Who is...

Geostrophic Geoff?

By Erik Berte and Brian Holt

At Stony Brook University, squirreled away outside his dorm in the Roosevelt Quad, Geostrophic Geoff closes his eyes, takes a deep breath, exhaled and moves into a Sun Salute. It was a Thursday evening. Earlier, he’d been gaining knowledge into further techniques at a meditation workshop at the Wang Center.

Some college students feel as if they have all the time in the world, but not Geoff. His tight schedule doesn’t often permit him much free time, but for tonight it did. So he ended up here, talking about himself to The Patriot.

He smiled his slightly fractured, slightly vulnerable smile and said that he was really looking forward to the next time he could return to St. Petersburg, Russia. Last summer, he had studied there and discovered something we could all use: growth. But he’s not looking for the kind of growth one would seek in a stock portfolio; he’s looking for personal growth.

He wasn’t always as curious or as open with others as he is today. Not so very long ago, the idea of the Geostrophic Geoff we know wasn’t even a thought in his head. Back in high school, Geoff described himself as very introverted. It was college that turned...
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Stony Brook’s Feelings on The Pledge

For over a hundred years, Americans have been reciting different forms of the “Pledge of Allegiance.” In 1954 the Knights of Columbus headed a campaign to put the phrase “Under God” in the pledge and since then it is a public prayer. Now there is a great debate about whether the word “God” should be in the pledge at all.

I conducted a random poll on campus of 51 people walking in and out of the library to see what side of the debate Stony Brook students are on. Participants were asked, “Do you think the phrase “under God” should be in or out of the “Pledge of Allegiance”?” The results are as follows: 52.9% of students polled wanted to keep the phrase in, 31.4% wanted it out, and 15.7% had no opinion.

The use of eminent domain has changed over the years and there are now cases upon cases where private property is being taken from private citizens and given to other private citizens, all in the name of a quasi “public use” rationale.

One of these cases is the now-famous Kelo vs. New London. Susette Kelo was a resident of New London, Connecticut, where she bought the house of her dreams, a pink cottage located in a cozy neighborhood. Just over a year ago, the New London Development Corp., a privately-owned business, won the support of the U.S. Supreme Court to seize the land and house of Kelo and 14 other families for the purpose of building a new housing community.

However unfair this may seem to a private individual owning a piece of land and a house, it is nevertheless legal.

“The issue in the New London case was when you transfer a title to another private person, does it constitute a public benefit?” said Assemblyman Richard Brodsky in a phone interview. “This is up to the local legislative body and it could be very unfair to a lot of average people.”

As Brodsky explained, it is not the fact that the organization seizing the land is private, but that the project they are seizing the land for doesn’t seem like it is fulfilling the “public use” requirement. This is the dangerous precedent that has been set with eminent domain decisions where “public use” or “public benefit” can be met without actually being used by the public.

Currently there are many elected officials who are introducing legislation and raising awareness for this law that seemingly violates a person’s right to private property. A few of them in New York are Assembly Rich Brodsky (D-Westchester), State Senator John Flanagan R, C-East Northport), Suffolk County, Legis. Allan Binder (R-Huntington) and State Senator Carl Marcellino (R-Syracuse), to name just a few.

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 Corrections

In an article printed in the October issue of The Patriot, “Leftist Tolerance or Fascism?” Ernesto “Che” Guevara was stated as having been a native of Cuba. Guevara is actually a native of Argentina but is known for his communist life in Cuba.

A caption for “Stony Brook and Southampton: One Big Happy Family?” misstated the contents of the photo. The photo was of the construction of what would have been a new library for the one-time Southampton College campus, not construction of the transition of the campus from LIU Southampton to Stony Brook University, as the caption implied.

By Erica Smith

She wore her short red-tinted hair in pig tails. Bright eyes jumped out from the shadows of a boyish tweed cap. A hint of freckles crossed her face.

It was easy to forget that this disarm- ing woman was Amberly Jane Timpero. The Stony Brook Press writer whose famed sexual advice column routinely includes summaries of her wild sexual adventures, lusty fantasies, and light drug use.

Last month, Timpero was involved in a small campus controversy when a porn-ographic picture of a nuded heterosexual couple engaging in intercourse accompanied her column, “Ask Amberly Jane.” Timpero selected the photo to be the first of a series entitled “position of the week.”

“I wanted to put something that might cause a stir,” said Timpero, 29, adding that she thought her readers would enjoy it.

Rob Pearsall, The Press’s Editor-in-Chief, said he was not nervous about print- ing the pornography. The Press had already printed “all the parts” of the human body “now they’re all in just the same spot,” he said.

Initially, it did not seem like any of The Press’s staff opposed printing the porn, Pearsall said. If there was a disagreement about the photo, The Press’s executive board would have de- cided on the issue. After the issue was pub- lished, however, Press writer Jorge Sierra resigned because of the pornography, Pears- all said who had decided not to comment. The first day The Press issue was re- leased, the newspaper was contacted by Student Media Advisor, Norman Prusslin, who said that some people had complained about the picture. He advised that The Press’s limit distribution to keep the issue away from minors.

Pearsall and Timpero said that no one complained to The Press directly. USG President Diana Acosta said a complaint was given by one of the university adminis- trators. In a telephone interview, Prusslin re- fused to elaborate on where the complaints came from.

Pearsall stopped the distribution to the Stallter Center, Sports Complex, Wanger Center, Social and Behavioral Science building, as well as to off-campus locations. Warning signs were also placed on some of the news- stands.

Timpero agreed with the decision. “I don’t want to warp some little 10-year-old girl who’s coming in for ballet.”

After limiting distribution, Pearsall said he learned that both the University at- torney and the Undergraduate Student Gov- ernment attorney advised USG to retract the pornography issue.

Pearsall refused, calling it “blatant censorship.”

At Prusslin’s request, Pearsall called the Student Press Law Center, located in Virginia.

According to a telephone interview with the Law Center’s New Media Legal Fellow Adam Goldstein, a newspaper that is funded by a public university cannot be prevented from printing pornography, because they are protected by the same first amendment rights as privately owned me- dia organizations. In addition, after a public university funds a media organization, they cannot withdraw or limit funding because of its content.

The Law Center’s Executive Director Mark Goodman, however, said that whether student publications need to take action to prevent minors from seeing pornography, “is not entirely clear.” Currently, there are limitations on the sale of adult material to minors. If the publication was engaged in “strategic distribution” to minors, New York State could put limitations on their distribu- tion. Yet “if distribution to minors was inci- dential, there is a little bit of gray.”

Goodman added that it would be un- likely that a guardian of a minor could sue The Press because of exposure to porn. “The government can regulate time, place

During a recent senate meeting recess, Senator Abis Omede said, “I am a Christian so I don’t approve of pornography, but if it’s consistent with the law, there shouldn’t be a fight.”

During his office hours, Senator Igor Levenberg said “people need to chills.” Pornography gives “a nice spice to life.” He argued that the internet connec- tions provided by student tuition allowed “as much porn as desired” and the univer- sity would provide filters to prevent porn access “if they really cared.”

Valeria Gallo, a women’s stud- ies and psychology major, did not mind the porn. “I think most people think it’s funny. People shouldn’t be ashamed of that part of their lives. We’re all adults.”

Laytola, a pre-med student, how- ever, believes the pornography was inap- propriate. “A newspaper is to inform you,” she said, while taking study break in the Roth cafeteria. “If you want to see that, everyone knows that magazines are going to go to it. It’s disrespectful and unethical.”

In an email, SUNY Assistant Vice Chan- cellor Ed Engelhard wrote that The Press was protect- ed by the first amendment, and no action would be taken against them.

Referring on the campus response to the pornography, Timpero said, “It always amazes me what gets a reaction. The human animal is interesting and fascinating.” Timpero explained that The Press has printed things she said she thought were more controversial before.

Pearsall and Timpero both said that no one complained when The Press printed a cartoon of Jesus with his genitals extend- ing for eight pages, last year. Included on top of the genitals were cowboys and Na- tive Americans, Betty Page, tango dancers, a bear, a few hands, and the Battle of Hoth, among other things.

Timpero said she thought people got upset over the pornography “because they’re not getting enough sex.” She added she was glad she got a reaction. “I love it. It gives me impetus to keep going.”

Although Timpero did not regret print- ing the porn, she regretted that other writ- ers’ articles might not have been as widely read because of her decision. She said she plans not to print any more pornographic photographs, and in recent issues has used a drawing and an ancient Indian carving to demonstrate sexual positions instead.

Pearsall said he regretted limiting dis- tribution to minors. “It’s a lot more than just that picture in that issue. It slights everyone else who wrote something.”

When asked for a final comment, Pears- all whipped out a guitar, and started to play a popular song by Green Day. The Press’s co-photo, Matt Willeman, sang along.

“It’s something unpredictable, but in the end its right. I hope you had the time of your life.”

By Frank Loglisci

Much like Duke’s Coach K (Mike Krzyzew- wski) Sam Kornhauser is the coach credited with winning here at Stony Brook. For 22 seasons as the head coach, Kornhauser has taken the program to the D-III level all the way to the D-I-AA. Coach K. has won over 100 games in his career but never a victory quite so sweet for him and his Seawolves against a game Central Connecticut team who has shared the NEC crown for the past three seasons. With a last-second touch- down pass from Josh Judah to Lynell Suggs the Stony Brook Seawolves won a share of their first Division I-AA & NEC Crown.

As the clock wound down to zero and the crowd began to storm the field in victory, Ko- rhnauer was raised in the air by his team. You could feel it in the air at Kenneth P. LaValle Sta- dium throughout the game. This one was for the coach. The Seawolves were not going to allow themselves to lose. This football season has brought life to Stony Brook athletics. For all those who com- plained about the lack of school spirit, I truly hope you were in the stands for the team’s game winning drive. The fans awoke and the team responded. College football has finally truly ar- rived at Stony Brook and it is in large part to a great man and a great coach, Sam Kornhauser.

Historic Debate

By Steve Brouard

Did you watch the Bush-Kerry debates in 2004? Do you have an interest for political sci- ence or history? If so, you might be interested in what could be the debate of the century? Phi Al- pha Theta (History Honor Society) is currently organizing a debate between the College Demo- crats and College Republicans. The donkeys and elephants will be debating the philosophical issues of today, but here’s the twist: they’ll be addressing the issues from the perspectives of former presidents. If you’d like to see FDR fight it out with Reagan or see Teddy Roosevelt bully it up with Kennedy, this debate is for you! Stay tuned for the next debate.

In other news, Phi Alpha Theta is also plan- ning a book sale. Make sure to mark November 30 on your calendar. Phi Alpha Theta will be selling books for just 50 cents each on the first floor (entrance) of the SBS building. Get there early for the best ones.

Steve Brouard is the Co-President of Phi Alpha Theta

Our Mission: The goal of The Patriot is to offer an alternative point of view to the students of Stony Brook University. It is a paper dedicated to raising awareness of student issues on campus, and conservative issues on the national scene. The Patriot does not actively seek controversy, The Patriot strives to offer opinions and news that will encourage the students of this campus to ask themselves what their true values are. It is dedicated to building a foundation of fact, truth and honesty. The conservative views that are strong among so many of us, yet suppressed in our community. But ideology aside, all of our news will be bound to three standards; we will always be factual, sensible, and reasonable.
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Friday - “The Cutting Edge” Black Angus Burger $5.99 + tax
Black angus burger w/ garlic sauteed onions, bacon, and melted American cheese on a potato roll.

Let us know you’re a university student!
“Curious, open, honest.”

A bunch of football players walk by and yell, “Geoff, you stoner!” You might be surprised, however, to find out that Geostrophic Geoff doesn’t use a single drug. Not even alcohol or caffeine. He views such things as useful only for escapists. It simply doesn’t fit into his natural lifestyle.

This viewpoint extends to further trap- pings, including video games and even movies. For Geoff, these things, “often fail to capture true human in- teraction.” However, at the same time he does appreciate the art of cinematography. During the interview, I couldn’t help but notice his demeanor. He seems to approach things in a child-like manner, though he’s by no means naive. In fact, Geostrophic Geoff is mature beyond his years. He’s also very bright. The full scholar- ship he received from Stony Brook University was in no small part due to the 1510 he received on his SATs. Clearly, it is not a case of him being ingenuous, but rather it’s as if Geoff has never lost his child- hood innocence. He’s interested in anything and expresses that his objective in life is simply to under- stand his surroundings better. “I try to grow every day,” he often says throughout our interview. This is his approach.

This way of looking at the world is also extended to the way he sees others. When asked how he feels about labeling people, he smiles and sensibly acknowledges that people can’t help but stereotype. However, he insists that once you get to know someone, stereotypes tend to disappear. True to his word, he avoids labeling others based on a single interaction.

Geostrophic Geoff is anything but cliché. You might have the impression that he’s only out there to draw attention. Maybe you think he’s only interested in anything interesting in all things that are natural.

“Sun Salute”

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“What is natural, is attractive to humans,” he claims. The idea that humans are nothing more than animals never escapes him. In fact, the closer a human lets him or her- self get to their natural state, the more impressed Geoff is with them. “Healthy hair and toned muscles are the signs of a healthy animal,” Geoff points out. He made sure to point out that he is attracted to facial hair.

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Ever Wonder What’s in the Meat?

Recently, a project initiated by the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health to reduce consumption of saturated fats and increase consumption of healthier alternatives to meat, was brought to Stony Brook University. Stony Brook has joined 29 other schools in supporting this campaign known as Meatless Monday.

The campaign is designed to increase awareness of healthier dietary lifestyles through encouragement of student participation in campus based initiatives such as a recent meatless chili competition held in the Student Activities Center.

“IT’s great to put on nutritious education events at Stony Brook where people are receptive and you can reach thousands of students,” said Vera the project manager for the event.

The program’s goal is to make students aware of the dangers of eating too many meals with high levels of saturated fat while at the same time providing information about alternatives to meat that can have many health benefits.

The saturated fat found in meat as well as other sources can raise blood cholesterol to dangerously high levels. Over time, this is the cholesterol that could clog your arteries and raise your risk of having a heart attack or stroke.

For those who feel that meatless substitutes don’t have enough protein to sustain them, remember this: most Americans eat too much of it to begin with, according to materials handed out at the event.

On average, most Americans have trans-fat loving appetites that result in consuming twice as much protein as our bodies require. You only need about 40 to 70 grams of protein a day. So why not at least give this Meatless Monday thing a shot?

Advisory Referenda Struck Down

Commentary By Robert Romano

In a recent district court decision of the Northern District of New York, the court handed down a decision striking down advisory referenda for the use of the mandatory student activity fee as unconstitutional.

Building on the principles of viewpoint neutrality, Amidon v. the Student Association of SUNY Albany and NYPIRG (See case no.: 1:04-CV-256), said that the “advisory referendum is an unjustified content-based criterion used in a decision making process that requires viewpoint neutrality…”

Plaintiff Eric Amidon and his conservative student organization on campus were denied access to the advisory funding referendum process for their organization, the Collegian Action Leadership League of NY (now CFACT). Though the organization was able to appear on the ballot.

NYPIRG argued that the referenda was only advisory, and that the decision for the amount of funding turned on the objective criteria, the court ruled against this argument because “of the obvious gap in logic. The whole point of viewpoint neutral criteria is to insulate applicants from majoritarian views. Using majoritarian viewpoint-based factor is nonsensical.”

In particular, if success in the referendum proves beneficial to groups like NYPIRG when the final funding decision is made, is not being in the majority then an obvious advantage over minority viewpoints? It appears that, in this case, it was, since the referendum, even if it was advisory, even if it was only to determine the amount of funding that a group may be funded, violated the First Amendment on its face.

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Previously, the Board of Trustees guidelines were amended to provide for advisory funding referenda instead of binding referenda in order to come into compliance with Supreme Court rulings which had found the latter’s use to be unconstitutional. This is the first ruling in which an advisory referendum on the use of the student activity fee has been found to be unconstitutional.

Though the Student Association and NYPIRG argued that the referendum was only advisory, and that the decision for the amount of funding turned on the objective criteria, the court ruled against this argument because “of the obvious gap in logic. The whole point of viewpoint neutral criteria is to insulate applicants from majoritarian views. Using majoritarian viewpoint-based factor is nonsensical.”

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If this has implications for the USG here at Stony Brook. In order to comply with this decision, the USG, and indeed, the SUNY Board of Trustees ought to repeal the use of all funding referenda as it respects particular funding decisions. In a similar vein, we must consider that presently, our constitution enumerates binding referenda, and this is also a significant legal liability, and violates the Southworth decision perhaps more so than the use of advisory referenda.

In addition, groups like NYPIRG which have previously used binding funding referenda must have their budgets reassessed without using their previous budgets as barometers for how much they ought to receive.

This may be the only way for these groups to prove that their allocations were indeed based on objective criteria, and not on previous success at the ballot. In the very least, the USG would need to craft an advisory referendum system which is viewpoint neutral in order for it to be deemed constitutionally valid. However, in the final analysis, if the student government may only take into consideration objective criteria, then how can it take into consideration viewpoint-based criteria like funding referenda whether or not they are advisory? NYPIRG chapters, at least in the Northern District, must now justify their budgets based solely upon their merits, and student governments may not agree to be unduly influenced by the electorate in these decisions.

It does not matter, and the student government may not consider, how popular an organization is. Referenda on particular funding decisions, whether advisory or binding, do just that. It is a system which opens the USG to unnecessary legal liability, especially with the binding referenda enumerated in our constitution, and is one which we can do without.
Dear Ben,

What are your thoughts on illegal immigration and President Bush’s Guest Worker Program?

-Jane Stein

We’ve got a problem… thousands of illegal aliens are pouring in over our southern border and no one’s doing anything about it. Sure it’s nice to have someone mow my lawn for five cents an hour (and believe me, I know a bargain), but let’s get real here. We’re practically facing an invasion. We’ve got southwestern states declaring states of emergency and it seems like the President is turning a blind eye.

So what’s this I hear about some border patrol speech he’s gonna make? He’s supposed to talk about “interior repatriation,” meaning returning illegals to central parts of the countries they’re coming from rather than just sending them back over the border so they can come back only hours later. This part sounds good to me, but I’ve heard word that he’s gonna be flashign his guest worker bologna at us again too.

Now let’s be serious, we’re just gonna allow these non-law-abiding people to stay here now so long as they apply for some permit? I don’t think so. I’ve got a better idea! How “bout we put up signs all across the border with the following words: “minas de la tierra” – translation: “land mines.” That’ll stop ‘em. You don’t even really need to put any out there; just the threat alone’ll stop ‘em.

Or, you could do what I did… that’s not the best idea. I mean, I’m sure it won’t take ‘em too long to figure it out. They’ll just send a few over to test it. Or they’ll add a new section on how to avoid mines in their “The Guide for the Mexican Migrant.” Yeah, this book published by Mexico’s Foreign Ministry actually teaches illegals how to cross over without getting caught. I guess the only worthy export Mexico has is its illegal migrants. Believe me, I got a bone to pick with that Vincente Fox guy.

And what about terrorism? I mean, law-breaking aside, illegal immigrants could be coming into the country to bomb us for all we know. And we don’t know; that’s the problem. No one sees what kinds of people are racing over the border. For all we know Al Qaeda’s been using it to transport terrorists and nuclear weapons. Oy Vey!

The left continues to attack President Bush over the lack of evidence that Saddam Hussein supposedly had. “Blush lied, kids died,” is a phrase almost impossible to avoid hearing these days, but is it really true? Did President Bush really lie about these weapons? I don’t think he did.

Let’s take a look at the most common meaning of the word, lie. Lie, in its verb form, is defined as presenting false information with the intention of deceiving. Unless one is a fanatical conspiracy theorist who believes Bush is just “getting revenge for an attack on daddy,” he or she simply can’t give a good explanation for why Bush would lie about the weapons of mass destruction. Now it may be the case that the President was misinformed by many intelligence agencies, whose information was used as one reason to invade Iraq. Whether or not the intelligence received from these sources was accurate is irrelevant to the claim that he lied. Did Bush have an intention to deceive us all?

I’ve seen no evidence to support such a statement and it wouldn’t make any sense.

With an election coming up a year and a half later, why would the President risk such a scandal? If such a thing had happened it would be enough to end any chances for re-election, that is, if the President wasn’t impeached before Election Day. If President Bush lied, which he didn’t, does that mean that Tony Blair, John Howard, or even John Kerry and Ted Kennedy, all lied too? All of these men have stated that they believed Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and they all had access to the same intelligence.

Before the Democrats rewrite history, let’s take a quick look at it. For twelve years Saddam Hussein was non-compliant with seventeen resolutions passed by the UN, not to mention all the treaties that were passed after the Gulf War. Saddam was given several “last chances” to prove that he had disarmed, none of which he took.

It often seems that the established media are so concerned with issues of whether Bush misled America in reasons for the Iraq war, that they forget the deception we all saw with Saddam Hussein. Let’s not forget the issues we had when trying to inspect the country for weapons. The inspectors were unable to properly do their job when they had Saddam’s officials on top of them every step of the way. How could witnesses possibly give straight answers when they were threatened with death if they gave the UN information? The “scientists” being interviewed by inspectors often turned out to be Iraqi intelligence officers, while the real scientists were instructed in what to say. There was even a fake twelve-thousand page compliance report given to the inspectors.

For someone who supposedly had “nothing to hide,” Saddam certainly did a lot of hiding. And although WMDs might not have been found in Iraq, that doesn’t mean they do not exist. We still have no proof that these weapons were destroyed. If they’re not in Iraq, where are they? Maybe we’ll never know. Based on the information President Bush had, and even based on the information we have now, he had to take out Saddam. And you can be sure that if he hadn’t and we were later attacked by terrorists with WMD acquired through Saddam, Democrats would crucify President Bush for not doing enough.

In a recent philosophy class, my professor sought to discover the qualities that make a virtuous and good human being by asking us to identify individuals that we admired. The class came up with two lists of people: “Group A” consisted of the Clintons, Oprah, Bill Maher and Donald Trump, whereas “Group B” consisted of Martin Luther King Jr., the Dalai Lama and Che Guevara. My professor then asked which group the class would rather be members of. Being a staunchly pro-capitalist Republican, I would not find myself in good company with either the Clintons or communist revolutionaries. As a result, I didn’t choose the idea of picking between the two until a fellow classmate came forth with classifications for the groups. According to him, Group A contained individuals who succeeded in improving their own personal lives as a result of their hard work and Group B contained individuals who sacrificed for the benefits of others. With those classifications, my decision was set: I’d rather be part of Group A.

Immediately I found myself confronted by shocked classmates who condemned me for being selfish and declared I was undeserving of friends or liberty. My answer to all of them is that, yes, I am selfish and proud of it! Being selfish, or, rather, being guided by a rational self-interest, is virtuous behavior not deserving of the contempt it often receives. Our very survival depends on it.

In order to survive and achieve personal happiness, every person has no choice but to pursue personally beneficial values. To pursue anything but self-interest would be to act in a manner which would lead to an individual’s self-destruction. By believing that all individuals have an inalienable right to life, then we must accept that they should act in a manner which will make their own and only life as good as possible. To me, that is more important than the opportunity to benefit themselves as much greater than most people do. By joining the armed forces, they have told the enemies of our country that they will not submit to be any man’s slave and that they will fight for their values, families, homes, possessions and their very liberty when necessary even if it might cost them their lives.

In nations such as the United States, every individual’s rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are able to exist because we are free to pursue our own selfish values. If we abandoned our so-called “selfish” goals, our lives would be brutal and miserable. Who can live an existence which not only denies us any personal gratification, but denies that we have the right to live for our own sake? Not only does pursuing self-interest benefit one’s self, but it gives others the opportunity to benefit themselves as well. After all, stop and consider how many jobs Donald Trump’s businesses have created and how many families those jobs have fed as a result, not of altruism, but of Donald Trump’s much-derided “selfish virtue.”
It never fails. Every time I feel like I can see through the Left’s transparent “arguments” as the simplistic rhetoric and conformist slogans they can often be, I hear a new quote from some lib that truly strikes me as profound and changes my views on not only the related subject, but many others as well. These quotes have sometimes even changed my life and caused me to begin leaning more leftist than I previously had on many topics. Take how, in one recent situation, I had just finished a routine outlining of the partial-birth abortion procedure to a peer when I was told, “Well, I’d never have an abortion personally, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell a woman what to do with her own body.” At first, I wasn’t too impressed. This woman would “never have an abortion,” she said. Why? If abortion isn’t murder, then why does she personally not think she could have one? It can’t be that differ-en’t from any other operation if that’s the case. Hence logically, if it must be because a living baby is being murdered and therefore legal abortion is akin to legal genocide. But then I realized I was being shallow, and I re-allly thought deeply about her comment. I came to the following conclusion, and I now hold a routine outlining of that truly will accept her logic. I’ve also decided to let that line of reasoning influence my position on a few other issues. Hence, I will become more open-minded by advocating the following positions as well:

I’m personally opposed to racism, segregation, and hate crimes, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do with their own feelings.

I’m personally opposed to discrimination, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell employ-ers what they can do with their own hiring practices.

I’m personally opposed to viewpoint discrimi-nation, of which I too have been a victim, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell professors what they can teach in their own classrooms. (Wait, this is already the mainstream position. Can’t have that. Cross it off the list.)

I’m personally opposed to the rape of young women and girls, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell all people what they can do within their own sex lives.

I’m personally opposed to child abuse and ritual suicide, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do within the privacy of their own home.

I’m personally opposed to sweatshop and child labor, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell businesses what they can do with their own employ-ees.

I’m personally opposed to air, water, and noise pollution, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do with their own planet.

I’m personally opposed to slavery, fascism, nazism, communism, and baathism, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do with their own citizens. (By the way, war has never solved anything!)

I’m personally opposed to flying planes into iconic skyscrapers containing thousands of people, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell terror cells what they can do with their own follow-ers.

I’m personally opposed to infanticide, murder, political killings and genocide, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do to people in their own lives.

I hope that the furthering of these new positions will help to foster a new environment of sensitiv-it-y and tolerance for all ideas, for the better good of American society, the greater convenience of us all, and the enlightening of “ignorant conservatives.”

By Anthony Perez

To Brett Denyer,

I appreciate your public declaration of anti-racism in your article “Fighting Racism with Racism.” However your article contains several errors of analysis which stem from a very poor reading of history. First, your definition of racism is severely flawed. You state that racism can be defined as differential treatment based on racial difference (in this way almost any individual can be the victim of racism). This rings historically hollow. Racism in the United States has deep historical and structural roots. It is crucial to note that from 1775 until 1964 people of African descent experienced either a partial or full denial of their rights as citizens. In fact, for a large section of this period, from 1775 until 1865, many were classified as chattel or the personal property of people of European descent. Racism, is, therefore, the purposeful use of institutional power to disenfranchise (economically, politically and socially) groups of people based on skin color or ancestry.

The question remains whether this historical experience translated into a pattern of racism (economically, politically and socially) exists today. I see it as it was the end of slavery or the civil rights move-ment. How did racism (white suprema-cy) manage to institutionalize itself after emancipation (1865) and the Civil Rights movement (1964)?

You tend to locate racism as some-thing occurring in the deep racial past (yesteryear). You claim that is entirely contradictory to the immediate experience of race in the U.S. One need only consider the relationship between racial prejudice and institutional power in the Hurricane Katrina disaster, the mass incarceration of African-American males, and the socio-economic impoverishment of peoples of African descent.

From this error -- locating racism in the deep past and giving it a weak in-dividualistic definition -- flow a series of errors. First, you proclaim that the civil rights movement was “at its outset... per-fectly legitimate.” In fact, the movement was quite illegitimate and employed illegal tactics such as civil disobedience to violate then established law. It was a movement against the institutional power of racial segregation.

I think it is wrong however, the Civil Rights movement did not end in the South. Even more en-lightening, is the fact that when Martin Luther King led the civil rights movement to the North post-1964 he faced violent op-position and even more opposition as my group would be the de facto controllers of the white power structure. With this in mind we should not be sur-prised at the recent re-emergence of Amer-ican Nazis in Toledo. This reflects the rac-is simmering in heart of U.S. society.

This is akin to King Arthur’s mythical attempt to use Mithg to make Right; the two ideals are mutually exclusive. And so the struggle of left and equality. There is no middle ground.

It is with no small irony that I noted the following quote in your response con-cerning immigrants’ participation in the “white power structure”--- “...a social sys-tem that distributes rewards and privi-leges based on skin color.” Affirmative action is a social system that does just this.

Although a great deal of your response deals with aspects of racism rather than the morality of affirmative action, I feel that it is sufficiently important to warrant further discussion. While I do believe that racism was much more prevalent in the past than today we should not ignore the under-flow. It is a fact that today racism is not confined to the past, and I explicitly stated that it remains a problem in places. It was not, despite much discussion to the contrary, an issue in the Katrina disaster. New Orleans, with its large population of people of Af-rican descent, received federal aid before it reached the 90% Caucasian parishes of St. Bernard, Jefferson, and St. Tammany in Louisiana. The failure of the federal gov-ernment to distribute federal aid was not limited to blacks, but affected all residents of the disaster area. Does the enormous outpour-ing of charity from the rest of the country seem consistent with your remarks, espe-cially those about race “simmering in the heart of U.S. society”? If so, can you explain why images of poverty and grief-stricken blacks triggered this outsourcing of charity, one of the largest in American history? Has the settlement of peoples of African descent, racism is nei-ther the cause, nor the cure (in the form of affirmative action). Consider the suc-cess of Indian and Pakistani immigrants: according to the Washington Times, they make an average of $31,077 per year ver-sus $21,324 for native-born Americans of all races. These are people of a different race and culture who are willing to work hard to achieve prosperity, and adversity is a foreign concept as it has never impeded them. The beautiful thing about America and its capitalist system is that it rewards those who are willing to try hard enough to succeed. The same concept ap-pplies to “the lack of a presence of people of African descent inside institutions of higher education”. If anyone wants to suc-cceed in life, they must work in order to achieve their goals, rather than relying on others to give them an artificial upper hand.

Furthermore, I am confused as to why you consider the Civil Rights move-ment not to be legitimate at its onset. Is legi-macy defined by law, even if the law is wrong? I maintain that the movement was legitimate irrespective of the law at the time because the movement was railing against a system of laws that clearlyvi-o-lated the rights of United States citizens.

Your remarks concerning the re-emergence of American Nazis in Toledo are misleading. While the appearance of the reprehensible group is disappoint-ing, the American Nazis do not represent mainstream American ideals, and to say that this demonstrates racism “simmer-ing in the heart of U.S. society” is quite a generalization. They are a fringe group of extremists whose views are exceedingly unpopular.

Affirmative action, while you claim it to be a bridge between a racist and raceless society, is in fact a ball and chain that is inhi-biting the progress of true progress in this area. If anything, the issue of affirmative action promotes racial division and exacer-bates racial tension in society. Any form of racism cannot be tolerated if we are to be truly free.

-Brett Denyer

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You further mention that groups such as East European immigrants are not re-sponsible for the crimes of racism in the U.S. However the Cival Rights movement showed that other European ethnic groups (for example Irish and Italians) have managed over the course of past 100 years to integrate them-selves into the new post-emancipation, post-Civil Rights white power structure. They too, are not responsible for the long history of racism but are responsible for participating in and maintaining a social system that distributes rewards and privi-leges based on skin color.

Finally, a bit of advice. It would seem to be logical, as an anti-racist, that you would make a strong critique of the role of white supremacy. Instead, you reserve your harshest criticism for a social pro-gram designed to ameliorate some of the conditions of racism (the lack of a pres-ence of peoples of African descent inside institutions of higher education). Affirma-tive action is a program, if created to serve as a temporary bridge between a racist and raceless society. However, and unfor-tunately, we have a long road to travel be-fore we cross that bridge. Exploding the idea of affirmative action will merely make gull more impenetrable.

-William Wharton

Personally Opposed

I’m personally opposed to slavery, fascism, nazism, communism, and baathism, but I don’t feel we should legislate morality or tell people what they can do with their own planet.

The Patriot - December 2005
By Jorge Sierra

On Thursday, November 10, the School of Social Welfare held its Community Week by sponsoring the Student Activities Center. This is a semi-annual tradition for students and professors, and is intended to bring the school community together to discuss relevant topics in social work practice. Billed as a mandatory event, this year’s Commons Day focused on violence in social work practice, and featured a keynote address on family violence by New York State Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington, a 1989 graduate of the MSW program. Her address was one of the most blatantly arrogant and bigoted speeches I had ever heard.

Assemblywoman Eddington explained that she had been an advocate on the issue of violence against women for a long time, and ran for public office in order to spend more time doing something called “office in order to spend more time doing something called.” In fact, the “office” is a metaphor for the legislature, where Assemblywomen spend most of their time laying out a case against the Democratic social activists who would dare to contest the Republicans on anything. It is a metaphor for the legislature, where Assemblywomen spend most of their time laying out a case against the Democratic social activists who would dare to contest the Republicans on anything.

Assemblywoman Eddington was laying out a case against the centuries long, worldwide culture of patriarchy and male domination. I’m 100% against both. Considering how widespread domestic violence and date rape are in this country and how pervasively our culture educates men to demean women, there is ample reason for a social revolution. Just look at what comes into our high school students’ ears, and out of their mouths. But she crossed the line when she generalized men per se as villains. Not some men, not men who commit violence against women, not even patriarchy or male culture; she painted men as the enemy. As far as I’m concerned, she single-handedly obliterated any hint of community, or even openness, the event she was speaking at was intended to foster, replacing it with a chilling rhetoric of aggression, blaming, and hurling.

Can you imagine if some one gave a speech to a large university audience on the evils of rap music or gangsta culture, and started saying that “black men” are holding up convenience stores and “black women” are getting pregnant and dropping out of high school? Or a panelist speaking about the AIDS crisis accusing “gay men who know they have HIV” of spreading the virus by having unprotected sex with multiple partners? Or a lecturer on terrorism charging that “Muslims” are blowing up train stations? There would be an investigation, and many of my classmates and professors would condemn the speakers without reservation. I have a hard time imagining someone getting away with this rhetoric even against white people. These blanket generalizations are horribly demeaning to those people who are good citizens, and who are basting their asses to do good by other people and set a positive example for their peers. There is no excuse for Assemblywoman Eddington’s bigoted words.

Here’s the bottom line: social activists will accom- plish jack squat if they con- tinue to make war against the very people they need to have on their side. I don’t have to listen to myself be insulted, or brainwashed into self-hatred. I left the room and did not return to the event, resolving never to support this woman in anything if I can ever help it. I’ll certainly be very cautious about attending school wide community events in the future.

Millions of Americans feel the same way when so-called ac- tivists attack personally because of their demographic fac- tors, and they are abandoning progressive social movements. That’s what happens when you hurt your own allies in your pride and try to stir people up against a coalition broader than your own base. Those who live by the sword, die by the sword.

By Brett Denyer

In the aftermath of the devastation of the record-setting hurricane season of 2005, oil prices soared to new highs. First Katrina, then Rita, ravaged the Gulf states, a major center for oil platforms, refineries, and pipelines that deliver oil to the rest of the country. Florida then experienced major supply shortages, and the price for gasoline increased markedly all around the country to an average of $3.07 per gallon, and there were some instances in Mis- sissippi and Louisiana of gas prices as high as $5.00 per gallon.

In light of these high prices, major oil companies gained record profits in the third quarter of 2005. For this, the government is debating the imposition of a “windfall tax” of $5 billion on them in the name of allegedly “to still find more oil and cheaper ways to re- place the oil they’d quit now?” Can I go home?” (these are quotes from actual e-mails asking, “Are you proud of me? Can I tell you what I think?”) However, some of these quotes (from actual e-mails that former FEMA direc- tor Brown sent following the disaster), while...
Excessive Regulation Keeps People Ugly

Recent FDA regulation requires registration in a national database to be able to take a prescription medication that’s been called my many, a miracle drug for curing acne. As a former Accutane alumnus, I can truly vouch for that title. The stuff really works! After taking antibiotics up the gazoo and applying every man-made cream on this earth (with the exception of the whipped variety, I suppose) to my face, I saw no lasting results. My acne would go away after a couple of weeks of using something new, but would come back to bite me in the ass (yeah, I did have a few there) only days later. With nothing else to turn to, except the next round of antibiotics that could potentially make me feel like a starving Ethiopian with side effects like diarrhea and stomach pains, I decided to go for the last resort: Accutane.

Oh there were rumors alright. I had heard everything! “I know this kid who took that stuff and became impotent!” to “Doesn’t know this kid who took that stuff and became impotent!” to “I had heard everything! From “I had heard everything!” to “I had heard everything!” to “I had heard everything!” to “I had heard everything!”

I was freaking scared! I didn’t want to end up on some purple couch in a therapist’s office.

The truth is my doctor had recommended that I start taking the drug earlier, but I had been hesitant for these reasons and insisted that we try other things first. But eventually, fed up with nasty red holes on my face, I didn’t care if I had to become a suicidal maniac just to have clear skin again. So I went for it.

Before sending my on my way to the pharmacist with my prescription, my dermatologist asked me if I had any concerns or questions about Accutane. To say that I had “concerns” would be an understatement, but I told him, “Yeah, I do.”

So he explained to me how the drug works (it basically shrinks your oil glands so that they don’t produce as much oil) and explained what all the fuss was about as far as side effects.

After hearing how he explained it, I wondered why I hadn’t thought of that in the first place. What is the age group with the highest suicide attempt rate? Teenagers. What age group is most likely to develop acne? Teenagers. What conditions could lead to suicidal tendencies? Depression. What social conditions could lead to feelings of depression? Oh I don’t know, maybe being stared at in the hall all the time, being laughed at, having low self esteem, thinking your ugly? Is this not something that teenagers with moderate to severe acne (light acne cases don’t require Accutane) would never face? I think not. This is the key here and if you think about it this way, it makes sense. The type of people who would be taking this drug are more likely to be the type of people who could possibly face these problems. My doctor, who worked with the doctor who developed the drug, assured me that Accutane is safe and that these rumors are little more than media hysteria, though he did explain to me that there are side-effects that I should watch out for.

So I started taking it, but boy was I lucky… and when I say boy I really mean it. The worst thing I had to deal with was periodic cholesterol tests (which always turned out fine), but had I been a female patient I would have gone through ridiculous lengths to be able to take the medication. Girls actually had to get regular pregnancy tests and commit to using two forms of contraception just to stay on it. Now I realize that Accutane causes serious birth defects, but let’s be serious. This is basically like saying that all women are too irresponsible to know the risk and act accordingly. Alcohol causes birth defects too, but I don’t see women lined up at a clinic getting tested before they can buy that. This is truly ridiculous and unnecessary. And if you think that’s bad, let me explain to you the new regulations that will be in place as of March 2006.

Now all patients taking Accutane must be registered in this iPLEDGE program (yeah, it sounds like something from Apple, but believe me it’s not cool like an iPod) that includes all of the aforementioned bologna plus a registration in this national database that doctors as well as pharmacists will have to check before prescribing or filling prescriptions for the drug, respectively. The required pregnancy tests’ results must be entered into this database and women must agree while self-registering on this database that they will use two forms of birth control. But the biggest change is that this is all truly mandatory now because it’s regulated. Before, it was possible for a doctor to prescribe the drug without requiring any of that if he chose and no one was there to stop him, but with the creation of this registry that’s become impossible.

Let’s just cut to the chase here. People should be responsible on their own for making sure they take the necessary precautions required for Accutane. Like so many things our government does (in this case the FDA), this regulation causes more trouble than it’s worth. People are not only afraid to take the drug (because of the rumors), but even if they want to take it, they have to go through hell to get it. Why are we making it so difficult for people to show the beautiful skin they have under their acne?
So maybe Jessica Simpson’s not the sharpest tool in the shed, but her father, a youth minister at a baptist church, taught her strong moral values while she was growing up. This is evident in her refusal to use sex to boost her career (for the most part), unlike other teen idols, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera. Here at Stony Brook, we’ve got great-looking conservative-leaning girls who are very bright. Some of them recently spoke with The Patriot.

**Bridget, 18, Physics Major**

Tell us about yourself.

“Well, Hi, I’m Bridget! I love winter and snow and snowboarding, reading, my friends, my family, and everything in between.”

**Where are you politically?**

“I’m a libertarian. My biggest issue is stem cell research and I also believe in the legalization of drugs.”

**Cameron, 22, Physical Therapy**

Is it hard being a conservative on campus?

“The only problem I have is when I talk politics with my friends, who are... you guessed it, liberals. They just don’t understand where I’m coming from and frankly I can’t figure out where they’re coming from. It’s just easier not to talk about it with them.”

What issues matter to you, personally?

“Well, I’m a firm believer in fair, low taxes, and I feel strongly about the institution of marriage.”

**Jessica Simpson, 25, Actress and Singer**

People often make fun of you and say you’re ditzy. What say you?

“I think there’s a difference between ditzy and dumb. Dumb is just not knowing. Ditzy is having the courage to ask!”

What are your thoughts on saving the environment?

“Is this chicken, what I have, or is this fish? I know it’s tuna, but it says ‘Chicken of the Sea.’”

What is your stance on illegal immigration?

“Is there, like, maids for, like, celebrities?”

Got a camera and a conservative girl?
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Letters

To whom it may concern:

I am a 17 yr. old freshman here at Stony Brook. I’m writing to you because of a recent feature I came upon in your rival paper, The Stony Brook Press. The feature included a pornographic photo of a starlet demonstrating a reverse cowgirl position. I have always been well reserved in my 3 yr. relationship with my beloved boyfriend Chet; but after absorbing this photo, I was a changed girl.

Chet was what I now consider an over zealous Christian. I was raised in a similar household brought up with the same moral values, but through the years of restraint, I was wearing thin. Chet and I always maintained that we would wait for marriage, like Jesus would want us to do, but after viewing that photo, I was suddenly transformed. I suppose you could say my “clam was steamed.” I was so overtaken by my urge that I attacked Chet in a whirlwind of 3 yrs. worth of frustration. And as a result, my beloved boyfriend broke the vows he made with God. Though it didn’t last long, I’m sure he enjoyed himself because I have never before seen a grown man weep with such passion.

But now I present to you my quandary. As you know my lustful act has caused my boyfriend to break his holy vows and so he has since broken up with me. I find myself pregnant with his baby. Is some higher power punishing me for my lustful rage of sin or is it all coming down to the alluring snapshot published in the Stony Brook Press?

Love Lost on Long Island
Crowe Faces Death Penalty

Cranky Actor Slips up in Saudi Arabia

Satire By Erik Berte

While staying at the Hilton Makkah in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Australian actor, Russell Crowe struck again, bashing a maid in the face with a telephone. He wouldn’t have been in trouble since she was a woman, but unfortunately, worried that he would, he got himself drunk and ran around the city half-naked singing songs from the movie, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Crowe had recently pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in the U.S., avoiding jail time or even probation. He was charged with assault for throwing a phone at a hotel clerk as part of a tantrum while staying at the Mercer Hotel in Manhattan. Apparently, he was told he had to wait for his wife to come in. “That’s pretty ironic,” Crowe had recently explained, “You see, it’s an Australian custom to throw hard objects at people when upset. It’s how we relieve our angry feelings and it usually works quite well.”

However, Nicole Kidman, an Australian native herself begged to differ. “No, that’s just not right... Even when I found out about Katie and Tom or the fact that he’s brainwashing my children with Scientology, I never felt the urge to smack one of them in the face with a communication device. I just make better movies that sell, unlike War of the Worlds.”

Unfortunately for Crowe, the law in Saudi Arabia works a tad bit differently than our system here in the U.S. when it comes to singing, with the exception of Florida perhaps, where you can’t sing in public with a bathing suit on. As someone who has seen an episode of American Dad on Fox, knows, singing and dancing don’t go over too well in Saudi Arabia. As a result of his unfathomable behavior, Crowe now faces public death by stoning.

Luckily, Russell Crowe, used to such situations after filming The Gladiator, was able to escape to the local U.S. Embassy where he’s currently staying until his flight back home to Australia.

Sources indicate that for passengers safety, cell phones are no longer permitted on Australian Airlines flights.

Picture Blog: Interesting Pictures we Came Across This Month

Liberal Establishment Urges Calm

Satire By Nathan Shapiro

The Stony Brook University campus has been thrown into a frenzy these past few weeks with a rash of sightings of what has long been thought to be a mythical creature: College Republicans. The student GOP members have reportedly spotted all around the school grounds, although they appear to be concentrated in SAC room 311 on Tuesday at 5:30 PM. For no explainable reason.

“I’m positive that is what I saw,” said one Stony Brook student, “you don’t forget something like that!”

Reactions among the student body have varied from shock to downright terror. With a pervasive feeling of uncertainty hanging over the university, the school authorities have implored students and faculty to remain calm.

“We expect every student enrolled at our fine university to show everyone, even Republicans, the same respectful courtesy and tolerance of free expression that we extend to every group,” said Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny in a written statement.

While publicly university officials have been preaching tolerance, they have privately been discussing their own misgivings about the situation.

“...the president’s entire staff has been caught off-guard,” revealed one aide on the condition of anonymity, “we never expected something like this to occur during her tenure. Right now we’re assessing our options, but rest assured we won’t let this threat to the student body persist for too long.”

However, many students are outraged by the lack of action from the administration and have taken the problem into their own hands. Some have organized into left-wing, un-armed militias and have appealed to Governor Pataki to issue permits to allow hunting GOP-members on-campus, akin to the bear hunts undertaken in New Jersey to cull the wild bear populations.

“If the campus security won’t protect us, we’re just going to return the favor,” said a flower-toting militia member to The Patriot. “The longer these beasts roam around our campus, the more damage they can do to our social justice.”

How they intended to hunt the GOP-ers without invoking their right to bear arms remains unclear.

But they may not get the chance to clarify that point, as it currently appears to be unlikely the Governor will grant the hunting permits. Further frustrating their attempts, legislation has been introduced in Congress to add Stony Brook College Republicans to the Endangered Species Protection Act.

Senator Stevens, a Republican from Alaska, co-sponsored the bill to protect the newly-discovered Republicans. In a speech on the Senate floor he reiterated the purpose of the act: “College Republicans at Stony Brook University are a rare and wonderful breed of students. It is only just that we act to preserve their existence for the sake of future generations.”

He added, “For years our good colleagues from the Northeast have been protecting our Alaskan wildlife through Congressional action, and I figure I’d return the favor.”

However, the political maneuvering in Washington and Albany plays out, one thing appears to be certain, which is that the Stony Brook College Republicans do exist, and they won’t be going extinct any time soon.
Depressing Poetry Corner

For those times when you think your life sucks.

One More Time
By Alexandrina Borodkin

I have always loved the clear, night air
gentle twilight, the darkened sea
make it seem as though you are there
standing silently next to me.

One time you seemed so near
and your presence was gentle as before
I swear that I could almost hear
say my name once more.

I whispered quietly “don’t go”
but the fading dark still took you away
the cheery robin does not know
how I hate the coming of day.

Nostalgia: My Only Aphrodisiac (For Kurt)
Anonymous

Joyous remembrances between us two
A fondness once shared between you and I
Now we must say our final goodbye
I just can’t believe we’re really through

An empty hole torn into the depths of my soul
This pain inside me is too unbearable to control
I miss your soulful eyes interlocked with mine
I thought your guitar playing was simply divine

Our cherubic son Tristan the only remnant of what was
once you and I
It is as though you have simply passed away and died
Oh how I cried for the loss that was you
I just can’t imagine how I will get through

Through treasured years and bickering tears
We have witnessed and experienced it all
Up and downs and in between
How in the world could you be so mean?

To leave me alone to struggle with pain
Without you beside me I go insane
For you was my world, my soul mate best friend
I never thought “we” would come to an end

Through depths of despair I currently dwell
Living in this self induced hell
Of trying to get over this love that you and I did share
That turned into a psychotic sado-masochistic affair

I shall remember the good times and repress the bad
For when I see you in Tristan’s eyes I feel only sad
For those times when you

Sex at The ‘Brook
By Virginia Morgan

When you are single, your mind
often drifts back to thoughts of the last
relationship you had. You’ll think about
the good parts and the bad parts but most
importantly, you’ll think about what went
wrong. It always happens. No matter how
over them you swear you are, you always
dwell on those last few moments of the
relationship before it became no more.

But why do we do it and should we do it?
When you’re newly single, you
don’t go out on the town right away because
you’re still trying to deal with the fact you no longer are with your boyfriend or
girlfriend. Then, once you get over the
break up you realize that you haven’t been
out on a date in a while so you start to
think, “Well I’ve been out of the dating
game for a while now…I guess I could
try but I don’t know. Who’d want me?”
By then it’s too late. You are no longer
the attractive suddenly single standing by
the wall and instead you’re the depressed
one over in the corner nursing a Jack and Coke.

It’s times like these when we start
thinking about our former relationship and
to say to ourselves, “I wonder if I had
just…would it have made a difference?
Would we still be together?” When we
were kids we always had “do overs”.
If we were playing basketball and missed
the hoop, we’d definitely say, “Oh that
was just a practice shot. I get to do it over
now for real!” and then proceed to “do it
over” as many times as it took to sink the
shot. Well, what if we had “do overs” in
relationships? What if we could go back,
keep changing a few things here or there
until the relationship worked? Would it be
worth it and more importantly, would they
work?

As kids we were so confident that
once granted our “do over” we could sink
the shot for sure but can we be as con
fident now as adults? Perhaps the reason
we so often dwell on a particular past
relationship is because we ideologically think
that if granted a relationship “do over” we’d be successful and not single
the second time around. We’ll tell our
selves, “Well we broke up because I was
too clingy, untrustworthy, temperamental etc.” and we’ll convince ourselves that
it will change the second time around be
cause after all, hindsight is twenty-twenty.
And of course we’d say it’s worth a try;
we’re single, alone and hanging around
with guys named “Beir,” “Jerry” and “Jack Daniels.”

However, are we really convinced it
could change or are we just convinced
that it will be easier to try and make it
work with an ex than to try to make it
work with someone new? It may be convi
cient to call up an ex and try to fix what
went wrong, but to do so would be a great
disservice to you and your ex. There were
reasons you stopped seeing each other, valid reasons that aren’t going to change
magically overnight just because you
want them to. You shouldn’t force them
or yourself back into a relationship that’s
doomed for failure.

Loneliness and depression are only
short term side effects of being single.
It’s okay to think about past relationships,
what went wrong and what didn’t. That’s
what helps us grow and change so our
next relationship can be better and stron
ger. Eventually you’ll meet someone and
be together and fabulous. If you don’t
meet someone, it doesn’t matter. You can
still be single and fabulous as long as you
put your past relationships behind you and
surround yourself with good friends…
who aren’t named “Ben” “Jerry” or “Jack
Daniels.”
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- 2 1/2 oz sweet and sour mix
- 1 oz lime juice
- 1 1/2 oz Jose Cuervo® 1800 tequila

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Yield: 1 serving

When not ambling through the halls of Congress or filibustering judicial nominees on the floor of the Senate, there’s nothing Senator Kennedy likes more than kicking back on the shores of Chappaquiddick with a nice, cold drink in his hand. Each month this column will highlight one of Senator Kennedy’s favorite drinks. Ted decided to go classic this week with a Margarita.

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