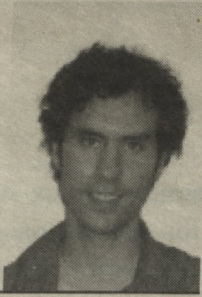


**Right Here and Now**



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I sit here writing this on Sunday afternoon and since things are still up in the air as to a strike and what it means for students, I thought I'd write about some current news issues, with a little bit of colour commentary.

**Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia says lawyers and judges aren't capable of making moral choices any more than Joe Six-Pack. Also, Orgies are good.**

Source: *Scalia joked "...sexual orgies eliminate tension and ought to be encouraged," but said a panel of judges is not inherently qualified to determine the morality of such behavior.*

*He pointed to the granting of voting rights to women in 1920 through a constitutional amendment as the proper way for a democracy to fundamentally change its laws.*

Commentary: This is the coolest 70-year-old in the world. Although listening to anybody that old talk about orgies is almost enough for me to never want to be in one. Almost.

**Bush pushes for physical searches of homes and businesses of 'suspected terrorists' without any legal checks or warrants.**

Source: "President Bush authorized the National Security Agency to begin conducting electronic eavesdropping on terrorism suspects in the United States, including American citizens, without court approval." "...the lawyers talked with senior FBI officials about using the same legal authority to conduct physical searches of homes and businesses of terrorism suspects—also without court approval, one current and one former government official tell U.S. News."

Commentary: I have nothing funny to add about this, as there is nothing

funny about it. Let me just say that I'm glad to be Canadian and if anyone needs me, I'll be hiding in my closet, crying until my eyes hurt.

**Canadian man held hostage in Israel treated well because he was Canadian.**

Source: *"When they were certain I was Canadian, they were very disappointed. Then, they told me, 'We love Canada.' That's wonderful to hear when you have guns pointed at you," an exhausted Mr. Budzanowski said yesterday in a telephone interview shortly after he was released after almost 30 hours as a hostage.*

Commentary: Well, even more reason for people traveling abroad to keep Canadian flags and such on them. Although god help you if they find out you're an American in disguise, they'll probably revoke your Tim Hortons rights (they have Tims in Israel, right? Right?).

How the hell did this work anyway? "You're Canadian? Do you know Jim?" "Uh yeah, I know Jim." "Jim dated my cousin for a few years, he was a great guy! You're free to go, we love Canada!" "Uh...really? Ok. Bye!"

**Isaac Hayes quits Southpark for being 'insulting to religion', irony and hilarity abound.**

Source: *Soul singer Isaac Hayes said Monday he was quitting his job as the voice of the lusty character "Chef" on the satiric cable TV cartoon "South Park," citing the show's "inappropriate ridicule" of religion.*

Commentary: Are you serious? I know this issue isn't really that important, and it's been rehashed in the media...but what the hell. It's all well and good to make fun of religion, unless it's your own? Hmm, does that ever sound familiar.

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