

## Mystery meat and Egypt's beef

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### Beef...over Taco Bell's beef?

Taco Bell is being sued because it seems the "beef" used in their food is not 100 percent beef. Depending on whom you ask, Taco Bell's beef can be anything from 30 to 88 percent beef. The Food and Drug Administration states that in order for people to market it as beef it is required to be at least 40 percent beef. Wait a minute, only 40! So if it only has to be 40 percent, then what is the other 60 percent? No wonder you can get a beef burrito for only 99 cents. What everyone is actually eating is a mixture of seasonings, spices, water, meat fillers, extenders and a little bit of beef. Whether or not this is true, consumers should understand it's fast food and cheap for a reason.

### Egyptian Crisis...

After many years of high unemployment, inflation and extreme poverty, many Egyptians took to the streets of Cairo in late January. They were protesting against Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak. In order to stop the protestors, a curfew was established, the military was deployed and protesting and public gatherings were banned. Although the very next day, people still filled the streets and demanded Mubarak step down. Finally last week President Mubarak announced that neither he nor his son, Gamal, would run for elections in the fall. There were reports that Gamal and his family had fled the country to London. The protestors were organized and implementing using

Twitter, Facebook and cell phones. The death toll continues to rise each day. Violent protests continue. Even with the announcement of President Mubarak's stepping down, the protests erupted into a battle between anti-government supporters and President Mubarak's supporters. This led to further violence, rioting and looting on the streets of many cities across Egypt. The government wants people to cease protests and return to "normal life." The Muslim Brotherhood, a group outlawed in Egypt, joined the protestors. The army has stated they are protecting their country not President Mubarak. They refused to use force on citizens and stood in protection of national historical monuments throughout the country.

### ...And what does that mean for the United States

The thin that makes this event important and note worthy is simply because the stability of the Egyptian government is in limbo. If President Hosni Mubarak steps down, who will succeed him? Will this new leader prove to be an ally of the United States? The U.S. holds strategic importance to U.S. foreign policy. It is an important stabilizing force throughout the Middle East, the first to recognize and make peace with Israel, and have control over the Suez Canal which is an important trade route. The protests and rioting throughout Egypt has opened up the possibility of the spread of instability across the Middle East. The president of Jordan dismissed his entire cabinet, wide spread rioting in Yemen and Tunisia.

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## MOVIE REVIEW

# No strings attached, really?

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### Can sex friends stay just friends?

This is the question in the new comedy "No Strings Attached" starring Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman. Starting with flashback to their teenage years, Emma (Ms. Portman) and Adam (Mr. Kutcher) first meet each other at summer camp. Adam's parents are going through a divorce and Emma, who even at this age was emotionally unattached, tries to console him by telling him that people aren't meant to be together forever.

Years fly by in five Hollywood minutes with the pair coincidentally bumping into each other here and there. Finally as twenty-somethings, coincidence - or perhaps it's now better to call it fate - strikes again and Adam and Emma cross paths. This time there is an instant attraction and they do the deed on the first day of this reunion.

While Adam works a regular 9-to-5 as a producer for a television show, Emma is a medical student going through her residency. She works 80 hours a week doing 32-hour shifts. In the way you might ask a friend for a ride to the airport, Emma asks Adam if he would mind being sex friends.

For those of you still wondering what this, it is someone she can call in the wee hours of the morning strictly for sex, no romantic relationship involved. Adam agrees because he likes her but he's convinced and tells her that

it's not going to work since eventually they will fall in love. Emma responds and indifference and the tension for the movie is set.

Throughout the movie there is a constant struggle between the pair - will a relationship be the next step?

The reversal of roles is the most interesting and unique point of this movie. It's not very common in our popular culture to see use a man for sex. On the other side, it's unusual to see a man who is having great sex but is an emotional wreck because he wants something more.

Overall, I'd give this movie an A+. It is really funny and it kept me laughing the whole time. The supporting cast is awesome especially Adam's pot smoking dad. I think what makes the movie so good is the chemistry between Ms. Portman and Mr. Kutcher. Viewers can easily sense the genuine attraction between them.

It was also nice to see Ms. Portman in a comedy, a good change from her dramatic role in "Black Swan." I highly recommend "No Strings Attached" because it is so realistic, which sets it apart from other romantic comedies.

The "friends with benefits" relationship happens more than most people think and isn't talked about much. This movie demonstrates the emotional consequences that these relationships have. The point of the movie appears to be that it is nearly impossible not form an emotional attachment.

Of course, being a Hollywood movie you can probably guess what the ending is like. However, it only makes sense because, can sex friends *really* stay just friends?

## RESTAURANT REVIEW: JAMAICAN KITCHEN

# Get a taste of Fayetteville's tropical island flavor

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Last week, I had a food emergency. I'm on a strict diet and exercise program to rid of my freshman 15 (ok, it's a lot more but I'm not telling) so my meal choices outside of my own kitchen are far and in between. There wasn't enough time to drive home and cook something, and my stomach was growling loudly, which constituted a food emergency.

I called my trainer and asked him where I could go for a meal that wasn't processed or fast food. No McDonald's, Burger King, Taco Bell, KFC, Sonic. After yelling at me for not having a healthy snack in my purse,

he suggested two places, a Thai cuisine restaurant on South Bragg Boulevard, and a Jamaican cuisine spot on Murchison road, no more than five minutes from FSU. I've never tasted Thai food and during a rush was not the time to decide I didn't like it, so I decided on the Jamaican place.

Lo and behold, about three minutes after making a right onto Murchison Road from Langdon Street, I spotted the Jamaican Kitchen. Located in a somewhat desolate area was a small building decked out in colors of the Jamaican flag: green, yellow, and black. It's on the left of those driving north

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