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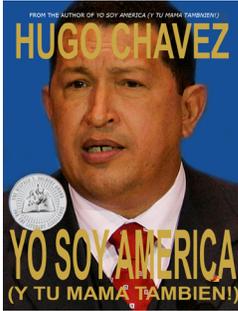
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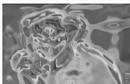
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The Editorator

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GLOBAL POLITICS

US Prepares For Invasion, Sexual Liberation of Iran



By Karl Warwater

New York, USA - After Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's controversial speech at Columbia University in late September, I knew we had found what we were looking for. After all of our intelligence agents and spin doctors spent years without coming up with a single, plausible pretext for this next war, Mr. Ah-

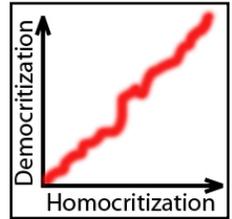
mad-dictator-jihad laid it for us on a platter. Now maybe it was a fluke, or some heaven sent gift of the more than likely Republican translator, but when Time Magazine's 2006 Person of the Year told the students of Columbia, that "In Iran, we don't have homosexuals, like in your country", I knew we'd have 100,000 troops in Tehran by January. Because, of course Iran has gay people. It just has a larger closet with more elaborate geometric surface decorations. And now it is our solemn duty as patriotic Americans, our divine moral imperative, to land an enormous fighting force in order to sexually liberate an oppressed populace.

Don't make the mistake of confusing this war with Iraq. This is a different war. Our presence in Iraq was based on false intelligence, specifically the supposed presence of weapons of mass destruction. I mean come on, how could Iran ever possibly develop a functional nuclear weapons program when all of their engineers are at M.I.T.? In Iran, its more like, Weapons of Destruction, My Ass, although only very few asses are being destroyed because at least ten percent of the population are afraid of obeying their natural biological drives. Similarly, large numbers of flying carpets remain ununchanged, as Iranian women live in fear of lifting the Victoria's Secret veil. But we can lift that fear. Like other aspects of our American Hollywood capitalist culture, flaming faggotry will be our gift to the world. No longer will it be referred to in Iran as a Man Slut Lying With A Man or a Harem Left to its Own Devices. In Iran, homosexuality will be synonymous with tolerance, respect, and gayness, just as it is in the lesser known, but equally gay, Middle West.

Invading Iran is thus all about defending Gay rights. Rumors have even surfaced that Mary Cheney, Dick Cheney's lesbian daughter has seriously considered the position of Iranian War Tsar. "Although I have strong objections to recent previous wars which will remain unnamed," noted Ms. Cheney, "this one seems like a pretty just one on the scale of things. And you can't deny that Persian chicks are smokin' hot. Why let all that go to waste because of non-American cultural and religious norms."



With this war, we will strike a deep, penetrating, below the belt blow against the terrorists. In fact, we will confirm Al Quaida's worst fears about Western Culture, showing them that indeed, American Civilization is really all about man on man sex. And let us not forget, hot girl on girl action. This time, we must spread sexual freedom at all costs. I can't believe we screwed that up in Vietnam. It was the 60's for Sith's sake. In Iraq, we should have been less concerned with rebuilding the infrastructure we destroyed and more concerned with getting people of the same sex laid. In Iran, it will be different, as we will surely be greeted as lubricators. However, because this cause is so righteous and the Iranian people so deeply biased against modern sexuality, it may be necessary to homocritize them by force, (also known as anal rape). As made clear by America's outgoing attorney general, in a time of war, we must not ignore the power of the dark side. As true patriots, we must sometimes bend the quaint conventions of international law over a chair and really get down to business. Also, we must invade before January 2008.



Amidst the rapidly declining public confidence in the Iraq war, I have seen to it that president Bush is all for the new Iranian war plan. Addressing congress in November, while in no way controlled by me, Bush explained. "An intern of mine told me the other day that Iranian's aren't really gay Arabs. They're gay Persians. Now you might not know the difference between a dangerous Sunny-D or a deadly Shittake, but I know what the Persian threat means. Soon as I saw their 8 foot tall God Emperor, I knew I had some competition. So in the name of Jesus Christ our lord and saviour, we must not falter in our resolve. We must invade Persia and conquer the armored barbarian hordes in a real narrow passage near a sea cliff, for WE ARE SPARTA! Now congress, you're either with me or against me, but either way, we will send at least...300 of our finest warriors to do God's work. Jesus, I hope they got that many gay people at Blackwater." Talk about gays in the paramilitary!

Naturally, we will also take this opportunity simultaneously invade the well known rogue states of Irkutsk, Siam, and Yakutsk. And this time, we will not go it alone, allowing UN inspectors full authority to employ state of the art gay-dar probes, while enlisting a new contingent of esteemed, well paid allies. Soon, with the combined powers of the rainbow coalition of the willing, we will once and for all free the Middle East from the closet of terrorism.



ESPN SPORTSMIDDLE

Tom Brady Angers Christian Fans, Claims He is Better than Jesus

Foxborough, Mass — New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady angered Christians across the nation yesterday by suggesting he is more talented than noted messiah Jesus Christ in an interview with the Boston Globe.

Asked how he thought he ranks among the greatest quarterbacks of all-time, Brady responded, "You know, that's hard to say. You don't want to get too ahead of yourself, but when all is said and done I'm hopeful that I'll rank right up there with the best. I mean, Jesus never threw six touchdowns in single game, did he?" Brady was referring to his recent performance against the Miami Dolphins.

In a reaction reminiscent of the response to John Lennon's famous 1966 comment that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus," Christian leaders from across the political spectrum lashed out against Brady.

"I don't know how Tom Brady possibly imagines that he can even begin to compare himself to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," said the Reverend Al Sharpton in an interview with MSNBC. "This just goes to show just how bloated the egos of today's pro athletes have become."

Meanwhile, angry Christians across America united to express their dismay with Brady and hastily created several hundred anti-Brady Facebook groups in which they discussed how they might possibly think about organizing rallies in the future to burn Tom Brady football jerseys, after they finished downloading the latest episode of Lost.

Even the Pope got into the act, issuing a statement from the Vatican in which he wrote in impeccable Latin, "Tom Brady represents all that is wrong with modern society. Even though he is a square-jawed, handsome man with

outstanding leadership skills and one of the highest completion percentages in NFL history, that does not mean he ranks as an equal with Jesus. While it is true that Jesus never threw six touchdowns in a game, he also never had a wide receiver like Randy Moss."

Indeed, Jesus's best performance was 5 touchdowns and 2 interceptions against Damascus in October of AD 26, and his highest completion percentage in a single season was 67.6%, well below Brady's current record pace of 74%. Said ESPN football analyst John Clayton, "While it's true that most casual fans consider Jesus to be the greatest quarterback of all time, when you look at the actual numbers I think a case can be made for Brady, especially if he keeps up his pace this season."

"But we also have to consider that Jesus did a lot more with a lot less. While Brady has benefited from the coaching genius of Bill Belichick and the talents of some of the NFL's best players, Jesus was the savior of a woeful Bethlehem Badgers squad which he led to four Super Bowls despite having a very little talent around him."

"Sure Paul was a decent linebacker and James once kicked a 60-yard field goal, but running back Thomas was always doubting his own ability, and wide receiver Judas Iscariot was always afraid to go over the middle and eventually sold out to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for 30 pieces of silver after only 4 seasons with the team."

"You certainly can't compare any of those players to guys like Randy Moss, Teddy Bruschi, and Asante Samuel."



Jesus Returns, Has To Wait In Line For Brady's Autograph Like Everybody Else

INFO BOX - BRADY VS. JESUS

Tom Brady – National Football League Statistics (through November, 2007)

Yr	Tm	G	Att	Comp	Pct	Yds	Avg	TD	Int	Rat
2000	NE	1	3	1	33.3	6	5.9	0	0	42.4
2001	NE	15	413	264	63.9	2843	7.9	18	12	86.5
2002	NE	16	601	373	62.1	3764	8.3	28	14	85.7
2003	NE	16	527	317	60.2	3620	9.2	23	12	85.9
2004	NE	16	474	288	60.8	3692	7.5	28	14	92.6
2005	NE	16	530	334	63.0	4110	7.1	26	14	92.3
2006	NE	16	516	319	61.8	3529	7.6	24	12	87.9
2007	NE	9	299	219	73.2	2686	9.0	33	4	131.8
TOTALS		105	3363	2115	62.9	24250	7.2	180	82	92.2

Jesus Christ – Judea Football League Statistics

Yr	Tm	G	Att	Comp	Pct	Yds	Avg	TD	Int	Rat
23	Beth	6	84	47	55.9	278	5.9	3	4	52.3
24	Beth	16	557	362	65	4397	7.9	31	9	101
25	Beth	16	453	305	67.3	3747	8.3	28	10	104
26	Beth	16	497	336	67.6	4557	9.2	49	10	121
27	Beth	16	566	379	67	4267	7.5	29	10	99
28	Beth	16	591	392	67.3	4200	7.1	27	19	88.8
29	Beth	16	547	343	62.7	4131	7.6	26	23	84.1
30	Naz	16	571	357	62.5	4413	7.7	33	15	94.7
31	Naz	16	533	331	62.1	4135	7.8	26	15	90.7
32	Gali	16	575	326	56.7	3739	6.5	26	28	71.2
33	Jrsm	8	316	212	67	2812	8.9	17	2	110
TOTALS		158	5290	3390	63.8	40676	7.7	295	145	94.7

PERSONALS

Facebook Friend Request Mistaken For Actual Friend Request



Brookline, MA – A facebook.com friend request has been incorrectly interpreted as a genuine offer of friendship by local undergraduate Christina Groake, according to 22-year-old Maggie Karp. The two Boston University seniors met for the first time at a common friend's 21st birthday party held last month where Groake and

Karp had a few conversations, "mostly about how drunk [their common friend] was," according to Karp. Two days later, Ms. Karp added Ms. Groake as a friend on facebook.com, an internet-based social networking site. This event (not to be confused with "Events" as defined by facebook.com) led to mild confusion and a series of awkward online gestures in the following weeks.

"I just thought I'd 'facebook her' because she seemed nice and thought my shoes were cute," explained an emotionally exhausted Karp. The term 'facebook her' refers to the act of offering an online invitation into one's online social network, and is commonly used as a verb by students that exclusively limit their personal interactions to the online site and its applications. "Then she thought we were like [life-long best friends]," Karp continued. "First, she added that we knew each from being in an open marriage with each other, which is kind of funny I guess, but c'mon, she's not my best friend from high school!" It is common for straight women on facebook.com to suggest they are in romantic relationships with other females, mainly as misguided attempts to seem interesting or attractive.



"Next thing I know," Karp continued, "she's inviting me to two

or three applications or events a day! I mean, I just met you, do you really think we're ready to compare movie tastes?" Karp continued to politely decline Groake's application overtures, but the facebook.com communications started to become more public in nature. First, Groake posted a personal message to Karp on her public "Wall" asking her if she got over her fight with her boyfriend. "I don't even think I mentioned him at the party," explained Karp. Groake then proceeded to poke, super-poke, bear-hug, sucker-punch, Crane-kick, liberate, phagocytose, and sauté Karp. She also gave Ms. Karp an electronic quesadilla as a gift.



The final straw for the strained online relationship came when Groake added a photo album named "Randoms of me and Maggs lol!" to her profile, which consisted of seven photographs of Groake and Karp from their only personal interaction at the party. "I was like, barely in the background of some of them, and I don't even think all the pictures are from her camera, which is kind of weird," Karp explained.

"What got me really ticked was one of her captions," which read "such a Maggie-face lol!" "Listen, [Ms. Groake], you do not know my faces, okay?" As a last resort, Karp attempted to stop logging onto facebook.com for two days, but realized that actually doing her homework, completing her graduate school applications, and in-person communication did not give her the satisfaction that playing Scrabulous (a facebook.com application) could. "I guess I'll just deal with her," a resigned Karp concluded. Groake could not be reached for direct comment, though her personal status has been thought to be associated with "wishing for" and being "happy that it is FINALLY" Friday.



RELIGION

Amid Controversy, Russell-Stover Cancels Line of Chocolate Gods™ Treats

New York, NY – In a surprise move intended to ease shareholders’ concerns over its second-quarter losses, Russell-Stover Candies, Inc. will cancel its Chocolate Gods™ collection, CEO Scott Ward announced Monday. The chocolate and confections giant had been under fire in recent weeks over the religiously-inspired candies, which were deemed offensive by religious conservatives.



An Erstwhile Sample of Russel-Stover’s Delectable Chocolate Pantheon

“To all of you who were in any way offended by our candies, I must offer my own heartfelt apology,” Mr. Ward said at a press conference at the Russell-Stover headquarters in Kansas City, shortly after biting into a caramel-crunch, Sweet Jesus™ treat. Standing alongside a fully-edible nativity scene with peppermint-flavored chocolate representations of Joseph, Mary, and three wise men, he continued. “In no way, shape, or form,” he said, pausing briefly to chew, “did we at Russell-Stover intend to trivialize your faith.”



Chocolate Nativity Scene Too Tasty To Pass Up

The apology stands in stark contrast to the candy company’s aggressive US marketing campaign, which was intended to appeal to a wide diversity of religious groups. “Let a chocolate Jesus wipe away your chocolate sins,” read one add placed in the Wall Street Journal. “Find nirvana through your sweet tooth,” read another in the Time Magazine. A third advertisement featured in the New York Times featured a smiling rabbi biting God’s head off. In a carefully worded statement, Russell-Stover defended the advertisements, but acknowledged that “certain missteps were made.”



Immaculate Nougat and Caramel, Together at Last

The story broke last week amid reports that the candy giant was in the design phase for a chocolate version of the Kaaba, Islam’s holiest religious site, and the tomb of Mohammed. According to one employee, who agreed to speak only on the condition of anonymity, the furor erupted when one executive suggested that the chocolate should have a chewy center. “We in the Muslim community are especially disturbed by the chewy center ... we find a chewy center completely unacceptable,” said Muslim scholar Muhammed Rafi Usmani in a phone interview.

The line of candies was responsible for a wave of heated uprisings in the West Bank on Thursday, when Muslim extremists cried out to Jewish settlers, “Allah is great! Your

god is delicious!” Two Muslims and three Jews were injured in the ensuing food fight, in which both sides threw religiously-inspired peanut-butter brittles at each other. Later in the day, Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland pelted each other with toffee-filled Virgin Mary figures and raspberry-crème stuffed John the Baptist heads.

Pope Benedict XVI issued a strongly-worded statement last week in which he called on Russell-Stover to end this “profligate waste of delicious chocolate,” in his words, and threatened to excommunicate the entire corporation. But tabloid news reporters released photos, taken over the weekend, which appeared to show the Pope indulging in the very confections he had so widely condemned.

Not all reactions to the candies have been so critical, however. Al Gore, the former vice president under Bill Clinton, has praised Russell-Stover for making “all religions equally delicious.” European chocolate industry insiders, while praising Russell-Stover’s commitment to religious diversity, have roundly criticized the quality of the chocolate used

in making the religious candies. “We might as well be eating Hershey Bars, for Christ’s sake,” said Belgian chocolate expert Wolfgang Liebler.

Not since 2001, when Russell-Stover introduced its new line of chocolate stem cells, has the company stirred so much controversy. At that juncture, the Bush administration intervened, citing the sanctity of chocolates representing cells that can become life, setting up a policy which it later applied to real stem cells.

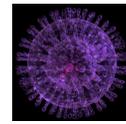


Shortly after the administration seized the candies, Vice President Cheney suffered a major heart attack. Citing the sheer volume of religious candies that the corporation has produced, and the state of Vice President Cheney’s cardiovascular health, CEO Scott Ward said he can only hope the administration does not intervene this time.



HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Herpes Vaccine Found to Increase Sex Appeal



1 Herpe



Washington, DC - Research scientists at Harvard University have recently discovered that recipients of the Herpes vaccine rate higher on the sexiness scale than those who have not been vaccinated. These findings add another piece to the complex debate regarding the morals of vaccination.

For years, the Family Research Council, a conservative U.S. Christian group, has contended that vaccination for sexually transmitted diseases promotes sexual promiscuity. However, many medical organizations have fervently denied this assessment, claiming that the presence of a vaccine in a person's body does not cause them to engage in behavior they would otherwise not engage in.



Over the last 12 months, Harvard scientists have been closely monitoring the various side effects of the vaccine. The most shocking discovery was an overwhelming percentage of recipients reported sudden bursts of feeling sexy and an overall increase in sexual allure. "I only got the vaccine last summer because my mom made me," says Harvard sophomore John Yale. "But when the new school year started, I found that not only do I no longer have any Herpes, I've become a complete babe magnet! I can't keep the ladies away from me." In fact, many Hollywood analysts have speculated that Justin Timberlake's hit single "Sexy Back" is based on his personal experience with the vaccine.



Not all recipients of the vaccine have felt these side effects, however. Harvard freshman Joe Schmugly told HSP, "I got the vaccine months ago, but girls are still repulsed by me when I go to parties." Dr. Angie Vance, head scientist of the Harvard study, has a theory on why the sexy side effect does not manifest itself in a small percentage of individuals.

"We think that the vaccine doesn't necessarily add to a person's sex appeal," says Dr. Vance. "It only enhances pre-existing features of a person's sexiness. For example, Joe Schmugly is simply a helplessly unsexy human being. Unless he were to opt for a direct sexiness transplant, for example, by downloading his consciousness into Brad Pitt's body, his natural ugliness is too much for even science to overcome."

Conservative Christian groups have expressed their outrage. "We're outraged", explained FRC spokeswoman Jane Christopher. "This is what we've been saying all along! We've always known that not having Herpes encourages teenagers to become more promiscuous. Now we have scientific proof that vaccinations causes recipients to become more sexy. What's going to stop them from becoming complete teen whores? Another vaccine?"

Pro-vaccination organizations contend that the sexiness side effect is just more reason to get the vaccine. "Since when is being sexy such a bad thing?" asked Sally Schmally, the extremely hot spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Women's Health Council. Already, student organizations at Harvard are

using the new scientific findings to promote the vaccine at events, using the motto, "Bringing Sexy Back, Without the Beer Goggles."

Conservative groups have been spending heavily on resources to spread information on the new scientific findings as a warning to those who may be considering the vaccination. However, it seems that these efforts have only worked to increase the popularity of the vaccine. As of Monday, November 12, the line outside Harvard University Health Services has stretched all the way past ABP. "I've been camping out all week," says Harvard sophomore Cindy Lauper. "I found out from the campus preachers that this could help me become more sexy, so I got in line right away! Maybe this will help me win back my ex."



However, conservative activists like Christopher are not undeterred. "I will not lose hope in humanity. I know that soon enough, teenagers will realize that increased sex appeal is not something they want or need. I continue with my message that 'if God intended you to be ugly and Herpes-having, then homely and bathed in cold sores you should remain.' In any case, sexual undesireability has never stopped anyone from becoming successful. As long as you make sure to begin life as a billionaire, you can be ugly as hell and still do anything you want, even if you have extremely bad Herpes. If that's not the America God intended us to live in, I don't know what is."



KLAUS



Luis Miguel (Koldo) Lus Arana (Santurce, Spain, 1976) is an architect and urban planner. In the last years he has worked for SENER Engineering and in his own office. In 2002 he also started his PhD studies in the University of Navarra (Spain), and has collaborated writing articles for several architectural magazines, also directing the section "From the 9th" in Aequus Magazine. Currently he is doing MDES Studies at the Harvard GSD, while developing the research for his PhD Thesis: "The Dreamt Cities". His alter ego KLAUS has drawn the "Little Corbu" comic strip since 2003. As his comics show, he is moderately obsessed with Albert Arnold Gore Jr. and the trees that would have been saved had history been different.

AND FINALLY,
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KLAUS '07
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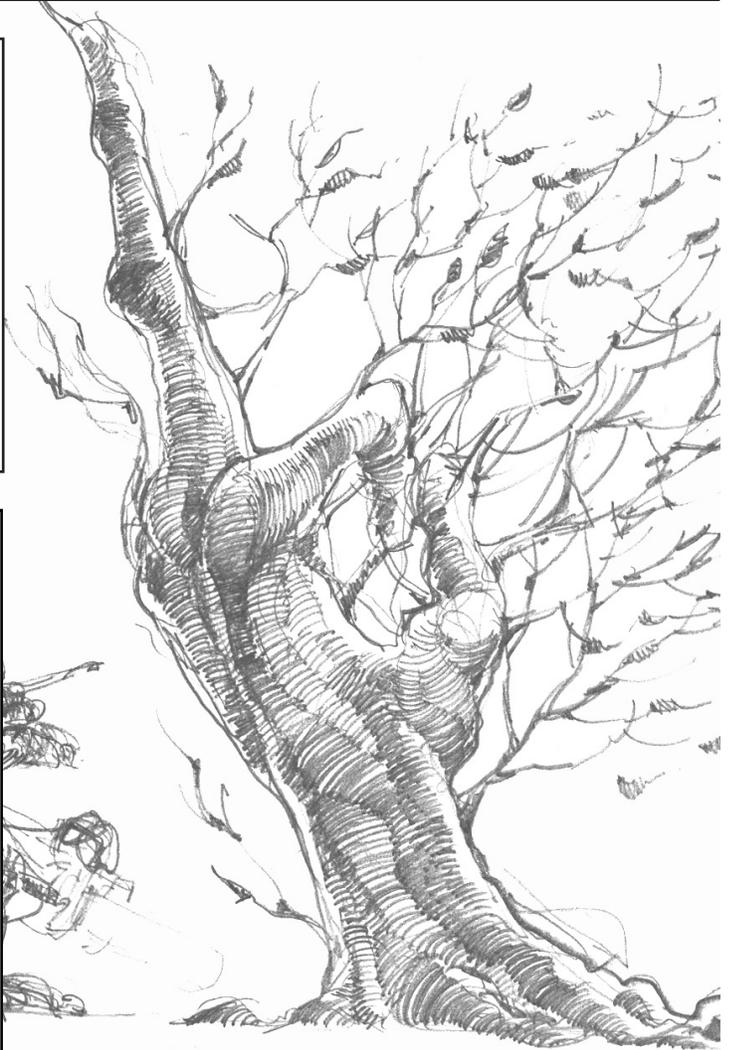
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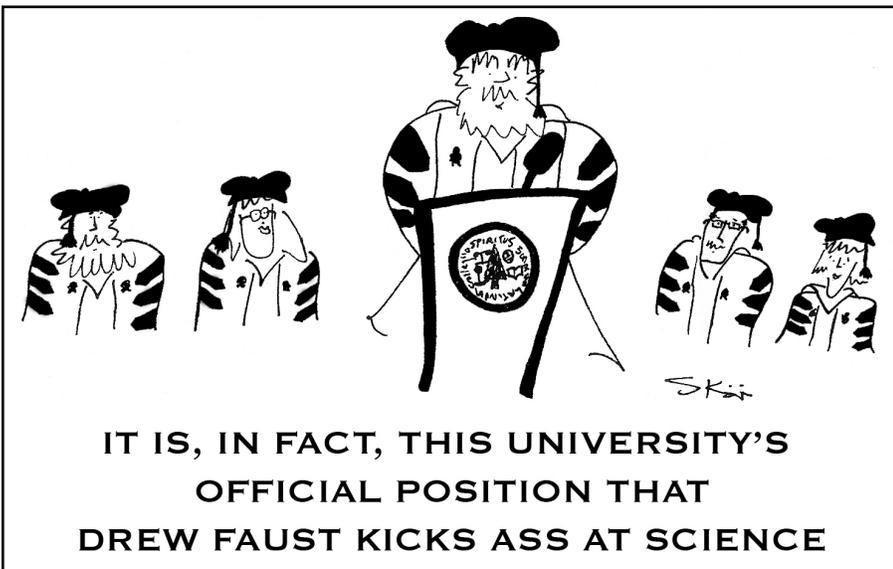
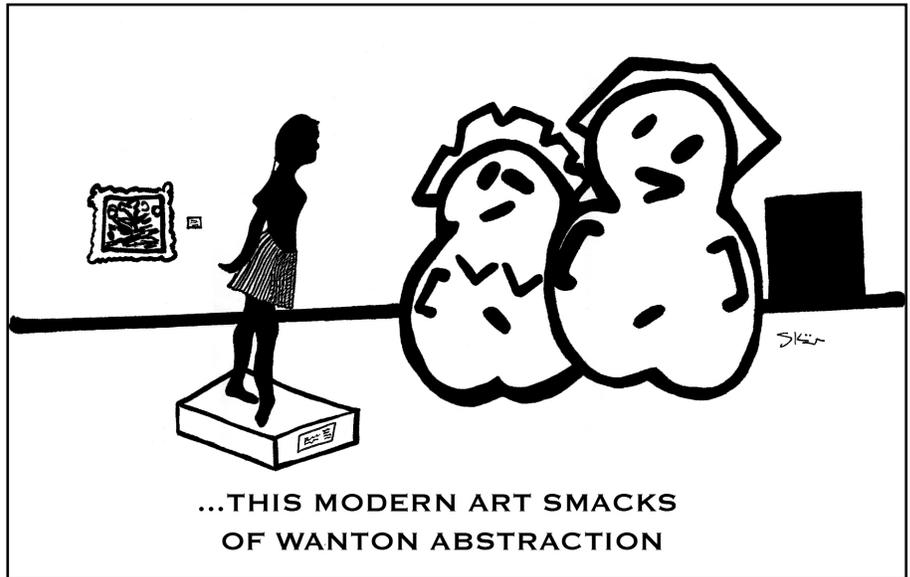
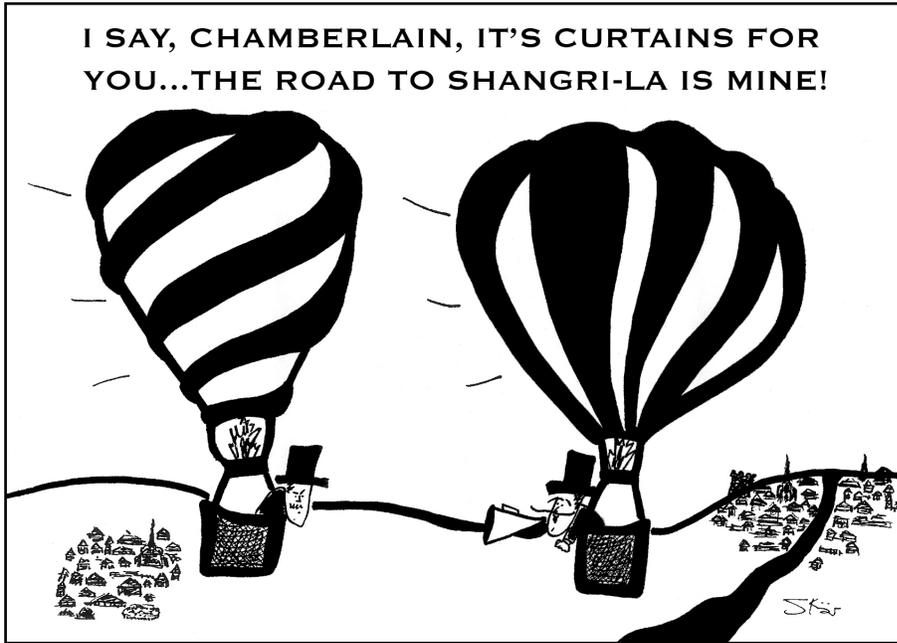
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Kyle Skör

Hailing from the outer ridges of the Bible Belt, or alternately, the heart of the heartland, Kyle effectively left his doctoral studies at Harvard in the fall of 2006, opting instead to spend his days wandering around the Emerald Necklace, harbor, various greater and lesser squares, and other Boston landmarks/nooks/crannies in search of the most iridescent pigeon. After a fruitless attempt at writing a seminal coming of age novel and gaining Nabokovian stature, he continued his creative endeavors through drawing and finding ways to negotiate life without health care. Many of his days are spent reading unpopular fiction/lit and working in and learning about landscape and garden design. Gargantuan yawps, baubles, and strong winds number among his favorite things. He used to have a dog named blossom.

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ENTERTAINMENT

HSP Movie Reviews: Bruce Willis 5



"Bruce Willis 5" (2007) starts with a concept that should appeal to all of Bruce's fans: John McClane from Die Hard, Korben Dallas from The Fifth Element, John Hartigan from Sin City, Butch Coolidge from Pulp Fiction, and Harry Stamper from Armageddon, are all the same man, a federal agent named Bruce Willis, working undercover in various disguises and centuries, and all of his nemesises from previous films have teamed up against him. That's a lot of background to cover, and they spend an agonizing four minutes on exposition, but after that the movie is thankfully free of dialogue other than one liners, grunts, and childish catch phrases.

The action is pretty good, like a cross between "Bruce Willis: Red White and Blew 'Em Away", and "Bruce's Last Stand II". Bruce has a gun which shoots trucks as bullets, and he naturally manages to ruin the livelihoods of every sidewalk street vendor in town stupid enough to get in his way. A mad scientist then unveils his latest invention, the "Fight Scene Teleportotron 5000", which is a great and believable way for fight scenes to take place at an abandoned factory, atop a runaway train, in the throne room of a Chinese emperor, in Starbucks, and on the moon. So it really helps break up the monotony. The high point for me was Bruce using the blinding power of his shiny bald head to make bad guys crash into each other. But it's not just about the action: when you see Bruce Willis shoot a guy so hard he falls back and hits the button that explodes the city, it really makes you think about life and stuff.

Unfortunately, Bruce can't be on screen every second of the film, but they add a handy "countdown to Bruce" timer in the corner so that you know when to start watching again. I highly recommend bringing a portable TV with you to watch some of Bruce's greatest hits during these lulls, as I do during every movie I attend.



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DOMESTIC POLITICS

President Bush Amends Constitution to Ban Only Monogamous Gay Relationships



Washington, DC - In a domestic policy move consistent with the newly announced invasion of Iran, president Bush has relaxed his original stance on gay marriage, introducing a constitutional amendment to ban only monogamous gay relationships.

As the President noted to a crowd of 300,000 in the Castro District of San Francisco, "I've given up fighting with the gay community. In the spirit of good faith between all our citizens, I've taken the liberty of creating a new constitutional amendment granting the right for all you homoerectuses to gay marry one another, provided you follow some reasonable guidelines. First, have all the sodomy you want. In fact, have

lots of it. As long as you're a raging man whore, I'm all for it. Provided, of course, that the idea of a functional gay family is undermined due to all the cheating and reckless behavior. Basically, this is a special case when you can ignore the ten commandments and covet the shit out of your neighbor's man-wife. Remember adultery is compulsory."

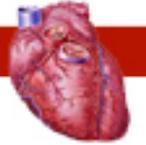
"Second, we can't call it marriage. And a civil union just sounds too formal, like something Abraham Lincoln would be into. As such, I give you the man slut satan pact. We must be more tolerant of our brothers who are different from us, and just like with real marriage, gay Americans must preserve the sanctity of man slut satan pacts."

When asked about his focus on male gay marriage, Bush explained, "Don't push your luck, ladies. I don't think America is ready for gay rights for women. We certainly aren't ready for a female president who looks like she'd be good at rugby, if you know what I mean."





Not Romantic



My True Love Ate My Thesis

Today marks the start of the HSP series on true love. In an effort to explore this, most mysterious of emotions, we interview a series of people about their true loves. Today, we settle down with Bryan in his living room.

HSP: So tell me Bryan, how did you find your true love.

Bryan: They always say that you find someone when you least expect it, and that's how it happened with Misty. I was visiting Seattle for a business trip, exploring a neighborhood during a break one afternoon, when she walked by me, and I know it sounds cliché, but our eyes met, and I knew then that she was the only one for me. She was with another man at the time, but I wouldn't let something like that stand in the way of true love – I just followed her home and when the other man was gone, I untied her and we made our escape.

HSP: Untied her?

Bryan: Yes, of course, you wouldn't leave a beauty like that roaming free on the front lawn. What if she got hit by a car...no that's too awful for me to think of.

HSP: I'm not sure I'm quite following... is Misty a...(from the kitchen, one of Bryan's roommates coughs and the words "dog-fucker" are audible.) Right, so Misty's a dog?

Bryan: I prefer the term "canine life partner"

HSP: I heard my producer mention this – I thought he was joking, but I guess that's what happens when you get bought by Fox – okay, so what's it like dating Misty? It, um, must be awkward in social situations.

Bryan: We all have to make accommodations for partners. My friend Gordon once dated this Cambodian girl, and she cooked all this ethnic food, whereas he was more of a 'meat and potatoes' guy, but they made it work. So, the love of my life urinates in public, eats garbage and drinks from the toilet – one gets used to it after a while. I'm sure Misty doesn't like it when I'm at the bar late with my friends or when I forget our anniversary, but she forgives me. And sometimes, you just have to have a sense of humor about it all. I remember once, we were at a dinner party. Well, Misty and the hostess weren't big fans of each other, so Misty got up on the counter, ate the entire 6lb ham this woman had cooked for dinner and then threw it up all over the living room carpet. That Misty!



HSP: And what about being 'intimate'?

Bryan: Well, we started slow, first just cuddling, then face licking, then, once we were comfortable, on to leg humping, and then...you know. I don't like to kiss and tell, but I can say that things are great – Misty gets frisky all the time – and we don't need any artificial enhancement like peanut butter.

HSP: Okay, that's a disturbing mental image, but we'll move on. So, are there any other "couples" you like to hang out with. (at this point, Bryan's housemate shouts something crude at him, and Bryan gets up from his chair)

Bryan: Screw off man! Remember that time you dated that fat chick – what was her name...Carly? Anyways, she was a total cow, but did I say anything. No, I just let you do your fat cow in peace.

Roommate: Dude, but she wasn't actually a cow. And she wasn't actually that fat...

Bryan: Whatever. And Steve, remember that girl you picked up at the bar last summer and fooled around with? Her face was so busted – she had that unibrow and a Tom Selleck moustache. That was no different than doing a gorilla, so lay off of Misty. Anyways, what was the question?

HSP: I think this will be the last one - any other couples you two hang out with?

Bryan: Right. Well, we tried joining various "Dog Lover" societies, but they're not really on the same level as I am. Sure, they hang out with their dogs, take them to the park, buy them treats, but hell, I do that with my nephew, but I wouldn't call myself a "nephew-lover". Honestly, I couldn't stand those people - no, their mislabeled societies cheapen the love I share with Misty.

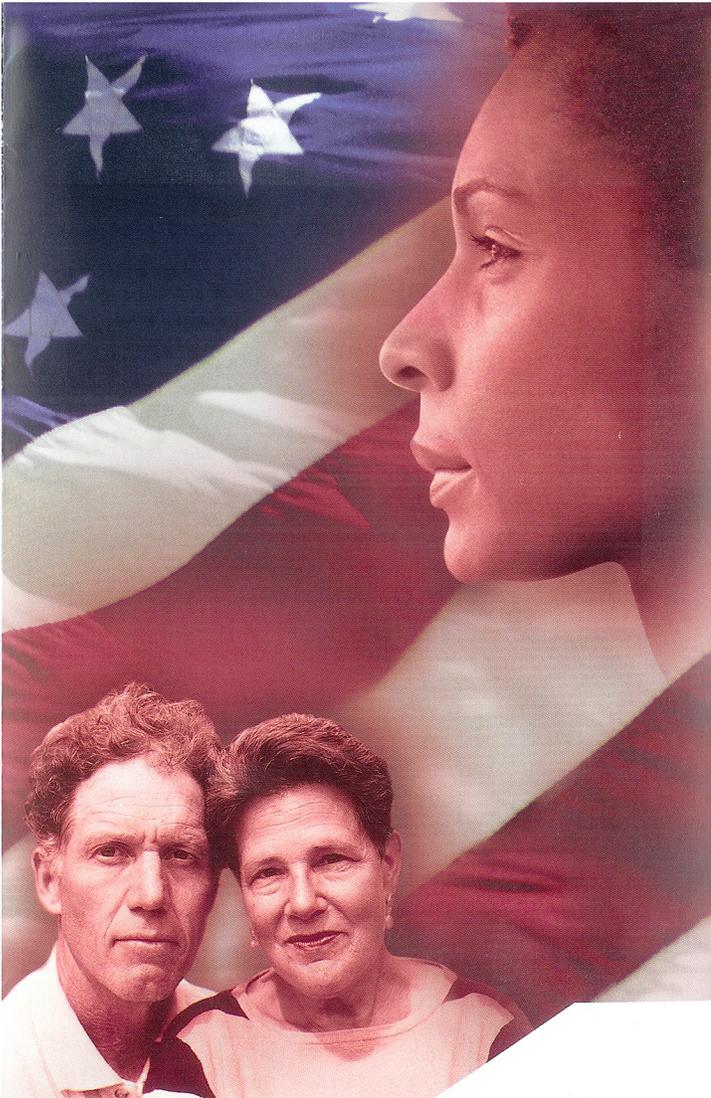
That and they revoked my membership when I suggested a swingers event - Misty and I have an open relationship, and one of the people has a Bichon-frise that was totally giving me the eye. You could tell she wanted it by the way she wore that cut off doggie sweater.

HSP: Okay, I think that's enough information, thanks for your time!

Bryan: Say, you don't happen to have a dog, do you?



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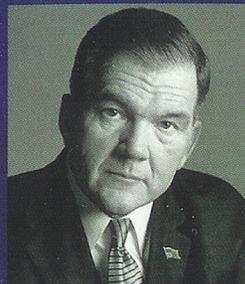


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DOMESTIC POLITICS

Jordan's Furniture Bets Obama Will Strike Out

Boston, MA – Jordan's Furniture has announced a follow-up to its successful Red Sox promotion: any customer who purchases furniture during the month of November will receive a full refund if Barack Obama wins the presidency in 2008.

Other furniture stores have not matched the promotion, though industry sources suggest that IKEA may endorse Al Gore.

The promotion has generated controversy. David Gergen, a professor of political leadership at the Kennedy School of Government, warns that, "Massachusetts electors may be swayed to break with the popular vote in their state if they purchased particularly expensive mattresses."



"We took an insurance policy just in case, just like we did with the Red Sox," said Jordan's Furniture Vice President Michelle Yang. "This one cost less."

Obama has not specified whether he shops at Jordan's. However, he will be making a previously unscheduled visit to the Jordan's Furniture factory in Cambodia to discuss worker's rights and free trade.

In a press statement, the rival Clinton campaign noted that, "Senator Clinton shops at a variety of furniture stores, including Jordan's, and is supportive of most things with which she does not disagree."



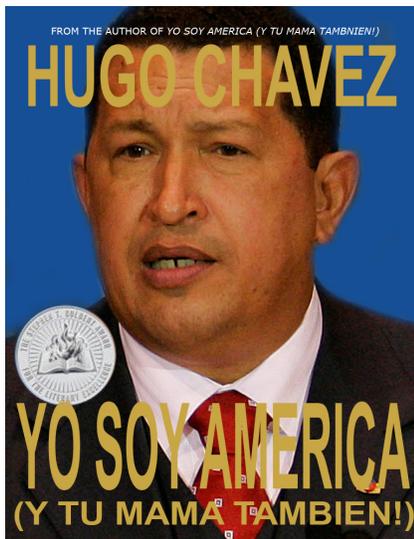
DOMESTIC POLITICS

Hugo Chavez Elected President of the United States

Caracas, Venezuela

In what observers are calling "the freest election in Venezuelan history," Hugo Chavez was elected president of the United States on Tuesday. With 99% of the votes counted, Chavez leads his closest opponent, Cesar Chavez, by over eleven million votes.

"Cesar Chavez hasn't been politically active in decades," notes Professor Elaine Kamarck, a faculty member of the Kennedy School of Government. "He polled strongly, but the deceased always lose 10 to 15 points on Election Day."



Hugo Chavez campaigned on a pro-Venezuela platform, a stance popular in Venezuela. Though he ran as an independent, he was endorsed by the Republican Party of Mississippi and the Facebook group 4,000,000 Strong for Dictatorship. Earlier this year, the Venezuelan Congress approved a Constitutional amendment waiving the requirement that the United States president be a native-born American and that he be elected by citizens of the United States.



SCIENCE

Invisible Monkey Throws Visible Poop

Washington, DC

In yet another apparent example of an invisible animal causing problems at the National Zoo, several zookeepers reported being hit in the face by a "brownish, poop-like substance" which was later determined to be fecal matter.



President Bush addressed the issue in a speech to the National Zookeepers Union, saying "War, war, war, more war, more war, and then more war, monkey poop, war, Iran, war, Iraq, war, Syria, war, war, war, war, war, war."

When Mortimer Zoostein, director of animal acquisition first introduced the idea of having invisible animals at the zoo, many people were skeptical, including Reginald Animal-smith, President Bush's hand-picked Invisible Animal Czar. Animalsmith, who agreed to speak with a reporter by telephone about this latest incident said that although he was reluctant to grant the necessary permits to the zoo when they first applied for them a year ago, he now believed the invisible animals could have a high-profile place at the zoo. "What you have to understand about invisible animals," the Yale graduate said, "is that they are very difficult to see."

"I don't think we should rush and blame the invisible animals for this – why it could have been anything, or anyone for that matter, throwing poop at the zookeepers," Zoostein noted, "just last week we caught a couple of teenagers throwing plastic bags full of urine at the antelopes. This is a crazy place. Anything can happen here."

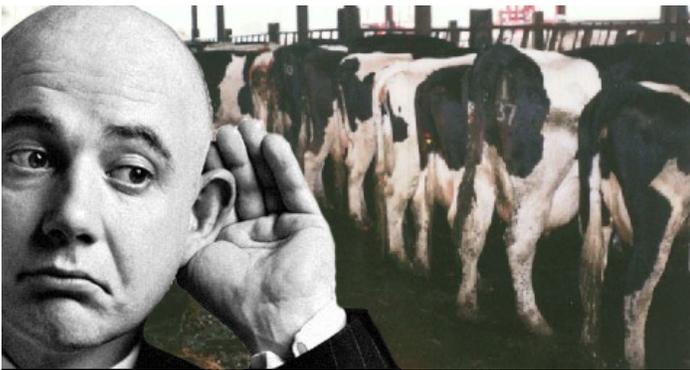


SCIENCE

Disappointed Would-Be Translator Told "Farting is Not a Language"

Stink Creek, Mississippi - Ronald W. Odious has always known that he was special, but he did not realize just how special he was until he reached the fifth grade. "That's when I realized I had the gift," Mr. Odious said, taking bite out of a triple-layer chili cheeseburger and eyeing a side of batter-encrusted deep fried re-fried beans. "I always sensed that I was different from other kids, but it wasn't until I got to the fifth grade that I realized that I was naturally bilingual, and had found my true calling."

Mr. Odious, who works at a local dairy farm said he was delighted to discover this natural talent as a child, but was overwhelmed with joy when he realized, as an adult, that he could use it to communicate with the cows who are in his charge. "Sometimes it's hard if I haven't had a lot of beans for breakfast, then the cows would say something and I'd have to stand there for a while before I can answer. It gets to be a little straining after a while." Wilson Beakman, a doctoral student in linguistics who is writing his dissertation on Mr. Odious, said that he has so far identified a vocabulary consisting of over ten thousand individual sounds and nearly one thousand distinct smells. Mr. odious, however, has found out that just because he has a unique talent it doesn't mean that everyone appreciates him. Recently he applied for a translator position at the US State Department, only to be told in no uncertain terms that "...farting is not a language."



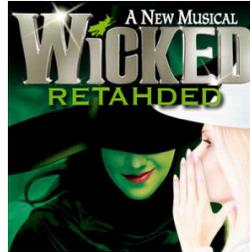
Mr. Odious, who clearly considers himself a patriot, is still upset at the way he was treated by the government. "I mean really, we have this war on terror happening, and I volunteer my services - it's not like I speak some dead language like Latin or Esperanto, and I'm naturally bilingual! Most people only know a few words, and they don't even know what they're saying half the time," Mr. Odious said, looking thoroughly disgusted. He then adding something in a language which this reporter can only guess emphasized his disappointment with the federal government.

The State Department press office declined to comment for this story.



HEALTH AND MEDICINE

Study: Massachusetts Has Highest Rates Of Wicked Retarded



Boston, MA - A newly published study by Harvard researchers suggests that children born in Massachusetts have a 98% increased risk of being of wicked retarded compared to children in any other state. "The findings from this study are wicked surprising," explained lead researcher Catherine Conner, M.D.

"We essentially found that this condition is almost entirely contained to the state of Massachusetts, with a few isolated cases observed in Rhode Island and New Hampshire."

The condition is characterized as a unique form of developmental delay, which can lead to serious but non-fatal disabilities such as impaired highway driving and general rudeness. Currently, there are no proven risk factors for the condition, though statistical models have found associations between its prevalence and consumption of Dunkin Donuts coffee. Dr. Conner and her team are optimistic that cure will be found, based on preliminary results of an ongoing randomized controlled trial which she believes are "wicked awesome."



ENTERTAINMENT

Spam Writers' Union Enters Tenth Year

The Internets - The strike that started in 1998 of the Union of Unsolicited Junk Email Authors continues, and for nine years internet email users have had to make do. Today, as is well known, all spam email is either a garbled, recycled version of a junk mailing penned by a member of the Union before 1998, or else automatically generated by a computer program that outputs nonsensical yet oddly compelling phrases.



Union officials strongly maintain that the poor quality of spam over the past decade has led to billions in lost revenues, fleeced from unsuspecting saps who blindly click on any link they're sent. As employers are reluctant to meet the Union's demands, such as adding discount "\|/\gR/\\" and "C1aLi\$" to prescription health plans, the strike seems unlikely to end any time soon. It was, however, jeopardized once in recent years, when a Nigerian spam writer crossed the picket line with a bold email scam that gained some brief notoriety, but he was quickly pummeled to death by badly misspelled signs carried by angry strikers.





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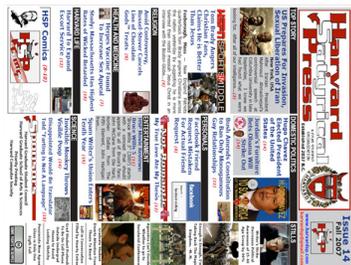


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