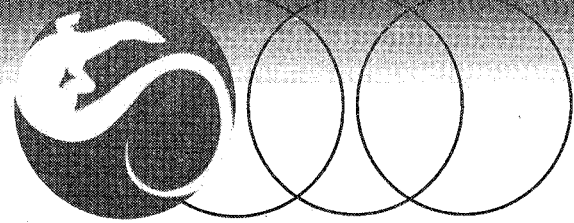




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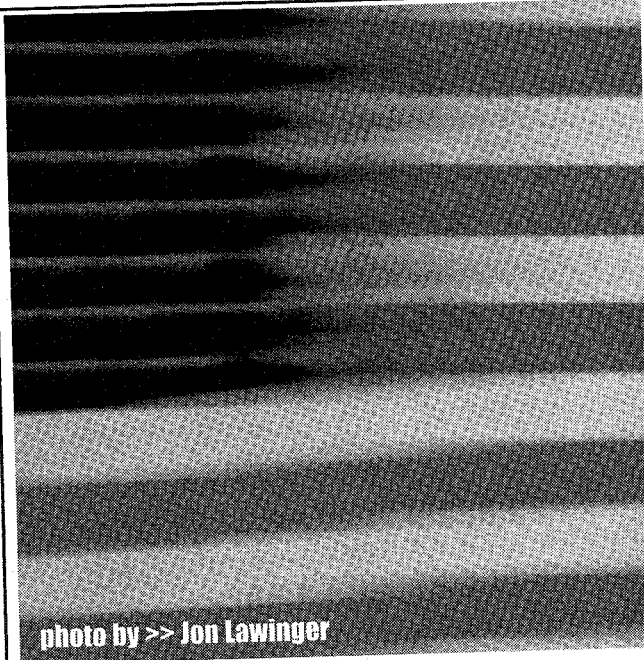


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Editors' Box

It's another grey, smart issue of The Monitor, chronicling the contortions and concentrations of the Kirksville community brain. This time our consciousness unfolds to the greater world with the addition of a new pattern to our pages: the international news section. This mind

expansion was achieved without the use of drugs, at least as far as I know.
Our world news digest actually came about in a way illustrative of the mission of the paper. It's the fruit of several students' labor, incited to action by the vision of one, an effort coordinated at one of our meetings (Thursdays at 8:30 pm in BH 346). The Monitor is working: You, reader, should bring your vision to a meeting and see it realized in print!

Along these congratulatory lines, we would be remiss not to acknowledge specially the work of those students who took it upon themselves to collect local news stories for this issue. These students aren't paid; no one affiliated with our paper is. They write because they believe they have something of value to share with the community.

Please, follow their example and send us your original material at moni-

tortrm@hotmail.com. There's just one issue left for the semester - our short story contest edition (see notice above), but send us content anyway and we'll see about including it in a mini-Monitor insert to the short story issue.

By all means, though, please come get acquainted at our next meeting.

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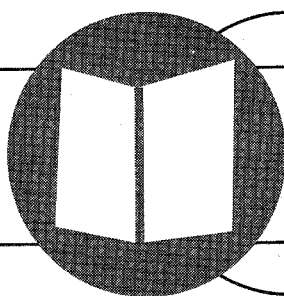
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Manos de Bolivia visits campus

story by >> Cheryl Wong

Early on a Friday morning, Rodolfo Avila kisses a 20-dollar bill and makes the sign of the cross. I always bless the first purchase of the day, says Avila.

This is the first year that Rodolfo Avila and Mario Audrade have come to Truman to sell winter clothing items made of alpaca wool. They have everything from hats, gloves, socks, ponchos, and sweaters. They have been traveling across the United States selling these items from campus to campus for over twenty years. These efforts are a result of a Bolivian co-op called Chasqui: Manos de Bolivia [Bolivian hands].

About twenty years ago, Audrade went back to Bolivia after graduating from the University of Texas with a business administration degree. There he saw an opportunity to improve socioeconomic conditions in his community. He and his friend, Avila, started a non-governmental organization in which 300 Bolivians take part.

They make their products with a lot of love, says Audrade. Natives from different parts of Bolivia are able to knit clothing in their

homes at their own pace. They do it out of the love of their community.

The proceeds go directly to Bolivian communities. In years past, the organization has helped build schools, provide electricity, and improve the quality of water in certain communities.



photo by >> Cheryl Wong

When asked what has motivated them to continue directing the program for so long, Audrade reflected on the experiences he has had with the organization. "The fun thing about this is we meet a lot of people and find that American people are warm and really appreciate the things we do," said Audrade.

Manos de Bolivia's mission is not only to benefit Bolivian communities, but also to show Bolivian culture to American students through the col-

ors in the products. They keep their prices low so students can afford them.

Avila and Audrade will be selling items annually at Truman from now on. "We like the school and the reaction we got from friendly happy people," said Audrade.

Sigma Lambda Gamma sponsors Manos de Bolivia. Manos de Bolivia will sell winter clothing every year the week before Halloween.

the coupons for the pizza which they rightfully deserve, the students were handed a credit card application. As it turns out, the coupon only entitles you to a free medium pizza if you forfeit incredibly private information to Dominoes, which in turn will sell it to the highest bidder.

Some students claim that this is false advertising, as it does not say anything about a credit card application or any other hoops one must jump through in order to claim their free pizza. Students have taken action against Dominoes by organizing a boycott of the local pizzeria. There is no indication that this is a nationwide event; only the location in Kirksville has sent out these coupons.

For a picture of the coupon or more information regarding the boycott visit webpages.charter.net/mucon

Open Mic Night quite nice

story by >> Ian Florida

On Friday Nov. 5 the courtyard outside of Dobson Hall was transformed into a stage for people of all musical experiences and talents. Dobson Open Mic Night started at 5 pm and didn't end until the last musician made it clear that they new at least the first fifteen seconds of Stairway to Heaven. There was music of a wide variety representing many different genres. Many students residing in Dobson Hall heaved open their windows to let the waves of cool music ebb and flow into their rooms.

Some songs played included: Gravity Rides Everything, Brick, Brown Eyed Girl, and some other songs that many youth might find popular/terrible. One of the few groups to splurge on a name called themselves the Door Proppers. More than one group forgot the lyrics to their ballad, and more than one person would

be forever scared by massive failure in a public forum for expression, but many prided themselves in their performance and received an ovation from the audience that stood to cheer them on.

At any time during the course of the performance there were between 30 and 60 people milling around the courtyard of Dobson Hall. Some of these people had just performed, some still waited to go on stage, others yet were friends of those that were about to go on stage or come off stage, and still others didn't know why they were there. Many people were drawn to the event during the course of the night like moths to a street light.

The night went off without a hitch except for a brief interruption by a fire and rescue truck. The weather was nice, the music was cool and no one got heckled off stage, Dobson Hall Open Mic Night was a success.

AIDS awareness week approaches

Every Dec. 1, an international day of action on HIV and AIDS takes place for the purpose of reminding the world that AIDS is an issue that effects everyone. People are encouraged to participate by learning more about HIV/AIDS, attending World AIDS day events, and practicing safer sex.

This December, a co-op of diverse organizations at Truman is doing their part in the fight against the disease by putting together a week full of AIDS/HIV awareness events. Their plan is to make the week an annually celebrated event and an appreciated tradition in the TSU community.

The week is sponsored by VOX-Voces for Planned Parenthood and the African Student Association. Co-sponsors include the Hispanic-American Leadership Organization, the Nursing Students Association, Namaste Nepal Club, the American Medical Student Association, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, Students Together Educating Peers, the Association of Black Collegians, Alpha Phi

fraternity, and the Coalition of African-American Women.

There will be 2-3 events every day of AIDS/HIV week, including movies, speakers, a reflections board and information in the Student Union all week, and a fair where each participating organization will have a table with information.

Monday 11-29

6pm- African American Perspective on AIDS/HIV (sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha, ABC, & CAAW)

8pm- Movie (sponsored by HALO): "Before Night Falls"

Tuesday 11-30

6pm- AIDS/HIV Presentations by Truman Students (sponsored by Rural Public Health Nursing Class)

8pm-Movie (sponsored by STEP): "Common Threads"

Wed. 12-1

1-3- AIDS/HIV Fair

7:30 pm- Walk to the Vigil (meet at Fountain)

8:00pm- Vigil

Thurs. 12-2

6pm-Movie (sponsored by Sociology Club): "Pandemic: Facing AIDS"

8pm-Sexual Communication Program (sponsored by STEP)

Friday 12-3

3pm-Visiting Speakers (doctors from Florida and Illinois)

6pm-Open Mic Night (sponsored by ASA, FMLA, & WRC)

8pm- Movie (sponsored by ASA): TBA

See fliers for more info and definite times and places

Dominoes hoax

story by >> Ian Florida

Students of Truman State University feel defrauded after the promise of free pizza turned out to be a hoax.

During the week of Oct. 25, employees of Dominoes Pizza walked the halls of Grim, Ryle, and Dobson, leaving behind little orange coupons for a free medium pizza. When the starving students awoke, it was as if old St. Nick had left pleasant treats in each of their "hasn't-been-washed-in-three-weeks-cuz-I'm-out-of-quarters" stockings. The little rectangles seemed a blessing from the Good Lord of Free Dinners.

However, upon attempting to redeem

WORLD NEWS for the people of Earth

Plague imperils northern Africa story by >> **Andrés Rodríguez Delgado**

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) are working together to stem the worst locust plague crisis in the Sahel since 1989.

USAID identified 3.5 million hectares at risk for devastation by the insects, which can form miles-long swarms and eat their weight in crops daily. Much of that acreage is in countries that under favorable conditions can only produce one-third, or less, of the food consumed within their borders, including Mauritania and Cape Verde.

The FAO has asked for \$100 million from donors to fight the plague and received about half as of Nov. 4, with \$15 million more pledged but not yet received. \$14.7 million has gone toward the purchase of 2 million liters of pesticide; already 1.9 million affected hectares have been treated.

Most recently, the locust swarms have migrated to North Africa and efforts seem to have stemmed the immediate crisis in the Sahel. The FAO estimates that overall cereal production in the Sahel will come in around the five-year average of 11.6 million tonnes, although some countries were hard hit. For example, up to 50% of Mauritania's cereal production may be lost.

As the problem shifts to North Africa and ground and aerial efforts intensify in Morocco and Algeria, the problem may not be over in the Sahel. The FAO expects these swarms to continue scouring the region for the next few years and warns that locusts could return to the vulnerable Sahel region of Africa next summer. The FAO has recommended investment into monitoring locust breeding areas and preempting future crises.

Avian Flu reappears story by >> **Emily Randall**

While the western world has been toiling over the presidential election in the United States and the American occupation of Iraq, the eastern world has been facing the possibility of a pandemic of the avian flu, also known as bird flu.

The symptoms of the disease, which originated in chickens, are like the human flu, and have resulted in the death of about twenty people in Vietnam and at least three in Thailand.

To become a pandemic, the virus must be able to move easily from person to person, like the human flu does. It has not shown the ability to do so until recently, when it has been suspected of mutating with human influenza, "learning" to pass between humans.

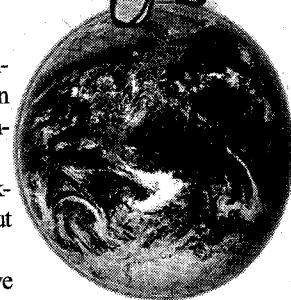
An eleven-year-old girl in Thailand contracted the virus after helping destroy some dead chickens in September and died. Her aunt who was caring for her got sick a day after the girl and died soon after. This case is suspected to have been a human-to-human transmission, but could not be confirmed.

"[The outbreaks in Asia are] a crisis of global importance," the UN Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health said, "[the virus] will probably not be eradicated in the near future."

Millions of chickens have been slaughtered across Asia in efforts to prevent further spread. Other moves to prevent world-wide spread include Pasay City's Ninoy Aquino International Airport in the Philippines requiring their passengers sanitize their shoes before stepping on the planes. Fever-screening at airports have been employed as well.

This is, however, not the first time avian flu has appeared in Asia. In 1997 a similar epidemic of the disease broke out in Hong Kong and officials could not definitively say that none of those cases were the result of human-to-human contact.

The Monitor's new international news section provides you with space to call attention to underreported stories of global significance. Send synopses to monitortrm@hotmail.com



FAO photo of crop damage in Ouadane



Doctors Without Borders withdraws from Iraq story by >> **Sansanee Suwaratana**

CNN reported Nov. 4 that "the international relief group Medecins Sans Frontieres is stopping its activities in Iraq because of "escalating violence" in the country that is endangering its staff and other aid workers."

MSF, also known as Doctors Without Borders, has been in Iraq since December 2002 and has helped extensively in providing health care to thousands of people there. Among other activities in Fallujah and Baghdad, MSF has established an ambulance service and three clinics in Sadr City and has reported 100,000 medical consultations since January 2004.

MSF has a history of remaining in volatile situations but decided with great regret to withdraw from the country because "In Iraq today, the warring parties have repeatedly shown their disrespect for independent humanitarian assistance."

"We are by nature an organization that is unable to tolerate indifference. We hope that by arousing awareness and a desire to understand, we will also stir up indignation and stimulate action," said Rony Brauman, MD, Former President, MSF.



China hosts toilet summit

story by >> Ian Florida

Yu Debin, deputy director of Beijing's Municipal Bureau of Tourism, said Friday at a news conference that "Toilets represent the level of development of a country, a region." And so began the 2004 world toilet summit.

Many public restrooms in Beijing are little more than open trenches in the ground and fail to accommodate soap and toilet paper. Many public restrooms emit foul odors that hover above and around the area. Because of the state of many public restrooms, public urination is common. Officials inside the department of tourism wish to improve these conditions before the Olympic Games in 2008.

The city has come up with a rating system of one to four stars for its public facilities. The World Toilet Summit has been sponsored by the World Toilet Organization and has run for the past four years. The World Toilet summit lasts for three days with the last day focusing on spreading awareness of toilet etiquette. The summit attracts a large amount of attention from the Toilet community and draws over 100 academics, sanitation experts, toilet designers and environmentalists from 19 countries.

Relief org. head kidnapped in Iraq

story by >> Sansanee Suwaratana

The abductors of Margaret Hassan, the head of CARE International in Iraq, have threatened to turn her over to an al Qaeda-affiliated group already responsible for several beheadings, according to a CNN report Nov. 2, 2004.

Margaret Hassan was kidnapped Oct. 19 this year and has appeared on three videos pleading to Prime Minister Tony Blair for aid. The responsible group has not identified itself but announced last Tuesday that they would turn Hassan over to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a wanted terrorist leader "if the British government did not withdraw its troops from Iraq within 48 hours."

CARE International is a humanitarian non-profit organization that "sponsors health projects, including water sanitation, to Iraqi citizens." It is "one of the world's largest independent global relief and development organizations. CARE International, which operates in more than 72 countries, is one of the few international non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to remain in Iraq."

North America turns Right, South America turns Left

story by >> Marc Becker

Recent elections once again illustrate how out-of-sync the United States is with the rest of the Americas. While politics of fear and division cause the U.S. to lurch seemingly uncontrollably to the right, voters in the South American countries of Uruguay and Venezuela chose a path of hope, peace, and prosperity.

In the historic presidential elections on October 31, Uruguay gave the socialist candidate Tabaré Vázquez a resounding victory. He is the first leftist to be elected president in that country, and his triumph has awakened great expectations of positive changes. Voters also passed a constitutional amendment protecting public ownership and management of water. The country is set to reinstate health, education, and housing programs that the previous, conservative government eliminated through its neo-liberal economic policies, and to grow out of its current economic crisis.

At the northern end of the continent, voters on October 31 also handed left-populist president Hugo Chavez a decisive victory in local and regional elections. His party won control of governorships in at least 18 of 22 states, and in more than 80 percent of mayoral posts. Over the past three years, conservative opposition forces have unsuccessfully attempted to overthrow Chavez's government through a military coup, a management shutdown of the state oil industry, and finally in August of this year with a failed recall referendum. Instead, support has grown for government programs that provide housing, health care, education, land and food to people in marginalized and impoverished neighborhoods.

Vázquez and Chavez are part of what has been a progressive leftward turn in South America in recent years. Repeatedly candidates that stand in strong opposition to the U.S.'s militarist, imperialist, and free-trade economic policies win decisive victories. Emerging out of 17 years of a brutal U.S.-backed military dictatorship, Chile is now governed by

socialist Ricardo Lagos. After a two-decade struggle, in 2002 Brazil elected Workers' Party candidate Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva on a leftist platform. Lula emerged out of labor union struggles and vows to fight for the urban poor and landless peasants.

In Bolivia, Movement to Socialism candidate Evo Morales came within a hair of winning the presidency. When the eventual conservative victor Gonzalo Sánchez de Lozada cut government funding and attempted to sell natural resources at cut-rate prices to foreign corporations, a popular mobilization in the streets removed him from power. Street mobilizations in Ecuador and Argentina similarly removed governments that favored neo-liberal economic policies that cut services for the poor while greatly benefitting the wealthy. In Argentina, Nestor Kirchner now is president and governs from the left.

Today, Colombia under Alvaro Uribe is the only country in South America with a truly conservative, pro-U.S. government, but that may not last long. Last year the capital city Bogotá elected Luis Eduardo "Lucho" Garzón of the leftist Independent Democratic Pole as its mayor, and he stands in a good position to defeat the right-wing Uribe in the 2006 presidential election. Garzón's victory would end Uribe's policies of slashing spending on social programs and militarizing the country.

Two decades ago British prime minister Maggie Thatcher maintained that There Is No Alternative (TINA) to neo-liberal policies and corporate-led globalization, even while those policies dramatically widened income gaps and led to increased violence, war, and instability. Left nationalist governments in South America demonstrate that there are very real alternatives. They offer a hope of mitigating the negative effects of U.S.

imperialism and building a democracy that favors people rather than multinational corporations.

Sudan holds elections

story by >> Sansanee Suwaratana

Former guerrilla elected President

This week, Sudan elected a president for the first time in over 13 years, according to BBC.com. On October 14, the Sudanese transitional parliament inaugurated Abdullah Yousif Ahmed in a ceremony held in Nairobi, Kenya.

The parliament was established in August of 2004 and given the task of electing a new president of the war-torn country. President Ahmed has been described as "authoritarian" and a "military strongman." The BBC reports that Ahmed's history includes "being a member of an Ethiopian-backed coalition of warlords which blocked previous attempts at restoring order."

In the past he has served as the president of the semi-autonomous country of Puntland in northern Somalia. He has also been a guerilla leader, in collaboration with Ethiopia, against Siad Barre, former military ruler of Somalia.

Some of his major goals include "prioritizing the [terrorism] issue" and working with warring faction leaders who currently control Mogadishu, the capitol city.

"The government will also establish friendship ties with its neighbouring countries as it needs their contribution in the building of a new Somalia," Ahmed said.

Parliament Speaker a political newcomer

Another recently elected government official, Shariff Hassan Sheik Adan, may also greatly affect the process of uniting the country. Adan, a newcomer to the political scene, was installed as a parliament speaker on Sept. 15 and chaired the committee to elect a new president. Called a "humble man," Adan has been extensively involved with the humanitarian organizations UNICEF and World Food Program, using his business company to transport food. He also served a year as a United Nations Development Programme facilitator.

Be watchful for more changes and developments for peace in Sudan. Go to www.alertnews.org or www.bbc.co.uk

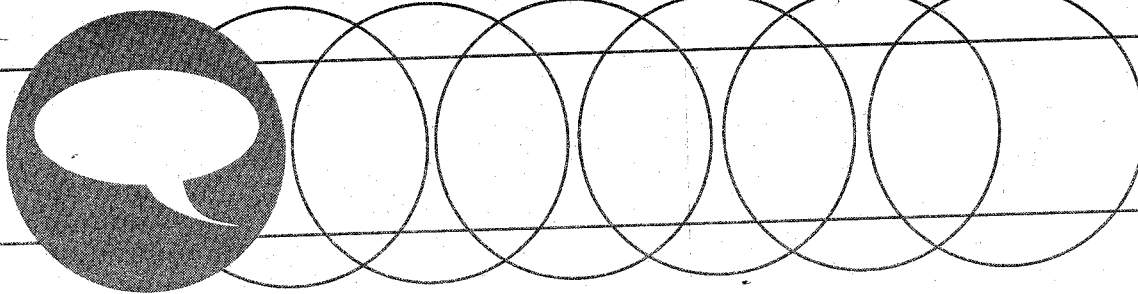
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Likely tax reforms could be long-term improvement

opinion by >> Jon Lawinger

After the recent election a lot of people think we're in bad shape. Some might even find our situation so dire as to be most effectively described by a single word: "fucked." To them I respond with a resounding "maybe!" But something good has got to come out of this, right? I mean, rarely do I even vaguely resemble an optimist, but cynicism is getting too easy these days so I figure maybe I need a challenge. That's why when I read a New York Times article that said Bush seems to be readying for a major tax reform push, I somehow figured that might be a good thing.

You see, if there's anything that the red people and blue people - that's right, Americans now - come in two varieties, color-coded for convenience - agree on these days it's that the tax system sucks. So Bush is going to promote an overhaul aimed at extensive simplification of the system, but he might not stop there. The administration is considering an attempt at ditching the present system entirely and proposing a flat tax or similar system. I'll give you a moment to stop cringing. Thanks. So how can I possibly find comfort in the possible creation of an extensively less progressive tax system? Well, stick with me, I'm working on that.

The simplest and most important reason that even raging liberals should seriously consider throwing out our progressive tax system is that it just doesn't work. Even the infamously conservative Drudge Report indulged class warfare impulses when it lampooned Teresa "I-made-5.07 million-last-year" Heinz Kerry for investing heavily in tax-exempt public bonds and consequently paying only 12.4% of her total income for the year in taxes. That's 3.5 percentage points lower than the average for the top 50% of filers. That doesn't even take into account the payroll (thus only paid on wages, not investments) flat FICA and regressive social security taxes. Progressive my ass. The system doesn't work.

So now's the part where we start saying things about babies and bath-water or frying pans and fires. Essentially, the most convincing argument at stake is pretty straightforward; "Yeah, the tax system

sucks," my straw man insists, "but if Dubya designs a new one, it'll be even worse." This argument is easily countered with a firm "you're probably right." Still, the situation isn't that simple.

There's another fact that needs to be established here. A lot of people benefit from the shittiness of the current system. All you accounting majors out there give me a "hell yeah!" Worse than that, just about every lobbyist in Washington has their hand in the tax code somewhere. I'm almost surprised gun purchases aren't tax-deductible. This shittiness dependence means there's a lot of political power ready to fight like hell to keep the tax code a mess. Fixing it will not be easy. So now that the election is over let's be honest; John Kerry couldn't have done it. He might have made some superficial changes but the shittiness would have remained fully intact. So the crazy thing is, I think George Bush just might be able to pull it off.

Sure, he might be the embodiment of pure evil, but the guy has guts. I mean, he maintains unquestioning support for a war carried out to preempt a threat that evidence suggests has been steadily diminishing for a decade. Recent speeches indicate he's somehow gleaned enough political confidence from his three point margin of victory that he's willing to do something politically extreme. After all, he's got dominant support in congress, and he doesn't have to get elected again. I've got a hunch he wants to do something to make his name stand out in the domestic policy history books, now that he's established a foreign policy legacy. The opportunity to make himself out as a champion of the people might give him enough gumption to take on the many defenders of the present tax code.

So Bush might be the only one anytime soon who could give us a flat tax, but why should we want it? We might not. At least not the version he'll likely give us. Odds are, a Bush proposal for a flat tax would benefit the wealthy and increase the load on the middle class. The short term effect may be negative, but the long term accomplishment will be uprooting a deeply entrenched system and replacing it with a more transparent and easily malleable sys-

tem. So I'll finish up with a list of goals for liberals to pursue if Bush proposes a flat tax replacement for our current system. Any of these that did not make it into the initial replacement system could be implemented later to produce a tax code much better than the one currently in place.

1) Count all financial gains as taxable income. This will almost surely not be originally included because usually one of the selling points of a flat tax is a removal of all taxes on investments. However, a fair tax system must not privilege some forms of moneymaking over others. Income is income, no matter where it came from.

2) Resist the urge to allow for any deductions or tax credits. We like to reward people for things like paying mortgage interest, donating to charity, and having kids, but why? The Dems preach about letting people live the way they want, so why not put it into action. The government should stop paying people to act in certain ways. It would be a step towards greater personal freedom, and it would maintain the simplicity that is essential to improving our tax code. If the government is desperate to encourage a certain behavior (say, fuel efficient vehicles) it can create a government rebate program written, passed, and carried out separate from the tax code.

3) Push for a high level of exempt income. Most flat tax plans only tax income above a certain exempt level in order to spare the poor. This makes the system as a whole slightly progressive. Bush will likely push a low exemption level, but a high exemption level allows for a system that is moderately progressive yet still incredibly simple. The higher the exemption level, the more progressive the system will be.

4) Eliminate all other taxes on individuals. Whatever slice of each individual's income is deemed necessary should be taken up front in one simple process. Underhandedly regressive taxes such as social security, the gas tax, and vice taxes veil just how questionably progressive our current system is. A transparent and comprehensive tax system that removes these many "hidden" taxes may appear less progressive on the surface, but it may actually be fairer in the end.

Democrats need rural appeal to succeed

opinion by >> Jesse Dowell

The Republicans succeeded. This is a simple truth. They succeeded in making this election a Bush or not-Bush campaign. The Democrats failed to make this election an election about "change the path" or "continue headlong."

I grew up in rural America. I know what it takes to make most of rural America vote one way or another: patriotism, religion, and low taxes. I exasperated myself and placed myself in danger this summer trying to change people's views where I grew up. I argued it is not patriotic to send our soldiers into danger for unqualified reasons. That it will be the poor that will be called upon to die to force freedom upon another country. I was told that it is patriotic to support our troops and let them know we feel they are doing the right thing. I argued back that a better way to support the troops is to bring them back alive.

Forget arguing the religious point. Many rural people fear homosexuals and abortions. They ignore the whole "lovely-brother" teachings. I read on numerous church boards the saying "No God, Know War; Know God, No War." To me it seems that most wars are being fought over God.

As for low taxes, most rural Americans I know are more focused on their tax money going to welfare than to schools and Social Security. All they know was that Uncle Sam gave them a nice big refund check this year.

If the Democrats want to succeed in 2006 and 2008 they must find a way to connect with the rural populace. If you break down how each county in America voted, the more metropolitan the county the bluer it was, the more rural the county the redder. The Democrats should be pushing a candidate that can appeal to these rural red places.

Herstory beneficently afire

opinion by >> Larry Iles

Off record, members of stolid TSU History department clambered to me next day after UMC historian Carol Anderson's presentation here before lamentably outcome presidential election, her lecture entitled "LYNCHING DEMOCRACY: INTERNATIONAL EFFECTS OF AMERICA'S HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS". They did so indeed to express justified excitement! Because we had all heard something truly profound, by a lady who knew her case, an African American scholar, passionately knowledgeable inside out, in copious flowing detail!

To me, an overseas mainly trained historian, I have three criteria by which memory insisted this was, yes, authentic and good, moving herstory. Anderson awakened all three antennas buzzingly. First of all, she USEFULLY upset by somewhat changing a previously complimentary view I had about a well-known historical figure. Well, I no longer, in all humanitarian decency, hold up English Edwardian educated liberal Eleanor Roosevelt as a model exemplar, after hearing how she "systematically" as Truman's US UN representative destroyed as "communistic" efforts to get social employment rights incorporated in a Southerner US Senate

opposed, early UN Human Rights covenant treaty.

Second: graphic illustrations verbally in historian's argumentative case (wot yer Yanks, Germanically, call the "thesis" portentously) to prove their contentions have to match real historical figures responses, connectedly! YES, "RE-ELECTED BUSH", YOU CONTEMPTIBLE--THERE HAS TO BE REAL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION BEFORE YOU AND BLAIR GO CHRISTIAN CRUSADER CLUSTER BOMB THE LEG OFF AN IRAQI BASRA 11 YEAR OLD I SAW IN UK LAST SEPTEMBER!

This task Anderson accomplished with abundance. She linked nearly all, particularly 1946, 1951 lynchings, and blacks' castrations she described here in USA to Soviet diplomats' specific case counterings thus; when they were by you accused of human rights violations you were "the last ones" to indict Communists as "hypocrites" when you too were denying your citizens of written constitution due process fine sounding basic rights in UNIMPLEMENTATION here! Especially Anderson showed that many of these lynchings were often "quadruplet" in scope of victims of both sexes. Because ex-WWII overseas Black families service-folk dared to insist to local white sheriffs and to coach

drivers on simple reciprocity of treatment pinko skinned USA always upheld as their birthrights.

Thirdly, real history-stirrer upper to merit what we Euro herstory leaders call compelling conviction, or more poshly, "empathy", has to have contemporary resonance or present foreseeable application. Otherwise, it might as well be Boris Karloff's wilting-apart the mummy for all the life-sex deadness it won't interest stimulation do for me! Indeed, why history teaching in USA colleges and television is so weak, over-reverential, regarded as irrelevant cuteness, is possibly because it is alas mistaught as intrinsically escapist, un-usefully SOLELY as a vanished past!

Anderson of course was enduring rightly none of the last Americana. And backed up by even some of TSUS usually most conservative white male historians, she carefully recounted "how difficult", after I queried her, it has been for her and even them to get access and find an Ohio USA federal senator's papers RECENTLY. This was despite him being dead a long time, and the deposit of his papers in the state's worldwide famous Historical Society archives. I used same on my first MA London UCL on pro-British "Indian" majority nations resistance to you in the war of white US 1776 Independence.

Why? Because as archivist salutary forewarns present day users, the senator obviously "vetted -out" correspondence with a "nigga" hatin' southern democrat senator. That all would

have proved in 1950s, not now, they were both conniving racists! Both then, non politically correct today, being determined to hamstring even president IKE if he portrayed the USA as even slightly multi-colorful abroad. ALTHOUGH THE USA WAS OFFICIALLY IN FAVOR OF WORLD WIDE DECOLONISATION OF ALL OF US, NO HINT WAS TO BE GIVEN OF USA'S OWN DESEGREGATION!!

So thanks Carol, SISTER<as yah told this socialist contemporary historian, that at least for SOME American historians REAL memory, REAL hard spade work, as contrasted with acres of pretentious careerist "we love only USA bullshit", some REAL rational interpretation is of living, futuristic relevance! As you said to us concludingly about "gaps" in black and womens' herstory, we all need such thorough new researching painstakingly, if principally to prevent dangerous nationalistic, white tv-led "total amnesia" to the influence abroad these shores. An amnesia in which else we keep on senselessly having to retrieve a lost forfeited past, reinvent a wheel that should still be "progressively" turning. The world outside white 58 million Bush USA though remains emphatically not an all-white American bullied amnesiacal slave entity to Bush, ANYMORE than you showed we were NOT to Southern USA "past" segregationist, isolationists "bomb 'em" ignoramous neanderthals!



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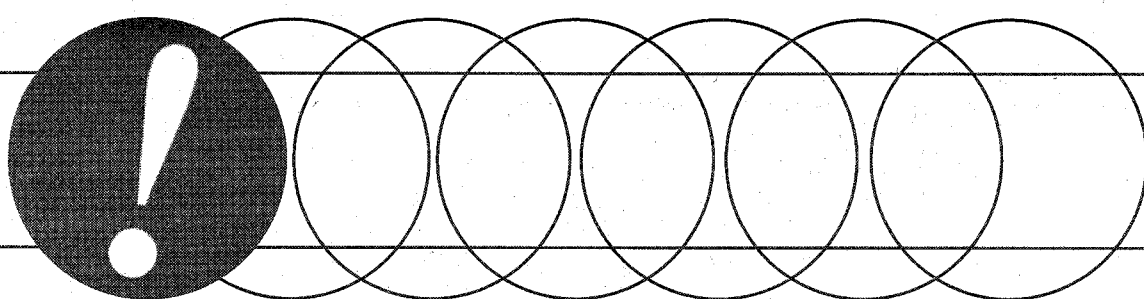
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Even unchosen desires may promote Biblically condemned acts

feature by >> **Dan Sem**

No one cares about freedom of speech when they agree with you. But step off that cliff of conformity, and the world will turn on you. It's already November; the days pass quickly. Thus it is wrong of me to trade truth for tact? It has been said one can tell a false teacher not just by what they do say, but by what they do say. One who shies from the heat of the day's current raging issue may indeed be false. I don't want to be false to any of you; I'm not here to win friends, win respect. I just want you to see with me. Please, bear with me as I jump from the cliff into the frothing sea of today's controversy.

I hear it from their lips. I see it on signs. It's in the news, in discussion, in debate. "I was born gay, and I must embrace who I am." Is this not the general vein of today's pro-gay platform? One young man touting a sign earlier this semester stated plainly: "God made me gay, and I know that He loves me!"

No, you choose to be gay! Is that not what you expect me to say? Is that not what you have heard time and time again? I know; I've said it before, and I confess I have wronged those to whom I spoke. Hear me out; there is a half truth yet to what you say.

What? Listen; are there not desires within you that burn uncontrollably? Is not your mind assailed with these lusts, these passions? They are what drive you; you are then what is driven to fill them. Do you not know that you

are a servant to what you obey? And in you, yes, you know very well, deep inside is that awful desire tearing at you, drawing you. Can you resist? Fight for a time; you know you will only be slain by it yet again. If you are then ruled by your passions, you are a slave to them. Oh, who are you to say, you cry! I know; a slave I was for most of my life.

I was born this way, you say. Yes, in a sense you are right. That is the half truth; you certainly were born with the seeds of this. I didn't choose this, you say. I believe you mean what you say. Did I myself choose to be born selfish? Arrogant? With an overwhelming desire for years of my life to the pleasures offered in dating many women? Not any more than you did to be gay.

A girl I know told me of a homosexual friend lamenting: "Why in the world would I choose to be gay?" I trust she is sincere in her statement. Why would she? Is she then absolved from responsibility for her actions, if it is a thing born into? No; is a president loosed from responsibility in buckling to desire and committing adultery? Is the alcoholic absolved in a drunken car wreck? Actions are ours. But the lust is yet there; it's real, it's a part of her very nature.

It's a part of yours, too. What? I'm not a homosexual, you say. Do you think I write just for the homosexuals? You know, yes you do, there are yet passions, lusts you truly are a slave to. Things you must feed and upon which you feed yourself. But it's never enough, is it? No,

never filled; you drive harder, push longer, do more and more and get yet less and less. It is promised at first to quench; but as the water of the sea, it only makes you thirstier and thirstier until you die bloated, yet empty. Listen; these things are signs of something wrong! They are symptoms of a deeper disease.

Ah, but some of you love the disease. Have you not heard of Lord Byron, the famed bisexual poet? Four months before his death, a life of lust and passion fading in his wake, he wrote: "My days are in the yellow leaf; the flowers and fruits of love are gone; the worm, the canker, and the grief are mine alone!" What do you yet seek, I ask? The wind.

I know this; I've lived it and I know you live it too. You already know these things are real; what you need to know then is the truth. What? I've stated before; the only authority I know for truth in this dark world is the light given through the writings in the Bible, through the words of Jesus Christ.

There was a fall in this world; a man able to choose obedience to God, deceived by Satan, desired after the power to become God himself; the signs of this insanity, this original sin, flow from the stream head down the river to this day. Read Genesis 3:5, Romans 5:12, 3:10-18. It was not a little thing! It was not against an inferior deity, but the God of the universe! And the fall swept to the core of mankind; the very nature of all from then until now is corrupted deeply. Born with these enslaving desires; born inherently to tend towards evil, to turn away from

God in rebellion to what is good.

Ah, homosexuality is not sin, you say. Paul clearly states in Romans 1:27 it certainly is a vile affection. Listen! Do you not know? "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:34). And this, it's not just to the homosexual; this is true to all.

Free! Oh, I do not write this just to point at you and say you are wrong, you are evil; there's so little space, so little time to say all I wish I could, but I say now, you can be freed! Romans 6:7 states "For he that is dead is freed from sin." Be forgiven. Die with Christ; Romans 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Let us embrace who we are, you yell out, we need not be freed! A motto you march to. Who you are is corrupted, fallen, lost. A child of darkness born into a feverishly wicked world. Don't be deceived. Don't embrace your captor who enslaves you. Rise up, come away from this mess! A prisoner cannot know what lies beyond the walls but someone tell them; please, come out from there, you have no idea! Where is the way? "Then Jesus said unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

I won't shy from criticism, or harsh words. Here's my email: D1408@truman.edu

QUEEN ASTRA

I know what you all are saying: Where on earth has the Queen been? Well, I'll tell you. I was kidnapped. And I wasn't actually on earth, so your question isn't entirely valid. I was kidnapped, as I said. By aliens. Big fuckers, too. Man, they were polite, much more polite than I would have ever imagined. They served me steak every night and made me breakfast in bed. We did a lot of cool shit together, like playing Marco Polo in a swimming pool filled with cognac. There was this one guy named Alex, I swear to God I could never get that guy out. I think he had time-warp powers. And even cooler shit, shit you wouldn't even believe, so I won't bother telling you. Let me tell you something, though: having been out in space and having actually visited the stars that I have tried so desperately to read in the past has taught me a lot. They're not all that difficult to read after all! Any asshole can do it. Even you, asshole. Consult the following horoscopes and you will see what I mean, as they exemplify all that I learned.



Aries [March 21-April 20]
Life is hard.

Taurus [April 21-May 22]
Your parents never really loved you.

Gemini [May 23-June 21]
People don't like you as much as you choose to believe.

Cancer [June 22-July 24]
Quit trying.

Leo [July 23-Aug 23]
Nothing in your life will turn out the way you want it to.

Virgo [Aug 24-Sep 23]
My girlfriend left me.

Libra [Sep 24-Oct 23]
[yawns]

Scorpio [Oct 24-Nov 22]
That last one was a stage direction; it suggests that I am yawning while you bitch about your life.

Sagittarius [Dec 22-Jan 20]
Nobody is going to come to your birthday party.

Capricorn [Dec 22-Jan 20]
Your dreams of becoming a high school teacher will be shattered when you come to the painful realization that you don't know how to read. And you have bad breath.

Aquarius [Jan 21-Feb 19]
Aquarius? More like alcoholic.

Pisces [Feb 20-March 20]
You I really do like for some reason. You're going places. Awesome places, like Moberly.

Miss Marquis...

Well, November is here, and it's starting to get cold isn't it? And what better way to keep warm is there than a little bump 'n grind? Well, no better way, of course. Just remember to grind responsibly. Now, on to your favorite part...the questions.

Dear Miss Marquis,

What do you do when your roommate is obsessed with cybersex? I mean dorm rooms are only so large and my roomie doesn't find it necessary to hide the fact that she is pleased by what pops up on her screen. This can go on for two hours and afterwards she shares details with people on our floor!

Let's just say there are some things that you don't want to hear, see, and/or know about a person that sleeps five feet from you. What to do?

**Signed,
Not Amused**

Aah, NA, I feel for you. But, try to look on the bright side: at least she isn't physically pleasuring herself in front of you. Roommates are a tough

call, because you both have rights, and you both have to live there. But if what she's doing is making the atmosphere uncomfortable for you, then you do need to confront her about it.

Now, keep in mind that while discussing her online sluttiness may be terribly uncomfortable for you, she obviously isn't abashed about it. So try and approach the entire conversation in a more lighthearted way - unless you've discussed it with her before, she probably thinks her e-proclivities are nothing unusual. Lots of (platonic) girlfriends share all the wet and slippery details of their sex life with their friends - your roomie probably never imagined it would squick you so terribly. Just try to be nice, and suggest that perhaps she could restrict her age-restricted activities to times when you aren't in the room. I'm sure it will all work out.

Dear Miss Marquis,

Help! My gf and I had sex for the first time last week. I thought it was going pretty well. She sounded like she liked it, and I thought we were just about there when suddenly, she peed all over me!

She said she didn't have to pee, and she didn't know what happened. It didn't smell like pee, but now we're both too embarrassed to try again. Help.

**Signed,
Wet and not so wild**

Well, pudding, it's --obvious to me that your lucky girlfriend ejaculated. Female ejaculation is a result of a particularly powerful orgasm, and isn't something that every woman can do. You were right in that the liquid wasn't urine - it's ejaculate, from several

glands that surround the urethra. It's usually clear, and doesn't smell at all like urine.

So your girl can stop feeling embarrassed at her lack of control. She should celebrate! There are plenty of women who'd give their perky nipples to be able to ejaculate. In fact, there are even classes held to teach women how to. However, some are a little self-conscious about what they consider to be a messy side-effect of sex. Help your girlfriend learn to love it. Just spread a few towels on the bed before you get down and dirty, and everything will be fine.

Remember my tater tots, send all of your naughty questions to themissmarquis@hotmail.com - I love a chance to help. Until next time!

Skin cancer tutorial feature by >> Anonymous

Skin cancer is a malignant neoplasm of the skin. The society that we live in today promotes a lifestyle which will eventually lead to skin cancer for many. Everywhere you turn you see a tanning salon, pictures of tanned models and products that are supposed to increase your tan. Many of the people of today are unaware of the harmful affects that this type of lifestyle can create. Skin cancer has many harmful effects on today's society. Though it can be cured, there are many precautions that need to be taken for those who are at high risk.

The people of today need to become well aware of what exactly skin cancer is and how it could, one day, affect you. Skin cancer, as stated above, is a malignant neoplasm of the skin. There are three main forms of skin cancer. These three forms are basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma. Out of everyone that is diagnosed with skin cancer in a year, ninety-five percent of them have basal cell or squamous cell carcinomas. This skin cancer is seen as the easier cancer to cure. Melanoma or "black mole cancer" is the dangerous form of skin cancer. This is due to the rapid spreading of the cancer cell. Metastatic Melanoma has also been said to be one of the most

destructive and deadly cancers. Once the cancer has spread, it becomes very hard to cure. Even though basal and squamous cell carcinomas are often not fatal, both of them can cause a lot of damage to your skin. They often lead to deformity and the need for surgery. The knowledge of what skin cancer is and how it could affect you needs to become widely spread.

Skin cancer is seen as one of the easiest cancers to cure. If you are diagnosed with skin cancer you have a better outlook than with any other cancer. There are many ways that dermatologists remove skin cancer, including scooping out the basal cell carcinoma and then applying electric current to control bleeding, cutting out the tumor and stitching it up, radiation therapy or freezing the basal cell carcinomas with liquid nitrogen. None of these forms sound very pleasing. Also, even though they may cure the cancer, you still are at a higher risk of developing new skin cancer. Even though skin cancer is the most curable form of cancer, there are also many precautions that those at risk should take.

If you are at risk for skin cancer, you should take precautionary steps to avoid the disease. Those who have relatives with skin cancer and those with fair skin are at the biggest risk of getting the cancer. To help prevent developing this disease, you should minimize your sun

exposure and apply sunscreen regularly. Also, you need to stay away from tanning bed and sunlamps. If you are at risk for getting skin cancer, you should make sure you are taking care of your skin daily.

Today's society promotes the type of lifestyle that leads to skin cancer. From tanning beds to sunbathed models, you are

always influenced to take in the sun. Many people are unaware of the risks they put themselves in by doing these very things. Even though skin cancer can be cured, it has many harmful effects on your body and those at risk need to take the steps to help prevent it.

StL Bandwagoners opinion by >> Jesse Cooper

The St. Louis Cardinals fans that go to Truman State University make me sick! I can think of maybe five people I know that truly follow and have followed the Cardinals. These few true fans stick with their team through the tough times. The rest of the "band-wagoners" only like the damn Cardinals this year because they made it to the World Series. I get so pissed when I see all of those people ranting and raving about the St. Louis Cardinals when they don't know the first thing about them. Hell, they don't know the first thing about baseball.

I remember eating dinner in Ryle Hall last week and witnessing all those fake fans wait around to watch the last inning of the Cardinals and Astros game on TV. There wasn't a place to sit because it was so crowded. Jim Edmonds hit a walk off homer and they won. Everybody cheered. Little did they

know they would probably cheer for the last time that night.

The St. Louis Cardinals lost to the Boston Red Sox in the World Series. They got swept; four games to none. The Cardinals are done. Not only are they done, but 90% of their fair-weather fans that go to Truman are done. They are done cheering, done watching, done caring, and done supporting. I have not seen one Cardinals shirt in the last five days and only seen about three hats. As soon as they are on the verge of losing, their so called "fans" go into hibernation. They hibernate until they have another opportunity to cheer for a winning team.

It is a shame. Not only did the Cardinals get swept by the Red Sox in the World Series, but they handed over a World Series trophy to a team that hasn't been World Series champions since 1918. For Boston, the "Curse of the Babe" is finally over, but the "curse of the band-wagoners" will always be upon us.

Dudes, we are totally fucked

opinion by >> **Cameron Moore**

Fuck. Fuck fuck fuckin' fuckity fuckin' fuck. Fuuuuuuck. Dudes, we are totally fucked.

Seriously, though dudes; we are so fucking fucked right now. If you don't see it, then maybe I can help spell out just how fucked we are, but I doubt it; that's just exactly how fucked we are right now. Maybe if I lay it all out in front of you, bare for you to see, you will have instantaneous insight into how fucked we are, but I wouldn't count on it. We're so fucked that most of us don't even think we're fucked.

I don't even think most dudes just a couple decades ago could even imagine the degree of fucktitude that we are experiencing right now. I mean, people have known that we've been fucked for a while, don't get me wrong. But I think that what was imagined before as being really fucked pales in comparison to just how totally and inappropriately fucked from all directions we are right now.

Before, one could only imagine how fucked we would be in the future in terms of how fucked we had been in the past. But somewhere along the line we experienced some sort of hyper-dimensional fuck warp whereby we bypassed millions of years of evolution in the fuck cycle. I think it was somewhere between November 7, 2000 and now. Somewhere in those four years, we were so badly fucked, so grossly and degradingly fucked from behind, above, and below, that we passed through some sort of fucked-up wormhole into this new and expansive space of fuck.

On a scale of one to fucked, we so fucking totally fucked that it's like 1000fucked or something. One would represent not fucked at all; maybe virginal or something completely unfucked... like the Virgin Mary. Yeah, one would be the Virgin Mary, that's right. And on a scale of Virgin Mary to fucked, we are on a spaceship looking down at the Great Wall of Fucked. We are so fucked that we have to squint to see what would normally be considered fucked. Fuck... that's really fucked, dudes.

So, you might be thinking to yourself right now, "Sure, we might be pretty fucked, I'll give you that. But what should we do about it? And does using the word 'fuck' so much really help?" And my response to your posed question, dude, is this: We are so fucked right now, that using the word "fuck" hardly makes us any more fucked. In fact, we are so fucked that I would argue that using the word "fuck" this much makes us even less fucked, in that it might relieve some stress and make us laugh a little.

And as for doing something about being fucked, I don't know what really can be done. Apparently, this country likes being fucked, so totally and forcefully fucked, that there isn't much that can be done about it. Sure there's probably something that can be done, but does it seem all that fucking likely that this fuck-job is going to end anytime soon? Unfortunately, I think we're all just going to have to bend over and bite our lips and take this one in ass like we did for the last four years. Maybe then some people will wake the fuck up. Fuck.

My vote did not count

opinion by >> **Jesse Dowell**

I have now voted in two presidential elections and a variety of primaries and local elections so I didn't have to listen to the rhetoric of Rock the Vote and other registration drives. I still paid attention to what they said though. The main thing that I heard was "Your Vote Counts." Well, mine didn't.

I was at a result-atching party when I heard that the ballot machine in Adair County had jammed and broken on the first ballot and that a new machine was being brought in and the votes may not be counted until the morning. I was looking at the TV and Missouri was already painted red. My vote did not count in the presidential election; it did on the local level, but not on the most important seat in America. Yes, statistically, it was impossible for Adair County to swing Missouri into the blue, but still my vote did not count.

Kerry conceded to Bush the next day with the absentee votes uncounted and the provisional ballots not to be wholly counted for 11 days. Yes, it would have

been stubborn, but Kerry could have made the point that every vote should be counted. Instead he chose to start to unite the country: no fight on his part, just surrender. Maybe he was weak. I thought he was taking the high road when he didn't snap back at the attack on his character this summer, but maybe he was weak. I might just be mad that NOT ALL THE VOTES were counted in this, what is supposed to be the greatest democracy on the planet. How can we tell other countries to vote when not all the votes are counted here?

What a culture we have become where we cannot wait for all the votes to be counted, that we cannot wait a little longer, that we need to know right now, not any later on the presidential election.



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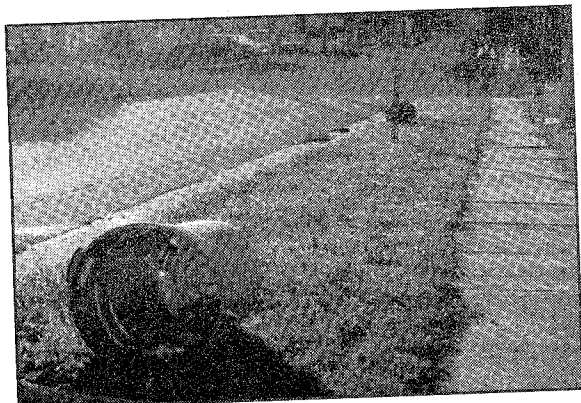
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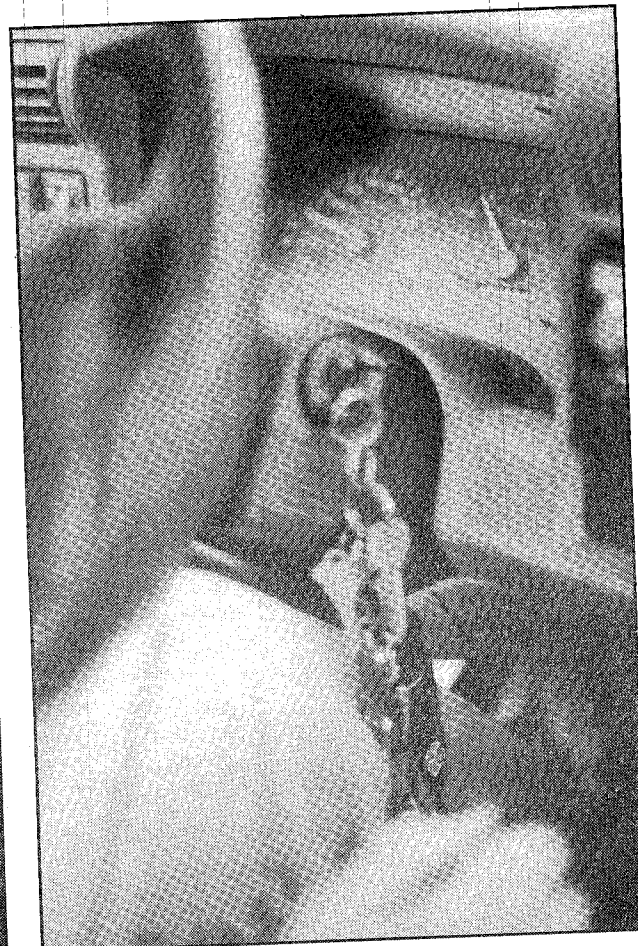
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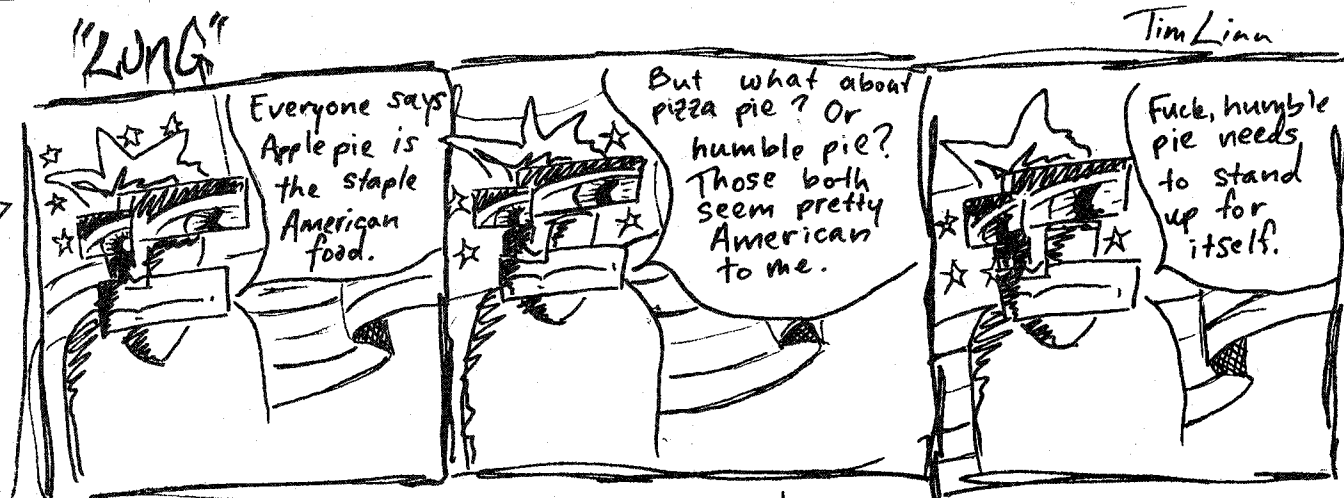
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Cartoon Personals



Name: Bartholomew F. Ogre III
Age: 517,326 years
Likes: I enjoy curling up with a good book, especially Shakespeare going to opera, fine works of art, champagne, and foreign films.
Dislikes: I despise people who can't look BEYOND APPEARANCES... (breaks chair)... I apologize, I seem to have lost my temper then.

Comments: I am an intelligent sophisticated ogre, I have an IQ of 273. And I am tired of all of the ogre stereotypes that exist in the world today. All of these people just make ME WANT TO... (rips photographer's spine out)... Anyway, I am looking for an intelligent woman who I can discuss politics and philosophy with and who will love me as I am.

Cartoon Personals



Name: Ephraim Webster
Age: Stopped countin' after 162
Likes: big ole titties and an ass you can bounce a quarter off of. Face has to look good too.
Dislikes: Fuchin' son, Webster, He put me in a goddamn home and visits once a month.

Comments: I may be old, but my soldier can still stand at attention, if you know what I mean. My standards have gone down over the years so I'll do anything that moves. So, if you're looking for a night you'll never forget, give me a call. You won't regret it.

UEVM ~~XXX~~ Shaun Gwynor



few are aware of the Pope's power to melt.

My Back Pages...

other side
I think I'm going to write on the
That's a good point, Paul. How John Cage!
That's very postmodern
I've kinda had a hankering to get a hold
of some mushrooms
Break out the curry and don't tell anyone.
Does she have a pillow?
TSUnami- a tsunami punani
Who da who da who da whooo
We're writing a poem
What's going on?
You are my North Star.
-yawn-
Would you like a turn?
Well, are you?
Many diplomats also smuggle drugs.
Torch it.
For the sake of this poem, we are all excited.
Is the poem writing us into life?
We're looking for a poetic masterpiece here.
The Mesopotamians and the Arabs did that.
How about talking, listening, and taking notes?
Are you writing this down?
me having dreams about you?
drunk or high?
that thing just said, "goodbye"
fantasizing, realizing
the slithering sloth slut
surrounded by slimy slime falls
in bed from hell
sometimes you can use condoms
as sausage wrappers
i don't go hunting
and that's because
fine moter skills
through conscious effort
She's in a fire
fire becomes these hands
with no body
no substance
Here's a map.
Let's pray to Mecca
Is this the end of this one?
I don't know.

-Cardboard Boomerang (including: Marcel
Duchamp, Bob Vila, Bob Marley,
Bob Miehlike, Mats O'Neill, sans Chris, sans
Godot, Bill Cosby, Babs Dix, The Cure featuring
Robert Smith and Robert Plant)

Hats off to you, Gilbert Tetteh, for the most rousing
poem I've come across in some time. And some
more collaborative efforts to boot! There have been
a ton of submissions lately, so poets keep it up! I'm
countzachula@hotmail.com and you guys...Rule!

"I am an intellectual God.

I am okay with Starbucks. I like coffee

that much, rather, I'm addicted."

This guy obviously owns Missouri's most extensive collection of emo 45's.

He owns the Anarchist's Cookbook,
but does not know where it came from.

His scars are stories.

He'll tell you about them if you are drunk
or hip enough.

He broke his non-prescription glasses
and tripped around
like a blinded child crying.
But I suppose he was adding humor
to a grinding slippery dance floor.

He will travel to around France and
Germany.

Next year.

Next year.

He will ask a German girl to marry him.
She speaks broken English
and he can order a frankfurter and beer.

Large dexterous hands masterbate
his surroundings.

His hair is a perfectly placed mess.

-Justin, Jason, Shirley, Sadie,
Sheila

"AD"

Sensual, Remarkable, Acceptable, Purple, Containable, Competitive,
lame, busy, local, free, sane, powerful, weak, white, black, grey,
lovely, zany, woozy, weak, zonked, golden, jaded, starry, hairy,
fragrant, smelly, putrid, contradictory, contraceptive, controlled,
contrived, conspicuous, electronegative, hydrostatic, polar, charged,
ionized, vacant, moving, virulent, dead.

-Zhian Kamvar

SPEAK TO CHANGE

Once again brothers and sisters
Its time to make a change
We're the artist and we need
To dip our brushes into colors
And paint bright futures
Think about our next generations
Our families crawling in pain
Exchanging blood for oil
Who is telling the truth?
Our future leaders need to be educated
We need more of them...
To continue from where we left
There are too many spilling
More than enough scratching
We need to fight for our soil

Sleep not, Dan and Ben
Use not, muscle nor steel
Don't matter, whether ebony or ivory
Lets all come together
For it is now or never
Till we see the light
All races should fight
Some more days and less night
To get a better sight
Of a well fed nation
Be your own voice, strength and choice
Let your mind do the contrasting
For hope dwells in the everlasting

-Gilbert Tetteh