

Eye on Editorials

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...On That 70's Show

Now you might not be aware of this since the newspapers haven't really been covering it, but the economy is in shambles. Even me, fresh out of college with a relatively useless degree is having trouble finding a job in this society. I've been paying rent and affording food through my graduation money and series of random odd jobs. But, alas, I spend most of my free time sitting on the couch in my apartment watching That 70's Show reruns on FX. Basically, what I'm trying to say is that Unemployment is AWESOME!

Honestly, if I could find a way to get paid a full time salary to simply BE unemployed I'd take that job in a second. And honestly, I never realized it before but That 70's Show is an absolutely brilliant TV sitcom. It's brilliant in the all-round generic ness of it all. Every character is just like any other character you've seen, on television. But who can't relate to the life of Eric Forman? While watching reruns (all from season 7) I couldn't help but feel like I was looking at a mirror when Eric Forman discusses the advantages of not working for a year because he has the time to slip and slide all day long and catch butterflies. Granted, I'm not really leaving my house (or even getting showered and changed every morning) but there is some bizarro-world lines being drawn between me in my unemployment watching Eric in his unemployment.

The biggest problem with That 70's Show (besides the failed sitcom spin off That 80's Show) is the laugh track. But I've learned to deal with it. It makes sense in the way the show is shot and such, what doesn't make sense to me is the laugh track on one of my new favorite shows How I met Your Mother. The show has a very non-linear story-telling aspect and it has legitimately funny jokes and storylines. I don't understand why a laugh track is necessary. Neil Patrick Harris' performance of Barney might be tied with Charlie in Always Sunny in Philadelphia for the best sitcom character in this post-Seinfeld world. But what really drew me into How I Met Your Mother is the always beautiful, can-take-home-to-mom Alyson Hannigan.

Alyson Hannigan made me really start to think about the fact that there is a difference between "celebrities I want to spend the night with" and "celebrities I want take home to momma." I think it's extremely healthy for any couple to sit down, make a list of celebrities that 'if given the chance to have a one night stand, they could and it wouldn't be considered cheating'. Legally, this list can't have more than like... five names. There's only one celebrity that is on both my lists... Christina Ricci. I've had a crush on her ever since I first saw Casper (is it creepy that I only saw it last year?).

I suppose it's important that I clarify something. I use the word celebrity very roughly. Christina Ricci is the only celebrity that I want to "bring home to momma" as my roommate Jeff pointed out, all other celebrities that you'd want to marry... you're simply in love with a character that they play but you want to brag about bagging the actress that plays them. I've literally loved every character I've seen Christina Ricci play (I even love her in Anything else which is one of Woody Allen's worst movies and her character is a total jerk the whole movie) except Black Snake Moan where she's a little too skanky

for my taste.

I'm going to post both lists but you'll notice a lacking of Christina Ricci, just assume she's number one on both lists and that my number 5 is simply an honorable mention

CELEBRITIES I WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH:

1. Emmanuelle Chriqui
2. Elisha Cuthbert
3. Eliza Dushku
4. Mandy Moore
5. Julia Stiles

CELEBRITIES I WANT TO TAKE HOME TO MOMMA

1. Alyson Hannigan - Lily Aldrin on How I Met Your Mother
2. Larisa Oleynik - Wendy in 100 Girls (Granted, she's gay in this)
3. Natalie Portman - Sam in Garden State
4. Drew Barrymore - Julia in Wedding Singer
5. Mena Suvari - Dora Diamond in Loser

Perhaps it's lists like this that maybe the reason that my roommate and I are spending our valentine's day watching Family Feud Reruns on Game show network all day. In all actuality this might be the worst Valentine's Day in my recorded history.

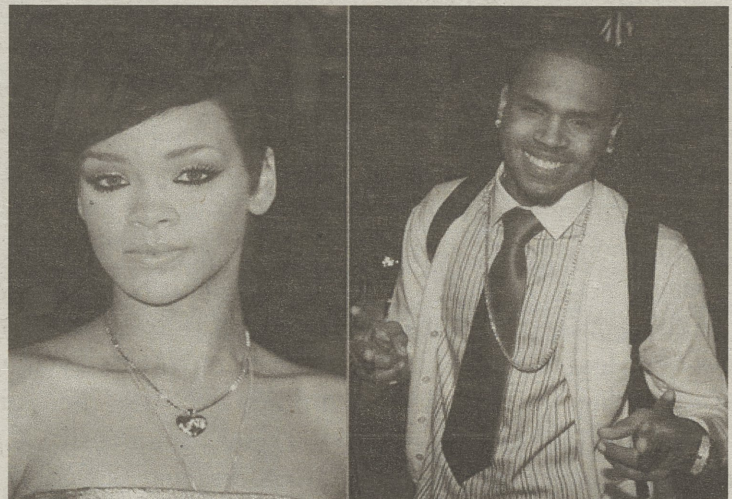
Last night while I was attending a party that was literally like every party you've ever seen in any movie I received a text from my ex-girlfriend. She hasn't felt a need to text me since Christmas but alas, she wanted to send me a picture of Harold and Maude (which despite being about an 80 year old women's affair with a 20 year old kid, I still consider it my favorite romantic comedy) with the message "this made me think of you." That certainly depressed me a little bit but at least I'm smart enough to not text her back.

I found these two identical twins from Texas on facebook this morning. I'd had a crush on these twins for a long time. Ever since I met them in high school, in fact, I called them the Texas twins. Turns out they're both engaged, also three more of my friends got engaged in the last 24 hours, so that was just some more reminders that I'm single and alone but the true cherry on the crap-cake was when I walked to the bathroom and heard my roommate getting his valentine's day gift from his girlfriend. Which made me uncomfortable, if I can hear them... can they hear me?

I guess what I'm trying to say here is that someone should buy me That 70's Show seasons 3&8 on DVD for Valentine's Day.

CHRIS BROWN AND RIHANNA: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Rihanna and Chris Brown - Photo courtesy of www.mygtv.net

No one ever thought that the young, talented, R & B superstar Chris Brown and his girlfriend of one year, R & B superstar Rihanna also known as Robyn Fenty, would have relationship troubles that resulted in a Federal Court case. On the eve of the 51st Annual Grammy Awards, the young couple went to an exclusive party held on the behalf of Clive Davis. When the event ended, the couple entered into a Lamborghini that Brown rented for the night. Soon after that, the tragic story started to unfold.

While driving in the car, sources say that Rihanna and Brown got into a confrontation that caused neighbors in the neighborhood to suddenly call 911. The LA County Police Department said that they had to have gotten into a heated discussion to result in the tragic beating of Rihanna by Brown. Rihanna was injured with a black eye, scratches, bite marks, and more black and blue marks throughout her body. Rihanna herself didn't tell police that it was her boyfriend Brown, but someone involved with the camp told them, due to Rihanna having to be rushed to the hospital for her injuries. Brown was a wanted man with charges of domestic violence and he turned himself in on February 9th to police. He was soon released on \$50,000.00 bail and is awaiting trial.

But one must think that domestic violence occurs almost everyday. Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive controls that one person exercises over another. It can include battering, which is a behavior that physically harms, arouses fear, and prevents a partner from doing what they wish, and it forces them to do something that they don't want to do. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any age, sexual preference, race or ethnicity. This is one of the main causes of people being brutally attacked or even being killed.

One question that can arise from this situation is why all of a sudden domestic violence is a new topic for the week when, indeed, it occurs almost every day? Well, the answer to this question would be because of Rihanna and Brown were not only celebrities but America's sweetheart couple. This is one of the many cases of domestic violence abuse that has actually surfaced to the media. Yes, it is a huge issue but something must be done. Domestic violence is a serious case and is considered a misdemeanor in the United States. There are many hotlines and online communities that one can reach out in hopes of dealing with domestic violence. If you are a victim, don't be afraid to speak out and raise your voice. Here is one of the thousands of hotlines, The National Domestic Violence Hotline, at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233), 1-800-787-3224 (TTY) or check out your local domestic violence center to talk with someone about this pressing problem.

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