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Mills discusses domestic violence at GULC

by Katie Tenney, 1L
Law Weekly

Professor Linda G. Mills of the NYU School of Social Work and the NYU School of Law was at GULC last Wednesday afternoon to make a presentation outlining new ways to think about the subject of domestic violence. Trained in both the law and clinical social work, Professor Mills has years of experience in dealing with the intricate relationship between people's emotional and psychological lives and their interactions with the legal system.

Professor Mills became specifically interested in domestic violence after a personal experience led her to realize that there were few avenues available to individuals in abusive relationships outside of the criminal justice system. Further research led her to believe that the current system, in which abusive partners are arrested and prosecuted, can actually make the domestic violence problem worse because it does not adequately deal with the tangled emotions attached to violent relationships.

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SBA elections - imperfect but improved

by Katharine Clark, 1L
Law Weekly

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, and Wednesday, Sept. 24, Georgetown University Law Center 1Ls, 1Es, and LL.M.s flocked to the polls to vote in the Student Bar Association (SBA) fall elections. SBA Election Committee chairs and 3L delegates Cara Kearney and Derron Parks stated that "more than 50 percent of each section cast ballots," though "there was a much lower turnout for the uncontested LL.M. election." By 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, the SBA Elections Committee had announced the winners: three representatives from each of the day sections and from the evening section, and two LL.M. representatives.

While students the Fall 2003 elections ran much more smoothly than those of the autumn before, this year's elections did not pass by free of controversy. In Fall 2002, the ballots did not include the names of some registered candidates, and confusion abounded regarding the closing times of the polls. The irregularities resulted in the re-casting of many votes for voters who had received a flawed ballot during their first trip to the polls.

This year's problems did not affect as many candidates and voters. However, controversy arose when two



Photo by Jon Massimino, 3L

Students voted last week in the Fall SBA elections. The election was for 1L and LL.M. delegate offices.

1L Section Two candidates, Jordan Usdan and Jeffrey Kleinman, received phone calls from Election Committee Chair Parks informing them that they had been disqualified because they had engaged in prohibited campaigning methods.

Each candidate received a copy of the campaign rules. That list of rules included the provision that "Students may collect email addresses from friends and classmates, but they may

not use any school-distributed email list for electioneering." Paul Deeringer, 1L Section One representative, noted that, although he "was basically satisfied with the elections process...there was some confusion regarding the rules for campaigning. Specifically, it wasn't clear as to when candidates could begin campaigning. Also, the instructions regarding the use of the school's name

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Upcoming Supreme Court term to address Miranda warnings, Establishment Clause

by Mark Leighton, 3L
Law Weekly

The upcoming October 2003 Term of the Supreme Court will include several notable cases in controversial areas of the law, including criminal procedure and religious expression. While the cases are not expected to receive as much publicity as the 2002 ones dealing with affirmative action and sodomy, they will be significant indicators of the Court's views on some of the most contentious issues in constitutional law.

A preview of the cases was held for the press and the student body by the Law Center's Supreme Court Institute. The Institute serves an educational role, as well as being a resource for those preparing to argue before the Court. It holds mock arguments so that advocates may try out their reasoning and receive construc-



Photo by Mark Leighton, 3L

New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse and Supreme Court Institute Director Richard Lazarus discuss the upcoming Supreme Court term.

tive criticism. Approximately 30% of all cases argued before the Court are mooted at the Institute.

The briefing was conducted by six professors: Susan Low Bloch,

David Cole, Julie Rose O'Sullivan, Michael Gottesman, Nina Pillard, and Richard Lazarus. All of them have

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Rotenberg addresses privacy at the Law Center

by Rebecca Young, 1L
Law Weekly

Monday is finally over and it's time to hit up Blockbuster before hopping on the Metro. You rush in and sheepishly grab that lone copy of *Crossroads* just praying that no one will notice your pre-pubescent approach to unwinding from a long day. Face it, Britney may have lit up the Mall for NFL fans, but she can't act. You know it and everyone around you knows it. But, what they don't have to know is that you chose

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October Interview Program

Smaller and medium size firms as well as government agencies and public interest organizations will interview Georgetown students for summer and permanent positions. The program takes place Oct. 7 - 10.



DRI Job Fair

DRI, the Voice of the Defense Bar is conducting a job fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Hilton Washington & Towers. Registration for law students begins at 11:00 a.m. and the fair will take place from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. All students can visit the booths and participate in interviews at that time. For more information on this program and participating firms, please contact Ami Rop in OCS.



Callback Interviews

The "Handling Callback Interviews" program is available on webcast. Check it out at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/career/video>. It is also available on VHS in OCS. Please contact Rhonda Evans to check one out.



Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Daily masses will continued to be held daily at 12:15 p.m. and Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the Chapel.



Student Tickets Available at Office of Student Affairs

The Rivals - One of the funniest of the late-Restoration comedies, *The Rivals* received a great review in the *Washington Post*. The play is Thursday, Oct. 2 at 8:00 at the Shakespeare Theatre and tickets are \$27 each. *Proof* - winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony is Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Arena Stage. Tickets are \$20.



Swap Study Guides!

The second annual Study Guide Swap will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 1 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Buy, sell, swap or give away used study guides and enjoy a beer on the quad (rain location: cafeteria). Sponsored by the Environmental Law Forum. Contact jmw54@law.georgetown.edu with any questions.



SBA Meeting

The SBA is meeting today, Sept. 29 at 9:00 p.m. The location is TBA.



See the Supreme Court

A limited number of reserved seats are available for the October term. Sign up in the office of Student Affairs, Room 170.



D.C. AIDS Walk

The Walk is Saturday, Oct. 4. Sign-up and join the Georgetown Law team in the annual AIDS Walk to benefit the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Students, faculty, and staff please contact Chi Soo Kim at csk4@bulldog.georgetown.edu. Co-sponsored with Outlaw.



Carolyn "Ceri" Baich Memorial

There will be a Memorial Service for Carolyn "Ceri" Baich on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Thomas More. All are welcome to share their reflections during the service.



University of Arizona Government Honors Program Handbook Available Online

The best source for information on over 60 agencies which federal and state internships is now available online. E-mail OPICS at OPICS@law.georgetown.edu to request a password to access the site. Remember to put "University of Arizona" in the subject line.



GoCard Announces Partnership with Student Advantage

Now you have the option of including all the benefits of the Student Advantage discount card right on your GOCARD. The Student advantage card provides students, faculty, staff and affiliates with exclusive discounts up to 50% off at more than 15,000 locations nationally including hundreds around campus and on-line. The cost for one year \$20.00; for four years \$50.00. For more information, visit <http://gocard.georgetown.edu/studentadvantage.html>.



Graduating Class Gift Reception

Graduating students are invited to attend a kickoff reception hosted by Dean Aren this Thursday, Oct. 2 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. on Gewirz's 12th floor. Enjoy free food, beverages and a live musical performance by Moral Hazard. Come hear how you can get involved in this year's program! RSVP to specialevents@law.georgetown.edu or 202-662-9548!

Puns Ahead

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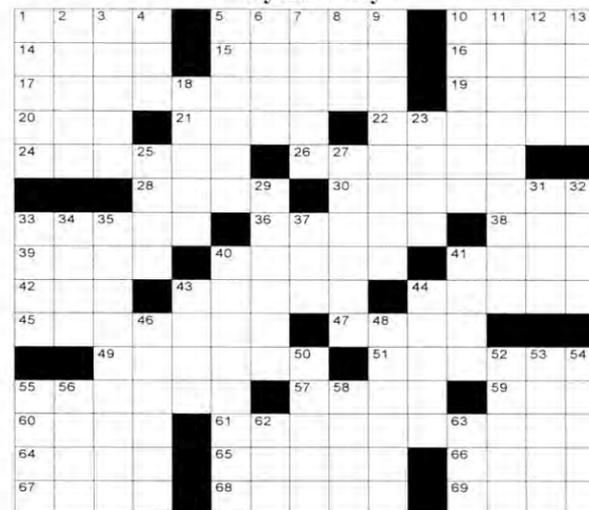
- 1 Cobras
- 5 Tavern sign
- 10 Cod, for one
- 14 Ms. Teasdale
- 15 Puffy white clouds
- 16 In the distance
- 17 Lancelot in the dark?
- 19 Hair removal product
- 20 And so forth
- 21 Kiln for drying hops
- 22 Loft denizens
- 24 Ohio city
- 26 Yes-man
- 28 Thought
- 30 Small amount
- 33 Intertwines
- 36 Actress Demi
- 38 Imitate
- 39 Surprising interjections
- 40 Playing card
- 41 Golf club
- 42 Unrivaled
- 43 African language
- 44 Craze
- 45 Toward the ocean
- 47 Wedge
- 49 Spiritual leader
- 51 Pass by, as of time
- 55 Invoice again
- 57 Pines, for one
- 59 Illuminated
- 60 Hertz' competitor
- 61 Like a rich baker?
- 64 Wheeled vehicle
- 65 Pitcher with 69 Across
- 66 Jane Austen novel
- 67 Follows dead and book
- 68 Barbara & Anthony
- 69 See 65 Across

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- 1 Requested
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- 3 Expensive
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- 5 Fuel rating

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



- 6 Insect eggs
- 7 Shopworn
- 8 _____ wrestling
- 9 Economist's desert?
- 10 Paddled
- 11 Reasonable bus charge?
- 12 Couple
- 13 Strays
- 18 Thugs
- 23 Whetstone
- 25 Business relationships
- 27 Musical group
- 29 Changes
- 31 Informed: 2 wds
- 32 Advance
- 33 Novelist Anita
- 34 First-rate
- 35 Frugal chick?
- 37 Grain
- 40 Rabbit widow's peak?
- 41 _____ La Douce
- 43 Court guarantee
- 44 Fixed the floor
- 46 Watched places
- 48 Ms. Keller and Gurley Brown
- 50 Book name
- 52 Feathery
- 53 Greek letter
- 54 Mr. Allen
- 55 Speed contest
- 56 Senator Bayh
- 58 Branch of the Tai languages
- 62 Gesture
- 63 Poets' oft used word

Quotable Quote

Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.

... Fred Allen (1894 - 1956)

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Insurance Waiver Deadline

If you are considering switching from the GU plan to another provider for the academic year, you must do so by Sept. 30. The Financial Aid Office has researched other options and made this available on their website at www.law.georgetown.edu/finaid/studenthealth.html.



Work up a Sweat at the Fitness Center

New to weight training or do you want to learn how to use our equipment? The Fitness Center offers weight training classes on a regular basis. Sign up in the Fitness Center. The main campus intramural calendar has been posted in the Fitness Center. Sign up now for early bird basketball, volleyball and flag football. Register online at yates.georgetown.edu. Did you know we have spinning classes? Sign up in the Fitness Center.



Presidential Management Internship Program

Interested in this government program for graduating students to enter the federal government with a high level of responsibility and prestige? If you plan to apply, you must stop by OPICS by Oct. 8 to speak with a counselor.



TIPS Training

TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) training will be held Friday, Oct. 3 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. in Room 200. TIPS trained servers can help you save money on your events by not having to hire a bartender. It is a three hour training followed by a short exam. The training is free to the GULC community. Please let me know if you would like to enroll by Monday, Sept. 29 as space is limited.



Exam Review

Exam review for Fall 2002 and Spring and Summer 2003 begins Wednesday, Oct. 1 and runs through Wednesday Oct. 29 in Room 322. Please wait until then to make any new requests to obtain your exams.



Enemy Aliens Discussion

Attend a discussion and reception celebrating the publication of "Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism," written by GULC Professor David Cole. Professor Viet Dinh will be on hand to provide a response to the work. The event is Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 5:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom.

Childhood violence contributes to future intimate abuse

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Professor Mills said that the current mandatory-arrest policies in many jurisdictions "takes women out of the decision-making equation about what will happen to their partner, what will happen to their lives." She suggested that these policies prevent many individuals from coming forward for help because they fear that their partner will be arrested and put in jail. She cited one study in which fifty percent of women said that they would not go to a physician after being physically harmed by their partner if they knew the doctor was mandated by law to report the attack.

Professor Mills was careful to point out that domestic violence, or intimate abuse, her preferred term, is not always about men being violent with women. Women can be equally violent, she said, and abuse also occurs in gay and lesbian relationships. The problem of violence is deep-seeded and intimately connected with many aspects of a person's identity, and therefore extremely difficult to overcome. Those who witness abuse during their childhood are three times more likely to become violent with their partners. Professor Mills stated that we "need to teach children that violence is not a family method for conflict resolution" and that "if we don't address the violence we will continue to see this replication."

As an alternative to handling domestic violence exclusively through the criminal justice system and to help

get to the root of the problem, Professor Mills proposes a mediation method referred to as "intimate abuse circles." Already begun as pilot project in Canada, from which Professor Mills showed footage during her presentation, intimate abuse circles bring together all of the stakeholders in domestic violence situations, including the partners, children and other family members, friends and professional therapists to talk through what led the relationship to become violent and how violence can be avoided in the future. Professor Mills said the benefit of such mediation is that it helps the abuser understand why he or she acts violently, and lets them know that they have support as they work towards ending the abuse cycle.

About thirty people attended Wednesday's event, jointly hosted by the Women's Legal Alliance, the Women of Color Collective and the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic. The audience consisted mainly of GULC students, as well as a large contingent of individuals from the Greater D.C. area who work with the survivors of domestic violence. A lively question and answer period followed the formal presentation, as audience members both embraced and challenged Professor Mills hypotheses.

Rachel Vogelstein, the outgoing chair of the Women's Legal Alliance, said that "although I do not agree with all of her conclusions, I think that Professor Mills raised interesting and worthwhile questions...her work challenges us to think about the benefits and

drawbacks of the criminal justice system. She hypothesizes that punishment and incarceration are sometimes significantly less effective than restorative justice techniques; this notion extends beyond the domestic violence context and raises larger questions about the efficacy of the criminal justice system."

Professor Mills is the author of several books on the subject of domestic violence and the criminal justice system, including *A Penchant for Prejudice: Unraveling Bias in Judicial Decision-*

making, and *The Heart of Intimate Abuse: New Interventions in Child Welfare, Criminal Justice, and Health Settings*. She has taken her message to a wide variety of audiences, including appearances on "Good Morning America" and the "Oprah Winfrey Show." Professor Mills is currently promoting her book *Insult to Injury: Rethinking Our Responses to Intimate Abuse*, which is available for sale at the GULC bookstore.

In Memoriam: Lucy Diaz Cohn March 4, 1944 - September 19, 2003

Lucy Diaz Cohn, the wife of Georgetown Law Professor Sherman Cohn, recently passed away after a long fight with cancer. There was a memorial service at St. Raphael's Catholic Church which was conducted by Rev. Nicholas Rodriguez and Georgetown Professor Rev. Robert Drinan, S.J. The service was attended by many from the Law Center, including Dean Judith Areen.

Special appreciation was given to Lucy's parents, Segundo Diaz Alvarenga and Sergia Dian Rodriguiz, and to those who minis-

tered to her through her final illness, Vicky, Ramona, and Celina.

Those at the *Law Weekly* and the entire Law Center community would like to express our deepest sympathy and support to Professor Cohn and his family. Professor Cohn is a charter member of the Georgetown Law family, having earned his B.S.F.S., J.D., and LL.M. all from Georgetown. Professor Cohn joined the faculty in 1965, and is among the most accomplished attorneys in the country by playing a key role in establishing the American Inns of Court.

Dean Judith Areen
cordially invites you to attend
a discussion and reception celebrating the publication of

**ENEMY ALIENS: DOUBLE STANDARDS AND
CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS IN THE WAR ON TERRORISM**

by
David Cole

published by *The New Press*

With Response by Viet Dinh

Tuesday, September 30, 2003
Five o'clock in the afternoon

McDonough Hall Moot Court Room
600 New Jersey Avenue, Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia

The **American Constitution Society**
For Law And Policy

AND

THE AMERICAN CRIMINAL LAW REVIEW

Invite you to a:

**PANEL DISCUSSION ON
GUN CONTROL, GUN LITIGATION,
AND GUN POLICY**

**Wednesday, Oct. 1,
4:30 PM, Rm. 203**

Panelists Include:

- Bob Levy, The Cato Institute
- Mathew Nosanchuk, The Violence Policy Center
- Tim O'Toole, Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia
- Daniel Vice, Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence

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Supreme Court Institute previews upcoming term

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had extremely distinguished legal careers, whether as law clerks, litigators in the public sector, or in scholarship.

Bloch began the session by briefly noting the small number of argued cases from last term (72) and suggesting it was a good idea that the justices enjoyed pay protection. She commented on the relatively low number of 5-4 decisions, and also pointed out that Justice O'Connor was most often the person in the majority. Bloch also noted that the Court had, in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, applied strict scrutiny review - almost always fatal in fact - without striking down the challenged action. "It's going to make teaching Con Law II a lot harder," she joked.

The criminal procedure cases are *Missouri v. Seibert*, *United States v. Patane*, and *Fellers v. United States*. These deal with the "exclusionary rule," whereby evidence obtained through an illegal search is excluded from the government's case-in-chief. The cases involve instances of suspects intentionally not being warned of their Fifth or Sixth Amendment rights, and then evidence or confessions being obtained through their subsequent statements after they have been properly warned. The practice is frequently used by police to trick suspects into repeating their earlier, inadmissible statements, and currently it is legal and not subject to the exclusionary rule.

Professor Julie Rose O'Sullivan gave a capsule summary of the complex controversy surrounding the rule, most notably its disputed derivation from the Constitution. She traced the similar history of the *Miranda* warnings, where the Supreme Court in *Oregon v. Elstad* had intimated that the famous set of warnings was not constitutionally based, which would leave states free to not follow them. However, in *United States v. Dickerson*, the Court had seemed to settle the matter, by noting that the *Miranda* warnings applied to state courts. O'Sullivan explained that the cases before the court raised similar issues with the exclusionary rule, which has been interpreted differently for different constitutional rights. Noting that the Missouri case came from that state's highest court, she ventured to say the Court would likely have to uphold the rule's constitutional source, in light of the reasoning in *Dickerson*.

The religious expression case, *Locke v. Davey*, involves a Washington state student who was receiving a public scholarship to attend a private college. When he switched his major to theology, the state withdrew his scholarship, saying that to fund his chosen area of study would violate the state's ban on religious endorsement. Professor David Cole pointed out the strength of the facts in the case, and allowed that the student was likely to prevail. He explained that the only criteria for withdrawing the scholarship

was the declared theology major, so even if an undeclared student were taking exactly the same classes as a theology major, they would not lose their scholarship. However, he suggested the Court's ruling might be a narrow one, in order to avoid what he called a "slippery slope" that a broad ruling might be to Establishment Clause interpretation.

Cole also briefly discussed the Ninth Circuit's ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance was unconstitutional. The Supreme Court is scheduled to confront the question of what to do with the case on Tuesday. Pointing out that the phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by Congress in an express endorsement of the country's religiousness, Cole suggested that the case was not necessarily clear, and that in some ways the Ninth Circuit had simply taken the Court's rulings at their word. But he also listed several of the justices who had found the words unexceptional, including Justice Brennan, who once referred to such phrases as "ceremonial deism."

The appeals of several accused terrorists may potentially reach the Court as well. Cole guessed that the *Hamdi* and *Padilla* cases, involving citizens charged with aiding Al-Qaeda, were the most likely, while others, such as those involving the detainees at Guantanamo, were less likely. Courts in those cases have ruled that the detainees do not have the ability to sue.

The Supreme Court will also con-

tinue its exploration of state sovereign immunity, one of the most controversial and active areas of constitutional jurisprudence. Last term, the Court decided *Nevada v. Hibbs*, which was notable for going against recent trends in holding a state accountable in federal court for violations of federal law.

Professor Nina Pillard, who successfully argued that case, discussed the latest cases to raise the issue, *Frew v. Hawkins* and *Tennessee v. Lane*. *Frew* involves whether a state can be made subject to a consent decree from a federal district court, although the state had apparently consented to its jurisdiction by agreeing to the order when it settled with the plaintiff. *Tennessee v. Lane* involves a paraplegic suing his state for a lack of accessible services under Title II of the American with Disabilities Act. He was arrested for not appearing at his court date in a courthouse with no elevators, after he had refused to crawl up the stairs to the second story room where the hearing was scheduled. While the Court has earlier held that Title I of the ADA does not apply to states, dicta in that case suggested the justices thought Title II might.

Other notable discrimination cases involve whether a labor agreement to provide more favorable health care to persons over 50 violates the Age Discrimination Act, and whether a cocaine addict fired from work can contest a company's blanket policy of not rehiring employees who were dismissed for misconduct.

Cole, Dinh set to debate *Aliens*

by Amina Rana, 3L
Law Weekly

Unveiling his new book *Enemy Aliens: Double Standards and Constitutional Freedoms in the War on Terrorism*, Georgetown Law Professor David Cole will hash out his take on the current administration's abusing liberties in the name of security with one of its key policy officials.

On Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 5:00 p.m. in the moot courtroom, Cole will join former Assistant Attorney General and Georgetown Law Professor Viet Dinh on a small panel to discuss whether the Patriot Act has overstepped constitutional boundaries in response to the terrorists attacks of Sept. 11. Cole argues in *Enemy Aliens* that the proper balance to be struck between liberties - especially those essential to a democracy such as free speech and due process - has been skewed post-Patriot Act with the detainment of more than 5,000 foreign nationals and immigrants, of which only four have been charged with a crime related to terrorism and only one convicted of a crime of conspiring to support future terrorist acts.

Dinh on the other hand, who is both a friend and colleague of Cole's, will elaborate on what he views as a misunderstanding of the issues at stake. "I think it is a fundamental mistake to believe that one can or should balance security against liberty; rather, security is but the means, liberty is the end," Dinh commented. During his tenure at the Justice Department, Dinh conducted

a "top to bottom review of our capacity and capability to meet the terrorist threats," which included revisions of the Attorney General Guidelines.

Former CIA Director James Woolsey dubs *Enemy Aliens* the "essential book in the field," a book in which Cole admits that inevitably some liberties have to give way for security, but when such measures are not applied equally, constitutional principles are undermined as they are human rights for all and not just citizens.

"In the end it will be tradeoffs," explained Cole. "For example, if we gave the government authority to search our homes without a warrant, we would be more secure, but we would have to give up some privacy. There is a cost; privacy can be used for good, or evil, as with all liberties and freedoms."

When asked if the book is timely given that the Patriot Act was enacted two years ago, Cole says it is more timely than ever as Attorney General John Ashcroft has just embarked on a speaking tour to allay concerns about civil liberties' violations. "The USA Patriot Act's notion of war on terrorism is a permanent condition," he said. "The choices we make today are going to affect our children for the rest of their lives. We need to stand up and defend the principles of this country, especially for those who do not have a vote or a voice in the political process."

Cole also points to the fact that in times of crisis in this nation's history, foreigners' rights were targeted first only to be followed by citizens' rights.

Mark Your Calendars

World of Choices is Coming

October 25

Join OCS, OPICS and the Office of Alumni Affairs for a day-long career fair designed to provide you with information to help you understand the range of legal career choices available to law school graduates. The program will expose you to attorneys who work in a variety of practice areas and settings and will assist you in making educated career decisions.

Whether you are a first-year student learning about various practice areas, or a second- or third-year student interested in networking, this is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with practitioners.

Please RSVP for a box lunch by October 17
In Person (OCS - Room 328), By Phone (202-662-9300)

Women sports highlighted by low ratings, attendance

by Feras Gadamsi, 1L
Law Weekly

It's September in the U.S. of A. and that can only mean one thing: sports are back in the limelight.

It's time to watch the fall classic come to fruition as playoff teams are determined and the divisional series begins to see who is able to knock off the New York Yankees.

It's time to watch the NFL gridiron every Sunday to see which sleeper, like the Seattle Seahawks, will make the playoffs and which teams with high expectations, such as the Philadelphia Eagles, will tank.

It's time to see which college football teams will stay undefeated in the race to end up in the Bowl Championship Series, unless of course you're not in a major conference in which case it's time to see if you're undefeated mid-major will get an invitation to the Humanitarian Weedwacker.com Bowl.

Whatever the case may be, whether you're into baseball, football, basketball or hockey, the sports landscape has something for you. Even futbol fans have something to see this fall on television and in person.

In case it escaped your afterthoughts, which, if you are a true American soccer fan, it already has, the Women's World Cup is going on right now in this country.

After a summer of SARS and fear, the Women's World Cup, previously scheduled to take place July and August in China before the beginning of the major sports calendar, was moved to the United States to alleviate health concerns in the region.

So now, instead of having the attention of the country solely on them, as the women's World Cup had in 1999 when U.S. hosted soccer's Super Bowl series, the women's World Cup must compete against the height of football season, the baseball playoffs, and the beginning of the hockey and basketball seasons.

Not exactly the kind of timing you would want in a sports landscape that is merciless.

And not exactly the kind of timing you would want after the women's professional soccer league folded, a league which produced most of the talent for this year's World Cup.

That's right. You may not have known that, considering women's soccer probably falls under the after-afterthought section in the sports landscape for most Americans.

The WUSA, the professional women's soccer league that began in 2001, folded days before the beginning of this year's World Cup. Incidentally, your own Washington Freedom, led by Mia Hamm, won the whole shebang three weeks ago.

For a better reference, if anyone saw *Bend It Like Beckham*, it's the professional league talked about in that movie.

And maybe that's the problem more than anything. Most people in this country might not have even known about the existence of the WUSA unless they saw the movie or kept up with the U.S. women's team following Brandi Chastain's memorable celebration after winning the cup in 1999 on a penalty kick.

People don't care about women's sports in this country, or at least that's what the ratings and revenue say. Men in this country certainly don't seem to care. Not even women care enough to become avid fans.

Granted the case can be made that women's sports are in their infancy so more time needs to be given to produce a solid fan base like the NFL, MLB and NBA.

Or the argument can be made that soccer is the problem, given the fact that the men's league, Major League Soccer, isn't exactly burning up the ratings and producing revenue either.

But that argument doesn't hold much weight when you consider that the only other professional women's league, the WNBA, got worse television

ratings than the World Series of Poker. And that was for game 3 of the championship series.

Can you even name the 2003 WNBA Champ? Well, it was the Detroit Shock led by Swin Cash. But honestly, if I didn't watch Sportscenter at 12 a.m., 1 a.m. and 8 a.m., would I have been able to answer that question?

The problem for most sports fans, as a panel on ESPN's *Outside the Lines* intimated last Wednesday night, is that the women's game seems more "watered down." The intensity is there, but it doesn't translate from the field to the TV screen like it does in the male sports.

Another problem fans have with the women's game is the lack of connection between the personality of the players and the sport. For instance, the media has probably told us everything we need to know about LeBron James and then some.

But what about Lisa Leslie? And Mia Hamm? And Brandi Chastain? I mean we know she wears a sports bra, but we haven't found out whether or not she wants 22-inch Sprewells on her Escalade.

So for all of the overindulgence of information we get about our star athletes, apparently it does work to promote and market the leagues to fans, or so says the ESPN panel.

Maybe that's the problem. We don't know these women so we can't relate. Add to that the demands of following the teams we already follow and it makes it even harder to find room for women's sports on the crowded sports platter.

But do yourself a favor and try to catch this women's soccer team in action. Soccer is an exciting sport and our women, the U.S. that is, play it at its highest level. And they're playing in D.C. at RFK Stadium which is only a Metro ride away. Go, because for one thing you'd be doing yourself a favor by watching the U.S. women take on North Korea Sunday in a politically charged match, and for another, you may be a part of the original fan base that finally puts women's sports on the map.

FOOTBALL PICKS

STANDINGS	W	L	PCT.	GB
Mark	19	11	.633	-
Emy	17	13	.567	2
Tye	17	13	.567	2
Audrey	16	14	.533	3
Avedis	16	14	.533	3
Jon	16	14	.533	3
Annie	13	17	.433	6
Alaina	12	18	.400	7

Mark jumps out to an early lead while there is a huge group bunching up in the middle getting ready to make their move. In the meantime, Alaina and Annie battle to stay out of the cellar...

Mark Leighton
"Quoth the Roots: 'It's workin' cuz I'm pushin' it right.'"

Tye Andersen
"How can one think about football when the Cubbies are play-off bound!"

NFL WEEK FIVE	TYE	AVEDIS	ANNIE	AUDREY	JON	MARK	ALAINA	EMY
Minnesota at Atlanta	Atlanta	Atlanta	Minnesota	Atlanta	Minnesota	Minnesota	Atlanta	Minnesota
Tennessee at New England	New England	New England	Tennessee	New England	Tennessee	New England	Tennessee	Tennessee
Miami at NY Giants	Miami	NY Giants	Miami	Miami	Miami	NY Giants	Miami	Miami
New Orleans at Carolina	New Orleans	Carolina	New Orleans	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	New Orleans
Cincinnati at Buffalo	Buffalo	Cincinnati	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Buffalo	Cincinnati	Buffalo
Oakland at Chicago	Oakland	Chicago	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Oakland	Chicago	Chicago
Arizona at Dallas	Dallas	Arizona	Dallas	Dallas	Arizona	Dallas	Arizona	Arizona
Seattle at Green Bay	Green Bay	Seattle	Seattle	Green Bay	Seattle	Green Bay	Seattle	Green Bay
Denver at Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City
San Diego at Jacksonville	San Diego	Jacksonville	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	San Diego
Detroit at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	Detroit	Detroit
Washington at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Washington
Cleveland at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cleveland	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cleveland	Pittsburgh
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	Indianapolis	Indianapolis

Alaina Dart
"These animal mascots all live much better lives outside of zoos."

Avedis Seferian
"This week, I'm going with the team with more 'A's in its location name."

Jon Massimino
"My suspicion is that, no matter what he says, Mark Leighton is a die-hard sports fan with deep, insightful knowledge of making picks. Either that or he is relying on a 6-year old to make his picks for him."

Audrey Perry
"How can one think about football when the last season of *Friends* just started? Are Rachel and Ross going to get together? Is Monica going to have a baby? Football? I've got more important things on my mind."

Annie Wartanian
"Quoth Fifty Cent: 'We're gonna party like it's your birthday.'"

Austin Grill: Big breakfasts for hungry bellies

by Amy Messigian, 1L and Erin Lien, 1L
Law Weekly

Hello again boys and girls. Your fearless leaders, Amy and Erin, are here again to help you help yourselves. Our motivation this week is conquering the Sunday morning hangover or at the very least, filling your belly without having to cook for yourself. After a long night of studying, wink, wink, you may wake up wishing those eggs would make themselves, or that Peapod could deliver omelets and home fries. Alas, no such luck. So, the question, then, becomes "Where can I get a good breakfast without having to try very hard?"



We started our journey headed west on E Street and were disappointed to find that all of the local delis were closed. Oh, cruel fate. Not knowing the neighborhood very well, we asked some local residents relaxing on their stoop. I think the exact question was, "Excuse me, could you tell us where we could find a good restaurant for breakfast?" We were directed to McDonald's two blocks down. Oh, or Burger King. Right...breakfast. But luckily you are being spared of a review of the McGriddle. Your guides showed great fortitude walking off those "studying" calories they gained the night before and ended up at the Austin Grill on E just west of 7th. At first, we weren't too sure if this place would offer breakfast. The menu displayed on the wall outside of the restaurant listed sandwiches, fajitas, burritos. But then we saw a man sitting in the outdoor patio eating poached eggs. Sweet eggs, we had found you!

The Austin Grill is an enthusiastic tribute to its namesake. Gigantic cow horns are mounted above a bar at the side of the restaurant we can imagine gets its fair share of customers in the evenings. Pictures around the room authenticate the experience, as does the food. In fact, the Grill itself states

on its menu: "At the Austin Grill, we want to share a little slice of Austin with you - its food, its music, its hospitality."

Little by little, our breakfast woes were turning into a breakfast triumph. We were immediately seated and offered the weekend brunch menu, which is available until 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and is full of options at \$8.99 each. Amy tried the steak and eggs, while Erin opted for cornmeal pancakes, eggs and bacon, though we must say that everything on the menu looked good. Now it may have been the hangover talking, but Amy declares that the skirt steak served with her eggs was the best skirt steak she has ever had, as it was wonderfully seasoned and oh so tender. Erin's pancakes were also exceptional, and were served with pecan butter, which was so delicious that we attempted inventing new uses for the butter in our cooking - though we realized we were a

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getting a little carried away when we considered pecan butter wrestling. Mmm, now that is an image!

The parts of meal that could have been improved were Erin's orange juice and Amy's potatoes. The glass of orange juice was not served full and the juice tasted like watered down concentrate. Amy's country fried potatoes were also just okay, but given the overwhelming portions of steak and eggs it was easy to forget about the potatoes. Also, the restaurant was a little dark for brunch, but works well for its lunch and dinner crowd.

When the waitress came to take our plates away, we felt separation anxiety and asked to doggy bag our fixins. Let us also take a moment to

mention the difference in service between this place and Café Japone of last week's review. While we are getting used to slow service and finding things for ourselves, we welcomed the change we found in our waitress at the Austin Grill. She was attentive and friendly, and the food arrived very quickly. Erin is thankful for this because Amy had been talking about cannibalism on the way to the restaurant. Amy is thankful because steak tastes better than people. Just kidding, people taste fine if you are hungry. (Eds. Note: The *Law Weekly* in no way supports the actual eating of people, although when your alternative is more ramen and toast, it begins to look like a reasonable alternative.)

Being so close to campus, we know we will find our way back here very soon. In addition to the brunch menu, the offerings for lunch and dinner are also reasonably priced and diverse. There are menu options for vegetarians, including a Spinach & Portabella Quesadilla. There is also a Crazy Chicken Sampler for people who like crazy chickens. They even make seven different homemade dipping sauces.

All in all, this was a wonderful breakfast experience and, even better yet, a restaurant worth checking out on any occasion. If you are looking for a hearty breakfast, even at 2 p.m. on a Sunday, we highly recommend it.

Amy says yes; Erin says yes. Big plates for breakfast, worth checking out for dinner.

Austin Grill
750 E Street, NW (five blocks from campus)
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<i>Ambiance</i>	★★★
<i>Service</i>	★★★★
<i>Food</i>	★★★★

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by Jackie Cohen, 4L
Inquiring Reporter

Note: As a service to the members of the Law Center community who do not live in Gewirz, the Law Weekly from time to time provides an update on the relevant goings-on. Some say they aren't true, but how do they know?

Nicole is peeved when someone sits in her chosen seat on the day the professor passes around the seating chart. Harold gives up on his plan to be first in his class by reading the full version of every case in his casebooks. Vicki ducks into an empty classroom to avoid the 3L who would not leave her alone on the Fall Float. Bethany's image of Nate is ruined after she sees him watching the premiere of *Will & Grace*.

Adopt A Pet Today!

This week's Pets of the Week are Fergus, Tristan and Gallahad. They are currently in foster care, waiting for permanent homes.

Fergus is a quiet, calm, older collie. He arrived at the shelter as a stray, so little is known about his background. Fergus is a gentle boy who gets along with both cats and dogs. He is house-trained. For more information, call 301-927-3477

Tristan and Gallahad came into the shelter separately but have become best friends and would like to stay together. Tristan is a five-month old, neutered male buff tiger. Gallahad is a four-month-old grey, white and buff short-haired neutered. For more information, call their foster parents, Susan and George at 202-544-5008.

If you'd like to adopt Brooke, Tink, or any of their furry friends, you can find them at:

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Washington, DC 20002
11-3 pm Saturday and Sunday
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202-576-6664 (24 hours)

If you'd like to help out animals, but can't adopt a pet at this time, consider volunteering. Check out the Washington Humane Society's website, at www.washhumane.org/volunteer.htm, for a list of volunteer opportunities.

HBO's two-ring circus: New shows have promise

by Kevin Mittler, 1L
Law Weekly

With the rolling out of two new shows on HBO this month, I found myself drawn to a place neglected of late: the couch in front of the television. Months of re-runs have left my screen covered in a layer of dust, but now the billboards along the Metro have combined with magazine and newspaper ads to announce its coming: HBO original programming is back. With my head spinning with reminders of what HBO had already accomplished on shows like *Six Feet Under* and *Oz*, naturally I was on the couch Sunday night waiting for them. Pass the popcorn.



Carnivàle

Step right up ladies and gentlemen, gather around. What I'm going to show you today are sights so strange, so extraordinary, you won't believe your eyes.

Picture the Midwest in 1934, mid-depression, and in the heat of summer, dry, dusty, and in need of some color. Bring into this picture a traveling circus filled with freaks of nature: a bearded lady, a comatose telepath, a blind seer, Siamese twins, a man with scales for skin and a midget to run the show. Now add a young man with a strange healing power (played by Nick Stahl from *Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines*) and a small-town evangelist whose visions can bring those around him along for the ride (played by Clancy Brown in a role far removed from his immortal Kurgan in *Highlander*). Mix in a feeling of good and evil hard at work — and swirl. What materializes is the new HBO series *Carnivàle*.

Surprisingly complex, the show contains characters that fit so smoothly into their roles in the carnival that we believe they really have been there for

years. Written and acted to make us focus on what is happening instead of their freakish nature, the characters become more than the poster drawings they might have been. The show becomes a story about people who happen to be abnormal, as opposed to a story about abnormal people. Everyone on the show takes it all in stride so that when the truly supernatural occurs, we become intrigued with them instead of falling into disbelief. All of television requires a suspension of disbelief. Great shows make it easy.

K Street

It seems unbelievable, I know. It is real, my friends. See for yourself. But I must warn you, those of you with weak stomachs may want to wait outside for this one.

From the serenity of the plains we move into the heart of urban government, and specifically to the lobby center of D.C. on *K Street*. Real life political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin

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become fictionalized versions of themselves interacting with actual senators, presidential candidates, talk show hosts, and even recording artists. Reality and fiction collide in ways meant to confuse the viewer as to which is which. Sadly it becomes too obvious, as the only believable parts are true and the fictional side stories involving actors playing other roles feel so contrived and uninteresting as to be almost condescending. Worse, the politics that really catch our attention keep being interrupted or pre-

empted by these lame attempts at a cohesive background plot.

One cannot comment on *K Street* without remarking on the difficult and unique approach to its creation taken by executive producer George Clooney and director Steven Soderbergh. Each half-hour show is written Sunday, filmed Monday through Wednesday, edited Thursday through Saturday, and then broadcast that following Sunday. This lightning speed schedule allows for the easy addition of real life events and up-to-the-moment items of interest (hurricane Isabel makes its mark in episode 2). This style is more of a challenge for the cast and crew than they seem ready for. Often it feels as if we are watching a student film project that was hastily thrown together at the last minute. An abundance of poor camera angles is more a cause of distress to the audience than it is convincing of the shows "reality." A lack of character introductions, especially for guest stars we are unreasonably presumed to know by sight, a minimal amount of location specification, and spotty interrupted dialogue ultimately leave us confused and unfulfilled.

Move along now everyone, no dallying. More people want a chance to see these sights. Keep going. Thank you.

One final thought: who decided to put these shows on back-to-back? Even the network seems a little unsure whether the shows belong together, reversing the order of viewing between Sunday night and the repeat on Wednesday. While both will gain their own die-hard fans, neither is likely to bring an audience along to the other, and it would be a shame for people to miss the class act of *Carnivàle* because they were turned off by the clowns on *K Street*.

Carnivàle can be seen Sunday and Wednesday nights at 9pm on HBO. *K Street* airs directly afterwards at 10pm Sundays and directly before at 8:30pm on Wednesdays. More information on both shows can be found on-line at www.hbo.com.

A varied review for movie lovers of all genres

by Matthew Dalton, 2L
Law Weekly

This article is a review of two films with nothing in common, except they are both highly publicized right now.

Scarface

"Say hello to my little friend," says Al Pacino as he pulls out a large gun to begin shooting the intruders in his mansion. Thanks to Universal Studios re-releasing *Scarface* in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the original release, many more of us will get to say hello to *Scarface* as it was intended to be seen, on the big screen and uncensored. Universal re-released the movie in New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Detroit, Dallas, Miami and San Francisco for a limited time starting September 19.

Al Pacino plays Tony Montana, a ruthless gangster who rises from poor Cuban refugee to one of the largest players in Miami's thriving cocaine business. Brian De Palma directed the film and Oliver Stone wrote the screenplay of life on Miami's tough streets in the early eighties. Also starring in the movie are Steven Bauer as Montana's right-hand man Manny and Michelle Pfeiffer as Elvira Hancock, the girl Montana steals from another drug kingpin.

Although criticized, Pacino's alleged overacting combined with the movie's profanity and blood and gore, combine to allow the audience to sense the power and violence that De Palma intended the movie to convey on the big screen. Pacino's screaming portrayal of Montana fits right in with the ambiance of the dark, intense film. Although the movie is very violent, it is an operatic violence that fits in well and is rarely gratuitous. Pacino is excellent and although his Cuban accent is a bit over-the-top, he really pulls the audience into his passionate and psychotic world of drugs and money.

The first time I saw *Scarface* I was probably ten years old. While playing Super Tecmo Bowl on the

Nintendo at my neighbor's house, we put the tape into the VCR. Within five minutes my friend's mom came in and stopped the tape and berated us for watching this profane movie. She then proceeded to yell at her husband for keeping such filth within our reach. Well, those five f-word packed minutes hooked me on the movie. I knew my parents would not let me watch it, so for three weeks my friend and I watched the movie in five minute increments making sure we could quickly switch the TV/VCR switch back to Super Tecmo Bowl when his mom approached. The worst that came of our contraband watching of *Scarface* was me getting caught swearing once and the requisite of being set to my room and grounded for a while. Eventually, I was even able to conquer my irrational fear of chainsaws, which by extension included hedge trimmers and weed-whackers, that developed after I watched *Scarface*. *Scarface* is violent and profane and was actually going to be released as an X-rated movie, but the grittiness and power transcend these attributes to become a gripping tale of the underworld. In fact, part of the reason *Scarface* was not released as an X-rated film is that the studio argued that the violence and depravity of *Scarface* made it an anti-drug movie. While *The Godfather* makes you want to be the head of a crime family, *Scarface* warns you to steer clear of the cocaine business.

Lost in Translation

Lost in Translation is a visually pleasant, and sometimes funny, but ultimately dull film that focuses on an unlikely friendship. *Lost in Translation* stars Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson as two souls lost in a foreign land and searching for purpose. The movie was directed by Sofia Coppola and produced by her father, the director of *The Godfather*, Francis Ford Coppola. Murray plays a movie star in town to shoot a whiskey commercial and Johansson plays a wife accompanying her husband (Giovanni Ribisi) on a photo shoot. Jet lag and fate lead the two to meet and we then watch them explore Tokyo while

learning about each other. Expecting to see Murray in roles like *Kingpin*, *Rushmore*, *Caddyshack* and *Groundhog Day*, I was initially disappointed with the lack of the typical Bill Murray-elicited laughs. However, as the movie progressed I realized that both Murray and Johansson gave great performances given the limits of the movie, and that Murray gives a much more rounded comedic and dramatic performance. It may be Murray's finest performance since his brilliant interpretation of the misunderstood groundskeeper Carl Spackler in *Caddyshack*. 19-year-old Johansson gives a performance nearly equal to Murray's as a young wife unsure of her future and her own identity. However, as good as the two star actors are, the movie can't surpass being merely decent. Seeing Murray explore the nightlife of Tokyo is entertaining but does not make a great movie. The scenes of Tokyo are good because Coppola shows us the quirky, frenetic pace of the city while making it visually pleasing. Murray is at his best when looking perplexed yet amused by Japanese culture and the movie is at its best when drawing laughs by playing up the feelings that travelers have when confronted by a new and seemingly very different lifestyle. Regardless of the laughs, the movie plays like one long pseudo-depressing rock video. There are some very funny scenes, but they are tempered by the overall atmosphere of the film. This is probably Coppola's intention and critical praise has been heaped on the film, but I couldn't help but overhear another person leaving the theater say, "The only thing that is lost in translation is why people like this movie." *Lost in Translation* had the potential to be the cinematic version of Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* in terms of rich character development and vivid and stunning images of a foreign place — thanks to the great performances by Murray and Johansson and the beautiful scenes of Tokyo. The movie ended up falling short of the mark and ultimately is a less than enthralling tale of a confused young woman befriending a man going through a mid-life crisis.

Devils in sanctity - the dangers of dogma and desperation

Jeff Corsetti

My initial reaction to the ongoing sex abuse scandal within the Catholic Church was not anger toward the institution which had betrayed its own flock, but rather toward the news media. You see, as a once biased Catholic, I erroneously believed the scandals to be part of some vast "liberal" conspiracy to discredit and ultimately destroy the moral authority of the conservative Catholic Church. In the spring of 2002, I had the opportunity to research this matter for one of my classes. I smugly looked forward to this project as a chance to finally prove the liberal media was out to get the poor, helpless Catholic Church.

Boy was I wrong. After about, oh, one day of research, it became clear that my thesis - the presence of biased reporting against the Church - was in serious need of divine intervention if it were to survive. As I read article after article my anger grew toward the very Church I had once been eager to defend. As Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston vacillated in his promise to address the sex abuse scandal, and as the Diocese increasingly resorted to legalese to absolve itself of any responsibility, I became quite disgusted with my faith. This anger grew as the Church attempted to blame the media for its problem. Yet, the media did not invent this scandal. The media did not transfer John Geoghan from parish to parish after it was known he had been accused of child sex abuse. Currently,

more than 130 people have filed civil suits claiming that while a priest, John Geoghan sexually abused them as children. The Church for years knew of this problem yet lacked the courage to face it. Any perceived media bias was a secondary issue. Rather, the primary issue was whether or not Catholics would stand-up and excise this cancer - painful though it may be - before it sickened the entire body. While Catholics and the Catholic Church still have a long way to go, I am hopeful that with this recent scandal we might finally take the necessary steps to purge this blight from our faith.

Which brings me to Islam: The problem with Islam lies not in its message, but rather with its messengers. Allow me to explain. Like many Americans, I was, and still remain to an extent, largely ignorant of a faith that is the spiritual home to over one billion people. But, curious as to why anyone would murder in the name of Islam or Allah, I read the Koran this past summer. The myriad passages which exhort the Muslim faithful to subjugate non-believers are analogous, I believe, to the slaughter by the Israelites of the inhabitants of Canaan in the Old Testament. As I read the Koran, I soon realized how similar it was to the Bible. Each Abrahamic faith believes in the existence of a God that is at once vengeful yet also full of love for his chosen people. Given this paradoxical similarity, it is not too difficult to deduce that the word of God can be used as a tool for the betterment of mankind or as a weapon in its self-destruction. Since both Bible and

Koran contain passages which seem to reward violence with salvation, teachers of the faith must be extremely judicious in how they interpret and preach "God's word" to the faithful.

This simple truism hit home when I read an article from the Sept. 18, 2003 edition of the *Washington Post*. The article, entitled "A Confessed Bomber's Trail of Terror," chronicled the tragic journey of a young man from a dusty town in Uzbekistan to the illusory comforts provided by fundamentalist Islam. As I read through the article, two facts in particular caught my attention: (1) The young man came from a broken home; and (2) he fell under the sway of several charismatic preachers at a young age. Various imams and religious figures, not to mention his own uncle, poisoned this young man's mind. These traitors taught this man to hate the West as the apparent source of troubles in his life. However, the story of 24-year old Azizbek Karimov's is not unique. The suicide bombers, jihadists, and terrorists - as if there is a difference between the three - I have read about share one frightening similarity: nearly all fell under the sway of a charismatic preacher or imam who encouraged them to wage war against a world that had presumably done them wrong.

Just as Catholics must demand the Church purge itself of those elements which would put the interests of the Shepard before the flock, so too must Muslims purge their incredibly dynamic religion from those messengers who would pervert the sacred word of the Koran. Imagine, for exam-

ple, if Catholic priests, week after week, urged the faithful to kill Protestants. If this were to occur, Christianity would still be enmeshed in the senseless religious wars of the Middle Ages. Thus, Islam is in need of a reformation - a purge of its unsavory elements - if it is to fully represent the beautiful faith that I had the privilege of learning about this past summer.

Religion is always a sensitive topic to discuss and in no way do I suggest Islam is an inherently violent religion or that anything more than a small minority of imams and preachers are traitors to their faith. Nor do I suggest that Christianity has it all figured out. Clearly, as I learned not too long ago, Catholicism continues to find ways to detract from its overall message of social justice and spiritual salvation. In both Catholicism and Islam the faithful majority should not let the actions of a desperate minority undermine the sanctity of their respective religions. In both religions, believers must take responsibility to prevent against leaders who poison the sanctity and peaceful refuge that religion is meant to provide. If not, monsters will be enabled to prey on children, and misguided young men will believe the pursuit of jihad is a noble goal.

Adherents to the Abrahamic faiths must realize that when it comes to a belief in God, Allah, Yahweh, whatever, they are all, for lack of a better phrase, on the same team. Consequently, whether it is pedophile priests or suicide bombers, the faithful must have the courage to cast off those who would twist religion into something it is not.

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Fair trial issues in the Kobe Bryant case

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Appropriate Venue

It has been suggested, by more than one commentator, that Eagle County is not the appropriate venue for this high profile rape case. They argue that the jury pool is too homogeneous, too white, and too rural. They suggest that Kobe Bryant can only receive a fair trial in the urban capital of Denver, where the population is more diverse. This type of venue hunting suggests that these commentators are hoping that "Kobe the Superstar" will win over the jury more than whether he successfully defends himself against the charges of his accuser.

To change the venue to Denver is inviting the jury to nullify the action rather than find that Kobe is actually innocent. It has been suggested that an Eagle County jury is likely to rubber-stamp Kobe's conviction regardless of his actions, either because they are biased rural whites suspicious of any minority, or, personal acquaintances of the victim. However, it is equally likely that a Denver jury would be inversely predisposed to acquit. A Denver jury may be influenced more by the presence of a celebrity NBA star than by their belief that Kobe is actually innocent. Not to mention the effect his celebrity will have on the jury's opinion of his white accuser. Denver, unlike any other city in Colorado, has

an NBA team, which suggests a likely contingent within the jury pool of basketball fans or even Kobe Bryant supporters.

While everyone is undoubtedly hoping Kobe will receive a fair hearing and justice is served, one must wonder whether Denver will offer "too fair a trial" - a trial with a jury that is overly prone to acquit.

Identity of the Accuser

By motion, Kobe's attorneys have demanded that the 19-year old accuser testify at his upcoming preliminary hearing. They argue that he has a constitutional right to confront his accuser

accuser. While many might label this as a fringe event, her name, address, e-mail, and phone number are now readily accessible on the internet. Tom Leykis, a disc jockey in Los Angeles, openly aired her name on his radio program. Combined, these examples suggest that there are a number of people willing to obstruct justice in order to "Free Kobe", regardless of the consequences to the accuser if her identity became more readily known.

Frankly, female rape victims are stigmatized by the public. She is considered a "slut" or a "tramp" for being alone in the room with her rapist. It may even be suggested that she "was asking for it" by wearing provocative

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at the hearing. This argument is absurd and the Prosecutors are rightfully opposing this action. Her identity should be kept secret, as best as possible, until the day she must testify in court. This is the best way to prevent others from unduly influencing her testimony. Too many people are willing to hurt her physically and emotionally to protect their beloved NBA star.

This is evidenced by Patrick Graber's recent attempt to solicit money from Kobe to murder his

clothing. In this high profile case, it is assured that the public will be looking for any reason to excuse Kobe's actions. This blame is outrageous. Women are the victims of rape regardless of their dress or sexual history. If we want a fair trial, we must prevent undue influence on the accuser by withholding her identity.

Society has repeatedly proven itself incapable of possessing personal information of rape victims. Releasing her identity is tantamount to letting her be raped again by the public.

Defense
Sylvia Albert

Change of Venue

The idea that Kobe Bryant will receive a fair trial in Eagle County is a laughable one. Situated in what seems to be a skier's paradise, Eagle County boasts a population of roughly 41,000. Eighty five percent of its inhabitants are white and only a paltry .3 percent - about 142 people - are African-American. In contrast, Kobe Bryant is a minority from a big city. Justice

accusations. In a community this small, everybody knows somebody who knows somebody who...you get the idea.

In the interest of justice, this trial needs to be moved to Denver. In a more diverse, urban area there is less chance of a tainted jury. There are some that argue the jury in Denver will still be tainted, now under the spell of the celebrity basketball player. That may very well be true. It may be the case that a trial in Eagle will be biased towards the accuser and one in Denver will be biased towards Kobe Bryant. Only one of those people is

difficult for the judge to ascertain her credibility.

Victim's advocates argue that the accuser should be protected from the stigma associated with rape victims by protecting her identity. That is no longer an option in this situation. Information about Kobe Bryant's accuser has already been leaked to the public. Pictures of her have been published on the internet and her name discussed by Tom Leykis on the air. Friends and ex-boyfriends have been revealing alleged personal information to media outlets and rumors are running amok. While not spoken aloud due to a gag order, her identity is no longer a secret and protection can not be used as an excuse to tread on Kobe Bryant's constitutional rights.

By protecting the identity of the accuser, the court is also creating a bias towards her. It automatically makes people assume that there is a reason to protect her, that her accusations must be true. In the interest of ensuring a fair trial ensues, Kobe Bryant should be allowed to face his accuser in open court.

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demands a jury of peers and this community markedly fails to meet that requirement. Recently a West Virginia white pride group paid a visit to Eagle, populating homes and post office boxes with fliers which read 'Don't Have Sex With Blacks - Avoid AIDS!' The men and women of Eagle County may be no more racist than those in LA, but the smaller the jury pool, the easier it is to taint. The damage has already been done.

Eagle County is also the home of Bryant's 19 year old Caucasian accuser. By all indications, she was an active student who is easy to identify. She was a cheerleader, sang in the choir and acted in school plays at Eagle Valley High. She even auditioned for American Idol. As the media camped out around the courthouse, friends and supporters came out of the woodwork to defend her

facing jail time, though, and Bryant's right to a trial that is fair - or overly fair if necessary - must be protected.

Face Your Accuser

Kobe Bryant has every right to demand his accuser face him. While it may or may not turn out to be wise defense strategy, the Sixth Amendment allows him the right to call his accuser to testify at the preliminary hearing. The prosecution has asked that the accuser be allowed to submit a videotaped statement as testimony. In lieu of live testimony, the D.A. is proposing testimony of the Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiner, a victim's advocate who cannot be expected to give an unbiased accounting of facts and details. This denies the defense the right to cross examine the accuser, as well as making it more dif-

Apology

The Law Weekly would like to apologize to those SBA 1L and LL.M. candidates whose statements were unintentionally left out of last week's issue.

We sincerely apologize for whatever ill effects that may have resulted from our omission.

We wish the entire SBA and the whole student body all the best in accomplishing your goals for the semester and beyond.

The many ghosts of Iraqi past, present and future

Scott P. Lindsay

How did we get here, where are we now, and what does the future hold? These are the three questions that every American should be asking right now about the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

How did we get here? The logic that justified the invasion of Iraq was founded on a single assumption: Saddam Hussein had developed a substantial covert Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) program that United Nations inspectors were unable to locate because Iraq's security services were thwarting their efforts. There was significant circumstantial evidence to indicate that this indeed was the case. Most importantly, Saddam's behavior strongly indicated that he had something to hide. Why would he impoverish his country, risk war with the most powerful nation on earth, and subject himself to international scorn and condemnation if he had already disposed of his WMD?

Although there were numerous secondary arguments in favor of war - the brutality of Saddam's regime, the possible connections between Saddam's security services and al-Qaeda, and the opportunity to end the containment that had done so much to antagonize U.S.-Arab relations - at bottom, the logic for war hinged entirely on the threat posed by Saddam's WMD. If Saddam was indeed so obsessed with WMD that he was willing to defy the world to develop them, there was a sufficient security threat to justify war. If he was not stockpiling WMD, the benefits of removing

Saddam were simply outweighed by the costs in blood and treasure.

Where are we now? For the past six months, the United States has assigned a team of 1,200 weapons experts and soldiers to doggedly search for Saddam's WMD. Their interim report released last week in Washington: nothing. At most, documents from Saddam's regime indicate that he had an intention to reconstitute his WMD programs at some point in the future. Even if small chemical or biological weapons facilities are discovered, it is clear that the threat posed by Iraqi WMD was overblown by both the Bush and Clinton administrations.

Besides the fact that the principal justification for war has turned out to be unfounded, things have pretty much gone as one might expect. The war was won with relatively little opposition by overwhelmed Iraqi forces. The "silent majority" of Iraqi civilians are happy to see Saddam go but uncomfortable with a Western occupier. With the oppressive boot of the dictator removed, Iraqi society is thriving in many ways and crumbling in others. Freedom is a powerful force, for good and evil.

Of most concern to Americans, a small contingent of Iraqi and foreign fighters are waging a low-level guerilla war against U.S. forces, humanitarian aid workers, and the nascent Iraqi Governing Council. Although the threat from these guerillas should not be overblown, the pattern portends difficult times to come.

What does the future hold? The most pressing medium-term threat in Iraq is that the small-scale guerilla war will be a magnet for disgruntled Arab

youth who see their one opportunity for political expression in rallying to the anti-American cause. Just as the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and the Russian occupation of Chechnya attracted substantial numbers of radical holy warriors, so will the occupation of Iraq.

As this guerilla/terrorist force grows, the need for the U.S. presence will only increase. No government built from scratch with dubious legitimacy in the minds of the population will be able to manage this fight alone. The United States must carry the burden. The vicious circle here should be self-evident. Over the next five to ten years, no matter how many schools are built and bridges repaired, U.S. forces will be needed to maintain security and stabilize the new Iraqi regime. Yet, the longer the U.S. stays, the more destabilizing forces will be attracted to the country.

Which brings us to the 2004 U.S. presidential election. Knowing that Iraq will be the dominant national security issue for the next president of the United States, which candidate is best prepared to manage our way through this long-term predicament? Although the American electorate should punish Bush for getting the U.S. into Iraq on false assumptions, the answer is not that simple. The next U.S. president must have the experience and the fortitude to ensure that our job in Iraq is done right.

Take Howard Dean for example. His anti-war platform may have been attractive in March 2003, but it will do little for the country in March 2005. Iraq has become such a political issue for him that he can't help but see it as Bush's war instead of as America's problem. A Dean

presidency would simply not be capable of cognitively embracing the ugly but realities of U.S. obligations in Iraq.

Americans are inherently conservative on national security and will be hesitant to switch horses midstream without a clearly superior alternative. This explains why Kerry, Lieberman, and Gephardt have not captured a great deal of interest. Although most Americans are upset about the situation in Iraq, they rightly don't see how these three candidates could improve on Bush's course.

The latest entrant, Wesley Clark, has quickly jumped to the lead in the polls for one reason only: Americans believe they can trust him to do the job right, be honest about it, and hold Bush accountable at the same time. We'll see if that impression bears out over time, but it certainly makes the race more dynamic and interesting in the present.

The bottom line is that Americans must prepare to carry a heavy burden in Iraq well into the future. There are few prospects for foreign assistance and the chances that the Iraqi Governing Council will be capable of managing the guerilla conflict on its own are slim to none for the next several years. Although, United Nations approval and devolution of authority to Iraqis are important goals, the impact of the former should not be overestimated and the implementation of the latter cannot be rushed.

The United States is considerably less safe now than it was one year ago, but harping on that fact will not help the present or the future. Like it or not, Iraq is America's problem now and only a steady hand can see us through the tough times ahead.

The Japanese military operates in legal jeopardy

Goh Chen Fong

If I said that a modern country can outlaw war, many readers will laugh at me. If I said that there is a country that maintains armed forces in contravention of its own laws, readers would probably not believe me. But such a country does exist. It is not only an important ally of the U.S.; its Constitution was actually written by Americans. And due to American pressure, it is now breaking those laws and sending its troops overseas - all in the name of spreading democracy and the rule of law.

This country is not an insignificant third world client state but Japan. The constitution of modern Japan was drafted by 24 Americans appointed by General Douglas McArthur, Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP), in February 1946. The document was presented to the Japanese government, then translated and reviewed no less than 6 times in the Japanese parliament to ensure that the Japanese version was in line with the aims of the office of the SCAP before its adoption in 1947.

Drawing on the 1928 Kellogg-Briand Pact that envisioned a world without war, McArthur wanted Japan to abolish war as a sovereign right of the nation and bar Japan from ever maintaining or using armed forces. Article 9 of the 1947 Constitution reads:

"Aspiring sincerely to an international peace based on justice and order, the Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation

and the threat or use of force as means of settling international disputes.

"In order to accomplish the aim of the preceding paragraph, land, sea, and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained. The right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized."

The Japanese Constitution outlaws war. It even prohibits the nation from taking part in wars of self-defense. Yet according to the CIA World Factbook 2003, Japan spends \$40 billion annually on its Self-Defense Forces, making it the third largest spender after the U.S. and Russia. It maintains 240,000 men under arms, on par with countries like Spain. It was in response to pressure from the Bush administration that Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi decided in July to send the troops to Iraq.

This article is too brief to discuss how the Japanese military came about, analyze the domestic movements that are campaigning to disband the Self-Defense Forces, or examine how the North Korean threat might push the Japanese towards rearmament. I will just take a look at the anomalous legal status of the SDF.

There is no question that the constitution of 1947 supercedes all other laws and executive decisions in Japan. Article 98(1) says "This Constitution shall be the supreme law of the nation and no law, ordinance, imperial rescript or other act of governments...shall have legal force or validity." Article 99 further states: "the Emperor or the Regent as well as Ministers of States, members of the Diet, judges, and all other public officials

have the obligation to respect and uphold this Constitution." This should make it clear that the executive branch in Japan has no right to order a force representing 'war potential' into existence, much less deploy it abroad.

Are Japanese courts empowered to review the constitutionality of executive actions? Definitely. The Japanese system was drafted by Americans, hence Japan has a system of checks and balances between the branches of its government much like the United States. Article 76(1) of the Constitution states that "The whole judicial power is vested in a Supreme Court"; article 76(3) that "All judges shall be independent in the exercise of their conscience and shall be bound only by this Constitution and the laws"; and article 81 that "the Supreme Court is the court of last resort with power to determine the constitutionality of any law, order, regulation or official act." Even ordinary people should be able to challenge the actions of the government through the courts - for as Article 16 says: "Every person shall have the right of peaceful petition [to the courts]... for the enactment, repeal or amendment of laws, ordinances or regulations and for other matters."

Although it may review the constitutionality of the SDF, in practice Japan's Supreme Court practices what one of Japan's largest daily newspapers (Mainichi Shimbun) describes as "excessive judicial passivism" and has only declared laws unconstitutional five times since 1947. The Mainichi Daily notes that "in 1952, the Supreme Court dismissed a suit brought by a legislator

challenging the constitutionality of the National Police Reserve (the forerunner of the Self-Defense Forces), stating that its power to determine the constitutionality of laws or actions could only be exercised to settle concrete legal disputes."

There has been no constitutional amendment to legalize the SDF's existence, because it is very difficult to make changes to the Japanese constitution. Article 96(1) states that "amendments to this Constitution shall be initiated by the Diet, through a concurring vote of two-thirds or more of all the members of each House and shall thereupon be submitted to the people for ratification, which shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast thereon, at a special referendum or at such election as the Diet shall specify." Since the end of World War II, it has not been politically correct in Japan to suggest rearmament. There is also widespread public opposition to rearmament, so even if the legislative summoned enough political will, the proposed amendment will be defeated in the ensuing referendum.

The Self-Defense Forces are being maintained by Japan in violation of its constitution. Practically speaking, it seems clear that the SDF will not be disbanded anytime soon - not with the constant saber-rattling from North Korea, and not with the U.S. demanding that Japan take on a more active military role abroad. But courts are reluctant to hear the issues of the SDF's constitutionality, and it is too difficult to pass the constitutional amendment necessary to make the SDF legal.

The shocking absence of law school leadership

Mass Appeal
Jon Massimino

We obviously are not the Georgetown School of Business. Very few of us will ever receive a Masters in Business Administration. Very few of us know what it is like to sit in a classroom in that school up on the Potomac River. To varying degrees, all those students have a drive and ambition to manage, to lead. Sometimes I wonder about the student groups up there - do they just sit around and attempt to manage each other? Despite the not-so-subtle dig at our Georgetown fellows, I am actually jealous of them. Certain qualities go along with the desire to be a leader, and those qualities are notably lacking here at the Law Center, even among those who occupy positions of leadership here.

To lead is to take on responsibility. To lead is to unify and move forward and make progress. To lead is to make sacrifice for gains. I do not claim that all those who desire to be leaders do so for altruistic reasons. There is money to be made, power to gain and exercise, recognition to sow. All these things are intoxicating and addictive. No matter the reason one wants to lead, the trappings of office require the same cause and effect. It takes a certain something to get the job done, and the answer to the \$64,000 question is not charisma. When the opportunity to lead is abundant, like it is here at the Law Center, all it takes is the willingness to step up and take the reins. There are a select few here who happily accept the mantles given to them, but they are then instantly struck by the lack of others here that are willing to work as hard as they will.

I wish I knew what it is about

future JDs that put themselves into the backseat instead of the driver's seat. Our fellow MBAs are going to school to learn how to lead; we're learning how to frustrate those efforts, or make sure they do their jobs right. They're learning how to organize and create efficiencies; we're learning how to make sure the byproducts of their decisions do not frustrate broader policy concerns. Law school is set up to teach how to adjudicate decisions rather than make decisions. The majority of students here are more than willing to let that be the case. It makes things easier. Let someone else take the risk of making a call. If something goes wrong, it is someone else's fault. Is this really the nature of the

time for it?

Leaders here at the Law Center often find themselves alone on a team. It is no problem to find individuals who are eager to accept a position on an organization's staff, editorial board, or whatever. Friendships and relationships are formed; the new title is accurately reflected on a resume. The boss then feels that everyone will perform to the levels that their titles reflect, but are quickly disappointed as priorities conflict, duties are shrugged off or forgotten, and everything quickly falls apart. People are more than happy to do things until it involves some consequence if they don't do their job right. If the work isn't done, or done right, it is

lack of individual consequences for failure, but such is the nature of volunteer and student groups. The stakes aren't high for anyone except the leader of a given group, and few are willing to share in the risk. But, to take the six-year-old view of things, that leaves more reward for everyone else.

Like I wrote above, the trappings of office can be addictive. I know I love it. While there is something to be said for pure journalistic pursuit and all that, the best thing about the *Law Weekly* is being in charge of it. But even here, it certainly is not easy. I have a hard enough of a time getting people to turn in football picks on time even after they've had five days to come up with random picking methods. Could there possibly be a more dire indictment of my leadership skills? The lesson, as always, is that I'm an idiot. Never forget that for one second. But there is something about achieving our goal each and every week, as well as gaining the national recognition along the way. Things got so frustrating recently I gave serious thought to quitting the whole gig. People were being unresponsive and uncommitted. I had to be talked off the ledge when I realized that few, if anyone, cared about this as much as I do. But then the issue came out that Monday, and all the reasons why I love working here came flooding back.

To be a successful leader is to make a difference. If you have done your job right, you have made something better, accomplished a goal, or made a profit. No matter why you decided to do it, the world is now a better place. The desire to lead is something Georgetown MBAs go to school for, and something that we leave at the door when we begin law school. It's a dangerous path to start down, but fortunately, the decision to turn back is an easy one to make.

Very few of us know what it is like to sit in a classroom in that school up on the Potomac River. To varying degrees, all those students have a drive and ambition to manage, to lead. Sometimes I wonder about the student groups up there - do they just sit around and attempt to manage each other?

law? To turn bright young students into followers?

This malaise is reflected in our campus groups, and the few here that are willing to try to do something about it are basically plowing the snowy driveway with a spoon. When we graduate, we're going to go work, either directly or indirectly, for our MBA counterparts. This does not sit well with me. The energy and drive it takes to make the opposite true exists in truly small quantities here. The law is, by nature, complex to understand and difficult to master. Does it have to be reactive? Is our attention so captured that we leave leadership to those who have

far too easy to pass along the blame. It is often said that crap flows downhill. (Eds. note - can I just tell you how hard it was to write "crap" instead of the real word that goes there? Ye gods.) Here at the Law Center, if you're at the top of the hill, odds are that you are at the bottom of the hill as well.

The problems are many. Too few understand the concept of risk and reward, or perhaps they understand it too well. It is well established that once you get here, a Georgetown JD is all you need to have a successful life - why should you try to do anything else? Can this really be what is going on here? Also troubling is the complete and utter

Way too many reasons to dislike Howard Dean

Michael Palisano

I know exactly what you're thinking: this is going to be another self-important conservative article disparaging the policies of the liberal politics and erstwhile Presidential candidate Howard Dean, former governor of Vermont. While my political sympathies do tend towards the conservative, my patent dislike of Howard Dean extends beyond political matters, into the realm of idiotic petty spite. Besides, I have many friends who will vote for Howard Dean. I have never been able to convince them that I'm right, and vice versa, so I learned a long time that it is futile to try. If you vote for Howard Dean, I respect your opinion, although it is wrong.

My ire was raised, much like the tidewaters of the Potomac during the Hurricane, a few weeks ago, when I found that an acquaintance of mine from college was working on Dean's campaign in New Hampshire. I happen to despise this neophyte political intern, which, oddly enough, is not an unusual sentiment for me to harbor about my acquaintances. The circumstances of how I came to hate this girl will bore the reader, but the important thing was that once I discovered

that her new employer was none other than Howard Dean, the floodgates of my hatred were directed squarely towards the man himself. Not only did Dean carry the banner that I was opposed to, but he also hired a grade of human being, that, if it were to be graded by the FDA, would only be rated for consumption in jerky form.

The very name, "Howard Dean" brings together two very disparate and distasteful concepts in my mind at first blush. To wit, the first images that are conjured in my mind are Howard Johnson's hotel chain and Jimmy Dean breakfast links. Howard Johnson, or "HoJo's" as they became known (for some reason I can't figure out, Howard Johnson was too long to pronounce) are about the seediest full service hotels you will find anywhere. Howard Johnsons are the bottom feeders of the economy hotel chain, an impressive feat when you consider that its company includes Best Western, EconoLodge, Red Roof Inns, Motel 6, and Super 8. I have stayed at many of the aforementioned inns, but for some reason, Howard Johnson seems like the sleaziest, even though I can't remember the time I stayed there. Perhaps that's because it was in Canada.

Jimmy Dean has been plugging his breakfast sausages on TV for

years. Now, don't get me wrong. I love sausage. However, breakfast sausage as an institution has always seemed a little...off to me. First of all, they're much smaller than ordinary sausage which seems like they're of lesser quality for some reason to my untrained eye. Generally, they are also not grilled and so they don't get that nice carcinogenic, charred flesh feel. I can't stomach heavy food in the morning. A stack of silver dollars or a nice Belgian Waffle is the most I can ordinarily tolerate. But the heaviness of the sausage grease makes me feel just plain wrong, like I have already eaten dinner for the day, and I have two more meals left. I also associate breakfast sausage with Sunday brunch which brings up all kinds of uncomfortable memories of dressing up for church. It doesn't help that Howard Dean's home state is Vermont, which is famous for producing Maple Syrup, also associated with large breakfasts.

There is also the fact that Howard Dean would garner the same following if he had been endorsed by Trey Anastasio, lead singer of uber-hippie band Phish. If you're reading this and you say to yourself: "Hey Mike, I'm a hippie" I promise, I have nothing against you. If you are a hippie and truly subscribe to the hippie ideology, more power to you. Smoke every-

thing I say. Wear seven different types of flowers in your hair. However, I think that your message might be a trifle tarnished when otherwise privileged white suburban teens coopt the hippie image and subscribe to a political ideology in which they would be completely disenfranchised. Try to imagine these students in a 1968 Democratic Convention type scenario, with riot police and tear gas. It's difficult to imagine these hippies not soiling their Carhartts and running in terror. It's also a little hard to take Dean seriously as a political candidate when the majority of his supporters haven't mastered the concept of personal hygiene. I don't think it's too much to ask to have a President with his finger on the button to have a base that has mastered the roll-on anti-perspirant technology.

Naturally, I have begun to think of Howard Dean as the unholy offspring of a sleazy hotel chain, a large, down-home breakfast, and a jumbo-sized doobie sold by a guy in a rain-bow kufi. So when his name is mentioned, I instantly feel full, slightly nauseous, and uncomfortable. If you choose to vote for Howard Dean, that certainly is your right as a patriotic American. Just don't be surprised if I ask you what your favorite brunch item is.