



The VFC Happy Hour

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Voters For Choice: No Party Is A Bad Party

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Points of Interest:

- "They can take their deed and shove it up their subpoena." Featured Photo, p.4
- "Campus Greens submits this request to be posted as a link on your website." Editorial, p.3
- "When you take the Pledge you promise not to vote for those who say they are pro-life but insist upon an exception in the case of rape, incest or life of the mother." Special Feature, p.2

Hughes, Marvin... Off Into the Sunset

Adios, Betsy Marvin! Our veteran staff member, Betsy, is leaving us at the beginning of August, off to start what will become a high-powered and totally awesome legal career.

"Energy and smarts like Betsy's remind us why we became lawyers in the first place."

After 5 years with VFC, Betsy will begin to focus more intently on her legal experience- and we wish her the best!

"Betsy makes the Ladies Man look like Andrew Dice Clay. She has a way about her... More importantly, though, Betsy was amazing at her job. She's more connected in DC than anyone, and she knows her legislation, races, and candidates like no one else. Anything you work with her on is informed, accurate and thorough. I'll miss her!" adds *Happy Hour* Editor, Amy Drayer.



Marvin and Anti-Choice Truck

There was some initial concern that Betsy might be fleeing the pro-choice movement after her recent run-in with the anti-choice truck. (*VFC Happy Hour, June 2002*). However, we are assured that her

motivations are purely career-driven. Betsy will be finishing law school in 2003, and we know that she is destined to do stunning and fabulous things. VFC Pro Bono Legal Counselor Jennifer Jaff sums it all up:

"As a practicing attorney, I am so thrilled to see young women like Betsy joining the profession. It is too easy for those of us in the trenches to become discouraged and cynical. Energy and smarts like Betsy's remind us why we became lawyers in the first place: to demand of our system equal justice under the law. To have had the opportunity to work with Betsy has been an honor that I have treasured -- and that I will miss greatly."

While her departure is not as high-profile as Karen Hughes' recent exodus of the White House, Betsy's absence will be just as apparent. Neither will she be moving to Texas. But without her

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hotline ringing in the office, the place will seem empty. See you at happy hour, Betsy!

Hardcore Anti-Choice Voter Pledge

I pledge never to vote for, support, or endorse any candidate for public office who embraces a pro-abortion (pro-choice) public policy position.

Taking the Pro-Life Pledge is a bold act of faith. We must have faith in the long term outcome, which is in God's hands, even if the short term result of our vote (or non vote) seems small or futile.

The Pledge says that compromise is unacceptable when it involves human life. For example, when you take the Pledge you promise not to vote for those who say they are pro-life but insist upon an exception in the case of rape, incest or life of the mother.

Also, when you take

the Pledge you reject voting for the "lesser of two evils". The latter can be a devastating compromise because it teaches the nation that there are varieties of "pro-life" that are acceptable and that abortion is negotiable.

The culture of death will not be defeated until there is repentance from contraception.

The Pro-Life Pledge leads us to vote for life in God's uncompromising way. Jesus said; "He who is not with me is against me." The term "pro-choice" is a euphemistic lie. The baby has no choice. Babies need us to defend them. Every Christian has an obligation to participate in their defense.

http://www.godsplanforlife.org/prolife_pledge.htm

Bush: Foreign Women Can Kiss My Ass

The Bush administration has decided to officially withhold \$34 million in funds for the U.N. Population Fund citing allegations that the organization "tacitly perpetuates a 'one-child' policy in China that has led to abortions and sterilizations against women's will." In May, Bush sent a team of investigators from the State Department to China to determine whether UNFPA funding was linked to forced abortions and sterilizations in the nation. The investigators issued a report that concluded UNFPA "did not knowingly support coercive abortions" in China. However, the administration has "reject[ed]" the report's findings.

Instead, Bush will divert the money to US AID, a US based International Family Planning program. However, reproductive health advocates said that USAID -- which operates in about 80 nations, compared to the 140 that UNFPA serves -- will reach far fewer women.

Bush was unavailable to the *Happy Hour* for comment, but did issue a press release stating, "To get elected, I promised a bunch of radicals that I'd be their bitch. This is less motivated by my hatred of women and disregard for humanitarianism than it is by my need to make good on a promise."

Rising Star: Hayley Einhorn - A New York Story

Meet Hayley Eihorn, VFC's summer intern from the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism. She's an NYC gal, and it shows - she's bustin' out with pride. While we're not sure what she thinks about Rudy in drag, we were able to find out some interesting fact-oids. Born on St. Patty's Day (1983), Hayley must have a wee bit o' the Irish somewhere in her - but hopefully she's been able to steer clear of the parade....

VFC: What is your favorite website?

HE: www.nypost.com, all of the latest hometown news and sports.

VFC: What is your favorite food/restaurant?

HE: Houston's restaurant! I would eat there everyday if I could, roasted chicken with honey mustard sauce. I also have to include Serendipity because they have the best ice cream sundaes in the world!

VFC: Which do you prefer - kickball or 4 square?

HE: Kickball- I have some great old school memories of

playing kickball in Elementary School.

VFC: What is your favorite color?

HE: Blue- I love watching the variations of the sky and the ocean.

VFC: Do you watch American Idol?

HE: Nope- but I do have a weakness for pop music. I have been known to put on the Backstreet Boys and dance around my room!

VFC: Who was your favorite cartoon?

HE: Snoopy- he was my first stuffed animal when I was little, and I watched "Charlie Brown and the Great Big Pumpkin" Halloween special religiously.

VFC: Who is your favorite musician?

HE: Right now I love John Mayer, but I think Neil Diamond is hard to beat.

VFC: Where do you want to retire?

HE: There's no place like NYC. I'll be there for the rest of my life.

VFC: Do you do karaoke?

HE: YES! I love belting out old school Madonna songs.



Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg

Around Town: the VFC Laminator



The new VFC laminator

21 and over no more! Welcome the new VFC laminator. We thought about featuring it in Rising Star, but this is puppy is already at the top.

From now on, membership cards, passes, staff directories – anything and everything VFC related can be sealed and saved for generations to come.

Several staff members were jazzed at the new acquisition.

“I used to make cash on the side in college selling fake ID’s. All we had then was contact paper. But with the technology kids have these days – well, their tuition is practically covered,” quipped Special Events Coordinator Claudia Ades.

“My YMCA card was tattered and barely legible,” stated Legislative Director Betsy Marvin. “Now, I won’t have to waste 50 cents on a new card every year.”

VFC’s Executive Director Maureen Britell was a bit more heavy-handed.

“I know the staff is excited, but this machine is not for convenience. It’s strictly for concert passes and other VFC related needs.... such as laminating *The Happy Hour*.”



A fine example of laminator use

Editorial: Point/Counterpoint

Sam Worley-Ekstrom: Greens Like VFC!

Despite mainstream attempts to marginalize progressive organizations and ideas, there is a fundamental solidarity amongst all progressive organizations that is strengthened as we strive to build reciprocal relationships that further our respective missions.

As such, Campus Greens submits this request to be posted as a link on your website. Our site features information about our organization, upcoming activities such as our national convention, membership information, and an innovative new information Clearinghouse that we expect to be an invaluable resource to progressives on the web. If you’d like, we would be willing to add your site to our Clearinghouse in exchange for a link on your site.

In solidarity,

Sam Worley-Ekstrom - Media Coordinator - Campus Greens

Josh Suhrheinrich: Greens Think VFC Blows!

How disappointing that Gloria Steinem, has been so careless with the information she disseminates. Include her embarrassing support of the Democratic Party's fearful campaign that urged liberals to vote for Gore, not because he was the best candidate and not because he supported a liberal agenda, but because, "a vote for Nader is (or was) a vote for Bush," and I have heard nearly enough to lose respect for Gloria. What irresponsible and cowardly statements from a woman who has done many great things in the past to make life better for women.

Josh Suhrheinrich, “strong supporter of a woman's right to choose”

Editor's note:

GW Bush is now President. See “Anti-Choice Corner” for more details.

Rising Star: Adriana Caldera - CA Cool Invades DC

Let’s take it back old-skool with Adriana Caldera, VFC’s newest intern from Davis, CA. VFC asked Adriana the standard questions, and we’re ready to reveal her responses. Adriana is a child of the 80’s – but not in the Atari, Cyndi Lauper sense. No, Adriana was born in 1981 – sadly, the year Reaganomics was born, too. Let’s find out a little more:

VFC: What is your favorite website?

AC: www.uproar.com because I can play family feud on it

VFC: What is your favorite food/restaurant?

AC: Sophia's Thai Kitchen, in Davis, CA

VFC: Which do you prefer - Kickball or 4 Square?

AC: Definitely 4 Square

VFC: What is your favorite color?

AC: Red

“Definitely She-Ra... I mean, hello, she kicks major butt”

VFC: Who would win in a fight - Chandra or Monica - round 2 – Kate Michelman or Gloria Feldt?

AC: I think I’d pick Chandra, because Monica just looks like silly in that hat, and in round two I wouldn’t know who to pick because they both seem like very strong women

VFC: Do you watch American Idol?

AC: No... no I don't

VFC: What was your favorite cartoon?

AC: Definitely She-Ra... I mean, hello, she kicks major butt

VFC: Who is your favorite musician?

AC: Erykah Badhu, she puts on an awesome concert.... followed by Dave Matthews

VFC: Where do you want to retire?

AC: Some place warm and hopefully tropical

VFC: Do you do karaoke?

AC: Sadly no... but I do occasionally sing in the shower



Representative James A. Traficant, D-OH.

"I think they've had something funny for lunch in their meal, I think they should be handcuffed, chained to a fence and flogged, and all of their hearsay evidence should be thrown the hell out. And if they lie again, I'm going to go over there and kick them in the crotch. Thank you very much."

— Traficant's closing statement to the House Ethics Panel.

July

19/20 - Jesse James Chuck Wagon Days, Adair, IA

19 - Janet Reno's dance party, Miami, FL

19 - Intl. Spy Museum opens in DC

21 - Janet Reno's Birthday

24 - Rodeo Parade & Old Fashioned Fun Night, Lenox, IA

25 - Lucinda Williams at 9.30 Club

27 - Croatian Fest, Centerville, IA

28 - Bill Bradley's Birthday

August

1 - Hayley and Betsy's last day at VFC!

3 - 5th Annual Iowa antique tractor hunt, Pomeroy, IA

8/18 - Iowa State Fair, Des Moines, IA

14/15 - Sen. Joe Lieberman visits Iowa

16/18 - Sen. John Edwards visits Iowa and Iowa State Fair

19 - Bill Clinton's Birthday

29 - Annual Midwest Polka Fest, Humboldt, IA

Happy Hour Personals

All responses should be directed to the HH via fax

Laid-back West-Coaster seeks uptight East-Coaster - CA native seeking MA native for dates, organizational coaching. Clipped accent, lack of time, and attitude a must. Consultants, Lobbyists preferred.

Angry feminist seeks same - Are you fired up about women's rights? Do you refuse to wear clothes from the Gap, or even ride in an SUV? Do you think meat is murder? Then I'm the gal for you. Seeking compassionate woman (or man) for long-term commitment and transportation to PIRG rallies.

Midwestern Charm - Lonely, big-hearted gal from Nebraska seeks other charming Midwesterner for companionship, mutual corn appreciation. Ability to non-multi-task a must. Please be prepared to share stories involving hog farms/corn fields. NO VEGETARIANS PLEASE.

AA/F/Log Cabin (R) seeking same - Young prof. AA woman seeks date. So far I have not been able to find anyone like me - I have scoured the world, and can't find another conservative, gay, AA woman who enjoys watching 700 Club and protesting at the abortion mills. I know you're out there somewhere!



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