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Town Hall Meeting Lacks Student Attendance

By Jennie Orellana
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Only about 50 students and a handful of faculty and staff members attended the Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. Despite the opportunity given to discuss issues that may be occurring at UHD, low student attendance seemed to be one of the biggest problems.

A student leader from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority explained that low student attendance is common at UHD and it is something many student organizations face when events are hosted on campus. Many

students don't stay on campus due to work or family. Others have nothing that occupies or forces them to stay on campus, so they go back to their homes once they are done with classes.

UHD is no traditional college and perhaps the lack of dorms, lack of game rooms, lack of an official college football team, reduces a student's interest in attending anything but class.

"UHD is a steadily growing university," said Dr. Molly, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. "There is a 3% increase every semester. This is a university for the community where education is provided for a broad range of students." If there is

an enrollment increase, why is there no increase in student involvement?

One student at the Town Hall meeting suggested that in the future professors should give out extra credit for students who attend and perhaps by doing so, student attendance would increase.

Ed Apodaca, Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management, presented his office open door policy and offered student leaders his time to brainstorm ideas with them on how to get more students involved with the UHD community.

UHD Dance Marathon Succeeds

By Jennie Orellana
MANAGING EDITOR

Over \$6,000 was raised at UHD's Dance Marathon on Friday, April 3, 2009. Groups such as AMSA, CAB, HSF, Student Activities, Orientation Ambassadors and others volunteered at the successful event with over 100 participants at the height of the night.

All participants received a shirt, cup, coupons and other prizes provided by Student Activities and the Community Involvement Center. There were over 10 teams total, as well as a number of individual students who participated without a team. The CAB and Amazing Alumni teams both raised over \$500.

Performances by several different groups including Swift Dance Company, Kettleson Elementary, South Houston Jannette's Drill Team, Choking on Politics Band, UHD Salseros group and many more kept participants entertained and on their feet all evening.

Refreshments and two meals, donated by Little Cesar's Pizza and Panda Express, were provided during the entire event for all participants. Games such as Guitar Hero were available and choreography was taught by the different dance groups. Contributors to the 8-hour event supported the great services of The Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network.



Photo Courtesy of Vanessa Camarena

The Amazing Alumni Team, which consisted mainly of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority members, was led by Vanessa Camarena, a UHD graduate. Pictured above are members of various student organizations, such as Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity and Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, along with friends and family of Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority.

STUDENT LIFE

U.S. Known For Bad Gift Giving?

Opinion Piece

By Rufus Rite
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Have you ever received a gift where you kind of just smile, nod your head and say 'thank you,' knowing the gift serves no purpose to you sentimentally or materialistically? I am not talking about Secret Santas or White Elephants, where as long as you stay under a specific price range you're golden, but a true gift that anyone had to put just a smidgen of thought into, making the gift relevant. Perhaps the invention of the gift receipt has robbed us of this excruciating thought process. Just go out, pick up something worth a dollar amount that you think will suffice, get a gift receipt and the value of the item will speak for itself. Anyone can exchange whatever it is, for whatever they want and boom, the perfect gift. How does this technique work on a global status?

The Statue of Liberty was given to us by the lovely people of France in 1886. It represents friendship and welcomes visitors, immigrants and Americans returning home from their travels. Such a thoughtful gift from one of our most trusted allies. Do

you think she came with a gift receipt?

Then there is the gift of money. Throughout history this seems to be the most cliché, but it works. Everybody is happy when given money. Today, for tax purposes this gift giving process is best known as a "donation."

After the attacks on September 11, the British Government gave the United States of America one of two bronze busts of Sir Winston Churchill to keep in the White House. This was supposed to symbolize our strength as a nation and for Americans to maintain that strength in the future. A priceless gift you would think.

Shortly after our newly appointed President takes office, the Prime Minister of England comes to visit bearing gifts, but not just any gifts. First, there was the pen-holder carved from the timbers of the anti-slavery vessel, the HMS Gannet and a framed commission for the HMS Resolute, the sister ship of the HMS Gannet, priceless. Second was a first-edition of Martin Gilbert's seven-volume biography of Winston

Churchill, maybe not priceless, but valuable. Next were the six British children's books for Sasha and Malia, the first children, which have not been published in the U.S., very thoughtful. And finally Sasha and Malia received an outfit from Top-shop, an up-scale clothing chain in Britain, materialistic and expensive. The gifts presented by the charming people from the other side of the pond were grand, luxurious, sentimental, and held some sort of value.

We, as a nation, gave the Prime Minister and his family 25 DVDs and two model helicopters. The model helicopters were for the kids of

course. And to make matters worse, American DVDs are region 1 and European DVD players play region 2 DVDs. So that means they just received 25 tea coasters. That is so thoughtful! We don't want them leaving cup rings all over the furniture at Parliament. And that pesky Churchill bust, we gave it back. That's right, re-gifted.

So now that the U.S. is officially the worst gift giver in the history of the world, besides the Greeks and their Trojan horse, where do we go from here? How about jolly 'ol England. That's right. We need to make up for the horrible gifts we gave them

during our last meeting. So, our President sets sail across the pond to meet the Queen of England. This time we come bearing gifts. England might have won the first gift giving battle, but we intend to even the score. "Hello your Majesty, it is my honor to give you this."

I wish I had a drum roll or even something spectacular to tell you, but I don't. We gave the Queen of England a loaded iPod. She's 83. But perhaps it's the thought that counts.

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Town Hall Meeting Exposes UHD

By **Wilbert Chinchilla**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The first Town Hall Meeting of 2009 was presented on April 1 at UHD's Cullen Auditorium where students, faculty and administration were allowed to debate many events that have occurred during the 2008-2009 school year. The main topic at hand was the name change which is now officially confirmed by Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Molly Woods to no longer be in focus with UHD or The Texas Board of Regents. What has been confirmed regarding the name change is the possibility that the Board of Regents may want another think-tank company to invest in further research in order to plot a different approach in obtaining an individual university identity for UHD.

This, along with other suggestions, is a possible path that the university can take to decide any action of changing UHD's name; but as of now, the system and board of regents is in control of the name. When asked, "While the UH-System is also proposing four-year expansions for UH-Victoria and UH-Clear Lake and we are all competing schools, why did UHD attempt to change its name?" Molly Woods replied that we are all competing schools and the current objective of the UH-System is to reach tier one status at the University of Houston-Main Campus. She also stated that UHD and UH are two different schools where UH wants to train CEOs and UHD wants to train students to get jobs. They can become CEOs if they decide to do so later because UHD students are "a different type of student."

Dr. Max Castillo was unavailable for questioning during the town hall meeting because he was in Austin testifying on tuition and budget spending. As his colleagues confirm, there is no legislation targeted towards UHD at the 81st Texas Legislature Session other than the push for tier one status and more money for the entire system. Another conflict of interest that remains at bay is the MBA

program being added to the UHD graduate curriculum. UHD has all of the accreditation, but still does not have approval to proceed.

A similar situation is with Metro and the construction of the added lines continuing down Main St. Because of the indefinite dates, Metro proposes to construct a new Light rail line, where streetlamps, pavement and traffic lights past I-10 walking towards the Shea St. building are not going to be fixed or altered until then. Many students voiced their concern about the safety of pedestrian and drivers alike; ultimately, it is city property, not university property.

The panel also spoke briefly about university advancement and its attempts to recruiting students from area high schools, and recruiting past alumni to donate to the university as Michelle Sabino, Executive Director for University Advancement said, "Alumni relations is relatively new on campus. It takes about three to five years to receive donations from alumni."

One of the last and heated issues of the meeting was school culture. Students proposed a game room as previously housed by the university that has since disappeared since early 2006. Each side agreed that this is one thing that could increase school culture. There was still a dilemma throughout the last section of the open forum of the town hall meeting. Students perceive that the faculty and administration are not helping in the progress of UHD's school culture and faculty and administration perceive that the students are not helping the progress of UHD's school culture. With a handful of each scattered within the large auditorium with visible empty seats, what is a prospective student to perceive watching this debate going on?

Don't Drink Pepsi Opinion Piece

By **Gina Parker Ford**
CEO OF DENTAL CREATIONS, LTD.

Recently, the American Family Association called for a boycott of Pepsi due to their advertising support of the Fox network's program Family Guy. This animated television program, which airs each Sunday during the prime time family viewing hour, unashamedly promotes homosexuality, gay orgies, and also slanders Christianity.

In this sickening episode, the father figure, Peter Griffin, agrees to do an experiment by taking a shot of a "gay gene." Peter then makes out a restaurant with his new gay lover who has also arranged a gay orgy. Worse yet, while helping his son with a math problem, Peter explains gay sex in terms that amount to utter vulgarity. Peter is also shown enjoying a horse licking his buttocks while lying in bed.

Finally, Peter leaves his wife for his gay lover.

During this episode while at a "straight" meeting, a speaker talks about Jesus Christ and says, "He [Jesus] hates many people, but none more than homosexuals."

Family Guy's creator and Executive Producer, Seth MacFarlane, is an acknowledged atheist and active supporter of both gay rights and gay marriage. A staunch Democrat, MacFarlane donated \$33,500 to Democrat Party committees and donated \$10,000 to the Obama for President effort in 2008, even speaking at an Obama rally. MacFarlane has used Family Guy as a platform for his political agenda. The Griffin family's dog, Brian, made

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CAMPUS NEWS

Study Abroad Students To Hold Fundraiser

By **Wilbert Chinchilla**
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

You can experience the beginning movements of social dancing at the UHD Swing Fling Saturday, April 25 at the UHD Willow Pump Station. The UHD Swing Fling will begin at 8:00 a.m. with classes on most styles of swing dancing found during the 1940's. Today's nightclubs rely on heavy beats to create the movement of our current state of dancing and grinding. Ever wonder how nightclubs were in the 1940's? Why not transport yourself back to that time and help deserving students study abroad?

This event was created to address the financial need for students studying abroad; now more than ever. Organizer, swing teacher and UHD student Stephanie Barrow says, "Money is a major factor contributing to students not registering or taking study abroad classes. If we set a precedent with this fundraising event we can continue helping students even after our trip." The first of their kind are students attending the Study Abroad Trip to London and Paris who have been working on this event throughout the entire

semester. They have even conducted other fundraising events throughout the Spring 2009 semester which included a garage sale where some professors willingly donated items to sell.

The major fundraising event that will be taking place at the UHD Swing Fling is the silent auction during the dance party that starts at 8:00 p.m. The silent auction will contain a multitude of baskets containing gift certificates, electronics and other valuable items that could be presented to anyone at any occasion.

Workshops will be available the entire day for anyone who wants to excel in dancing. You can practice beginner blues and rhythm, and east and west coast swing. You can then combine all methods learned at the musicality class and at the dance party where everyone will party like its 1940 in 2009. Everyone is welcome to come to the dance party for a cover charge of \$10 dollars benefiting study abroad students. For more information please contact barrows12@gator.uhd.edu.

UHD Swing Fling: Dancing Beyond Borders

When: April 25, 2009

Where: Willow Street Pump Station



Tickets:
\$45 all-access pass
\$40 workshops only
\$10 dance party only

Workshops: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Dance Party: 8 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Silent Auction: 11 p.m.

For more information: barrows12@gator.uhd.edu

Looking For A Job? Dateline Is Hiring

Editor for UHD student newspaper needed for 2009-10. The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of editor for Dateline: Downtown, the student-run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Flexible beginning date, but candidates must commit for the entire 2009-10 academic year. Duties include working cooperatively with student business manager and student adviser, developing and managing a stable of student freelance writers to cover news and events on campus, and assertively managing staff and producing newspaper approximately every two weeks. Must know page-making software program Adobe InDesign. The paper needs stories on events of interest to students, including student life, academics, university administration, and student government, as well as cultural coverage of theatre, film, music, and the arts. Typical commitment is 20 hours/week. Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester at UHD; successful completion of basic writing and/or communications courses; and the maintenance of at least a 3.0 GPA. Applications are sought immediately and will be accepted until April 30 or until the position is filled. To apply, contact Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiaviello@uhd.edu, then download and complete electronic application from UHD web site, and forward it as an attachment to an email.

Business manager for UHD student newspaper needed for 2009-10. The Student Publications Advisory Committee is seeking applicants for the position of business manager for Dateline: Downtown, the student-run bi-weekly newspaper at UHD. Successful candidate will begin on-the-job, paid training ASAP. Candidates must commit for the entire 2009-10 academic year. Duties include managing business and financial matters for the paper, in cooperation with the student editor and adviser, and selling advertising space in the paper, including businesses in the campus neighborhood of NoDo. Will train on PeopleSoft accounting system for payroll and accounts. Typical commitment is 20 hours/week, monthly salary plus 15% commission on ad sales. Qualifications include at least sophomore standing; at least one semester at UHD; successful completion of basic business courses; and the maintenance of at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are sought immediately and will be accepted until April 30 or until the position is filled. To apply, contact Dr. Anthony Chiaviello, at Chiaviello@uhd.edu, then download and complete application from UHD web site, and forward as an email attachment.

Sun-Protective Clothing Replaces Sunscreen

EarthTalk™

FROM THE EDITOR OF E/THE ENVIRONMENTAL MAGAZINE

While there will always be a place for high-quality sunscreen on body parts exposed to the sun, covering up elsewhere—ideally with clothing designed to absorb or shield the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) radiation—can minimize a person's skin cancer risk significantly.

With recent news about the inadequacy of many sunscreens the nonprofit Environmental Working Group found that four out of five name brand sunscreens offer inadequate protection from the sun or contain potentially carcinogenic ingredients—covering up instead of smearing is looking better and better to many people. A handful of clothing manufacturers are responding to the increased demand for shirts, pants, dresses and hats bearing “SPF” (sun protection factor) ratings with stylish sun-protective duds.

The granddaddy of them all just might be Sun Precautions Inc., which was started 15 years ago by avid downhill ski racer and outdoors enthusiast Shaun Hughes after he was diagnosed with skin cancer at age 26. The company's Solumbra line of sun-protective casual and outdoors clothing blocks upwards of 97 percent of all UVA and UVB radiation it encounters, and is recommended by thousands of dermatologists.



With recent news about the inadequacy of many sunscreens, a handful of clothing manufacturers now sell shirts, pants, dresses and hats bearing SPF (sun protection factor) ratings. (Photo by: Sungrubbies)

To test that its product line offers the kind of protection the company advertises, Sun Precautions subjects all of its Solumbra clothing to 500 laundry cycles, then snips out fabric samples which are exposed to the equivalent of 500 days of UV rays. If the samples pass muster, the line can be shipped.

Another leader in the fast growing field is Coolibar, which boasts a 50+ SPF rating for all of its garments. Its clothing, including wide-brimmed hats and long-sleeved bathing suits among many other items, is crafted from a proprietary tight-weave yet breezy fabric it calls Suntect. Another top purveyor is Sun Protective Clothing, which makes its casual and sporting clothes from a proprietary fabric blend called Solarweave, which fends off UVA and UVB rays yet maintains a light cottony “summerweight” feel.

Some hardcore environmentalists shun sun-protective clothing because it is usually made from polyester, Lycra or nylon—all which are petroleum-derived and are can contain some nasty chemicals. But Marta Phillips of SunGrubbies.com feels that it is better

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WrestleMania XXV Overview

By Frank Raia
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Sunday, April 5, 2009 WWE came to Houston for WrestleMania XXV at Reliant Stadium. Some matches were great while others were disappointing. Some of the results are CM Punk won the Money in the Bank Ladder Match; “Santina” won the 25 Diva Battle Royal; Matt Hardy won in the Extreme Rules Match defeating Jeff Hardy; Rey Mysterio won the Intercontinental Title against John ‘Bradshaw’ Layfield causing Layfield to quit; John Cena won the World Title defeating Edge; Big Show won the World Title; and Triple H retains the WWE Title after defeating Randy Orton.

The best match above all was Houston-born Undertaker vs. San Antonio-born Shawn

Michaels. The Undertaker is still 17-0 at WrestleMania while Michaels, the Heartbreak Kid, is 6-10. This match went from sweet chin music to tombstone pile drivers to Taker flying through the air, something he only does at WrestleMania. During this 31-minute match Michaels proved to be a worthy foe for Taker and even at one point came exceedingly close to winning.

Another great match was between the Hardy brothers in “extreme rules,” but all that meant is that it wouldn’t be such a hardcore match. The worst, or perhaps best, part of the match was when Jeff jumped from the ropes to where he placed Matt between two tables. They stayed on the ground for a while, but

endurance, training and years of experience prevailed, so they got up and kept going. Later in the match, Jeff got on the high ladder and jumped off falling to the mat and completely missing his brother who rolled out of the way. That was the end for Jeff, for as Matt got up to finish Jeff with his Twist of Fate move. In this match they used items like a kendo stick, a crutch, trashcans, chairs, ladders, a vacuum cleaner and tables. It wasn’t as extreme as one hoped, but good enough to satisfy a need to see somebody get destroyed with a table, ladder and chair.

The 25 Diva Battle Royal could have been better if they were allowed more time, like real royal rumbles should be.

Kid Rock’s performance was the entrance. I had no idea who half the girls were and when “Santina” won, it was silly. It’s Santino Marella in drag. On the other hand, Raw displayed a better show of skills of “Santina” which the audience enjoyed.

Rey Mysterio beat Bradshaw in less than a minute. This was a complete waste because a match that isn’t five to ten minutes or longer shouldn’t happen at all; especially for WrestleMania, which is the biggest pay-per-view event of the year. The John Cena and Triple H matches were decent, but predictable. They had their moments of pure craziness, but Cena and Triple H were the good guys; therefore, they were going to win and everybody

knew that. On the other hand, it’s hard to beat out Taker vs. Michaels.

This was a fairly entertaining WrestleMania. It wasn’t the best, but not the worse. It would have been nice to see the Miz and Morrison vs. Primo and Carlito Lumberjack Match for the Unified Tag Team belts; unfortunately, that was the untelevised or “dark match” of the day.

For more information on the matches or news you can check out the official webpage <http://www.wwe.com> or a fan page that tells you news, spoilers and anything wrestling at <http://raja.com>.

Miller Outdoor Theatre Finalizes Renovations

By John Harris & Pete Radowick
MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE PRESS RELEASE

Miller Outdoor Theatre, the city-owned performing arts venue where every show is free to the public, today announced the completion of \$2.4 million in refurbishments to improve accessibility and enhance the audience experience.

Miller Outdoor Theatre has been the site of live performances at Hermann Park since 1923.

“These improvements, coupled with the consistently high-quality performances, make Miller Theatre even more of a Houston treasure,” Mayor Bill White said. “An evening of free entertainment – with the family, beneath the stars, in the heart of city – becomes even better.”

Completed over the course of two off-seasons, improvements to the facility include the installation of 1,708 new burgundy-colored seats, improved views by raising of the elevation of the hillside seating area by six feet, and better access to all areas of the facility.

In addition to re-grading the slope of the theater’s iconic hill, new sod was laid and a new irrigation system was installed.

“We’ve also reconstructed the walkway around the hill, decreasing the incline and making it wider,” said Dawn Ullrich, director the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department, which operates the facility on behalf of the City of Houston.

“We’ve worked to improve accessibility for all of our patrons. The ramps have been eliminated and there is now direct access from the apron to both sides of the theater.”

Ullrich said a permanent booth for controlling stage lights and sound is another new asset, a feature that is unique to amphitheatres and one that will provide for improved production capability.

Miller Theatre Advisory Board also announced the 2009 performance schedule, which commences Saturday night with Noche Caliente, featuring special guest Nestor Torres, the Latin Grammy Award-winning flutist. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. as a presentation of the Diaz Music Institute. The Houston ensemble Soulsa Caliente will also perform.

Student Supports Financial Aid Increases In Obama Budget

By Tessa Atkinson-Adams
U.S. PIRG

A University of Maryland senior joined senators and community leaders at a rally in the U.S. Senate office building on April 1, 2009 in support of the FY2010 Democratic Budget.

Deemed a top priority by President Barack Obama and other Democratic leaders, the budget proposes a significant boost to the Pell grant, the nation's premier student aid program that currently serves close to seven million students to help them pay for college.

"Our country needs us to get educated. The problems of the 21st century require solutions that my generation is getting trained to deal with in college," said Kim, chair of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) student chapter at The University of Maryland (<http://www.marylandpirgstudents.org/home>).

"The budget plan being put forth by President Obama, Senate Leader Reid, and the

House is crucial. It reinvests billions of dollars in student aid so we can have higher Pell grants and less loan debt," Kim added.

When Kim announced that she planned to be a community organizer after graduating, the room – packed with journalists and with members of organizations that support the Obama budget – burst into cheers.

But the clapping died down when Kim mentioned her student loan debt.

"The vast majority of college students across the country now graduate with enough loan debt that we are being squeezed out of careers," Kim said.

Four senators, including Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), also spoke at the rally.

"When it comes to the future, it starts in the classroom," said Durbin, who is the Senate Majority Whip and a champion of the Obama budget.

Durbin decried the fact that student's graduate with "a diploma and a student debt that they can't deal with" and called for people across the country to let their representatives know that they want the budget passed.

"We need your help," Durbin said. "This is our moment. Let's not miss it."

Both the House and the Senate are slated to vote on the budget later this week.

The rally was organized by the Campaign to Rebuild and Renew America Now! coalition, which includes over 100 grassroots and non-profit groups, including U.S. PIRG (<http://www.uspirg.org>). The coalition's goal is to make sure the president's budget passes Congress with all of its public interest priorities intact. Across the country, the PIRGs have launched a coordinated campaign, hosting large events, organizing call-in days, and reaching out to the media to make sure Congress does not miss this historic opportunity.



University of Maryland student Lauren Kim speaks to a packed room of budget supporters at the U.S. Senate office building in Washington, DC, on April 1, 2009. (Photo: Eric Reeves/U.S. PIRG)



University of Maryland student Lauren Kim, right, shaking hands with Senator Benjamin L. Cardin (D-MD), center, as Bob Edgar, president of Common Cause, left, and other members of the coalition look on during a rally at the U.S. Senate office building in Washington, DC, on April 1, 2009. (Photo: Eric Reeves/U.S. PIRG)

Sunscreen

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to wear the clothes than to smear chemicals directly onto your skin via sunscreen. That's why her company sells a wide variety of sun-protective pants, jackets and hats, as well as specialty items such as cover-ups, sun gloves, sun sleeves and nose scarves.

If getting a whole new wardrobe of sun-protective clothing is out of the question, washing your existing

clothes with Rit's SunGuard, a product that treats fabric with a compound that imparts 96 percent UV protection through about 20 washings, might be the way to go. Also, sun lovers shouldn't forget about protecting their eyes. A good pair of 100 percent UV protection sunglasses doesn't cost an arm and a leg anymore; everyone in your family needs a pair.

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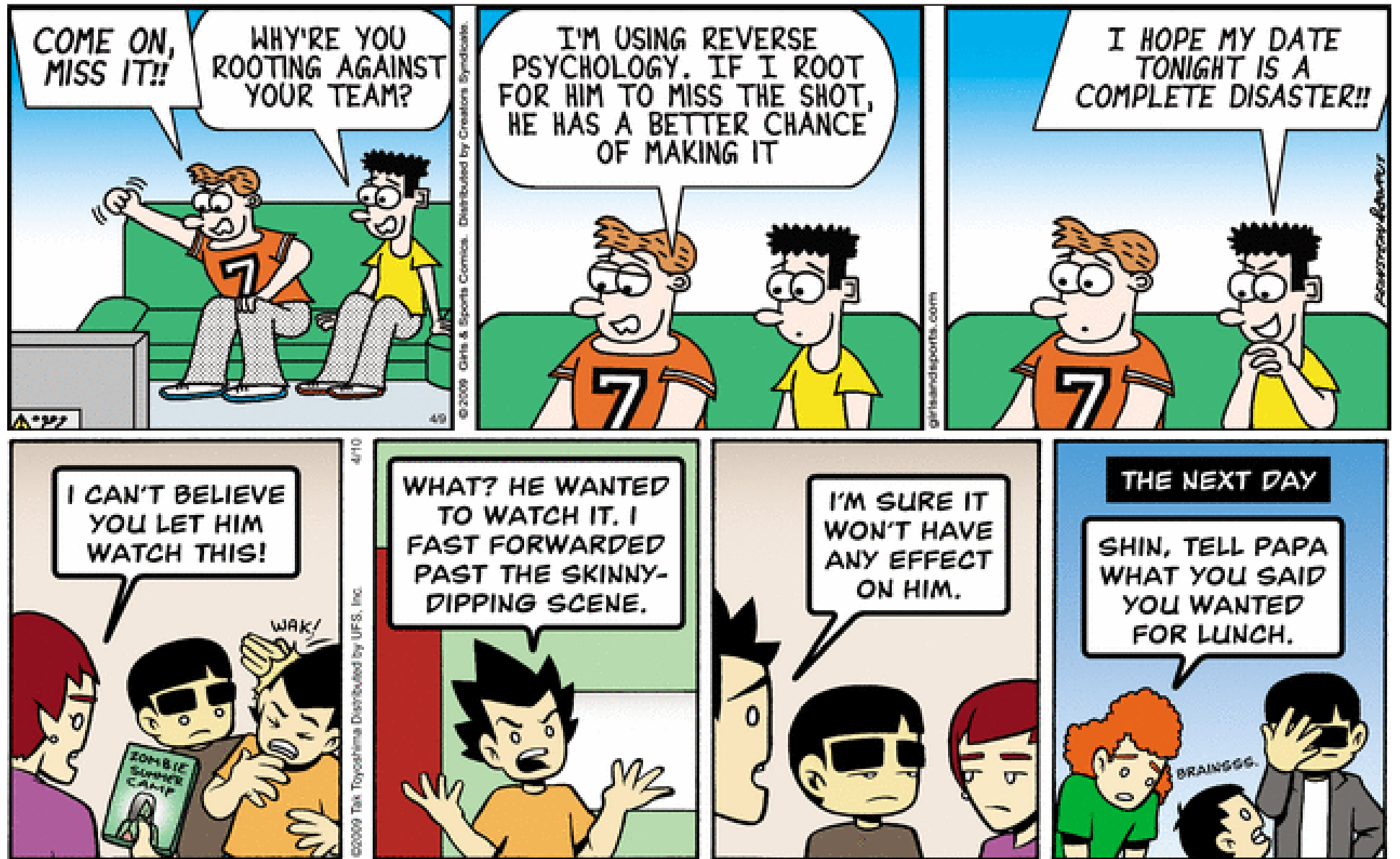
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Pepsi

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MacFarlane has used Family Guy as a platform for his political agenda. The Griffin family's dog, Brian, made critical and derisive statements about the Bush administration.

Other low points of Family Guy have included a segment in which Peter Griffin dances musical revue style around the bed of a man dying of AIDS, singing the patient's diagnosis and parodying the classical song "When You Wish upon a Star," with new lyrics entitled "I need a Jew."

But MacFarlane's tasteless attacks and criticism appear to be a one way street. When television critics from Entertainment Weekly magazine panned Family Guy, McFarlane responded by using the magazine in

an episode as toilet paper and another where the character of Stewie Griffin snaps the neck of one of the magazine's reporters.

By promoting this filth, Pepsi is placing its seal of approval on such deplorable programming that promotes homosexuality and slanders Christianity. There is no excuse for advertising during this kind of programming. American businesses need to be urged to support family friendly programming, entertainment that encourages moral behavior, respect for others, and respect for religious freedom.

Not only does this show promote homosexuality, but it also blatantly promotes adultery, disrespect of

women, and angry behavior by children toward their parents. More disturbing, is the program demonstrates no respect for Christian beliefs. Even worse, the television show's cartoon style serves as a way to use comedy to sell an extreme left wing political agenda to innocent young minds.

Pepsi's support of the Family Guy is not the first time the company has taken a position that promotes homosexuality. PepsiCo gave a million dollars to two different groups that support the homosexual life-style in the workplace and in 2008 donated \$500,000 to defeat California's Proposition 8 (for traditional marriage). They have also aired commercials in both Canada and the United Kingdom

promoting homosexuality, including a commercial in Canada with a "bisexual" man coming out of the closet and talking about his love for Pepsi.

Please let your voice be heard by contacting Pepsi (914-253-2000 or 1-800-433-2652) and asking them not to support this type of programming. Also, join the boycott of PepsiCo which includes Pepsi-Cola, Frito Lay, Gatorade, and Quaker companies.

American companies will not get the message until American Christians and others who support family values hit them directly in the wallet for supporting this kind of entertainment trash.

In the meantime, try enjoying a Dr. Pepper at your local Chick Filet.