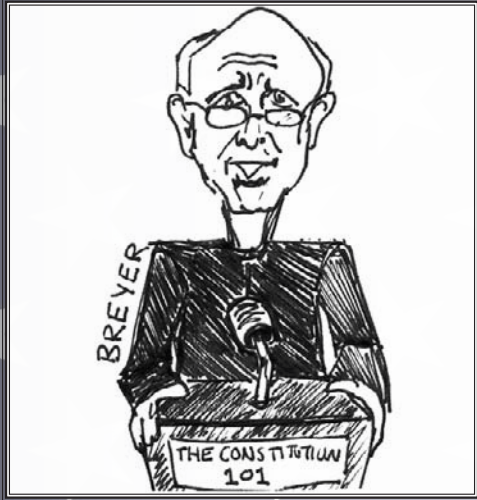
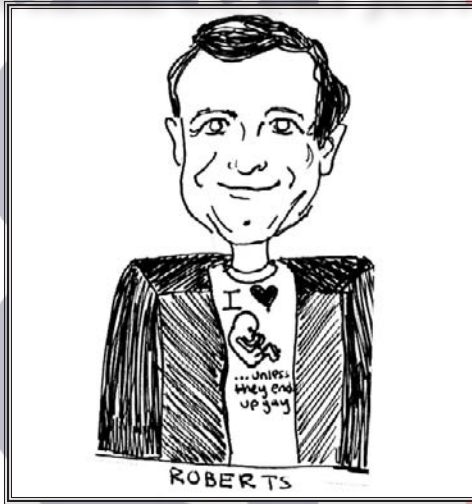
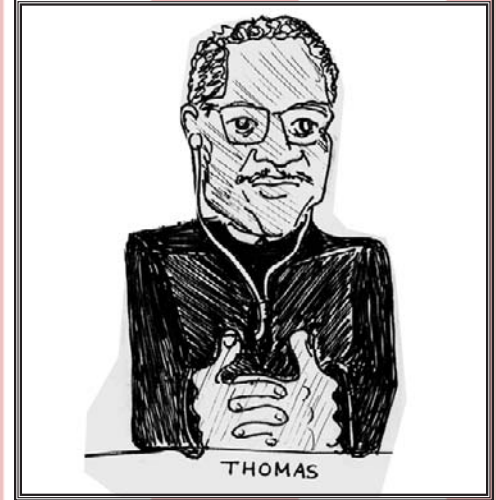


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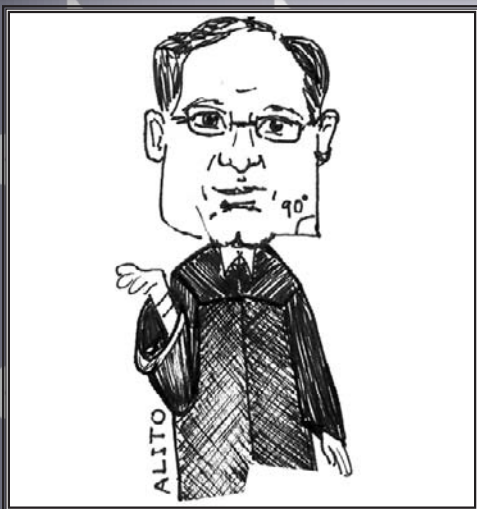
**STEPHEN "J." BREYER:** A moderate-to-liberal member of the court, appointed by President Clinton, his judicial style has been described as "professorial" by his supporters and "rambling" by his detractors. Once spent fifteen minutes discussing the finer points of Second Amendment theory before realizing he was talking to a mahogany table and not George Stephanopoulos of ABC News.



**JOHN ROBERTS:** The newly-appointed Chief Justice has shown himself a man of compromise on the bench, in contrast to his curmudgeonly predecessor, William Rehnquist. At the same time, he remains conservative, and once as an appellate court judge delivered an opinion on a gay rights issue that consisted solely of a steady babble of "mi-mi-mi-mi-mi" into the microphone.



**CLARENCE THOMAS:** Typically silent during oral arguments and listening to Megadeath on his iPod rather than the case, Justice Thomas, named by the first President Bush, is also the Court's most conservative member. He has been the lone dissenter in more cases than any other justice, although sometimes for the sole purpose of using the space to slag Stephen Breyer's taste in music, women, and fashion.



**SAMUEL ALITO:** The newest member of the court, his controversial views on the "unitary presidency" made his nomination hearings highly partisan. His willingness to form a "conservative bloc" was dampened somewhat when, on his first day, Justice Scalia put hot glue on his chair and changed his name on all transcripts to read "Justice Assface." According to Scalia, Alito "cried like a bitch" during the Court's initiation.



**JOHN PAUL STEVENS:** Appointed by the late President Ford, Justice Stevens has become the elder statesman of the Court's "liberal" wing. Although he looks like an archetypal grandfather, his trademark bow tie contains two concealed razor blades that he uses to shave on the bench if he has no time to do so in the morning. This may explain his cryptic "unshorn cheek" footnote in *Gratz v. Bollinger*. Former bassist of Led Zeppelin.



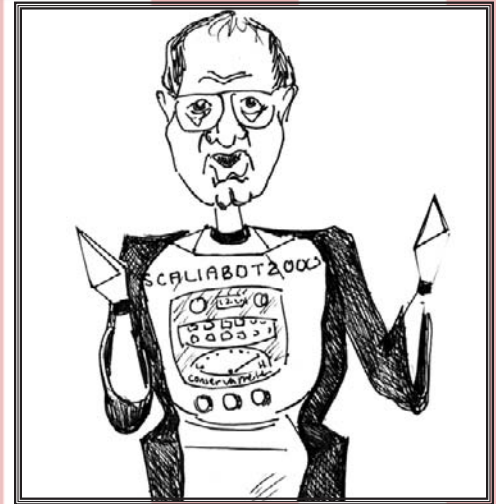
**ANTHONY KENNEDY:** Nominated as a "compromise candidate" by Ronald Reagan after his first two nominees for a vacant slot (Santa Claus and Pat Robertson) were rejected by the Senate, Anthony Kennedy has proven the Court's sole "swing voter" in difficult cases. Democrats called for Kennedy's impeachment following his arrest for chewing on power cables, on the grounds that he was "a mynock." Senator Byron "Chewbacca" Dorgan (D-ND) was nominated to clean him off the rest of the ship. Fortunately, the Senate found itself facing more pressing issues from a cave that "was no cave." Kennedy was allowed to remain on the bench as the Senate traveled to Bospin for hyperdrive repairs.



**RUTH BADER GINSBURG:** Known for her flowing Victorian-era scarf that disguises a reptilian neck frill similar to that of a triceratops, Justice Ginsburg was named to the bench by President Clinton after she parked her chicken-legged house in the Rose Garden and defended it with her mighty powers of witchcraft against the Secret Service. Initially she was considered for the position of Treasury Secretary, but when she kidnapped the Clintons' cat Socks and threatened to eat it, they were left with no choice. A liberal judicial scholar, Justice Ginsburg is nevertheless often seen smoking opium and drinking tea from the skulls of babes with Justice Antonin Scalia.



**DAVID SOUTER:** A mysterious hermit from New Hampshire nominated by the first President Bush after a prophecy divined from rabbit entrails came true, Souter is a fiercely independent legal mind. Under the new Chief Justice, Souter has seen his share of opinions diminish. Souter's method of writing opinions - killing a deer with his bare hands, rending the flesh of its neck with his teeth, and writing his opinion with its bones dipped in its blood onto several pieces of tree bark - is one Roberts considers distasteful.



**ANTONIN SCALIA:** Reprogrammed and sent back in time by John Connor to stop the sentient artificial intelligence known as "SkyNet" from tampering with the past, Scalia was named to the Court by Ronald Reagan, who felt their kinship as machines would allow for a favorable interpretation of the law. Seen as mechanical in his conservative and free-associative opinions, Scalia often closes his opinions with the phrase "hasta la vista, baby" and his dissents with "I'll be back." Often seen as an influence on John Roberts, who opens each session with the phrase "It's judgment day."