 percent of the time. He is an intensely partisan politician, consistently supporting left wing initiatives.

There is nothing wrong with partisanship. If you hold these left wing ideals, then this news should come as a delight to you. The problem is, I do not believe that most people hold these ideals. Screaming fans are ignorant to what he stands for and are just in awe of his presence, like a deer in headlights.

While Sen. Obama uses his charm and Rhetoric to influence voters, Senators McCain and Clinton are doing something novel: putting forth ideas. Whether you

agree or disagree with their politics, their positions and proposed solutions on various issues are fairly discernible. Nobody here has complete transparency, but I doubt we will ever see that from a political cam-



paign. Some transparency, however, is better than none.

Sen. Obama rarely talks about his positions on political issues at his frenzied rallies. He supports a universal health care program, a.k.a. socialized medicine, having been quoted as saying: "the time has come for universal health care in America."

The Senator is also against repealing the death tax, which is when inheritance is taxed...again...after having been taxed during the original possessor's lifetime.

When it comes to foreign policy, Sen. Obama is dove-like. While a warmonger is the last thing we need in office, it would be equally damaging to elect someone as soft on terrorism and foreign conflict as Senator Barack Obama is.

Sen. Obama also supports a ban on all semiautomatic weapons. This type of ban is generally reserved for totalitarian regimes who wish to render their civilian population defenseless to higher authority. China and North Korea both implement a ban like this one.

All in all, an Obama administration would enlarge the federal government, take from the rich to give to the poor, remove weaponry from even the most responsible of citizens, and make the government the number one source of your health. Despite the calendar displaying the year 2008, it would feel a whole lot like 1984.

Asses vs. Elephants 2008

By Alexzander Ott

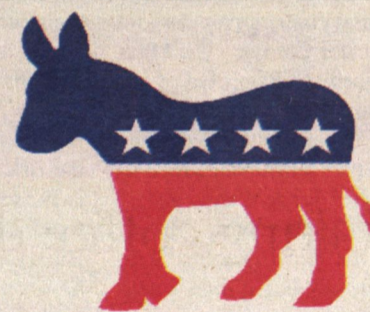
Well Super Tuesday has passed and we still have no clue who will be the presumptive nominees from the asses party and the elephants seemed to have chosen a moderate. On the Democratic side we find Hillary Clinton hanging on by her nicely manicured fingernails and Barak Hussein Obama closing in as vulture circling their prey. The Democrats will have more time to sling it out than the Republicans. They will sling as much mud as possible at each other, and we all know Hillary probably still has a bunch of dirty tricks up her sleeve. Unless the Democrats get it together real soon, the Republicans could be in a power position to run positive until the conventions and the general election.

On the Republican side Mitt Romney has left the race, we should probably assume he is not willing to spend anymore of his millions for an also ran title. Ron Paul has now suspended his campaign. I'm sure that was smart since no one paid any attention except college students and some 9-11 conspiracy crackpots. So, we are left with

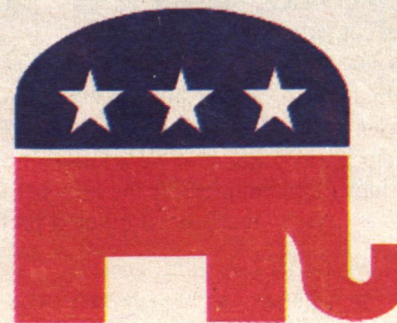
John McCain and Mike Huckabee. Huckabee won't give up, I believe he thinks that the Vice President position is all his since the Bible Belt is an important block for the Republicans. McCain has said otherwise. He feels that a Southerner is not necessary on the ticket. He could be correct. They will vote Republican as long as they come to the polls and do not protest vote against McCain not being conservative enough for them. What does he have to do, let them secede from the Union again! My prediction is that the South will rise up against either Hillary or Obama, and especially the latter. Have you ever been to the South, the good ole boys are still alive and well and reenacting the Civil War over and over again if not on the playing field but in their minds. Black southerners will certainly support the Democrat but southern whites will come out in droves if Obama's the nominee.

With Hillary's negative numbers above fifty percent, I think she will have no choice but to put Obama on the ticket as Vice Presi-

dent, but the reverse is not true. Obama doesn't need her she needs Obama. The one question that has been coming up in the usual political circles is: Will young voters 25 and under vote? They have been steadily increasing at the polls since 2004, and this year maybe the key group just as evangelicals came out for Bush in 2000, and 2004. And speaking of Bush... get your minds out of the gutter people... We should be proud of a President who has had so much to deal with especially the liberal biased media against him every step of the way. Bush has not stooped to blow-by-blow attacks on his enemies and has wore his approval rating as a badge of honor since he knows the history books will see his Presidency with rose colored lenses.



VS.



Why I will Vote for John McCain

By Bridget Matikainen

There comes a time in every person's life when he or she will have to choose between what is easy, what is right, and – for politicians – what will gain the most votes.

Unfortunately, these are rarely found together; most people who compete for the honor of being the President of the United States would not hesitate to choose the latter. After all, good intentions aren't tallied like ballots. What if there was a candidate who did the right thing instead of the most popular, a candidate who spoke what was correct, and not just politically correct? This person would seem to be a new breed of politician, one who is less concerned with image and more concerned with results. Well, my friends, such a person exists — Senator John McCain.

Sen. McCain embodies Republican values, such as supporting tax cuts, the pro-life movement, limited government, and free trade, while holding some comparatively liberal viewpoints. On issues, such as gun control and immigration, McCain has been criticized by fellow conservatives for his support of legislation that had been controlled by the Democratic Party, e.g. the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007. Yet his willingness to support values over party lines is arguably one of McCain's greatest strengths as a politician, and perhaps, one of his greatest attributes as a person.

Currently, Mike Huckabee poses the only 'viable' threat to McCain's nomination as the Republican candidate for president. Huckabee's views on everything from abortion to immigration are completely conformist. The bulk of his viewpoints center on religious ideals; one look at his campaign website affirms that. And while the religious affiliation of a presidential candidate is important to many Americans, our President should focus less on the Bible and more on politics.

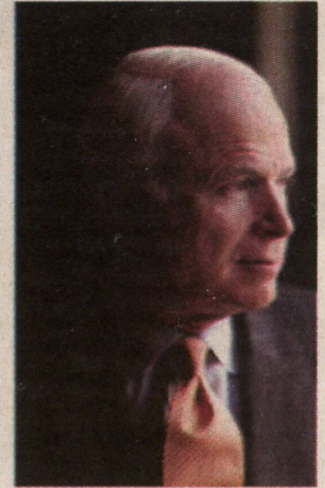
There is a time and a place for everything and McCain's political ideals support that notion. Some of them

are founded on a more religious basis (such as his stance on overturning the verdict of *Roe v. Wade*), and others from a more scientific standpoint (he has strong opinions on programs such as NASA and a future mission to Mars). A review of Huckabee's stance on issues reads like a broken record, with every second phrase being, "my faith." Huckabee himself is quoted as saying, "My faith is my life - it defines me. My faith doesn't influence my decisions, it drives them." Really? I would think decisions made by people in powerful government positions completely driven by faith have proven to be a bad thing. In fact, there are certain contemporary organizations with that same line of thought – Al-Qaeda, Hamas, Taliban, and Hezbollah. These are all groups run by people who make decisions driven by faith. The person who holds the most responsibility in the free world should be willing and able to come to conclusions that aren't pigeonholed by orthodox opinion. I, for one, would appreciate my Commander-in-Chief having the nerve to think outside the box, in the realm of well-balanced and intelligent reasoning.

The leader of this country needs experience. Senator McCain was a prisoner of war for five and half years in Vietnam. He was tortured, beaten, and even denied sufficient medical care during his first six months of capture. When his captors realized he was the son of a prominent military figure, they offered him the opportunity to return to the United States, which he refused. His refusal to return home was based on the "first in, first out" principle, which states that prisoners captured before him should be released before him. This led to his being held in Vietnam as a POW for an additional five years, during which he continued to be tortured both physically and mentally. To this day he cannot raise his arms above his head due to severe injuries sustained in Vietnam. The person in charge of the United States Military needs copious amounts of experience, which many other candidates lack. Any other person running for president just isn't as prepared for the job as McCain.

Stating that this experience shows Sen. McCain to be a courageous and just person is a severe understatement. There are two kinds of American allegiance – the kind

that lives and breathes safely at home while paying taxes and abiding by the law, and the kind that stares down the barrel of a gun while refusing to commit treason. You don't go to church to hear an armed forces officer speak, so why would you elect a preacher to lead an army? (And yes, that was a direct shot at Huckabee.) Simply put — experience matters. John McCain's experiences have preconditioned him for the role of President, more so than any other candidate. It is this experience, coupled with a unique ability to pass unbiased judgment on issues that will make Sen. McCain one of the greatest presidents this country has ever seen. Yes, he's been called old. He's been called un-Republican. But he's never been called a follower. His natural role as a leader is evident, even to his harshest critics. Now it is your choice as a Republican voter. You have a choice between someone with comfortingly familiar, slightly archaic, predetermined ideals, and someone with the personal qualities necessary to make the difficult decisions demanded of the President. Let Senator McCain's actions serve as an example of how to do the right thing.



John McCain: Maverick, Pain.

By Conor Harrigan

He has sided with the Democrats on closing Guantanamo. He has sided with far-left comrade Sen. Ted Kennedy on "comprehensive immigration reform." Doesn't that phrase want to make you vomit all over the person next to you? Sen. John McCain lambasted the Bush tax cuts using class warfare rhetoric. The Senator lobbed expletives at his senatorial cooperatives that did not agree with him, such as Senator Cornyn. The Maverick has also completely imbibed the Kool-Aid of the myth of man-made Global Whining. He has also walked across the aisle and engaged in "bipartisanship" with the Comrades. To the Comrades, bipartisanship means completely capitulating to their wishes, without any concessions coming from the Comrades themselves. The all really admire John McCain for his "bipartisanship" with the Comradetrats, that is, until they begin their smear campaign for the general election.

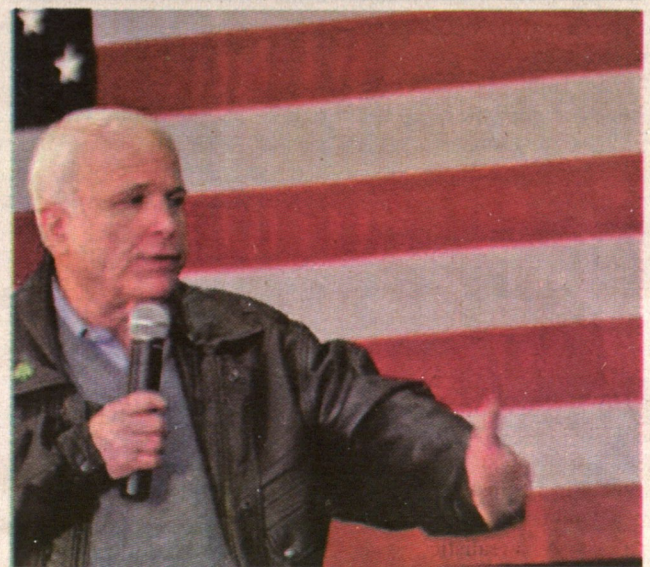
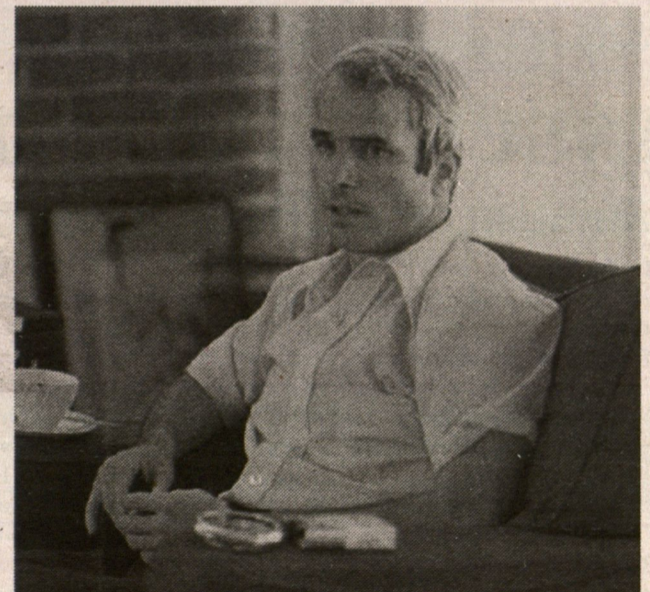
Why should conservatives vote for McCain? Why should they plug their noses and pull the lever for the Mav? Why should conservatives forget his stances on immigration, the Bush tax plan, Guantanamo, and other issues? Simply put, Iraq. The Senator has been extremely strong, not "moderate," on fighting the seventh-century Islamic savages that have wrought hate, fire, and death upon peoples from Jakarta to Manhattan. He has spoken out about the successes of General Petraeus and our soldiers in the al-Anbar province. Sen. McCain has also been strong on fiscal conservatism, with the exception of the Bush tax cuts, and has been a pork-buster for years. McCain has been a pro-life voter throughout his career as well. On the other hand, he has been contradictory to these habits by teaming with Comrade Kennedy on "comprehensive blah blah blah," which is antithetical to national security.

To my fellow conservatives and Republicans, in the end, I urge you to vote for McCain in the general election. Hold your nose high, plugged with tissue, and vote for the Mav. If for no other reasons that I men-

tioned, think of our men and women in Iraq. Remember the blood they have spilled and the limbs they have shed in defense of our nation, the Iraqi people, and the Afghans. Remember this before you sit by and let a liberal walk into the presidency. They want us out. They have tried to kill funding. They say we are losing. Many of them want us to lose. They have compared our boys to Nazis, accusing them of massacring without evidence. They have played politics with lives from the get-go.

It is an awful situation for conservatism and the Republican Party. If Sen. McCain wins, our party runs the risk of self-destruction, broadening its constituency (which is not good), and abandoning its own conservative base. If we do not win, we run the risk of having Billary or Obama becoming President. To sound cliché, however, when life hands you lemons, you make the best motherf***ing lemonade in the neighborhood! Perhaps we can convince Sen. McCain to abandon the fruitless "bipartisanship" with the Comradetrats who will snarl at and claw him the minute the general election begins. Perhaps their smear tactics will convince him to avoid working with the Comradetrats.

In the end, we must remember our soldiers in Iraq. Do not let them take all that has happened and have it all be in vain. Many conservative commentators have spoken of Romney's personal growth and change in the last year and a half. Perhaps, if the angels were to bless us, or the stars were to align; perhaps Senator John McCain will experience a catharsis, and cleanse himself of the last seven years and return to the conservative principles he has stood for in the past.



Ron Paul Republicans: The Past, Present and Future of Libertarianism in Partisan Politics

By Zachary Kurtz

Almost immediately following the days George Washington left office, US politics morphed into a two party system. For better or worse, it is, at least for now, the system that we are stuck with.

The Democrats and Republicans have a chokehold over US party politics. Independents have been able to make successful runs in local elections, but are rarely seen in larger races. America's largest 3rd party is the Libertarian party, but they barely have a fraction of the membership of the big two.

Third parties spend most of their paltry campaign contributions trying to get ballot access. As a result, third party ideas tend to get little news coverage and public attention. This is a shame because, according to the Libertarian party, at least a quarter of the people who take their short political quiz would fit well within the Libertarian party platform or should consider themselves libertarians (small l).

So, what are these libertarians doing? Most of them are probably independents, waffling between various Democrats and Republicans trying to find some candidate that fits their 'small federal government' ideals. A lot of them probably don't even know they're libertarians, but are still indefinably uncomfortable with their current affiliation.

This year, a lot of them are Republicans, and that's thanks to one 'small' politician with some big ideas.

I'm talking, of course, about Dr. Ron Paul. A 10th term Texas congressman who began his run for President fully expecting to meet virtually zero national appreciation for his ideas. And, although nobody is expecting him to sweep the nomination - he's only received at most 40 delegates to date - he has become something of a cult icon, especially among the internet-savvy youth.

Although Paul has been a Republican for his entire political career, he attracts people from all political realms who are disenchanted with the way government is currently run. Or, as the doctor would put it himself, 'Liberty is a popular idea.'

In an election where the popular word is 'change' Paul asked this question, "Well what kind of change is he [Obama] offering?" The answer is big government. Some of the Democrat's ideas include expanding federal programs to offer single provider health insurance, education, entitlements, military presence overseas etc. These are not ideas a libertarian can hold dear.

Republicanism has traditionally been a better fit for libertarians than the Democrat party. Republicans realize that expanding domestic government almost never yields positive results. Entitlement programs breed dependence and free market solutions can offer products and services far more efficiently than government can.

Republican pundits Neil Boortz and Glenn Beck call themselves libertarians and have admired many of the ideas that Ron Paul talks about. However, they are little more than 'beltway' republicans in some of the other ideas that they espouse. These are conservative ideals because they call for the reduction of federal government, and are for individual liberty.

Ron Paul is one of the few people in government that talk about monetary policy. As a scholar of economics, Paul draws attention to problems, and proposes solutions to problems little considered before him. The Federal Reserve and fiat money is unconstitutional, but Paul is the only presidential candidate that talks about this. Letting the Fed control interest rates and print money causes inflation and destabilizes the economy. "The President is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, not the economy" says Paul. The idea that it's the President and the economy should be allowed to control the economy, which should be determined by market forces is a direct contradiction of conservative ideals. We are a nation for and by the people, so why should we hand over control of the nation's economy to a few Fed board members, which are not beholden to or controlled by any legislative body. Nothing in US history smacks more of oligarchal rule on the federal level.

As a realistic proposal to fix this problem, Paul

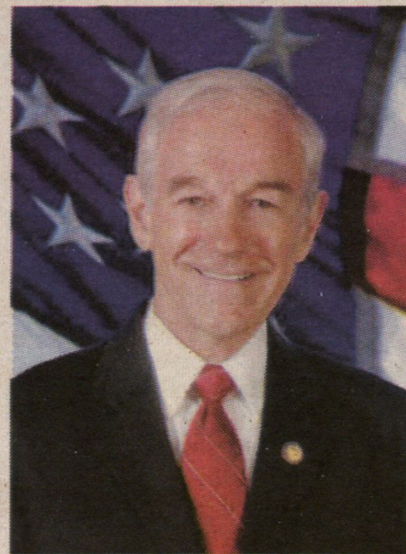
suggests legalizing a federal currency backed by gold and/or silver to be traded alongside the Federal Reserve note. Having domestic currency compete domestically will, in the free market theory, strengthen the economy, because the stronger dollar would succeed.

The modern Republican and Democrat parties are controlled by lobbyists and corporations. Ron Paul would end our current corporate welfare state, corporations were never meant to receive the tax breaks meant for private citizens. Corporations should survive on their own merit in the free market, and not be supported by the taxpayers. We call them 'free' trade agreements, but there is nothing free about them. By setting up preferred trading partners and special arrangements for certain nations, we undermine the effectiveness of competition in the free market.

While most Republicans would agree that the biggest threat facing our great nation is that of Islamic terrorism, Ron Paul Republicans would most vehemently disagree. Terrorism is a serious problem, to be sure, but not a problem we can solve by fighting wars overseas. The last major terrorist attack on US soil could have been prevented much more cheaply by defending our borders than by a multi-billion dollar conflict that has had negligible results in neutralizing the terrorist threat.

And, while Ron Paul will never tell you we are responsible for terrorist actions, the entire Western world and the US in particular is almost certainly responsible for providing catalyst for the formation of terrorist groups.

Our history is full of imperialistic ventures in the Middle East and elsewhere. We use our military to secure oil supremacy and we have troops stationed in over 130 nations overseas. Our current military exploits in the



Middle East are running us billions of dollars in debt, without any indication that our presence will have any lasting impact on stopping terrorism or even preventing a civil war.

Having a large military empire overseas completely defies the ideals of conservatism.

Republicans say they are the

party of small government, yet they have no problem selling debt to China to fund wars and expanding our already vast military. Since when have conservatives wanted to police the world, imposing 'democracy' on everyone? George W. Bush himself won the Presidency in 2000 campaigned on a foreign policy of non-interventionism.

Liberty will only come to those who fight for it themselves. To try to use violence to grant other nations 'liberty' only risks our own freedoms, as we've seen with the passage of the PATRIOT act. To impose our version of democracy on sovereign nations is a paradox in its own right.

These libertarian ideas are also conservative ideas and they have their place in the Republican Party. Ron Paul has aired these issues, and now the public has taken note, and many of them have agreed.

Many Paul supporters call his candidacy of "Revolution," and like all good revolutions, it's going to take a few years to take route. Most Ron Paul Republicans agree that this is only the beginning of their movement.

Barry Goldwater's ideas (which are incidentally similar to Paul's; Goldwater Jr. has endorsed Paul) were not accepted by the general public outright. But 16 years later a man with a similar platform, Ronald Regan, was

elected and re-elected to the Presidency and is thought of as one of our nations most successful leaders.

Similarly, Ron Paul Republicanism will most likely outlive the 72 year old congressman, who has shot down all notions of his running under a third party or independent bid for the Presidency.

And besides, Paul's version of libertarianism belongs in the Republican Party, because it represents the old guard of conservatives before the 'neocon' hijacking.

Although I don't expect the Ron Paul revolution to launch a successful Presidential bid in this election cycle, it seems to me that the mainstreaming of his ideas is inevitable. We are facing an economic recession, so Americans will be looking for a candidate who has all the right fixes at the right time.

By launching numerous and simultaneous bids for local and congressional seats, Ron Paul Republicans will slowly gain acceptance. Most likely, Paul will form a Political Action Committee, which will be supported by the financial contributions of his thousands of followers. This money will go to support the people who share his wise platform, and help spread his logical ideas into the mainstream.

The future of libertarianism in Republican politics, and its acceptance into the mainstream, has never been brighter. The use of the internet as a vehicle for political communication has allowed supporters from across the nation, and even overseas supporters, to collaborate and structure themselves into a strong grassroots movement.

The ideas themselves are viral, and gain acceptance wherever people are disenchanted with government, which seems to be almost everywhere. However, Paul's ideas are important and valuable, but he is consistently labeled a fringe candidate by the mainstream media, as he threatens to truly rock the status quo. However, when the people truly demand change, we have the power, through our elected officials to shape our own political landscape.

There are those who claim that Paul's desire to return to a stricter interpretation Constitution is laughable, and that the Constitution is a document that made sense in the 18th century but certainly not in today's fast pace world. That is a naïve approach, because the Constitution is more than just a historical document. It is the law that insures all the inhabitants of this nation their freedoms and rights. Liberty is a timeless concept that the founding fathers wanted us to preserve. And lest we forget, the Constitution can be changed, by amending by state ratification, a way insure delocalized power away from a federal government, an idea loved by libertarians, conservatives, constitutionalists and our founding fathers.

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women smelling a number of shirts that had been worn by different men. The smells that attracted each woman ended up belonging to men whose immune systems were opposite, and therefore, give her offspring a better chance of surviving. Now we know why men wear so much Axe. Please guys, don't give us the wrong impression about your immune systems. That is just plain cruel.

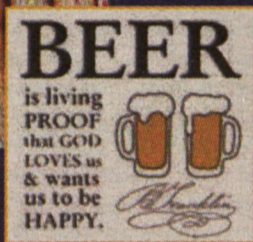
Many people, including some in academia, are against teaching this sort of Darwinism because it seems conservative and narrow. That's because it is. Darwinian Theory defines males and females in terms of their biological purposes. This theory is not trying to be politically correct or cover a broad spectrum of disciplines and opinions. Darwin based his theories on plain survival. These theories may be a lot more complicated to teach and implement in our politically correct society, but being able to relate evolutionary science to everyday life can be very refreshing and enlightening. Maybe people are worried about feeling like the animals that they once were.

* Carrie Bradshaw is the protagonist of the highly acclaimed television series Sex and the City

Ben Franklin's Beer of the Month

By Kerry Keegan

"The Founding Father of Beer"



Crazy Ed's Cave Creek Chili Beer

This beer isn't for those with weak stomachs. The first time I drank it, I'm pretty sure I only finished it to prove that I had a hardier set than my male companions. After a few weeks though, I couldn't get it out of my head and went in search of the infamous burn. Surprisingly, it can be found both at the local Stony Brook Beverage Center in a six pack or served at a restaurant called Tumbleweed's down in Port Jefferson.

Why direct you to this beer? Well it's freezing outside, so you may as well keep your innards fiery. And boy will you feel it, straight from popping the cap. The smell itself has been known to turn off the unadventurous, but give it a sip. I recommend pouring it into an ice cold glass and if you're lucky, the serrano pepper that is enclosed in every bottle will actually slide out into your pint. (Serranos, by the way, usually run between 10,000 and 20,000 Scoville units on the heat scale.)

The beer itself is a light yellow color with a tiny bit of a reddish tint and pours with little to no head. Still, I'm pretty sure it's the smell that you'll

be noticing, not the lack of foam. The first sip will sting your lips and you'll feel the burn all the way down into your stomach. Beeradvocate.com gave it the lovely rating of a D-, proclaiming it a "gimmick beer" and quite possibly "the worst beer ever." This beer aficionado, however, thinks it's worth a try. It isn't a beer to enjoy because it tastes like a better-than-average beer. It's a beer to enjoy because it tastes like nothing else, a liquid Hell that most can't manage to finish. Check it out at chilibeer.com and until next time, sláinte mhath!



"America cultivates best what Germany brought forth."
- Benjamin Franklin

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



Picture of the Month



"ummm.. what?"

"I wonder how many accidents that sign caused."

"Must be an English teacher."

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Patriot Poetry

Distance is Insidious
By Eleanor Keisman

Don't say it - It might break.
Thoughts boiling inside me, but the whistle on the kettle just won't scream.
But it is I that wants to scream.
To shout the things we think, but will not say; to not be governed by fear.
Distance is insidious.
Those taboo thoughts cannot be far off - they must ooze blatantly through my very pores, becoming everything that I am.
I am never too afraid to show myself - my thoughts. They are of me, for me, what make me.
So much of life I want - I want authenticity more.
But you,
you break me down to nothing; just a quiver at your feet.
It's a game we both know, then, suddenly, the rules change.
Distance is insidious.
You who were in a union of exposure with me....
Suddenly are stoic; expressing feeling, but only through words with no appropriate affection.
I recognize the sincerity,
but at that moment I realized that the part of you that I knew,
was gone, to return at an undisclosed date.
Distance is insidious.
Hoping to see you in the summer is realistic.
Hoping to see you in the summer is also ridiculous.
Will I know you? Will you know me?
How do we even say hi? Will you even be there?
Distance is insidious.
Self preservation out of necessity: it can be a small thing, then,
bigger than one imagined.
I am sad for you that your true self is forced to have a schedule,
but I am glad you live the best you can,
that is all anyone can rightly ask.
Distance is insidious.