

## Valentine's wishes to the IRS



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money has begun yet again.

It is a disastrous day formed through the love of our forefathers.

It is a day that began in the early stages of the Civil War and continued through the centuries, leaving a horde of starving children in its wake.

In 1862, the federal income tax was born, levying a 3 percent tax on the citizens who made over \$600 and rose to 5 percent for the incomes over \$10,000.

In 1864, the government was enamored with the greenery flowing through the nation's Capitol and raised the rates.

The citizens, feeling the loss of the government's love, formed together under the spirit of the Boston Tea Party and began complaining about the tax hikes.

The Supreme Court answered the people's call and smacked down certain parts of the statute, stating that it was unconstitutional to tax the citizens' hard earned wages.

The love-struck Congress, feeling the jealousy of the people, enacted the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment into the nation's Constitution, a document that granted the citizens of this nation the freedom from the burden of the monarchy's taxation.

It was the beginning of a long history of tax hikes.

Since that beloved time our government has given birth to a slew of taxes, including:

Accounts receivable tax, Alterna-

tive Minimum Tax (AMT), Building permit tax, capital gains tax; CDL license tax, cigarette tax, corporate income tax, court fines, dog license tax; excise tax, federal income tax, federal unemployment tax (FUTA); FICA tax, fishing license tax, food license tax, fuel permit tax; gasoline tax, gift tax, hunting license tax, inheritance tax interest expense; inventory tax, IRS interest charges, IRS penalties, liquor tax; local income tax, luxury taxes, marriage license tax, Medicare tax; property tax, real estate tax, recreational vehicle tax, road toll booth taxes, road usage taxes; sales tax, equivalent use tax, school tax, septic permit taxes; service charge tax, Social Security tax, state income tax, state unemployment tax (SUT); telephone federal excise tax, telephone federal, state and local surcharge taxes, telephone federal universal fee tax, telephone minimum usage surcharge tax, telephone state and local tax, telephone usage charge tax; toll bridge taxes, toll tunnel taxes, traffic fines, trailer registration tax; transfer tax, generation-skipping transfer tax, utility taxes; vehicle license registration tax, watercraft registration tax, well permit tax, wheel tax and workers compensation tax ... just to name a few.

In January 2005, President George W. Bush formed the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax in hopes of making the tax code "simpler, fairer, and more conducive to economic growth."

After several years of immersing their consciousness into the realms of the tax codes, the panel unleashed several theories on the current state of the government's relationship with taxes:

1) We have lost sight of the fact that the fundamental purpose of our tax system is to raise revenues to fund government.

2) Tax provisions favoring one

activity over another or providing targeted tax benefits to a limited number of taxpayers create complexity and instability, impose large compliance costs and can lead to an inefficient use of resources.

3) The current tax system distorts the economic decisions of families and businesses, leading to an inefficient allocation of resources and hindering economic growth.

4) The complexity of our tax code breeds a perception of unfairness and creates opportunities for manipulation of the rules to reduce tax.

5) The tax system is both unstable and unpredictable.

6) The objectives of simplicity, fairness and economic growth are interrelated and, at times, may be at odds with each other.

The panel developed two plans that give birth to a different mindset with businesses and capital income, and even though the new viewpoints use opposite methods, the strategies share a similar goal - simplicity and fairness for the American taxpayer.

Of course, Bush is too busy this Valentine season, showering the gifts of missiles on his desert mistresses, to heed the call of his specialty panel.

And the executive branch's focus stays locked on the oil-rich/religiously fanatical countries of the Middle East, feeding Bush's spiraling child of chaos while the income of the American people continues to disappear at an alarming rate.

In 2008, the taxpayers of America can make the federal government listen to our scorned voices and vote a true man or woman of the people into office.

It is a right granted to us by the Constitution.

Let us start using our god/science-given power of freedom of choice, for only then will the politicians truly hear our voices.



## Letter to the editor

As an African-American student, I am outraged at the treatment of the African-American organizations on campus.

We as a school tend to pride ourselves on a diverse student body, but the African American organizations are treated as bad stepchildren.

Midwestern is always claiming that they value their students, but they still believe in separate but equal.

For example, Sofia Rodriguez only informed the Panhellenic Greeks about the contest at Homecoming and "forgot" to mention it to the NPHC Greeks.

She fully supports any and every activity that is sponsored by the white Greeks, but is conveniently absent from the activities of the African-Americans.

Rodriguez continues to attempt to shut down the parties that Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi host, but allows Omega Delta Phi to participate in all activities in spite of two major fights the organization has been in.

I don't see her rushing to shut down the "slave auction" that one Greek fraternity holds every year, but she sure was quick to try and shut down Kappa Alpha Psi's Homecoming party.

It is not just problems in our organizations.

There are also problems in our faculty.

I do not understand how we can say we accept all people when we don't even have a diverse faculty.

Dr. Rogers claims year after year that there are no qualified African-American professors.

My question to him is, Where are you looking?

The only time MSU recruits African-Americans is for some type of sport.

We are more than athletes.

We are doctors, lawyers, teachers and other prominent members of society.

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## Lovemaking encouraged by VD



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I prefer to stick to plain ol' Valentine's Day with the acronym VD.

But I think we've all heard that joke before.

What can I say about VD?

Well, for most men it seems to sneak up on them from out of nowhere, that is unless there is some recurring symptom that seems to pop up now and again to remind them of such a day.

I really don't mean to knock it as I am prone to do every year, but what fun is there in speaking of all the wondrous things it can involve?

It is a non-spontaneous date.

It is an expected card.

It is a forgotten card that leads to hurt feelings.

But yet again, in the right situation, it is an excuse to watch porn with that special someone.

Yes, porn.

That holiest of unholy genre of films that seems to lurk behind the beaded curtains of video stores.

It can be a healthy outlet for those truly seeking a totally new way to celebrate VD beyond the typical Drew Barrymore film and dinner at Red Lobster.

Here's what you should do:

Have an early start at a local bar that serves food, i.e. Toby's.

Yes, Toby's.

Have Augie fix you up something special and keep it romantic.

The shot can range depending on personality types, from the sweet and hopeful wedding cake shot to the tongue-in-cheek and Rocky-wearing female favorite, the blow job.

Augie will have the Reddi-Whip waiting.

Of course if you're looking for his superior services, you're gonna have to wait till Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Hey! Having your date after VD can attribute itself to spontaneity or at least a decent fixer for forgetful Freds.

You can have Jenny cook you up something nice in the kitchen, and you can have it served in the nice bar room atmosphere provided in such a wondrous place like Toby's.

I pretty much have a weekly stint at Toby's, and if you have been keeping up with my columns you probably have noticed by now I mention them quite a bit.

Well, my reasoning for this, beyond the joy and excitement I experience there, is that I usually get a free drink or two when I do.

This saves money and by golly I need to save money.

So if you see Toby's, you better bet I'm lacking the green.

With that little disclaimer aside, after your wonderful dinner and what is sure to be at least a dozen shots each, take a cab to Christie's Toy Box (this is me being a safety-conscious writer, and I use the term "writer" loosely) and pick out a flick with your favorite porn star.

If you do not have a favorite porn star, just find the one with the name that you can identify with most.

Now I must tell you ahead of time, there won't be anyone with words like "deadfish," "microscopic" or "loosey goosey" in their names, so if these are the terms that relate to your endowments or styles the most, you're just gonna have to be creative.

While you're there, why not pick up a toy or two. They have a wide variety, ranging from your basic pink chubbies all the way to super-sized rocket-launchers ready to satisfy even the most cavernous of women and men. Yes, men.

If you decided you didn't get enough food to eat they have a variety of erotic edibles that could fill the void in your stomach and your lap.

From penis-shaped lollipops to a wide variety of tasty, edible lotions and creams, your upcoming night could be one of many pleasures, including the gastronomical.

Once you take the cab home and get comfy on your couch, pop the film in and get ready for pure enjoyment, disgust or hilarity, once again depending on your personality type.

I personally go the route of laughter.

The acting is horrid, the storylines ridiculous, and the sexfests are beyond anything realistic.

The kind of stuff that turns me on is the realistically-portrayed fake

sex scenes in movies like "Monster's Ball."

Of course, if Halle Barry was in any one of the porns that I have seen in my life, then I am pretty sure my opinion would change.

Well, minus the ones that are illegal in most states.

I prefer to try to block those out of my mind no matter how unsuccessful I am in doing so.

Certain bodily functions should never be combined, including those of waste disposal. They have forever ruined my Asian fantasies. Well, almost.

One thing you can do is discuss your favorite camera shots. Some of the hardest-working camera men in the movie business are those who shoot porn.

Either they have pioneered some amazing advances in camera technology or they are masters in Twister, because the angles those lenses seem to get are nothing short of marvelous, if not gut-wrenching.

If you're not in it for the laughter, it is best to have a remote control handy to fast forward to all the good stuff and the overly-long sack shots.

After the porn, you should have sex, and lots of it.

Try new positions.

For those of you that are single and lonely, try a different hand or try using a T-shirt instead of a sock as a means of loss prevention.

If it helps, then fantasize.

Be your partner's favorite actor, film character, friend, barnyard animal or whatever tickles his or her fancy.

For the singles out there, this goes without saying, that is unless you were unable to compose yourself during the earlier film.

With these simple, tried and true methods your VD should clear up nicely, paving the way to many wonderful VD's to come!

At this time I would like to thank my lovely co-workers at *The Wichitan* for allowing me to be my horrid, sick, insane and just plain weird self with such a wide array of hackneyed and overused ideas.

I mean, come on, as if no one thought of watching porn for VD before.

I leave you now with a little proverb that might help with contributing to the spontaneity of your VD:

He who has sex on ground has piece on earth. Adios!

Inspiring Thought

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