

# Anti-war celebrities fear possible industry blacklisting

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In this recent time of controversial attack, a difference of opinion amongst people is expected. However, some of the opinionated, even inside the borders of a supposed-free America, may be afraid of speaking up in fear of losing work.

These people are not Iraqis, Afghanis or any other of their allies living in fear in the U.S., but are in fact America's very own pop-culture celebrities, who are afraid of speaking out against the war ever since recent talks of Hollywood blacklisting towards those who express anti-war sentiments have surfaced, according to *I Am Sam* star Sean Penn.

"Whether celebrity or diplomat, cabdriver or student, all deserve a turn at the podium," said *West Wing's* Martin Sheen to *The Los Angeles Times*, speaking against the possible blacklisting, which would end the careers of all those with publicly-spoken anti-war opinions.

Even with the fear of Hollywood black-listing, many celebrities have openly spoken out about the war in Iraq, none more publicized as *Bowling for Columbine* director Michael Moore, who was booed and finally cut off by the orchestra during his anti-war Academy Award acceptance speech that had been delivered at similar award ceremonies in the previous weeks.

"Whether it is a tax cut that is passed off as a gift to the middle class or a desire to drill holes in the wilds of Alaska, we are continually bombarded with one fictitious story after another from the Bush White House," he said. "That is why it is important that filmmakers make nonfiction, so that all the little lies can be exposed and the public informed. An uninformed public in a democracy is a sure-fire way to end up with little or no democracy at all."

However, those in Hollywood are not the only ones facing such blacklisting. Natalie Maines, of the country music band The Dixie Chicks, is under similar controversy after expressing their view during a recent concert in London that the Texas group was ashamed to say that that Bush was from the state as well.

The music of The Dixie Chicks is currently being



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Director Michael Moore, who refers to the war in Iraq on his website as "Operation Oily Residue," has come under scrutiny lately because of an anti-war speech he made at this year's Academy Awards while accepting an Oscar for his documentary *Bowling for Columbine*. However, freedom of speech may not apply to the celebrity as the Screen Actor's Guild has recently voiced concerns of Hollywood blacklisting.

boycotted by hundreds of country-music stations across the country.

The anti-war message is not the only one being sent out by the pop-culture voice, as many of today's stars like Bruce Willis, who was reported by *CBC News* to have called President Bush personally to attempt to enlist in the armed services, and Brad Pitt, whose anti-war views have been put aside to support America, have voiced opinions opposing to those of Moore and Maines.

"We can't go back now," Pitt said. "We're in this together as Americans. We're going to have to go in and get the job done as soon as possible."

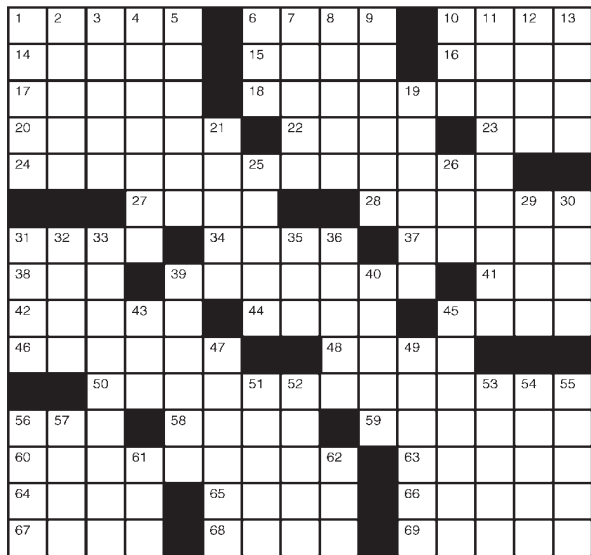
While some celebrities, possibly less informed of the issues, like Sheryl Crow who said at the American

Music Awards that America should simply end all wars by not having enemies and Kid Rock who said at the Grammy Awards that America should end this war simply by slitting the throat of Saddam and "killing that guy in North Korea too," have been taken less seriously. Others like country music star Travis Tritt have remained informed of the issues, but still speak out against some of the comments made by his colleagues, especially Maines.

"I think the comments [from The Dixie Chicks] were made primarily because it was in front of an audience that agreed with them," Tritt said to *Fox News*. "But I think if you make those statements over there [in London] versus over here [in America] it is sort of cowardly and I think it was a cheap shot."

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Christmas tune
  - 6 Pronto letters
  - 10 Sibilant signal
  - 14 Popeye's girl
  - 15 Compaq competitor
  - 16 Marine salutation
  - 17 Rescued
  - 18 Product pitch
  - 20 Develop
  - 22 Side in a contest
  - 23 Maiden-name indicator
  - 24 Exchanging letters
  - 27 Bohemian
  - 28 Agitate
  - 31 Twirled
  - 34 Hoople's oath
  - 37 Israeli seaport
  - 38 Actor Linden
  - 39 Like some chairs
  - 41 Dastardly
  - 42 Once more
  - 44 Canine cry
  - 45 Mouth off
  - 46 Signify
  - 48 Mend
  - 50 Posting area
  - 56 Fat farm
  - 58 Continental cash
  - 59 Non-student local
  - 60 Dilute
  - 63 Condescend
  - 64 Molecular component
  - 65 First place?
  - 66 Bob of the PGA
  - 67 By way of, briefly
  - 68 Proofreader's cut
  - 69 No longer fresh



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- DOWN**
- 1 Trig. function
  - 2 San Antonio landmark
  - 3 Hippo's haunt
  - 4 Infested
  - 5 Bookkeeper's book
  - 6 Madison Ave. offerings
  - 7 Pac. pact
  - 8 Witty Woody

- 9 Appeals
- 10 Touch lightly
- 11 "Lost Horizon" paradise
- 12 Lone
- 13 Youngster
- 19 Kate and Buffalo Bob
- 21 Perfume compound
- 25 Diminutive version
- 26 Long of "The Broken Hearts Club"
- 29 Sci-fi transportation
- 30 Dog feet
- 31 Roe source
- 32 Leaf
- 33 Mongolian capital
- 35 Stein filler
- 36 Indian metropolis
- 39 Half a buck's rack
- 40 Exhausted

### Solutions

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## Friends and family sent to war

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Although the war against Iraq is being fought halfway across the world, the impact has hit very close to home, even in our own states, towns and homes.

Most people at least vaguely know somebody who is in the military or somebody who might get sent overseas. For many members of the Rider community, however, the person leaving is much closer. One such person is junior Jeff Heslin, whose brother is in the Marines. Heslin's brother joined the Marines after graduating from college in 1999. He's been serving ever since.

"We don't know where he is right now," said Heslin, "but my brother just feels that he's serving his country. He's just doing his job."

Heslin said although his mother is understandably upset, both of his parents are very proud.

"We are all so proud of him," said Heslin. "Our thoughts are with him, with all of them, everyday."

Alice Csogi, special assistant in development and university relations, has a son, in Iraq. All indications are that he is with the group that is fighting for control of the bridge over the Euphrates River.

"My son, Jim, is a career Marine," said Csogi. "He signed up when he was 17. He now has three years to go before retirement."

He also served in the Gulf War.



Staff photo

Freshman Julie Patrick's brother Adam, graduated from Rider in 1997 and is currently preparing to go overseas.

According to Csogi, he was called to camp on the fourth of January of this year and was shipped out the next day on the USS Batton.

"It was nice because he had his laptop and was able to send us pictures and messages," said Csogi. "He has three daughters and it helped them. They would bring the pictures to school. It made him seem closer."

Then her son was sent to the restricted

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