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Marriage: One Man, One Woman.

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Martha Stewart: Being Rich and Popular is the Best Revenge

Though publicists deny it, Martha Stewart has been heard frequently by staffers at MSLO offices whistling, humming, and happily muttering, "Billy Tauzin, kiss my ass."

Stewart's open hostility toward Tauzin isn't surprising, considering that the Louisiana Representative was the Chair of the House Committee investigation that landed Stewart in jail.

Stewart, now free from confinement at the Federal Pen in WV, and then at her estate in Bedford Hills, CT, is also reported by

staffers to be in a better mood than she was, "even after she dumped her loser husband."

Many attribute her ebullience to the undeniable upswing her fortunes have taken since completing the sentence she received after an insider trading conviction in 2004.

Stewart appeared from her confinement slimmed, toned, with several newly inked omimedia deals in hand—and basking in newly-acquired alliances with real-estate mogul Donald Trump and reality TV czar Mark Burnett.

The Happy Hour was unable to reach former Representative Tauzin for comment, who since publishing an unremarkable cook book, has also had cancer.



Wealthier and more popular than ever, Martha Stewart returns

The Happy Hour Returns



It's insanely self-obsessed, to talk about the successes, absences, and failures of your own publication, and we at the Happy Hour usually leave that for stellar journalists like Roll Call's (and we love them for it).

But given our ex-

tended hiatus, we thought we owed you, fair reader, an explanation: unemployment.

It's been a year since we last graced the world with our unique brand of humor, and what a year it's been. Martha has been, at long last, freed. Our pa-

tron, Denny Crane, has returned with a new season of Boston Legal. And the Happy Hour editors have held a grand total of five jobs since the last edition!

So here it is. Enjoy. And please don't use this for kitty litter liner.



"There are real consequences to a culture that chooses to violate God's moral law."

The original production of Little Orphan Annie first opened in 1977 and ran until 1983—one of the longest running shows in history. To date, there has never been a black Orphan Annie on Broadway.

Happy Hour Patron Denny Crane



Anti-Choice Corner: keeping you copasetic with the crazies

Today the Happy Hour brings you tidings from the Salvation Army, and their member newsletter the "War Cry."

- S. Michael Craven

"We should be teaching our children the truth about sexuality. God created sex for His purposes and our well-being, to be enjoyed within the confines of marriage...."

There are real consequences to a culture that chooses to violate God's moral law. History has proven time and again that such contempt for these moral truths is the inevitable path to societal self-destruction.

Christians are all too often ready to withdraw from this moral debate for fear of 'imposing their beliefs' on others. We

must guard against the culturally imposed notion that advocacy of God's truth in matters of morality is an imposition of our beliefs on others. It is not! When we advocate the biblical position in matters of morality and ethics we are not expressing a persona perspective, we are expressing the revealed truth of God....

There is a great and very real war raging in the world today, and that war is being fought within the context of the cultural battle to redefine sexual ethics and ultimately abolish God's truth. This is where we must stand if we are to be counted as warriors for Christ. Otherwise our children will inherit a culture awash in misery and contempt for the things of God.

A Christmas Blessing from the Reverend Al Sharpton

"...The image of Santa Claus has been crafted for hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of years. We're supposed to be in a different day. Give the world a black Santa Claus, let the people have an African-American come down the chimney bearing joy and good will!"

<Mr. Shore points out to Reverend Sharpton that the client is gay, not black. He continues>

"The prejudice against gay people must stop. We all say we're for gay rights. We all say we accept homosexuality. But give a

gay man a hug, sit in his lap? Let the bells of tolerance ring out this Christmas. Let people open their minds as they open their presents underneath the tree. We need your mind, judge, today. Let the gay man be my brother, be your brother, be the school teacher, be the construction worker. Give the world a gay Santa Claus, God Almighty, God Almighty, God Almighty! Leave out the cookies and milk this Christmas Eve for a holly, jolly homosexual, God Almighty!"



The Best of Boston Legal: Devoted to our patron, Denny Crane

From Denny

"You hear the one about the fella who died, went to the pearly gates? St. Peter let him in. Sees a guy in a suit making a closing argument. Says, "Who's that?" St. Peter says, "Oh, that's God. Thinks he's Denny Crane."

"Massachusetts is a blue state. God has no place here."

"Watch it, judge, we're a superpower. Don't make us add you to the axis."



Drink More Water

Happy Hour editors are sick and tired of being ridiculed for their superior taste in water. We sought vindication from a higher power: people who make money off of good-tasting water. And we found it. Educate yourselves here, masses:

Q: Why not just drink tap water?
 A: You can certainly do just that. Tap water is obviously a very important service provided to the community. It's used to help fight fires, wash clothes, flush toilets, water lawns and take showers. The problem is that every single gallon of tap water must meet minimum standards. The local authorities don't know whether you're going to drink a particular gallon or flush it down

the toilet. So every gallons need to meet the minimum standards. Did you know that we drink less than 1/2 of one percent of all the tap water produced?

Q: Why should I drink DrinkMore purified water instead of spring water?
 A: That's easy – because it's so much healthier for you. We take out all of the impurities typically found in spring water and tap water, so you know exactly what you're getting – pure and fresh H2O every time. Spring waters fluctuate in quality because the aquifers from which they emanate are constantly in a state of change. Haven't you wondered why spring water companies never talk about purity? They want to talk about

"natural" – let's get something straight – the Potomac River is "natural" but I certainly wouldn't scoop out a big glass and drink it. And neither would you. You've also heard how spring water sources are in "protected areas". The reality is that springs are recharged via the hydrologic cycle – evaporation (cloud formation) and then condensation (rain) etc. and rain is how the atmosphere is cleansed of its contaminants. It's obvious that even remote areas (like the Adirondack Mountains) receive tremendous amounts of acid rain and other contaminants. The geology of the area can help filter out some of those contaminants and add others.
www.drinkmorewater.com

New Happy Hour Feature: Iowa Sucks!



Hey—add to all the reasons Iowa isn't cool this billboard from some lame teen pregnancy prevention campaign they're running! Iowa, Ohio, what's the difference? Do you know? Do you care? No! WAIT—Iowa has the caucuses—in the middle of winter! That sucks!

We're adding a new feature column to the Happy Hour, entitled, "Iowa Sucks." Feel free to send your own submissions, we're happy to publish them!

Did you miss it on the Blog? Try Coke Zero!

"He who is the most chill wins." It's undeniably a sexist statement, but let's blow on by that for a moment, lest it distract us from savoring the fine and refreshing flavor of the new Coke Zero. This product is truly revolutionary. But be warned—Coke Zero is not for all you skinny girls who grew up watching mom down case after case of Diet Coke, and can't handle the full-bodied and more satisfying flavor of genuine Coke. No no. Rather, Coke Zero is for those of us who love the Cola and hate the calories. Science has finally managed to do something useful, which is to create a no-calorie pop alternative that actually tastes like the real thing. While Dr. Pepper has long been the "tastes like the original" champ, it will now have to cede its glory to the new Coke Zero. If you're man (or woman) enough, try it and love it today. www.cokezero.com



"Everybody Chill"

Holiday Cheer

A review of our favorite quotes from the year

"I require a salary that will permit me to live decently in the area, and perhaps finance the purchase of an iPod over time."

- Anon. resume, 4/17/05

"By the way -- when you ride hard on a mountain bike, sometimes you fall, otherwise you're not riding hard."

- George Bush, 7/7/05

"...a family is part of a village!"

- HRC retort to Santorum, 7/12/05

"Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

- George Bush to then FEMA head Michael Brown, 9/2/05

"Worst disaster in US history."

- SKYnews caption under George Bush during Katrina press conference, 9/16/05

And of course, the Happy Hour all-time winner:

"Go fuck yourself"

- VP Dick Cheney

In Memoriam: Sarah Rosen

Excerpted from The Winning Slate—October / November 2005

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of Sarah Rosen, a vivacious, committed, and determined friend and colleague. Sarah was one of those women with the gumption, know-how, and spirit to change the world. Hers is a tragic loss for everyone – especially for the men and women who did not have an opportunity to know her or benefit from her ideas and energy.

I recall what others shared about Sarah in the past few weeks – she was available anytime you needed her and was always willing to make the time for others; she had a passion for every issue and organization that she invested time in and an ability to connect people of very different backgrounds; the list goes on.

In this fast-paced town where getting ahead often seems of utmost importance, Sarah's life and work serve as a reminder of the importance of community and of being there to support, mentor and help each other. I know that I, like many of you, strive to follow Sarah's example. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to work by her side, and in honor of her life, I will strive to continue the work with the passion, grace, and vision that Sarah brought to our community.

Happy Hour Original Memorial

Happy Hour editors have our own special memory of Sarah, when she hooked up with a handsome young gentleman at the Democratic Networking Group's Holiday Gala in 2003.

Both of them taking full advantage of the open bar, they immediately hit it off and began making out. So enamored of each other were they, that neither noticed when the young man leaned back against a low railing and proceeded to light his shirt on fire.

Nearby Gala attendees quickly jumped to their aid, and the fire was extinguished. It's a holiday moment we won't soon forget.

Thanks, Sarah.

Go, Gina's Mom



The Happy Hour would like to salute Mary Ann Maggiore, Fairfax, CA's newest Councilwoman! In her legendary battle, Mary Ann unseated a long-time incumbent. Jumping from her seat on the town planning commission, Ms. Maggiore, aka Mary Ann, aka Gina-booty's mom, will bring her cool and progressive stylings to the Fairfax town council. Rock on, Mary Ann—the Happy Hour loves it when kool women run for office.

The Year in Pictures

January: HH goes to NYC to see The Gates



July: HH meets important Senator Bill Frist



August: HH stays in prison-like dorms at Ohio State



November—we mourn the loss of Sam, the world's ugliest dog

