

## The Soap Box (6/27/02)

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I watched Ocean's Eleven . . . the remake with Clooney and Pitt. Not a bad movie, but the thing that bothers me with these remakes is that they always sell out. Just like when they remade The Thomas Crown Affair, the Steve McQueen movie. I overlooked the fact that they had Pierce Brosnan in the McQueen role. I actually enjoyed the film.

But then they had Brosnan come back in the end to pick up Rene Russo. WHY? The coolest thing about the original was McQueen laughing his ass off on the plane while leaving his chick (Faye Dunaway) and his Rolls (he left it for her) behind.

Good shit.

The same with Ocean's Eleven. Now I love the Rat Pack, but the original Eleven was pretty damn boring. But still the coolest thing about it was that they accidentally cremated the money.

In the end of the remake, they get the money. WHY?

It's Hollywood bullshit.

I put 'Insomnia' in on my NetFlix list and it came up with a 'recommended' title of 'Turner and Hooch' . . . What? I figure if I put in 'Seven' they'll recommend 'Milo and Otis'.

One of my biggest pet peaves is people who bring dogs into offices. The other day, I turn around in my swivel chair and there's a fucking dog right behind me. Scared the shit out of me.

And there are always those people in the office, dog people I guess, who always think it's so fucking cute.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not anti-dogs . . . I just don't particularly want dogs running around in my office. Leave the fucking dogs at home!

Anyways, one of the ladies I work with takes some of our best clients into one of our conference rooms . . . and what does she find . . . A BIG PILE OF DOG SHIT!

I'm not kidding . . . funniest fucking thing I've ever seen.

It's so cute.

Has anyone gotten more run out of a two year role than Vincent "Big Pussy" Pastore?

I saw a bumper sticker the other day that said "I fucked your girlfriend" at first it kinda bummed me out, then I noticed it was a girl driving the car . . . then I kinda got turned on.

Is that weird?

My friend Gabrielle is sober. Or at least trying to be. She was once sober for 58 days in a row. Then she hung out with Pitman, DS and myself. Drove our drunk asses around all night and realized that the only way she could be around us was to be drunk herself.

*We seem to have that affect on people.*

Anyways, she's on the wagon again, or is it *off* the wagon? Shit I never know. So needless to say we haven't seen her in a while. But we're rooting for her. Here is a ticker on here sobriety:

*Her sobriety comes and goes, but  
I keep this here as a timer to  
mark how long I've been writing  
this damn column ...*

We have a poll on how long she'll last, I say the next time she's sees us, Pitman says she'll hold out until the next Warriors playoff appearance, and Steve doesn't really give a shit.

I was actually sober for 6 months once. THE MOST BORING 6 MONTHS OF MY LIFE.

I think Al Soltez summed it all up when he said: *"I'll have a blackberry brandy."*

Until Next Time -

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