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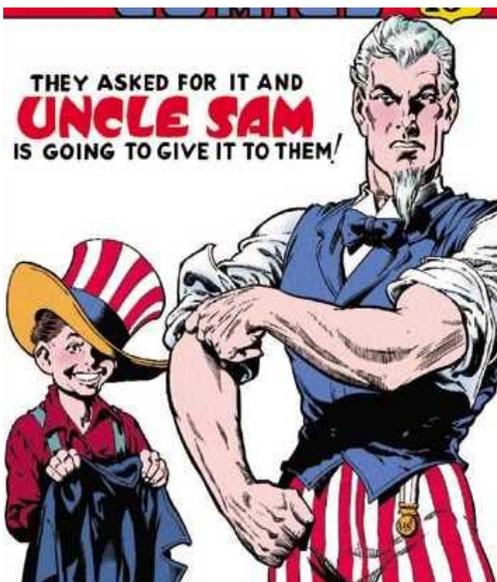
Welcome to the Land of Peace, Love, Justice, and No Mercy



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## Uncle Sam Wants You!



I regularly write a column titled "Uncle Sam Wants You!" at the web site [SuperfluuousRot.com](http://SuperfluuousRot.com).

Recent topics include the election of 2004, personal political responsibility and things you can do to ensure democracy survives in these times when it is under seige.

I also have a host of movie reviews, available for reading. To visit Sam's Film Commentary Page, just [click here](#).

## Tennessee Jed

This was Jed. He holds the distinction of being the longest-lived dog I ever knew. (Almost 20 years! 1979-1997)

My favorite Jed story is one time circa 1989 when we were sitting down to dinner, my mother put a plate of pork chops (or something like that) on the table. Just then, the doorbell rang, and everyone was distracted for a half-second. Jed thrust his head over the table, snatched up a pork chop and finished the damn thing by the time he hit the floor. People were

yelling and shrieking, but I was laughing so hard my eyes teared. I still think it's pretty funny.

## Me an' Elwood Are Gettin' the Band Back Together...





I love this picture of Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band. Looks like Clarence is mad about something, and the other guys are saying "Hey Bruce, Clarence isn't coming. Shouldn't we wait up a second?" And Bruce is saying "Nope, just keep on walkin'." Clarence looks like he's about to say "Yeah, you GO back to Jersey!" [Click here](#) to read "Rusting in the Street," a Bruce Springsteen song parody about an old car of mine. Or visit WILD AND INNOCENT, my Springsteen page by [clicking here](#).

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## Do You Believe in Rock and Roll?

Some of my musical interests: Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band, The Beatles, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, Neil Young, John Lennon, John Mellencamp, Jackson Browne, The Eagles, Billy Joel, Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes, Little Steven, The Rolling Stones, The Who, U2, and many others who have played and continue to play rock and roll. Pat yourself on the back if you know where the "Welcome to..." line at the top of the page came from. [Click here to visit Sam's Rock'n'Roll page](#). Or if too much ain't enough for you, visit [Sam's Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers Page](#).

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## I Get Asked This All the Time:

My e-mail name is taken from John Lennon's sometime alias: Dr. Winston O'Boogie. Lennon used to make up quotes on his album sleeves and attribute them to the good doctor. Examples: "You should have been there," "A conspiracy of silence speaks louder than words." When I first signed on to the Internet many, many years ago, everyone told me, "Don't use your real name!" "Whose name do I use then?" I wondered. Why not the fictitious name of one of my favorite musical artists? So I borrowed it.

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## Imagine If You Will...

I like science fiction for the same reasons I like rock and roll: When it does what its supposed to do, it's subversive and is about liberation from oppression. The Twilight Zone, the original Planet of the Apes, the 1966-69 Star Trek, and Stanley Kubrick's 2001 all had a lot more going on than you saw on the surface. Even The Next Generation, Deep Space Nine, and Babylon 5 have a lot going for them, even if they are not the intellectual equals of their predecessors. The current state of the genre is getting better. After suffering through Star Trek Voyager in the 1990s, the 21st century has seen Ron Moore's excellent re-interpretation of Battlestar Galactica - better than the original show ever was - and Lost, which combines elements of The Lost World and Patrick McGooohan's outstanding series The Prisoner. Hollywood is also getting better with the genre, as witnessed by the film version of V For Vendetta and Superman Returns. The '90s were a tough time for the genre, and lets hope we never go back to the likes of Tri-Star's abysmal 1997 Starship Troopers, easily the worst sci-fi movie I have ever seen. The lesson here is that anytime people who don't understand a subject get their hands on it and start producing work in its name, death is imminent. (And while I'm on the subject: Paul Verhoven is the the sick bastard behind Troopers, Basic Instinct, Showgirls, and a half dozen other really bad movies, all of which have fascist overtones.) My web site [Far Beyond the Stars](#) celebrates some of the best the genre has to offer.

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## Don't Try Anything Funny...

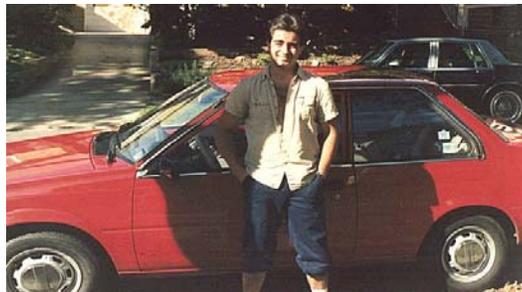
Comedy is also subversive! George Carlin is the undisputed king in the comedy arena, as far as I am concerned. No one else has the same body of work, produced the same cultural impact (how many times has Jeff Foxworthy been quoted by the United States Supreme Court?), nor is as consistent as Carlin, who still produces great work in his 60s. Robin Williams I enjoy too. His standup routines and his appearances on Letterman, the Academy Awards, and such are brilliant. Where I don't care for Williams is in all his touchy-feely movies. Let's hope he has no more 'Patch Adams' in him. 'The Fisher King' was brilliant though -- that's the movie he deserved the Oscar for. The late Richard Pryor was another comedy champion. Very little work comes close to his mid-to-late 70s stuff. Chris Rock and John Stewart are keeping the tradition alive today. We also need to acknowledge The Simpsons as the funniest, most intelligent, and -- yes -- most subversive show on television in a generation. Absolutely brilliant.

## PEOPLE I DON'T LIKE

- **George W. Bush:** Let's get this straight: He's a fraud. More importantly, he should be recognized as the political pawn and puppet of the neofascist right wing who put him in power and who will pull his strings for four more years. Bush has shown remarkable, naked contempt for anyone who disagrees with the positions he has been told to follow. New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd put it best when she said the Bushes are irrelevant aristocrats who think the presidency is a family heirloom.
- **Jerry Falwell:** One of the true scumbags of the 20th Century.
- **Pat Robertson & the Christian Coalition:** Remember what Dostoevski said: "Those who purport to speak for God, diminish Him." So don't listen to these fuckheads.
- **Donald Rumsfeld:** Absolutely insane and out of touch; a man who is destroying all the integrity that the United States has built up over its long, proud history. An extreme, fringe lunatic.
- **The Republican Party:** The disdain for government and the contempt for real people that the GOP has shown is astonishing. Shame on you if you voted for one of these misanthropes. History will remember these people as men without honor and men not dedicated to democracy. Look at their history: They voted against or otherwise opposed voting rights for women, the New Deal, Social Security, the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, environmental protection and a woman's right to choose. They're on the wrong side of every issue.
- **John Ashcroft:** A dishonest man who would impose his own sense of morality on a nation. This country was founded so that the sort of things he advocates would not happen. Profoundly Un-American, and the salt in the wound from Election 2000. Glad to see him step down, but he's still an asshole.
- **Bill Frist, Dennis Hastert and Tom DeLay,** Republican leaders of Congress (past and present): Every time you see these men on TV, the government is lying to you. They are poster boys for political corruption.
- **Ann Coulter and the right-wing punditocracy:** the lowest form of human life yet detected. Coulter is a whore who will say anything outrageous to get attention and sell books. That she hurts people in the process doesn't seem to matter, like her vicious attack on the 9/11 widows. What she is really saying when she says the right "can't respond to them" is that these are people whose character they can't assassinate, which is their standard method of operation. If the right wing had any people of integrity, they could carry on an honest debate, but they don't.
- **Right-wing radio:** Simple tools of the Republican propaganda machine who contribute to the dumbing-down of America and do so to keep the masses uneducated and fearful. Their historical counterparts are from Stalinist Russia.
- **The fucking NRA:** These people foster a culture of violence, be it violence against animals or violence against people. Too many people are content to let them get away with it. You reap what you sow.
- **Corporate America:** These are the people who are really in charge. It's in their best interests to keep the middle- and lower-classes down and to maintain the medieval political system that the Republicans furnish. It has gotten to the point where you cannot find one aspect of your life that is not somehow controlled or influenced by the corporate machine.
- **Anyone who greenlights Reality TV shows:** Cheap crap that the networks sell to viewers so they don't have to pay truly talented men and women to provide entertainment that is thoughtful and substantive.
- **Advertisers and marketers:** Get out of my face! If a real person was in your face as much as ads are, he's get his ass kicked. Besides, they're only in the business of telling lies. These people would slap billboards on trees, houses and even foreheads if they could. Resist the corporate propaganda machine and don't let their ads into your subconscious.
- **Clear Channel, Halliburton, Cablevision, and Wal-Mart:** Some of the worst offenders; these companies trample on the freedoms upon which America was founded., all so some rich fat cats can get richer and fatter.
- **Concert ticket scalpers:** If scalping is illegal in your state, report all scalpers to the Division of Consumer Affairs. In New Jersey, the number is 973-504-6200.
- You can be sure that I will be adding to this list from time to time, so try not to piss me off.

## Long May You Run

These are some of the cars I've driven over the years. Missing is my 1980 Mazda 626, which I drove for a while in 1985. [Left] 1975 Chevrolet Impala. A tank. Best car my family ever had. To see another picture of the '75 Impala and read "Rusting in the Street," [click here](#). [Below] 1985 Nissan Sentra. My first new car.



[Below] 1991 Toyota Camry. Excellent car, till some drunk bastard plowed into it.



[Below] 1999 Chevrolet Malibu. My current bad ride.



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## We're Goin' Where the Weather Suits Our Clothes

[Click here](#) to see pictures from the 30th Birthdays Vacation Celebration in the Bahamas. (They're a few years old, but still great fun!) *Not for the timid.*

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## Advertising is the Businessman's Cheaply Dressed Two-Dollar Blow Job

The above is a quote I admire from George Carlin. You won't find advertising on my site, because I hate advertising. I once told my journalism professor that I didn't think news and advertising should mix because journalists are supposed to be in the business of telling the truth, and advertisers are in the business of lying.

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## Other Places That Are Worth Your Time

[Sam's Film Commentary: Best and Worst Films of years past, according to me](#)

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[Superfluous Rot.com - Your source for honest, rational opinion and insightful perspectives on the world](#)

[Backstreets, one of the best sources for Bruce Springsteen news and information](#)

[The Freedom Forum: Read about the latest in free speech](#)

[The New York Times On The Web - one of the best sources of information anywhere](#)

[Little Steven.com -- If you aren't listening to the Underground Garage, you're wasting your life](#)

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