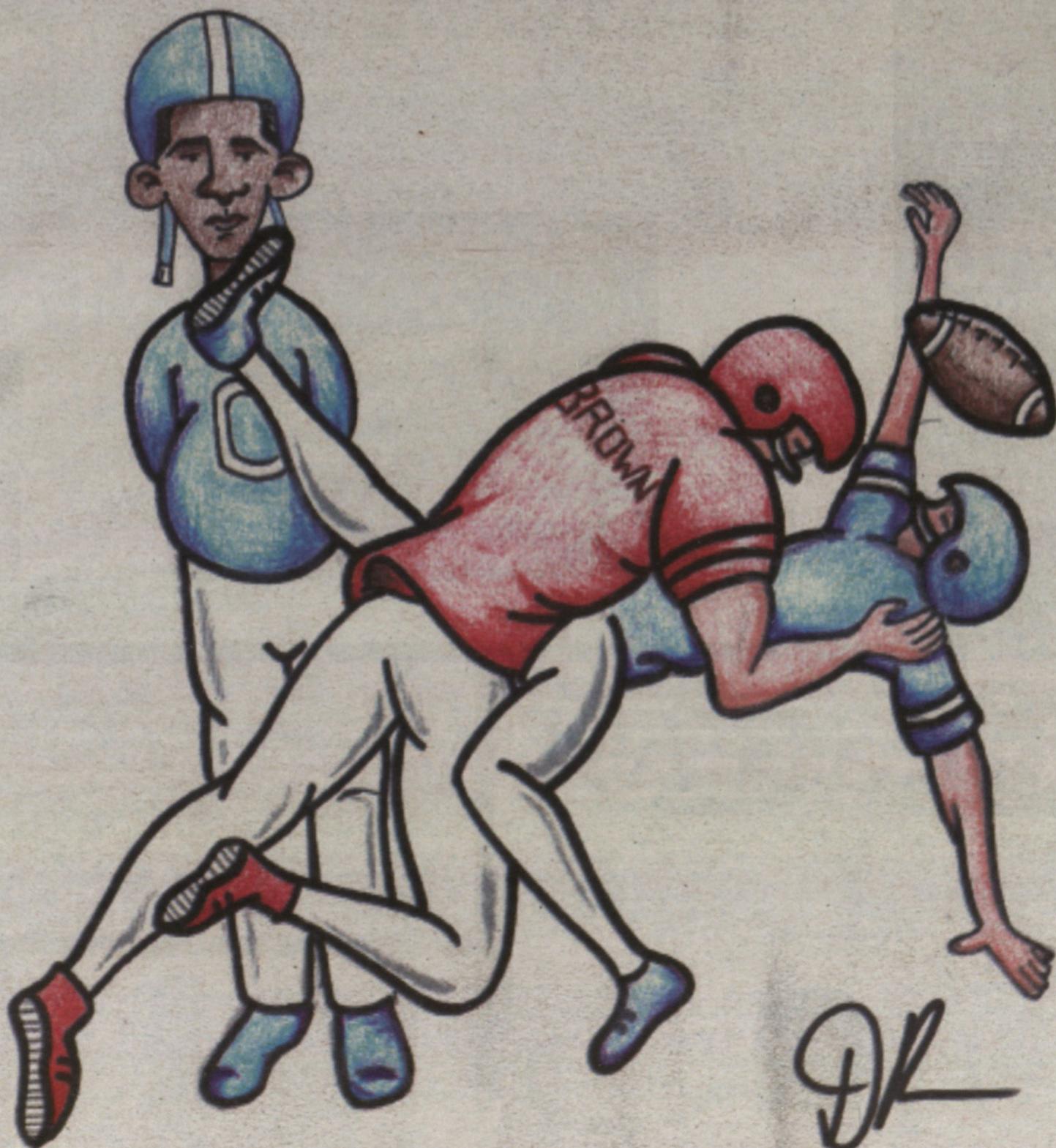


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Letter From the Editor

Dear Readers,

Welcome back for another exciting semester. I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays and their time off during the break. We here at The Patriot are picking up right where we left off - bringing the Stony Brook Community a fresh, alternative voice and perspective on things.

Look for other things we do around campus as well besides just the newspaper - we're hoping to organize a few events exposing leftist abuses as well as co-host a speaker event with our good friends in the College Republicans. It's looking to be, on paper (no pun intended), a rather fun semester.

We also intend to start the first ever Stony Brook Patriot web site this semester. If you or anyone you know has any experience in web design and is interested in helping us with this project please get in touch with us. We may even be able to pay.

It's a good time to be a Conservative these days - which is saying something given where we were a year ago. Last semester, the right side of the political spectrum gained some ground in the gubernatorial elections in Virginia and New Jersey. On January 19th, the roar of the conservative base and the Tea Party movement was heard all around the country as the first Republican in almost forty years, Scott Brown, was elected to the United States Senate in Massachusetts - Massachusetts, the bluest of blue states!

The momentum is building and it's on our side. Should the movement continue along its current path, the left wing train spewing its debilitating poison around the country will be derailed. The build-up to the 2010 mid-term elections will be a bumpy and exciting ride.

Do your part. Fight back. Let your voice be heard. Join The Patriot.

In Liberty,
Derek Mordente



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The following is a letter we received. Due to our extremely extensive and long response, we do not have room to print it. Also, to not print it in its entirety would not do justice to the response this deserves. It will be available upon request - just shoot us an e-mail at sbpatriot@gmail.com

Dear The Patriot:

I am so tired of this goddam newspaper. I don't like to be patronized with truisms like, "Freedom isn't free". Freedom isn't free, but its cost is not measured by the bodies of the courageous young men and women whose illusions of glory are manipulated for an ideological crusade. Freedom is neither bought, nor sold, nor given. It is taken. We are no freer by sitting here in idle reverence of our military dead than the foreign civilians we wish we knew how to liberate. We degrade our country's historical commitment to true liberty by pretending that it is just a political resource. You fight for your freedom, I fight for mine.

As a libertarian and a socialist, I harbor a deep resentment of extraneous political and economic institutions. But I cringe at The Patriot's consistent support of the archaic and ideological position that non-governmental economic institutions--the so-called "private interests"--are somehow OK. The modern institution of private property is just the legal crystallization of the tired old principle that "what matters in the end is simply the exercise of raw power". Your constant confidence conceals a willing ignorance of the way that global capitalism and modern technology destroy our real human communities and replace them with a monolithic consumer culture deprived of authentic interactions, value traditions, and the right to the self that capitalism was originally invented to protect.

As a communitarian, I reject the empty, secular cosmopolitanism in which, by attempting complete cultural egalitarianism, we ultimately trivialize every tradition with the same levity, including our own. All over the world there are tiny patches of resistance to this dehumanizing technostructural machine--Palestine, North Korea, Iran, the tribal areas of Pakistan. But instead of celebrating the resilience of the human spirit and resolving to put an end to the faceless war that our every dollar wages against the liberty of all men, we demonize the resisters for the imagined threat they pose to us in a nightmare that we can't seem to wake up from. Our metaphors of nations as actors in a global game do not serve us well as the billions of actual people that we actually are...

You all are tired of the bullshit about the new, sustainable, green world where everyone is equally wealthy, learns French to be "cultured", and gets along likes it's a goddam tea party. I am too. But the opposite--the simple American dream, under God, where gays, lesbians, and black people aren't real, and everyone works hard and has an apron-clad wife to look after the children and bake pies--is just as firmly rooted in complete fantasy...

Otherwise, keep up the good work bringing the dirty news to a public environment too long sanitized by noncommittal discourse.



Coming Soon to Select Movie Theatres!

Stony Brook Students for *IN*-Equality

By Derek Mordente

Following the voting down of the Marriage Equality Bill in the New York State Senate, particularly with respect to Senator Kenneth LaValle's vote of "No," Stony Brook's athletic stadium, which bears the name of Senator LaValle (he secured the funding for the stadium), garnered some controversy. A group now called "The Stony Brook Students for Equality" launched a full scale Facebook campaign via Facebook Group (which has close to 700 members) and even held a press conference (nowhere even remotely near 700 members) to re-name the stadium. Their Facebook group reads, "Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium is one of the most prominent buildings on campus. Sen. LaValle may have helped Stony Brook obtain state funding for the stadium, but that cannot even begin to compensate for his effort to ensure legal inequality for so many members of our campus community. His name does not deserve to be on one of our most public buildings."

First, the group states that LaValle's voting down of the bill "help[ed] ensure that gay and lesbian New Yorkers remain unequal before the laws of our state." This is a rather unfair claim. LaValle is in full support of civil unions and issued a statement saying, "I believe the next transitional step for gay and lesbian couples is civil unions. I believe this would be

accepted by society and would provide same sex couples equality of rights under the law." Which they would. Civil Unions are perfectly congruent with any goals that the LGBT community have regarding the "business" side of couples living together.

At a rally last semester, I heard someone say that the LGBT community wanted "equal" rights, not "superior" rights. To say that "marriage" (a relationship between a man and woman) is also "gay marriage" (a same sex relationship) is illogical. One cannot simply redefine reality per ones sexual predilections and/or social policy whims. To demand to do so is not to seek equal rights but superior rights; i.e. the "right" to force others to disown a commonly accepted reality for ones own particular view of it. Such a situation would lead to a state of anarchy leading ultimately to nihilism because the nature of reality would always be held hostage to ever changing coerced subjective perceptions and not objective standards freely accepted by being proved true through trial and error over long periods of time.

That being said, the campaign to purge his name from the stadium is rather rash and immature. Simply because someone does something we do not like (within the parameters of the law, of course) does not mean we should start scratching their names off buildings. I am

a New York Islanders fan and should Charles Wang choose to relocate the team to Kansas City I'm not about to launch a crusade to re-name the Wang Center.

Also, this whole campaign to take his name off of the stadium is antithetical to the whole idea of "respecting other peoples' opinions." Further, what makes it more egregious is that the whole campaign is based on just that - demanding respect for a particular group of peoples' opinions. Someone even commented on the group's Facebook, "I find that extremely politically intolerant and against the tenets of a democratic America."

Groups like this and the rest of the left are always advocating "diversity" - a word implying that whatever is being described is heterogeneous, consisting of different elements. Well, in the name of "diversity," doesn't Senator LaValle's position provide just that to the situation? Or is "diversity" only used when it is politically expedient to the given cause? Different opinions and peoples are labeled under "diversity" when they fit the left's criteria, and, in this case, "homophobia" when they do not, as displayed on the group's Facebook discussions by some of the members in favor of the campaign. At least the campaign only has the active momentum of a few people...

Go Green...Go Away, That Is

By Brian Masone

For at least the past decade, and most certainly since entering college, we've all been bombarded with phrases such as "going green," "eco-friendly," "sustainability," and, the cherry on the cake, "our carbon footprint." Stony Brook, like most everything else, propagates these sentiments full throttle. We see them in our dorms, in our dining halls, on our cups, and, recently, on our newly adopted electronic tuition bills on SOLAR. Virtually everywhere you can look something or someone has "gone green."

First and foremost, one has to consider one major issue - the level with which these sentiments can be taken split in distinct ways. For some, being environmentally friendly means recycling the things you can (newspapers, milk cartons, soda bottles, etc.) and trying not to be wasteful (water, electricity, paper, etc.). In my opinion, this is a healthy attitude to take and I consider myself this type of "environmentally friendly." However, there are some who take being "environmentally friendly" to an unhealthy level - that of Gaia (Mother Earth)

worship. To these types, people are evil and dirty and contaminate the pristine, non-industrialized Mother Earth. In a sense, it is a rather self-loathing outlook to have.

Stony Brook University remains on the outer edge of the first type and crosses into the second type enough to be noticed. There is nothing wrong with promoting recycling and not being wasteful, but being reminded that I have a "carbon footprint" on my coffee cup - especially in lieu of the fact that the science of the so called "carbon footprint" isn't exactly as settled as some might think - is a little much.

Regardless, Stony Brook has "gone green" and reminds us every chance it gets. To elaborate on the things mentioned above, we see little stickers next to the light switches in our dorm rooms reminding us to shut the lights off when we do not need them and we are encouraged to recycle every chance we get - both good things we should all try to abide by as best we can. Some things that are more annoying than egregiously evil are

the biodegradable food containers and spoons, knives and forks. Aside from the food containers not being able to "sustain" virtually the smallest amount of food and the forks and knives tasting like you've just licked the side-



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walk, I can live with it.

What I can't live with, however, is being lectured constantly about "sustainability" and "being green," while the university engages in some of the most wasteful, non-eco friendly things it can. For starters, the sprinkler systems on campus don't exactly always water the grass – sometimes they water the sidewalks and streets they neighbor. Even worse, these sprinklers are left watering the concrete for hours on end. I wonder how many carpenter ants, isopods and zebra caterpillars, who live in these areas, have drowned because of these atrocities. I mean, we can't drill for oil in Alaska because of the tree-darter snails – but we

can seemingly drown as many of these species as we want?! I smell prejudice.

Further, for all the stickers in our dorms telling us to shut the lights off, countless lights are left on all night at the construction sites of the new dormitories in Roosevelt and Kelly Quad. Dare I say hypocrisy? Oh no, I can't – the people that leave those lights on are in an almighty union.

Finally, last year (at least in Tabler Quad, but I here it happened elsewhere on campus) new entrances were made in the backs of some dormitories – in Tabler for the Quad Director. Now, aside from being monetarily wasteful in a time of budget cuts and a rough economy, what

happened to "going green?" I mean, I wonder how much CO2 was spewed into the air by all the vehicles and large construction equipment used to make those new entrances. Even if it isn't that much, what happened to "lessening our carbon footprint one step at a time" as my biodegradable coffee cup so aptly points out to me? If we're all supposed to be "reducing our carbon footprint" any way we can, such as the rather silly campaign to use less plastic bags, then why spew all that CO2 into the air needlessly? Why? The entrances already there weren't good enough?

Carbon footprint. What a joke...

The Truth About Margaret Sanger

By Drew Art



We all know about the effort to remove State Senator LaValle's name from the athletic stadium and the immature and laughable argument in favor of it and against Senator LaValle. Consider this, however. In Tabler Quad, one of the residential dormitories is named "Margaret Sanger College" after the founder of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (you guessed it) Margaret Sanger. Margaret Sanger was a racist and a proponent of forced eugenics, segregation, abortion and sexual immorality. Consider the reasons why the "Stony Brook Students for Equality," among others, want Senator LaValle's name removed from the building. Then consider what you're about to read. Like FoxNews always says, "We Report. You Decide."

"Birth control must lead ultimately to a cleaner race."

-Margaret Sanger. *Woman, Morality, and Birth Control*.

New York: New York Publishing Company, 1922. Page 12.

"Eugenic sterilization is an urgent need ... We must prevent multiplication of this bad stock."

-Margaret Sanger, *April 1933 Birth Control Review*.

"Eugenics is ... the most adequate and thorough avenue to the solution of racial, political and social problems."

-Margaret Sanger. "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda." *Birth Control Review*, October 1921, page 5

"The most merciful thing that a family does to one of its infant members is to kill it."

-Margaret Sanger (editor). *The Woman Rebel*, Volume I, Number 1. Reprinted in *Woman and the New Race*. New York: Brentanos Publishers, 1922.

"Our failure to segregate morons who are increasing and multiplying ... demonstrates our foolhardy and extravagant sentimentalism ... [Philanthropists] encourage the healthier and more normal sections of the world to shoulder the burden of unthinking and indiscriminate fecundity of others; which brings with it, as I think the reader must agree, a dead weight of human waste. Instead of decreasing and aiming to eliminate the stocks that are most detrimental to the future of the race and the world, it tends to render them to a menacing degree dominant ... We are paying for, and even submitting to, the dictates of an ever-increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all."

-Margaret Sanger. *The Pivot of Civilization*, 1922. Chapter

on "The Cruelty of Charity," pages 116, 122, and 189. Swarthmore College Library edition.

"The marriage bed is the most degenerative influence in the social order..."

-Margaret Sanger (editor). *The Woman Rebel*, Volume I, Number 1. Reprinted in *Woman and the New Race*. New York: Brentanos Publishers, 1922.

"Give dysgenic groups [people with 'bad genes'] in our population their choice of segregation or [compulsory] sterilization."

-Margaret Sanger, *April 1932 Birth Control Review*.

"Birth control itself, often denounced as a violation of natural law, is nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit, of preventing the birth of defectives or of those who will become defectives."

-Margaret Sanger

"The undeniably feeble-minded should, indeed, not only be discouraged but prevented from propagating their kind."

-Margaret Sanger, quoted in Charles Valenza. "Was Margaret Sanger a Racist?" *Family Planning Perspectives*, January-February 1985, page 44

Consider one final quote, not from Margaret Sanger, but from someone else who shared her views. Compare this quote to some of the ones above.

"The demand that defective people be prevented from propagating equally defective offspring. . . represents the most humane act of mankind."

-Adolph Hitler, *Mein Kampf*, vol. 1, ch. 10



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Liberal Hypocrisy and Black History Month

By Chris Cloonan

Stony Brook University, as you well know, is a very liberal place. With it being Black History Month, I expect to hear words like, “diversity” “culture” and my favorite, “first black president” used often. When I hear these things, Martin Luther King Jr.’s timeless words play in my head: “Judge a man not by the color of his skin, but by the content of his character.” Too often today, and many times with the opposite and best of intentions, we use race and other related factors to judge people.

I am, literally, and do my best to be, figuratively, a colorblind person. I try to live by MLK’s words. That is why it saddens me that in today’s world some forms of racism and intolerance are accepted and viewed as “progress”. Think back to the 2008 election. Obama supporters, especially those in the media, loved to use the phrase “first black president.” Hillary supporters did the same thing with her gender. Women were supposed to feel proud about voting for Hillary and African-Americans the same about voting for Obama. Obama won 97% of the African-American vote to McCain’s 3%. To many, it was irrelevant what their views were on the issues. For those on the left, it was okay to judge them based on their skin or gender and not the “content of their character.”

To quote Rush Limbaugh, “It was not (conservatives) asking whether Barack Obama was authentic. What we were asking is: Is he wrong? We concluded, yes.” Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican (believe it or not) and today it is conservatives, the supposedly racist-sexist-bigot-homophobic ones, who live by MLK’s words. They oppose the use of Affirmative Action, in which people are hired or admitted to a school based on the color of their skin, sexual orientation, etc simply because they want the best person for the job hired regardless. They realize that skin color and those other factors are irrelevant. They recognize it

is hypocritical to try to end racism with more racism. Conservatives judge people based on who they are, not what they are.

Remember Sonia Sotomayor? She’s the self-professed “wise Latina” who was Obama’s choice for the Supreme Court. She denied firefighters promotions in Connecticut even though they scored the highest on the test because of the color of their skin. Liberals call that “progress.” I call it racism. Liberals judge people based on what they look like and it is a shame that it is not recognized by more people.

Even more recently, it came out that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat from Nevada, said before the 2008 election that Obama should run because he is “light-skinned” and has “no Negro dialect...” Yet all that followed was a simple apology and the liberal media moved on.

The fact that Harry Reid is still a United States Senator after what he said is a testament to the hypocrisy of the Democratic Party. In 2002, the Democrats successfully called for the resignation of then Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi after he said the US “wouldn’t have had all these problems over the years” if they had elected Strom Thurmond, who ran on platform supporting racial segregation, to the presidency in 1948. But Harry Reid? His comments are simply brushed aside and he gets to keep his job.

Sen. Reid’s quote is an important one because it exemplifies two despicable characteristics of the Democratic Party and the media. The first is the obvious tolerance of racism within the Democratic Party. The second is the double standard that conservatives are forced to accept. Imagine the backlash if John McCain or any other Republican had uttered what is a clearly racist phrase. (Just what is “Negro dialect” anyway, Sen. Reid?) The same can be

said if a white male Supreme Court nominee said he can “reach better conclusions” than a Latina woman, as Sotomayor said about herself, only in reverse order. They would immediately be labeled another racist Republican. (Remember George W. Bush? He infamously, in Kanye West’s opinion, “doesn’t care about black people”) The calls to resign would be so overwhelming that they would be forced to do in a New York minute.

Even here at Stony Brook, liberal hypocrisy is alive and well. Besides the University’s use of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity programs, it is also seen among the students. There is a group of students on campus (they even have their own Facebook group!) that is calling for Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium to be renamed. They cite the fact that he voted against gay marriage in New York State as their main reason. They promote tolerance of others lifestyles, differences, opinions etc. I find it odd though, that when someone has an opinion that they disagree with, such as Sen. LaValle, that intolerance of that person is now acceptable.

My point here is that liberalism is not the answer. It is not all it is presented to be. Sure, it sounds nice on the surface and when Obama speaks. Plus it’s always politically correct. But it’s often hypocritical. The changes that are instituted by liberals only exacerbate the very problem they were trying to correct. The answer to a problem such as racism lays within the conservative words of Martin Luther King, Jr., not the liberal ones of a Sonia Sotomayor who only pushes for more racism. So as you experience Black History Month 2010, when you here others talk about progress and change, ask yourself: Is that what it really is? Or does it only point out the differences between us and in doing so, continue the horrible racism of the past?

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Liberal-Conservative Pattern

By Alex Niculescu

We remember our beloved President Clinton for many things, namely letting Osama Bin Laden go in 1998 after the first attempted bombings. What President Bush inherited was a country about to be attacked because Clinton chose to look the other way.

Are we in danger again with Obama? Obama is very similar to Clinton, only he is a lot more liberal and has a majority in both houses which only adds more power to his liberal agenda. Since Obama has a similar ideology, his stance on terrorism might sound like a "Don't ask, Don't tell" policy.

It has been about a year since Obama got into office, but the country has already been threatened...twice. Despite having names of similar origin with the President, these two "friends" don't pretend to love our country at all; Nidal Malik Hassan and Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab are terrorists.

Whether CNN would like to consider Hassan crazy rather than a terrorist is totally fine. Apparently, his actions can be blamed on the "rigors of army mental conditioning." It wasn't that Hassan prayed with two suicide bombers from 9/11 or that his friends in Al-Qaeda praised his efforts; he killed only because he was stressed out and in a poor mental state.

And when it comes to young Abdulmutallab, we don't consider him a threat for two reasons. First, Liberals have this notion of eminent vs. passive threat. A passive threat is one that doesn't kill a lot of people, whereas an eminent threat is something that cannot be construed to be harmless or an accident. The fact that this man was able to get into the U.S. airport with enough explosives to take down the plane and destroy a

residential sector in Detroit doesn't matter apparently.

Intelligence did a sloppy job; in fact everyone around this incident did a sloppy job. All the poor executions trace back to one genius decision by President Obama to release some of the Guantanamo inmates. The Christmas time attack was in fact in-

spired and funded by two Guantanamo inmates recently freed.

The question is, will the next president inherit threats of our national security carried out because of President Obama? If so, then this pattern of Liberal president/Conservative president is very much alive and history may be doomed to repeat itself.

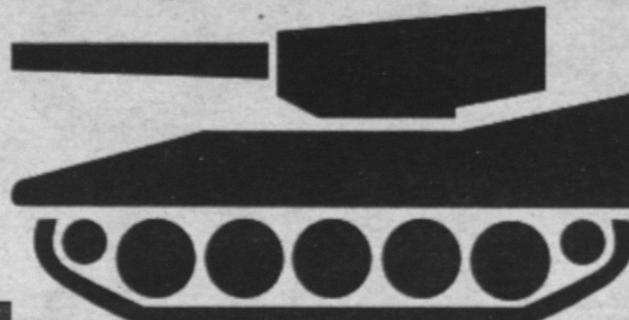


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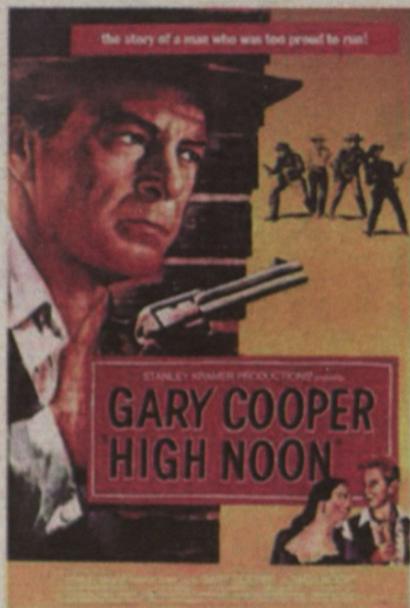
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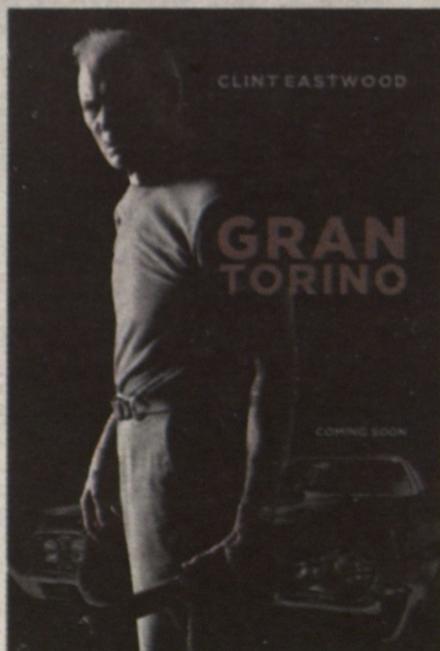
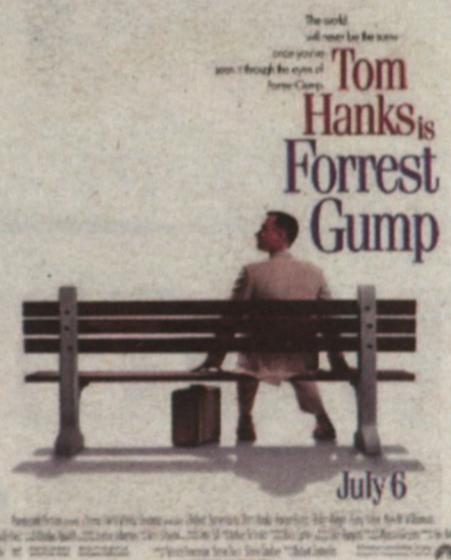
By The Patriot

The swirling cesspool of gratuitously liberal manure known as Hollywood has been spewing an anti-American, anti-Capitalist, anti-Traditional Values agenda for decades. Hollywood gasps for breath and drips with spit while bashing America and what it stands for it does it so much and so non-stop. Luckily, there is the occasional film that trickles through the left wing Hollywood filter that actually reinforces American values and conveys a predominantly conservative message. The following are ten such films that we at The Patriot feel stand out amongst others (although, the list of others is not exactly endless). The films are in no particular order and are by no means ranked, but if you want to enjoy a good movie free of the usual liberal lecture (and propaganda) contained in most Hollywood films, be sure to check some of these out.



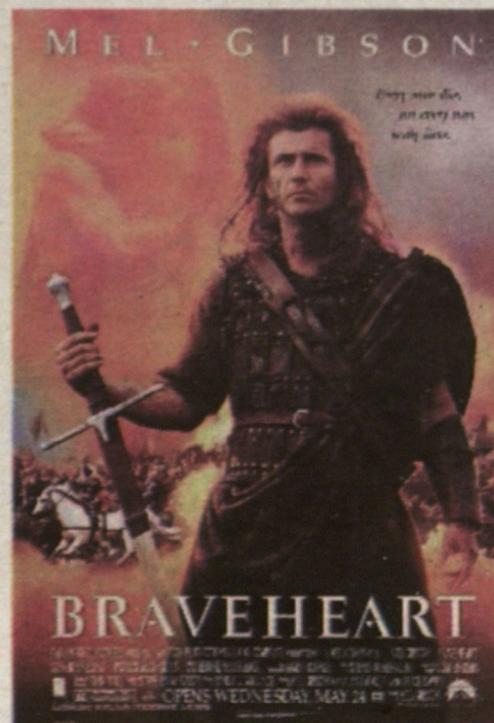
High Noon (1952) – A classic 1950’s Western that follows the story of the rugged, tough, real man Will Kane (played by Gary Cooper), former sheriff of his small town, as he battles the ruthless criminal, bully and thug Frank Miller, an outlaw whom Kane previously brought to justice who is feared by all in the town. As Kane is about to leave town with his newlywed wife, he learns that Frank Miller will arrive in town on the noon train and resolves stand up to him and fight. As the movie progresses, compare Kane to America and the townspeople to much of the rest of the world in the face of evil – and note that it is Kane who saves their cowardly, and sometimes ungrateful, asses!

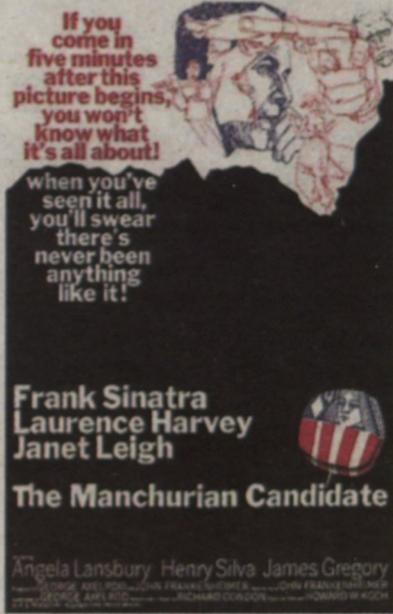
Forrest Gump (1994) – I’m sure this film needs no plot synopsis because if you do not know the plot and/or have not seen it, put this newspaper down and go watch it somewhere. Forrest Gump is perhaps the film that most embodies the Judeo-Christian traditional values carved so deeply into the foundation of our great republic and conveys why this is so and why these values make America exceptional.



Gran Torino (2008) – If there was ever a movie to totally annihilate the failed sentiment of “soft power” – Gran Torino is it. Directed by and starring Clint Eastwood as the main protagonist Walt Kowalski, a recently widowed and rather bitter Korean War veteran, the movie follows Walt as he comes to terms with his life, his family and his flaws. Through a relationship with a young Hmong teenager, generational and racial gaps are bridged and Walt teaches the wayward teen about hard work, being a man and standing up to thugs and bullies. Aside from this, the film also serves as a strong testament to the strength of the second amendment.

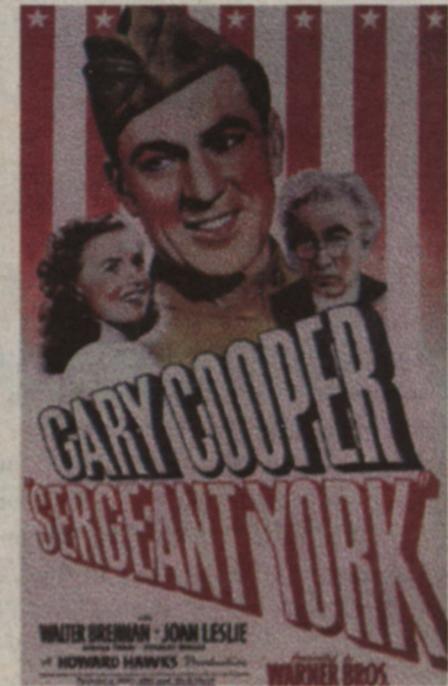
Braveheart (1995) – As author Arthur Herman writes, “Braveheart raised its hero, medieval Scottish warrior William Wallace, to the level of myth and won five Oscars, including best director for Mel Gibson, who played Wallace as he led a spirited revolt against English tyranny. Braveheart taught that freedom is not just worth dying for, but also worth killing for, in defense of hearth and homeland. [Nine] years later, amid the ruins of the Twin Towers, Gibson’s message resonated with a generation of American youth who signed up to fight terrorists, instead of inviting them to join a ‘constructive dialogue.’ Liberals have never forgiven Gibson since.”





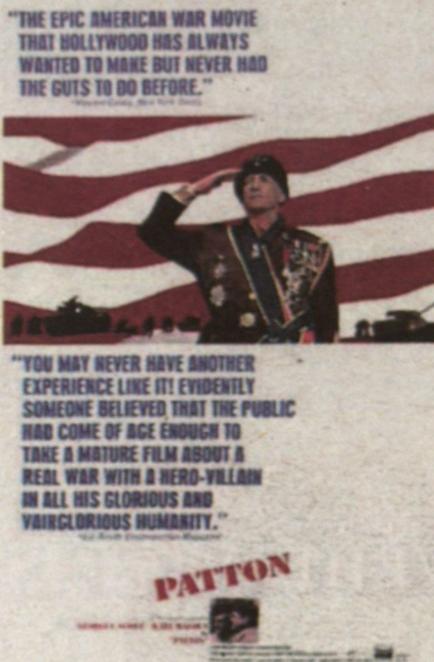
The Manchurian Candidate (1962) – One of the greatest political thrillers of all time, *The Manchurian Candidate* (note: not the anti-American, Com-mie 2004 remake with Denzel Washington) is a swirling tale of spies, politics, governments, war and captivating twists. Published originally in 1959 as a novel, the film adaptation, released in 1962 during the height of the Cold War, is replete with anti-Communist, hard line, Cold Warrior and pro-American sentiments.

Sergeant York (1941) – *Sergeant York* is the heroic tale of the real life World War I American hero, Alvin York. A poor hillbilly hailing from Tennessee, York is initially a drunkard prone to fighting, but turns his life around when he finds God and becomes a devout Christian and pacifist. Despite trying to avoid being drafted into the army by being a conscientious objector, York finds himself in combat anyway. Pinned down by German fire and seeing his friends being shot down all around him, his self-doubt about killing all but disappears. He works his way around behind German lines and shoots with such deadly effect that the Germans surrender. York later explains that he did what he did to hasten the end of the war and minimize the killing. *Sergeant York* is a true testament to patriotism, heroism and strong Judeo-Christian values.



The Dark Knight (2008) – Author Andrew Klavan writes, “This film gives us a portrait of the hero as a man reviled. In his fight against the terrorist Joker, Batman has to devise new means of surveillance, push the limits of the law, and accept the hatred of the press and public. If that sounds reminiscent of a certain former president — whose stubborn integrity kept the nation safe and turned the tide of war — don’t mention it to the mainstream media. Our journalists know that good men are often despised by the mob; it just never seems to occur to them that they might be the mob themselves.”

The Incredibles (2004) – I never thought I’d see Objectivism (the philosophy of Ayn Rand) injected into a Disney/Pixar family film, but *The Incredibles* provides just that. Actually, if you are familiar with Rand’s *Atlas Shrugged*, you will see many parallels within the film (there is a still-shot of Mr. Incredible holding a large globe upon his shoulders in one scene). The film tells the story of exceptional heroes, particularly the Incredible Family, condemned by the mediocre and average, and their subsequent resurgence, all while lauding individual achievement and personal success. To hammer home a point, the son of the Incredible family, Dash, is denied the opportunity to play sports because his power of super-speed means that he might excel. When he fights with his mother, pointing out that he is special, she insists that “everyone is special.” Saddened, Dash looks down and mutters, “then no one is.” The film stands against the modern day effort to constantly reward mediocrity.



Patton (1970) – This film, starring George C. Scott, about the exploits and stellar accomplishments of General George S. Patton during World War II, oozes with patriotism and bleeds red, white and blue. It instills in us the feelings of American Exceptionalism and invigorates us with the gung-ho spirit of the Greatest Generation to vanquish those who stand in the way of truth, justice and the American way. Also, watching the Axis Powers LOSE never gets old.

The Copenhagen Convention

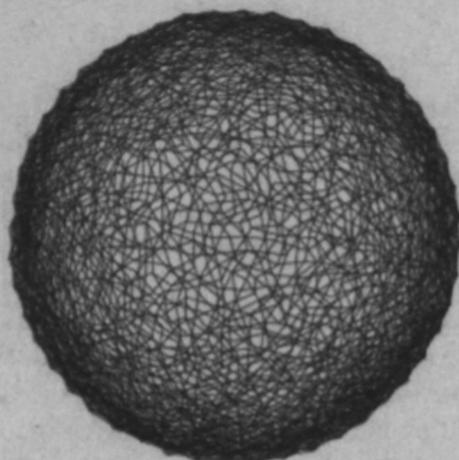
By Deborah Machalow

Environmental policy is a collective goods problem – if a solution is achieved, and the world saved, all nations of the world stand to benefit. Even though all nations would be rewarded for effectively preventing the earth from being engulfed in the melted ice caps, no nation, nor group of nations, wants to foot the bill. Because of this, the climate change talks at Copenhagen failed to provide a binding agreement to curb greenhouse gas emissions to curb the effects of global warming.

Meeting from December 7 – 18, the representatives from 192 countries met in the capital city of Denmark to create a framework that would lead to a binding climate change agreement, which would be both enforceable and effective, in 2010. One major point discussed involved a “cap-and-trade” system similar to that which was outlined in the Waxman-Markey bill in the U.S. Congress, but at an international level. This system would allow countries to buy and sell credits (allowing the release of greenhouse gases), monetarily rewarding nations that didn’t release the heat-trapping gases. Also discussed was a system that would help make the more expensive and cleaner technologies available to developing nations.

As always, there was a major divide between the haves and the have-nots. The discontent felt by the developing nations was enough to bring the conference to a stand-still. African nations, at one point, walked out of

negotiations. China voiced the developing nations’ point of view: already-industrialized nations spent many, many decades emitting greenhouse gases, and it is thus their responsibility to curb emissions now; the developing



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nations must be allowed to industrialize in a similar fashion as a way to raise their citizens’ standards of living. The industrialized nations want the developing nations to develop now in an environmentally responsible way.

President Obama declared his wish that the United States become a world leader in en-

vironmental reform, unfortunately, American unilateralism, evident in the rejection of the Kyoto Protocol and the failure of the Waxman-Markey bill to pass the Senate, has made the rest of the world wary of American leadership.

In an attempt to display American commitment to a resolution to climate change, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton announced that the United States government would provide up to \$100 billion a year to ease the cost of industrializing on the developing world.

Dane Connie Hedegaard presided over the convention, which, in the end, produced a nonbinding agreement. This political agreement will be the basis for a future enforceable treaty. Before an enforceable agreement can come to fruition, the United States and China, the two countries responsible for forty percent of greenhouse gas emissions, must find middle ground regarding targets, enforcement and monetary transfers. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, at its fourth meeting agreed that climate change is very likely caused by humans. The effects of climate change are political, social, economic, and militaristic, at both the national and international levels. It is imperative that a binding agreement is reached before it is too late. As the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said, “We do not have another year to deliberate; nature does not negotiate.”

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BECAUSE KEITH OLBERMANN REALLY SUCKS

The Fight for Healthcare Reform Has Never Been So Ugly

By Pierre Albert

During President Barack Obama's election campaign one of the promises he made was for reform to the healthcare system. The battle for healthcare reform has been underway for several decades. President Clinton and his wife failed to fix the system and the last President did not even make an attempt to change things. Now that talks to fix the healthcare system have resurfaced from the Democratic Party, the white house is finding out just how vicious the Republican Party can be. The Republican Party has been criticizing every move of the President since his inauguration. The president cannot even swat a fly without suffering the wrath of the media. The Party with the most objections though has yet to offer any form of solutions or direction for the country. I must applaud one Republican though who has given his solution and direction for Healthcare in America. Rush Limbaugh, who is not an elected official, is the voice of the Republican Party these days and his recent trip to the hospital because of a heart condition has given him extra motivation to oppose the healthcare bill. His solution is to forget the House bill with the public option or the Senate Bill without the public option and just leave the Healthcare system alone. He claims that he got

the best medical treatment in the world right here in America. Limbaugh, sadly enough, is the ugly face for the battle on Healthcare reform. Of course, a rich radio host can afford the best Healthcare insurance but sadly thousands of Americans presently do not have this luxury. Many Americans panic when they get cancer or AIDS because of fear that their coverage will drop them. The people are seeing the rich profit and gamble with the lives of millions of citizens. What Obama needs to do is stand his ground and not be pushed around by those who value money over country. What the Democratic Party needs to do is silence the likes of Limbaugh and all the rich people who cannot stand paying taxes. Healthcare reform needs to happen and needs to happen now. There will be no perfect Healthcare bill but we need one that works. It is time that those in power start voting in the interest of this country's health and not the Party. There is no room for politics in a country full of sick people waiting for treatment.



Patriot of the Month

COLONEL ROBERT L. HOWARD



Colonel Robert L. Howard (1939-2009) was perhaps the most decorated American Soldier of the modern era, serving in the armed forces for nearly 40 years in multiple wars and conflicts. Howard was wounded 14 times during one 54-month period during the Vietnam Conflict - over his career he earned eight purple hearts. He was nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor three times, winning it once. His other awards include the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Defence Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air

Medal, Joint Service Commendation, Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement, Army Achievement in addition to several foreign decorations.

Robert L. Howard is a true American warrior and hero and to him we owe our gratitude.



BARACK OBAMA

ONE YEAR: EPIC FAIL

Domestic Policy Failures:

- 5.8 million people have been searching for work for more than 27 weeks...the highest ever
- 26.7% unemployment rate among young people between the ages of 16-19
- 12.7% unemployment rate among Hispanics
- 49% unemployment rate among African Americans between the ages of 16-19
- 2.6 million people unemployed since the stimulus passed
- 118 new bureaucracies created by the government takeover of health care

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Diversity Programs

By Alex Niculescu

No, November wasn't socialism month, and it isn't even close to May day, or even close to the cultural revolution. So, what did we celebrate last semester? Diversity month, of course! On a campus like Stony Brook, diversity is everywhere. Some programs claim they highlight issues of diversity and that they make a significant contribution to increase student awareness and tolerance towards diversity.

As one may already know, diversity programs are very important to the Stony Brook community. Despite this ongoing practice, I believe that a complete lack thereof would contribute more to promote tolerance of diverse persons. There are two problems with the school's attitude with respect to diversity. The first problem is they promote "multiculturalism," the demographic representation of diversity. In other words, it is a purely statistical representation of different cultures coming together, which is totally irrelevant to things such as intercultural friendships and practices that stop hate crimes. The second misconception is that diversity awareness actually does something. Sure it sounds great on paper, but

again, socialism has its own over-idealistic appeal... Is that what Stony Brook wants, to look good on paper? Well, yes - and that's about it. Being that this is a state school, we bring the liberal and unproductive tendencies seen in our State Senate and in Albany to a very familiar place: our school.

I strongly believe Diversity programs act as cultural barriers. They bear no resemblance to actual diversity. For example, there have been various studies that show children aren't born racist and that they have no problem interacting with other children from very different backgrounds. Real tolerance can only be achieved without constantly acknowledging cultural differences. I think real diversity comes from disregarding another person's background in order to give them the same respect you would give a person of your own family. We should stray away from "diversity" labels - there are some things better left unsaid. I know I am white, but I would rather be called by my own name; I do not want to be used or referred to in a conversation for the amount of melanin in my skin pigment.

Diversity has given this school its statistics, but so what. Who does this please besides politically correct people looking for statistics, because it's all they are. The only thing diversity has done was make cliques within this school. Instead of creating cliques along socioeconomic lines like other schools, this school manages to separate ethnicities and cultures to a greater extent than others can because of "diversity." Just because the school supports multiculturalism doesn't mean it supports diversity. I don't want to see a picture of people of different colors and genders holding hands, I want to bridge this gap that has become actual racial diversity. The problem, as this world progresses, is our DNA is becoming more divergent between continents, making the differences bigger than before. This makes it harder and harder to use diversity, because we aren't all alike. We should respect people at face values and stop using "diversity" as a barrier of understanding between two different people.

The People's Seat

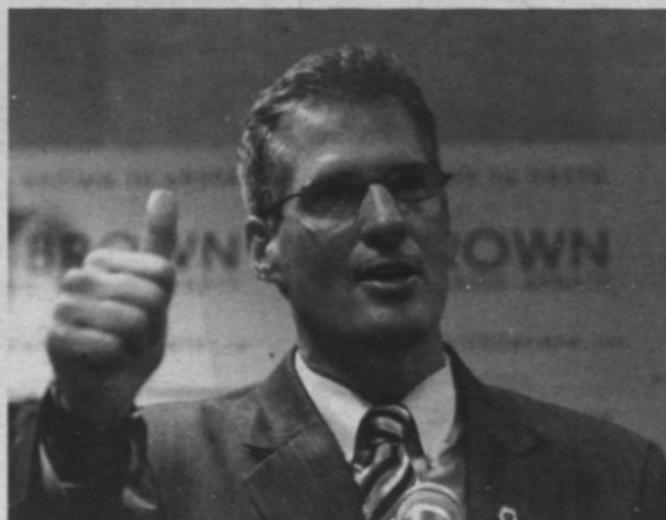
By Lindsey Claps

This can change everything. With the election of Senator Scott Brown, the voters of Massachusetts have sent a clear message to Washington that congress is not in touch with the people. They have made it clear where they stand on health care. With this victory, comes a political pivot. Now there will be checks and balances instead of partisan politics. This robs the Democrats of their supermajority of 60 votes in the Senate. A 41st Republican in the 100-member Senate could allow the GOP to block President Obama's priorities with filibusters. Brown's victory has changed the political math in the senate.

Now that the playing field has been leveled, there is a fighting chance to stop the proposed government takeover of the health care system, cap runaway spending, curb the

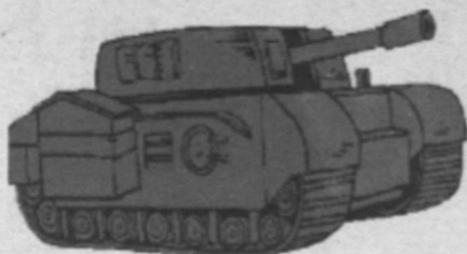
expansion of government, and eliminate partisan politics which would all but bankrupt our economy and send the United States of Amer-

ica down the slippery slope towards socialism, a result with little "HOPE" to reverse its effects.



The independent voice of Massachusetts has spoken. The voters defied the odds and the independent majority has delivered a great victory. Scott Brown, the successor to the late Ted Kennedy, has been elected into the Senate on January 19, 2010. This seat in the senate means much more than another Republican vote. It represents the repudiation of Barack Obama's America. This victory has made it abundantly clear that we can stop the political machine. All Democrats should note that what has happened in a deep blue state can and will happen across the nation. This is history. This is the first step to getting our country back.

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A Look Back

By The Patriot

In November of 2008, then Illinois Senator Barack Obama was elected President of the United States. It was historic. It was huge. It was groundbreaking. It was monumental. For some it was the ultimate victory, for others it was the ultimate defeat. That night, a few of us at The Patriot sat, dejected, on our computers and noticed something interesting, and actually, slightly hilarious. I'm sure everyone knows that the social networking site Facebook allows its users to update their "statuses" - well, we saved some of the more interesting ones from that historic election night and we've decided it's high time we share it. It shows just how "wee-wee'd" up everyone was in the cult phenomenon known as Obamamania. Prepare yourselves for this blast from the past! (As well as a reminder of when Facebook automatically preceded all user statuses with the word "is.") We've left out names.

is hoping this country doesn't get thrice fooled by the karl rove style bullshit and the fear-based demagogery of dumb preachy reactionaries.

is hoping by tomorrow morning the ghost of Ronald Reagan will have finally taken a chill pill and gone away to heaven or wherever.

is YES WE CAN!!!!!! and MA decriminalized marijuana!!!

is obamaaaaa <333

is feels like it's New Year's. GO OBAMA!

is on cloud 9. Obama is President!

is glad about the elections. Filibuster proof senate would have been nice but there's no need to complain.

is has unequivocal proof that president elect obama is never going to let us down: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65I0HNvTDH4>.

is BARACK OBAMA BITCHES! and a democratic congress... good luck changing all of our socialist programs!

is You Can Vote OBAMA or DIE!

is wants all the Obama pushers to stop leaving shit at her door.

is barackin the vote.

is wants to wake up tomorrow to presents under the tree, snow on the ground, and an awesome new president elect.



is ::high fives Obama:: my man.

is obama! woohoo!

is knows her vote counted! Congrats to President Elect Barack Obama!!!

is SO EXCITED OBAMA WON!!!!!!!

is wants Barack to understand that his election is merely a stepping stone for Will Smith.

is thinking "Have I been huffing too much paint thinner or do we actually have a black president?" (The answer to both questions is yes.)

is wOOOOOah-BAMA!

is wondering if anyone will ever hear from Sarah Palin again, or will she just pull off a Incredible Hulk departing scene?

is this is true, but i think but i think he means because Obama is president we will die, which can not be proven

is enjoying crazy liberalism and redistribution of wealth!!!!

is would be lying if he wasn't optimistic about the next presidency.

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THANK GOD I DON'T LIVE IN: Burma

Happy with the way things are going in the United States? According to a recent Gallup poll, 63% of Americans would answer that question with a resounding no. For those of you in this somber majority, The Patriot invites you to join us each month in exploring some countries which may just reinvigorate your faith in the good 'ol red, white and blue.

Ever get laughed at by your friends for refusing to walk under a ladder? How about for running scared after a black cat crosses your path? Well enough is enough, it's time to move to a country where your beliefs will not only be tolerated but practiced by everyone. Burma's General Ne Win, after seizing power in 1962 and installing a socialist Soviet-style government, demanded that driving switch from the left of the road to the right because the country had moved too far to the left politically. In 1987 he added 45 kyat and 90 kyat currency notes as these were multiples of 9, his lucky number and in case the luck wasn't good enough he would walk backwards over bridges to ward off evil. Some even say he bathed in Dolphin's blood to increase his life to 90 years. Win's opponents have caught on to his games of superstition and have attacked successor General Than Shwe with a "panties for peace" campaign, in which supporters are encouraged to send women's undergarments to Burmese embassies in



General Than "The Panty Man" Shwe

order to weaken the regimes spiritual power. Seems like Bon Jovi's got bad luck for years to come. Regardless of who finally comes out ahead in this power struggle, your beliefs in ladders, black cats and maybe even green jobs can find a home in Burma.

It does become awful difficult to keep track of the diverse beliefs in Burma without careful observations, so here are a list of things that the government seems to find good and bad luck.

Bad Luck: Democracy, Private Property, Banks, Investment, Wealth, Freedom, Ladders, Black Cats.

Good Luck: Socialism, Inflation, Military Junta's, Corruption, Bureaucracy, Opium.

So leave the narrow-minded United States with its broken mirrors and dreams and come to a country where Dolphin's blood flows as free as water.

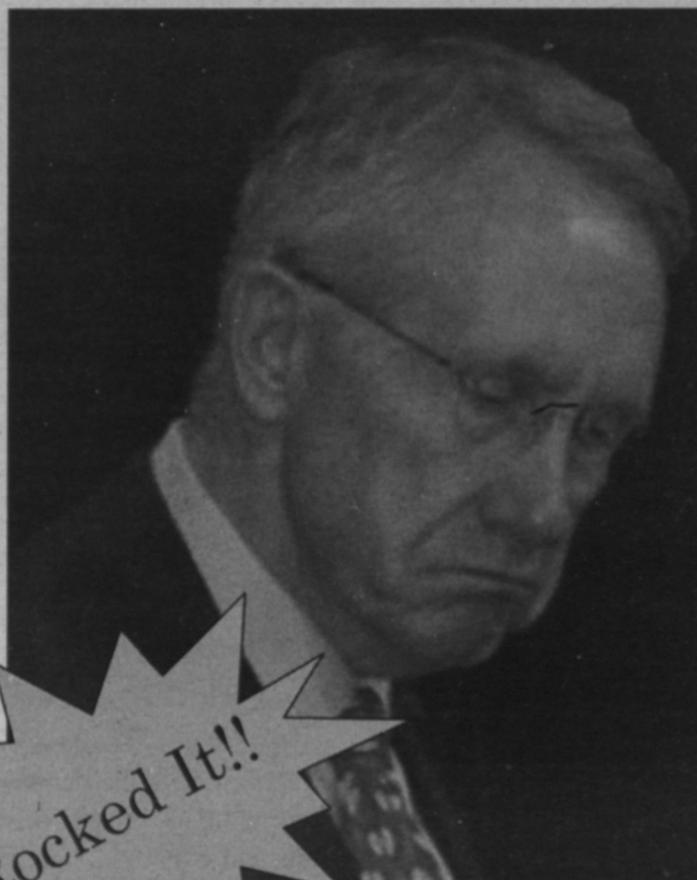
Top Ten Things You Can Learn From Watching 24

By Tom Schlageter

- 10) America is the good guy.
- 9) When it comes to Terrorists - shoot first, ask questions later.
- 8) Don't trust the Red Chinese.
- 7) A terrorist attack is a terrorist attack - not a "Man-Made Disaster."
- 6) A man's word seemingly goes a long way.
- 5) Good gains nothing by compromising with evil.
- 4) The Terrorists are capable of a nuclear attack on United States soil.
- 3) Negotiating with a terrorist means he loses on all counts and we win on all counts.
- 2) Jack Bauer is invincible.
- 1) Torture Works. Actually, it saves lives.

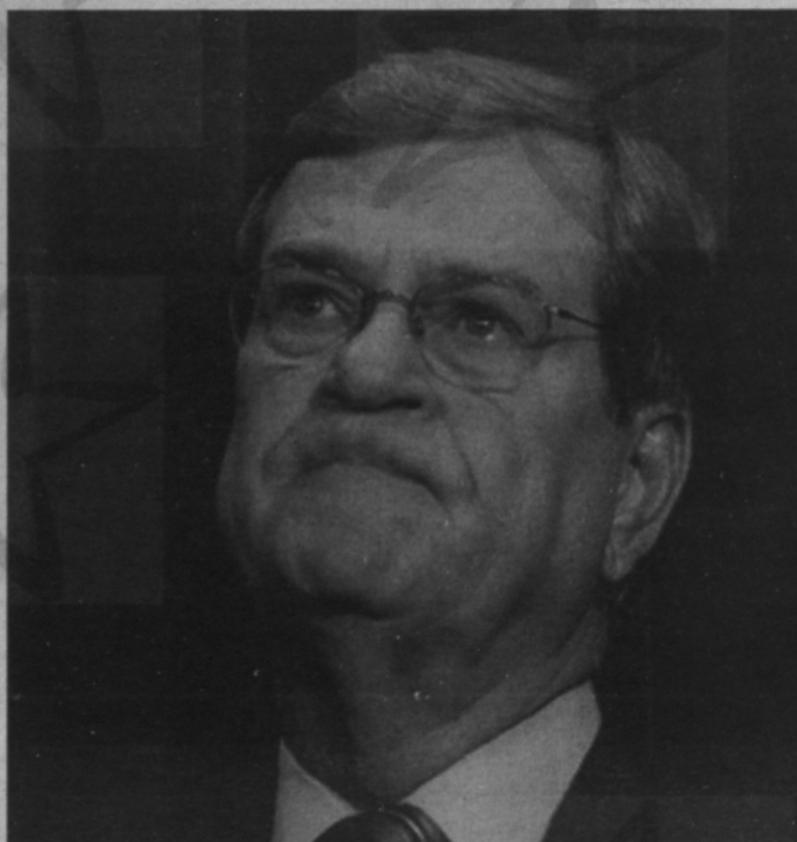
Who Wore It Better?

A FOOT IN THEIR MOUTH



Rocked It!!

Harry Reid



Trent Lott

This month's edition pits former and current Senate Majority leaders in a bout of oratorical stupidity. Trent Lott found his foot in his mouth after proclaiming that a man (Strom Thurmond) who was a segregationist should have won the presidency. He sports his with a tight lipped, closed mouth and a regretful gaze into the distance. Harry Reid found his foot in his mouth after making comments about Barack Obama's "light skin" and (on and off) "negro dialect." He sports his with a pitiful frown. We have to hand the honor to Sen. Reid though, as his foot looks like it landed a little deeper in his mouth.

MatchGame 2010!

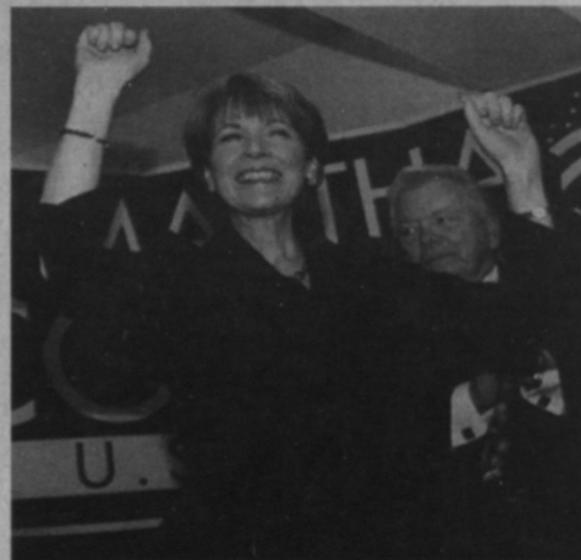
- 1.) "...He's [Curt Schilling] another Yankee Fan."
- 2.) Barack Obama speaks "with no Negro dialect, unless he wanted to have one."
- 3.) "Everybody in Washington gets all wee-wee'd up!"
- 4.) "The same thing we try to do every night, Pinky. Try to take over the World!"
- 5.) "One word sums up probably the responsibility of any vice president, and that one word is 'to be prepared.'"
- 6.) "In short, in Scott Brown we have an irresponsible, homophobic, racist, reactionary, ex-nude model, teabagging supporter of violence against woman and against politicians with whom he disagrees."
- 7.) "You Lie!"



A) Pres. Obama



B) Joe Wilson



C) Martha Coakley



D) Brain



E) Harry Reid



F) Dan Quayle



G) Keith Olbermann

Answers:

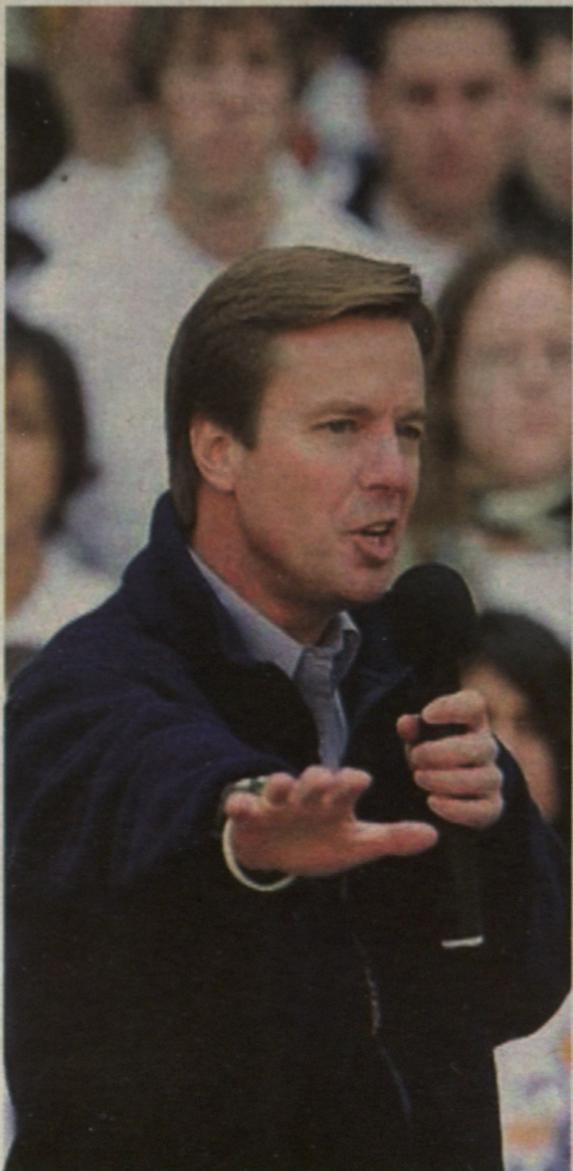
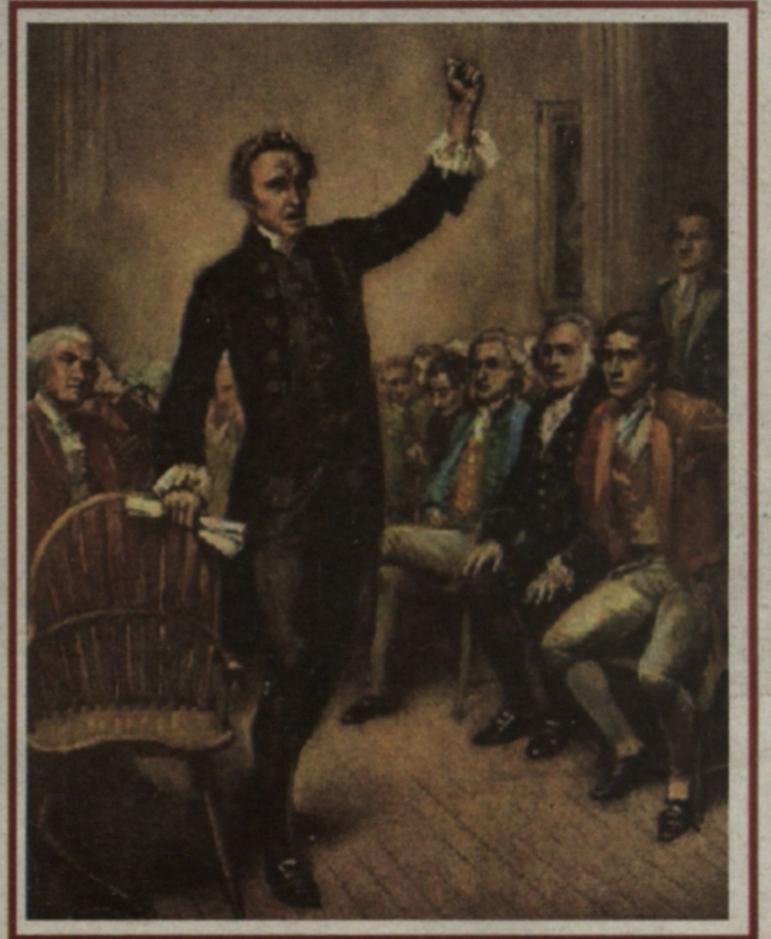
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The Last Word

“IT IS NATURAL FOR MAN TO INDULGE IN THE ILLUSIONS OF HOPE. WE ARE APT TO SHUT OUR EYES AGAINST A PAINFUL TRUTH, AND LISTEN TO THE SONG OF THAT SIREN TILL SHE TRANSFORMS US INTO BEASTS... FOR MY PART, WHATEVER ANGUISH OF SPIRIT IT MAY COST, I AM WILLING TO KNOW THE WHOLE TRUTH, TO KNOW THE WORST, AND TO PROVIDE FOR IT.”

~PATRICK HENRY



“And I know
that she
knows I’m
unfaithful
And it kills
her inside
To know
that I am
happy with
some other
gal..”

