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## News Briefs

### Jim Kong-II gets angwy!

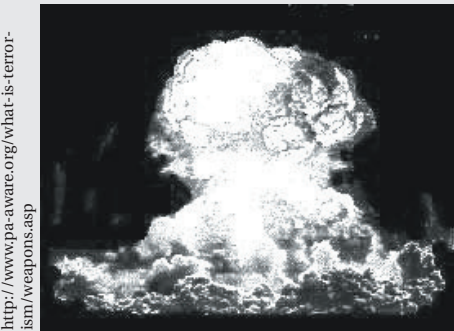
By Parson Porlock



In response to the controversy surrounding the Hose presidency, Jim Kong-il, leader of North Korea, has issued an ultimatum to the Hose administration. If Jim is not given an office beside the new president's, and twice as large, he will destroy the Millenium Flame from orbit with his mind lasers. CEO Bobert Right has urged extreme ambivalence from the Hose community.

### Gill Bates gets angwy!

By McHeidelSchroederMcDougal



Wednesday, Gill Bates, the multi-billionaire founder of Micro\$oft, was involved in a minor mishap involving his aftermarket car stereo and a passing semi. "I was just cruisin' and a' bruisin' down the highway, g-smack, and fo' shizzle, my wheels's damn shindig stereo esploded wit dat stoopid blue screen of death. My tunes shizzled and fizzled and fo' sho' I was flippin' mad, g-string." Bates, apparently frustrated with his stereo's performance, ripped the console out of the dash and threw it in the path of an oncoming tractor trailer. "Man, you should'a seen that shiznit explode all ova' da' place."

### The weather gets angwy!

The sun will be raining its photonic doom down onto the earth with ferocity never before known to man (in other words, it'll be sunny).

# Stoseph Jalin named Gakubowski replacement

**The Great Humongous Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection**

On Monday, March 27, only ten days after he was selected for the position, Jerald S. Gakubowski stepped down from the Hose-Rulman presidency. "At this stage in my life, I have to consider my family before my career. As president of Hose-Rulman, I wouldn't be able to see my family as much as I need to."

While the Hose-Rulman presidential search committee took six months to select Gakubowski, it took only two days to find his replacement. On Wednesday, Bobert Right, chairman of the Hose-Rulman Board of Trustees, announced that former Soviet premier Stoseph Jalin had been selected to take Gakubowski's place as Hose-Rulman's thirteenth president.

"We wanted to find a replacement as quickly as possible so he could assume office and have plenty of time to get settled in before the start of the next school year," said presidential search consul-

tant Fill Bunk of Forn/Kerry International. "We were lucky to find a man of Jalin's caliber on such short notice."

"It is a great honor to be selected as President of this fine institution, and I would like to thank Hose-Rulman for their confidence in me," said Jalin at a press conference Wednesday morning. "I can assure you, comrades, your esteem is not unwarranted. As Hose-Rulman sails forward into the future, you can count on Comrade Jalin to steer a steady course."

One reason the presidential selection committee chose Jalin is his unmatched longevity. Since the retirement of former Hose-Rulman president Ham

Sulbert in 2004, no president has remained in office for more than a year. Jalin, on the other hand, remained in office as General Secretary of the Communist Party for more than 30 years, and

never stopped working for his country.

This steadiness of leadership is precisely what Hose-Rulman needs, according to Bunk: "With an [Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology] evaluation fast approaching, Hose-Rulman needs a stable leader who will stand by Hose-Rulman through thick and thin, and Jalin really fits the bill."

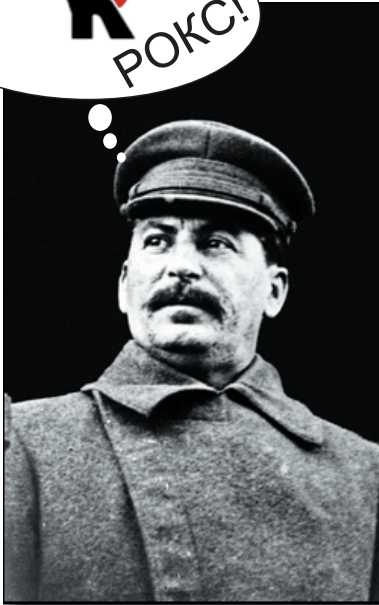
"I have had my eye on

Hose-Rulman for quite some time. The student of Hose-Rulman is not a student of high-minded theory, but a student of utilitarian design, and Hose-Rulman is an institute of the student," said Jalin.

"Jalin is dedicated to the Hose-Rulman ideal of undergraduate education," said Right.

When asked what changes he planned to make at Hose-Rulman, Jalin assured the audience that he would preserve the qualities that make Hose-Rulman great. "First and foremost, I must follow the path set by Comrade Sulbert before me. I must wait until I receive a directive handed down from the student body; only then will I institute change," said Jalin.

During his presidency, Sulbert became friends with many students. According to Jalin, Sulbert's connection to the students was an important part of his legacy: "The institute is here to serve the student, and we cannot serve the student without listening to him. That lesson was forgotten with [Sulbert's successor] Mack Jidgley, but I assure you, comrades, I will remember it."



<http://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/0304/post-stalin.html>

## Ricky Martin on Death Row



[www.bolt.com](http://www.bolt.com)

Ricky Martin...gay? Dude... no way, dude!

**Nappilicious Jones**  
*The Missionary*

Have you heard the news? Dr. Dre and Suge Knight of Death Row Records just signed a \$5 million recording contract with internatinal pop superstar Ricky Martin. Martin, who will now be known as Rick \$lick (since Slick Rick is taken), decided to try a new image after hearing rumors about his sexuality after the release of *Livin' La Vida Loca*. The rumors drove Martin back to his hometown of Hato Rey, Puerto Rico to figure out how he could redeem

his macho. Suge Knight heard of Martin's reclusion and took the news to Dr. Dre, who has been a fan of Martin's since the debut of Martin in Menu-do. Dre immediately flew to Puerto Rico to meet Martin. Their meeting was described as something like "love at first sight." The creative juices started to flow and magic was bound to be made.

Martin's first album with Death Row is slated for release in April of 2007. Possible titles of the Album are *Rick \$lick: Death of the Wack...Birth of the Mac, Puerto Gangsta, and Dawn of the Spanish Mafia*. Tracks include: *Livin' La Vida*



[www.lausd.k12.ca.us](http://www.lausd.k12.ca.us)

Dr. Dre is the man now, dog.

*Gangsta, Nuthin but a Rican Thang, and Boriqua Morena.*

Martin and Dr. Dre expect the album to reach the same fame as Martin's past albums and beyond.

## Nuck Chorris blows away Newton in the third

**Dristina Chavis**  
*Photographer*

After much research by scientists at the Chorris Institute, Newton's Third Law has been proven

incorrect by Nuck Chorris. "This will surely cause a wave of outcries among many physicists", claimed Kudipa Sirtley, a Hose-Rulman physics professor. "The third law states that

for each action, there is an equal and opposite reaction, however, there is no force equal in reaction to a Nuck Chorris roundhouse kick," states Kerman Hline, a scientist at the Chorris Institute.

The Nuck Chorris roundhouse kick has long been regarded as one of the most powerful forces in the universe so this highly notable

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# Hose-doku

Sim Jedoff  
The Sudoku Guy

Level: Absurdly Easy

Solve the puzzle by filling in the blanks. Be careful to not repeat the symbols (H, Q, U, p, n, Tc, Pc, V, and R) vertically, horizontally or within the bold 3x3 sub-grid squares.

Now I'm beggin' like Bames Jrown: we like feedback. If the other puzzles are crap-tastic, please let us know.



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"Working to keep the Hose-Rulman community informed by providing a goofy-as-hell and mildly amusing source for news and information. We're not always timely, but we are regular."

The *Hose Thron* welcomes and encourages comments from its readers. After all, what better way for the Editor-in-Hiding and her Missionary to get target practice than to line up the fools who think we give a damn and use them as fodder? We request that all letters to the editor be less than 600 words in length if you must send them at all.

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# Chuck Norris... from page 1



Dristina Chavis / Photographer  
Here we see the great scientist Kerman Hlein and the godly Nuck Chorris...currently Klein's hand is being squeezed into a black hole.

- Nuck Chorris is easily capable of welding titanium while urinating.
- The First Law of Thermodynamics states that energy can neither be created nor destroyed... unless it meets Nuck Chorris.
- Nuck Chorris qualified with a top speed of 324 mph at the Daytona 500, without a car.
- Nuck Chorris determined the last digit of pi.
- Nuck Chorris can split the atom with his bare hands.

discovery came as no surprise to Chorris. When asked to comment, Chorris stated, "Did you know that my Roundhouse Kick is the preferred method of execution in all 50 states? That's right; even in the states that don't permit execution." This will undoubtedly not

be the last significant scientific contribution of the Chorris Institute. According to numerous sources, the scientists are currently trying to disprove the theory of evolution, claiming that there is just a list of creatures that Chorris has allowed to live.

# The pharmacy of evolution

Men Keyer  
Staff Canadian

The passing of last month's bill in the Alabama state legislature to reclassify evolution as a religious belief has had some unexpected consequences as pharmaceutical companies worldwide have rushed to move their research and development to the state. The new legislation has suddenly allowed organizations performing evolution-based research to be classified as tax-exempt, and while it has yet to happen, many industry analysts predict that it is only a matter of time before research groups start applying for government money intended for faith-based initiatives.

With the first application, a number of lawmakers expressed concern that the bill, which was designed to ban the teaching of evolutionary theory in public schools, was being abused. However, the unprecedented multi-billion-dollar anti-evolution state lobby that has suddenly appeared seems to have quelled any significant debate.

Of course it is not only pharmaceuticals that are benefiting from the new classification. State-wide real estate prices have skyrocketed as thousands of researchers are relocated, and construction companies have reported a staggering 5000 times increase in projected profits as research groups rush to construct

fully-operational research facilities before the state legislature votes on the renewal of the bill in a year. Already the statewide unemployment rates have dropped to 0.01%, and law-enforcement agencies have reported a 700% increase in the arrest of illegal immigrants who are apparently trying to capitalize on the construction industry's \$85 per hour wages with 3x overtime pay!

The pharmaceutical companies are in a race against time as next year's elections will fall just before the vote to renew or retire the bill, and it is pretty clear that the majority of researchers are being relocated to districts with lawmakers who have openly opposed the extension of the bill. As the industry is counting on the continued tax-exempt status of their research, they are apparently attempting to have opponents voted out before the bill comes up for review.

It is predicted that up to 70% of worldwide research into anti-viral and related genetic research will be performed in Alabama within a decade, and while public schools in Alabama are no longer teaching evolutionary theory, it has been projected that around 80% of Alabama students will be attending private schools in the future as plans for industry-funded private schools will offer free, world-class primary and secondary education to students of industry employees.



The Big Smooth  
Staff Bowel Movement

What the deuce? There are girls at this school!?" So exclaimed 80% of the campus when it was discovered this week that women attend Hose-Rulman.

While Hose was founded as an all-male college in 1874, women have apparently been attending Hose as early as 1991. Up until this week, this fact was unknown to the majority of the campus.

The discovery of female students was made by Woger Raters, a member of the Hose-Rulman custodial staff, when he noticed that girls' restrooms (previously thought to be virtually unused except on Mom's Day) were mysteriously running low on soap, paper towels, and toilet paper.

"At first I thought that boys were accidentally using the girls' room, but that wouldn't explain why the soap was getting used up. So since it couldn't have been boys, that narrowed it down pretty well," said Raters.

The Applied Biology Department followed up on Raters' discovery with a campus wide Y-chromosome screening. Sure enough, the Y-chromosome of about one in every six students was missing.

The discovery shocked the campus. Not even the Office of Admissions was aware that females attended Hose-Rulman.

"We don't ask applicants to include their gender on applications. We always figured that we'd be able to tell that by their names," said Lack Jemony, an employee in the Office of Admissions. "Names like 'Jill', 'Sarah', and 'Emily' are tough though, because they could be either a boy's or a girl's name," added Jemony.

The Registrar's Office was also in the dark.

"Well, we did notice a steady rise in GPA beginning in 1991, but we thought it was because laptops were getting faster," said Registrar Pim Trickle.

But how did the male students on campus overlook their female peers? When asked if they have ever looked for girls on campus, a majority of students interviewed gave a reply in the form of, "What!? And look up from my TV/beer/Classic Maple Worksheet? Are you crazy!?"

However, there were a few observant male students who were well aware that women attend Hose-Rulman. In fact, there was an attempted cover-up being organized by a group of guys who had girlfriends on campus.

"How can you blame us?" said junior Mceve StSteevysteve. "If the other guys found out that there actually were girls at this school, the demand for Hose-Rulman girls would skyrocket. And when the girls realized that they were the only girls around, they'd have... like... a monopoly on being girls!"

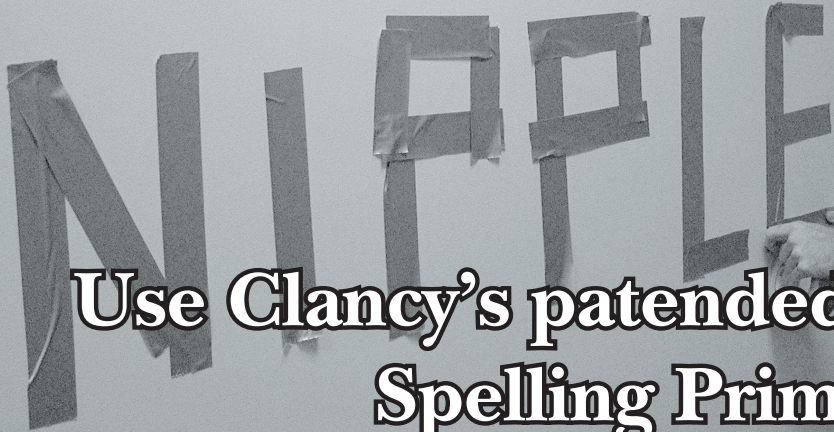
This monopoly on being girls, explained Professor Inri of the Economics and Forgiveness Department, "would lead to fierce competition in a volatile seller's market."

Still, some girls are better than none, explained sophomore Manny Dichaels.

"Before, we had no options. You either had to have 'soccer practice' with other guys, 'soccer practice' with yourself, or go to St. Mary's. Now it's only like that for five sixths of us guys!"

# Girls discovered at Hose-Rulman

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Starring Vim Jarney  
Directed by Chohn Jerry III  
Rated PG

*Rize 2: Electric Boogaloo*  
Directed by Lavid  
DaChapelle  
Rated PG-13

*Sharks on a Plane*  
Starring Re Thock  
Directed by Avid Dellis  
Rated R

*Miss Merriweather's Charge*  
Limited Release  
Starring Themma Ompson  
Directed by Lang Ee  
Rated R

Out on DVD

*Madagascar 3-D*

*Honky Kong*

*Nanny McPhee 3-D*

"Deal or No Deal"  
1<sup>st</sup> season

Box Office Tops

1. *The Mercenary*
2. *Punk'd: The Movie*
3. *Wedding Cake*

Melt Matton  
StaffWriter

You've played the video game. You've gratuitously stolen cop cars and avoided tanks while fighting mob wars. Now, it's time for the *Grand Theft Auto* movie. That's right, *Grand Theft Auto* has finally become a minor motion picture! For reasons unbeknownst to anyone, the movie will be set in our own fair city of Terre Haute! *Grand Theft Auto: Terre Haute* will hit your local lap-tops later this year, and the *Hose Thron* has the exclusive full scoop on the movie, including a partial interview with the director, Lis "Lystolpherson" Chreibs.

Starring major movie star Ratthew Moberts as Matt Roberts, the movie follows the gratuitously violent adventure of Roberts as he seeks revenge on his brother for an ill-tempered birthday gift. You may remember Moberts from some of his other works, such as Gradison Mant Junior High School's presentation of *Guys and Dolls*. Along the way, Roberts runs into numerous villains and mobsters from Terre Haute, such as Jimmy Big Hands and the notorious Mr. Ruiz.

Like the video game, Roberts gets into crazy fights with hun-



Lis Chreibs / Hose-Rulman

Matt Roberts, played by Ratthew Moberts, meets with Mr. Ruiz in *Grand Theft Auto: Terre Haute*.

dreds of gangsters while stealing as many cars as possible. From The Laundromat to Rural King, Roberts terrorizes Terre Haute in all its Hautianity in his unending battle of hideous rage-filled, bullet-riddled, earth-scorching glory.

Straight from Speed 322 Studios, we now have a partial interview with the man, the legend,

the one and – thank God – only director Lis "Lystolpherson" Chreibs. He gave us his description of the movie.

"This educational production exemplifies the life of crime, violence, and deceit in the small town of Terre Haute. It represents everything I wish was here. Basically, it's a mob movie, without the brilliant plots or Italian ac-

cents...think *The Godfather*, only forget Sinatra and Brando, and picture Moberts and Bruiz...Brilliant, absolutely brilliant."

We at the *Thron* would like to thank Chreibs for his interview, and wish him luck on his next work, a documentary about hands entitled *Hand Job*. Until then, go and see *Grand Theft Auto: Terre Haute* at Speed 322, if you dare!

## Dr. Tran Doles Out the Harshness doles out the graphic sex

The Joystick Lady  
Editor-in-Hiding

A part of Dr. Tran's 30,000-DVD collection set, *Dr. Tran Doles out the Harshness* is a favorite with many crowds, including many fans of traditional spy flicks.

Tran hits a different angle than codgy old James Bond ever did, though. I won't reveal who's on the receiving end of Tran's harshness, as that's a big part of the mystery and appeal of the movie. Well, that and watching Tran thoroughly kick ass.

I will let slip, however, that part of the reason for Tran's f'ed up rampage is related to some missing chairs and a bad case of indigestion.

The art in the movie is simply amazing. Tran is delivered in stunning color and vivacity as he

comes to life before your eyes. You cry with him, you laugh with him, you get angry with him.

The secondary characters are well-written, although none hold a candle to Tran. Even Halma Sayek, who's always cast as the female lead in these types of movies, nearly pales in comparison. She just can't keep up with Tran once he gets going.

The movie is rated X, however, for graphic violence and sex. And it's graphic. I've seen a few movies with Sayek in them, and I had no idea she could do things like what she pulled off in this movie.

Leave the kid siblings at home, folks. There's lots of doling going on.

All in all, the action is well-scripted, the characters well-acted, and, best of all, Tran is back... just passin' 'em out.

## Final Fantasy 7 DVD release delayed to 2015

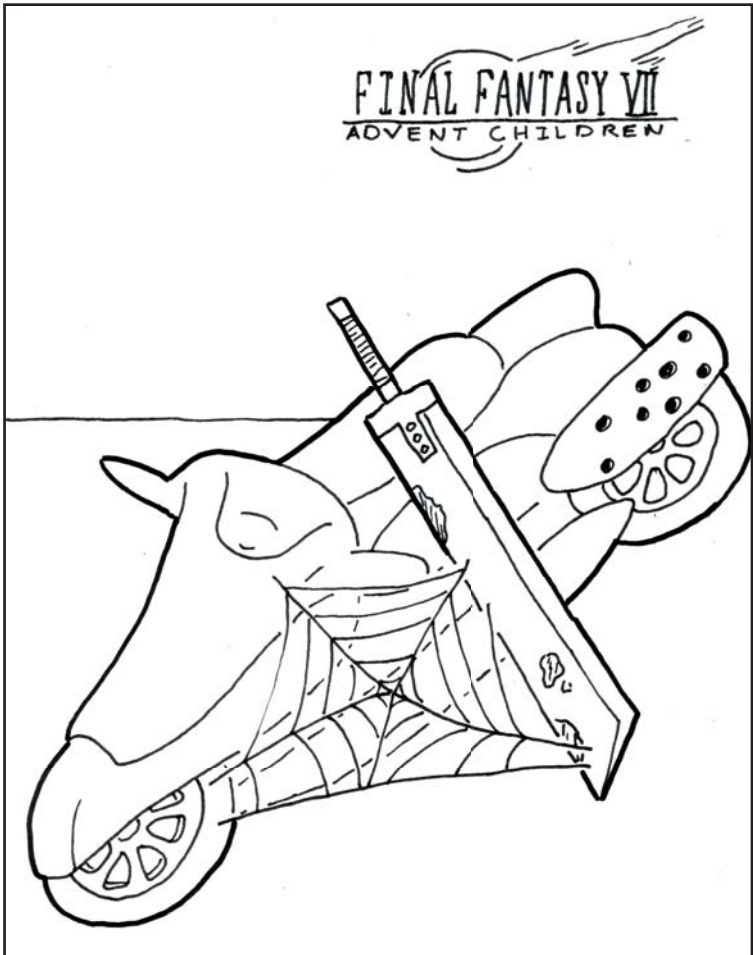
Chavid Den  
StaffWriter

Yesterday, during this year's Game Developers Conference, Sony Pictures Home Entertainment announced that it will delay the release of its highly-anticipated *Final Fantasy 7: Advent Children* Two-Disc Special Edition DVD indefinitely until 2015. Originally, this DVD was confirmed for release in the U.S. on April 25, but due to unexpected translation problems and other pressing issues on Sony's agenda, the launch date will be pushed back once more.

The movie is based on *Final Fantasy VII*, one of the best-selling video games of all time, having sold over 9 million copies to date. The movie continues the game's storyline with such memorable characters as Cloud, Tifa, and Barrett. Two years after *FF7* and the death of Sephiroth, Cloud and his comrades must take up arms again to battle a new threat that is looking for something disturbing, while a mysterious illness is spreading among the children of Midgar.

This troubling news couldn't have come at a worser time, as Sony had just delayed the release of its PS3 gaming system until November a few weeks before. Many fans of the movie were already in lines across the U.S. in front of Best Buys, Wal-Marts, Targets, and other retail stores waiting to get their hands on the DVD on April 25. Now, due to the delay, millions of fans are filled with as much animosity toward Sony as they had toward Sephiroth when he killed Aeris, a key figure in the game loved by millions of *FF7* fans.

At some places, fans are staging sitting strikes and hunger strikes in response to this delaying madness by Sony. One particular group in front of Grauman's Movie Mania in Hollywood has reportedly made a vow to camp out day



Parson Porlock / Hose Thron

Ironically, *Advent Children* will be released after *Final Fantasy X2: Magical Dressup*.

and night non-stop until Sony finally releases the DVD in stores.

"We are not going to take this sitting down," said Steve Nehc, the lead organizer of the group, "we have already waited too long for it to come out." When asked how the new release date would affect his group's promise, Nehc replied, "We will wait here until Sony realizes how much fans truly want this DVD, and finally succumbs to our desire."

In a press conference after the announcement, Sony outlined several major reasons for delaying the DVD in spite of its popularity. Primarily, after the movie was translated and dubbed into English with voice-overs, Sony

found out several minor but significant portions of the movie were done in bad English. To save face, examples of poorly-written lines were not given at the time of the conference. It was speculated that the poor translation are along the lines of "Let's blocking", "I feel asleep", and "All your base are belong to us."

As stated by Ken Kutaragi, CEO of Sony Computer Entertainment, this translation error was not the biggest reason for the delay. One other cause was Sony's increasing shift of focus and resources to get its PS3 system finished in time and start the development of its supposed next-next gen system codenamed...gasp...PS4.



I didn't know my Escort could go that fast....

# Roll your own adventure

The Joystick Lady  
Editor-in-Hiding

When I heard that the company Leafsquishy was ready to release a game called *Cannabis*, I was ecstatic. The game is unlike any modern game, and is reminiscent of the old text adventures.

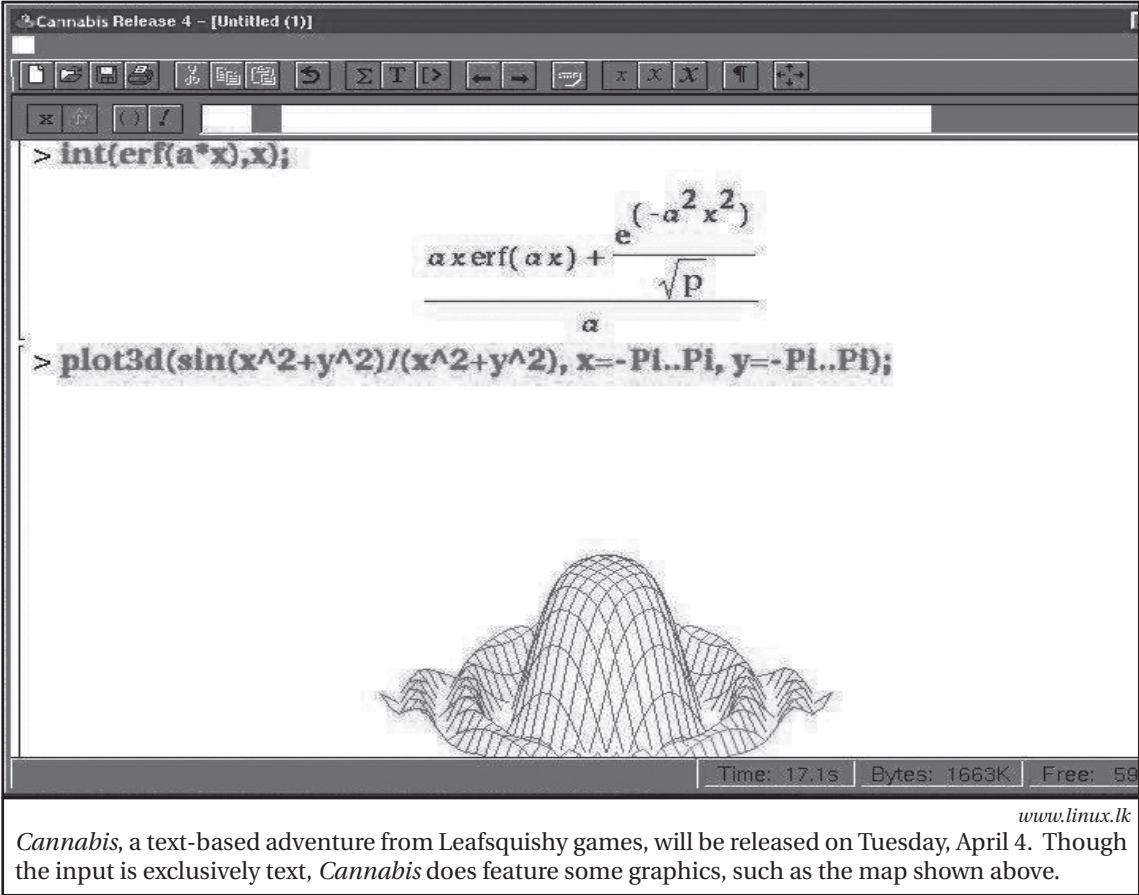
When I went to the big gaming expo G3 last year, I got to play a demo. This stuff is hot, people. As lackadaisically responsive as *Doom III* on a 300 MHz and as puzzling as *Zork: Grand Inquisitor*, I'm sure this game will be a hit with the Hose crowd.

Like some of the greatest text adventures ever written, you're started out with just a prompt. "What do I type?" you ask. "What is my goal?"

The goal is set by each player. Wander around. Explore. Nibble on whatever you find. I can guarantee you'll get feedback, and once you learn some of the system, you can even advance to a level that will even have you using your mouse to examine various surfaces.

Unfortunately, there's a bit of a steep learning curve. While most text-based adventures use simple commands based on plain English (e.g., "look at llama"), *Cannabis* requires you to master commands with such indecipherable names as "isqrt", "taylor", and "abs".

Even when the command names seem straightforward, such as with "goto" or "pointto", you have to know the exact in-



*Cannabis*, a text-based adventure from Leafsquishy games, will be released on Tuesday, April 4. Though the input is exclusively text, *Cannabis* does feature some graphics, such as the map shown above.

game address of wherever you want to go. Instead of "go to nude beach," you have to type "goto 140," which makes it harder for the plot to really come to life.

"Seems slowpaced and dumb," you grump. First, don't grump at me. Second, this game can occupy your time for entire days, trust me. Be careful letting others set how much you should achieve in

*Cannabis*, though—outsiders' expectations are often outrageously time consuming, and really, who needs aspirations?

Unfortunately, again, like some text adventures, you'll find yourself again and again refining your technique to make the experience richer. That can be really fricking annoying at times, but the completion of each of your goals will bring you a joy like no

other.

The graphics in *Cannabis* are awesome given the game's budget and text-based style, but the default color scheme is just plain icky.

Little things aside, Cannabis is a great game with an open-ended plot and almost infinite replay value. Purchase *Cannabis* when it's released and learn to roll your own adventure.

## Signal Processing First not realistic

Smangela Iley  
Assistant News Editor

Recently, for one of my classes - I think it was Science Fiction - I was assigned to read a book called *Signal Processing First*. SPF, for those of you who don't know it, is a postmodern/absurdist science fiction/adventure story co-authored by not two but three writers. I can't actually remember the names, but take my word for it, they're not from around here.

At least, that's my only explanation for the complete, unflagging weirdness of their debut work.

*Signal Processing First* centers around the existence of two separate dimensions, "Discrete Time" and "Real Time."

The plot begins when "Real Time", which seems a lot like our own universe, is afflicted with a plague of math; some people from "Discrete Time" attempt to come to the rescue but the task is made more difficult by the alleged differences between the universes, which are never fully explained.

Unfortunately, almost the entire thing is written from the perspective of "Discrete Time" inhabitants. Because their time-stream is somehow completely different from ours, nothing they do makes any sense. As if that wasn't bad enough, both universes use some kind of "function"

I would recommend it, but only if you enjoy reading about things that would never happen.

technology for space travel, time travel, and apparently whatever else the authors want. If you're already lost, you're not alone.

I wanted to like *Signal Processing First*, but throughout I was annoyed by the implausibility of the authors' world. A prime example of this was their continued references to the technique of "integration," which was explained with a few lines of technobabble in the first chapter and proceeded to become a repeated

plot device for the next ten. "Oh, you need to find something? Just perform a quick integration!" And I love Star Trek as much as the next Hose student, but even I do not recognize "modulating the phase" as a

legitimate plot recourse.

Similarly, the characters had bizarre motives. Who is this Fourier guy, and how does he decide who plays in the Fourier Series? Why does Shannon Nyquist keep turning up everywhere? And what are the mysterious government agencies plaguing the star systems? LTI, FIR, IIR, HERTZ, the list goes on.

Overall, I would recommend *Signal Processing First*, but only if you enjoy reading about things that would never happen in reality. As for me, next week I'll be reviewing Louis L'Grimaldi's torrid romance novel, *Discrete and Combinatorial Mathematics*.



## Entertainment News

by The Great Humongous

### Peon Senn visits Mexico

On Tuesday, Golden Globe award-winning actor Peon Senn visited Mexico to meet with Mexican citizens. "Beorge W. Gush is proposing this guest worker program, and he's always talking about what's best for Mexicans. I just wanted to come here and see for myself," said Senn.

### Shig Bow retires from WWE

On Thursday, March 30, WWE wrestler The Shig Bow, aka Waul Pight, Jr., announced his retirement from the WWE. "Between training, performing, and signing autographs, the schedule of a WWE superstar can be very demanding. This will give me more time to spend with my daughter and to cheat on my wife," said Pight.

### Matrix musical planned for 2008

After the success of his *Lord of the Rings* musical, Toronto producer Wevin Kallace has announced that he will produce a stage version of blockbuster *The Matrix*. Casting for *The Matrix* will begin after *The Lord of the Rings* completes its run in August 2006.

# Point-counterpoint-avocado: U.S. > Canada > The World?

### They're not even a real country anyway!

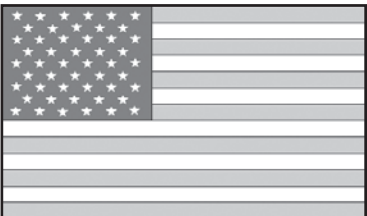


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**Jimmy-John Q. Public-like**  
*Director of Fact Interpretation*

Let's face it: our kids are getting worse. They won't obey their parents and they just want to fart and curse. Should we blame the government or society, or perhaps the images on TV? NO! I say blame Canada!

Honestly, what has Canada done for you lately? So you can buy booze two years sooner



in your life than you can in the United States and their prescription drugs are cheaper. What does this tell me? It's a half-country full of drunken pill-poppers, that's what! I'll have you know that Americans work hard, 40-hour weeks to get their tranquilizer fix. And that's what makes our country strong!

Did you know Canada has only been a country for 24 years? That's right; they finally won their independence in 1982 after an agonizingly long 115-year war with Great Britain. The U.S. won their independence in a short 8 years! You want to know why? It's a commonly known fact that harboring a whole province of French people will nearly quintuple the length of any war, and guess what? Canada has one!

Canada has succumbed to a lenient immigration policy, and they paid for it in a long, bloodless, gloryless war. Plus, they have to keep listening to the queen and pretending to like cricket. Giddyay, guv-nah!

Most of Canada's population lives within 50 miles of the U.S. You know why?

All of Canada is a frozen wasteland that no one can survive without an igloo. However, the glorious aura of American manifest destiny keeps the land closest to the U.S. habitable. Bet you didn't know that those fur-cap-wearing Canucks were leaching a free ride off of good ole' American spirit!

Canada also has vast fields of natural resources, namely oil (the only important one), which remain untapped because of "environmental concerns." When I read this, all I hear is, "We're too afraid to sit down to a nice meal of caribou and loads of cold hard cash." Although, I suppose that with the value of Canada's dollar, you would end up with not much cash, but considering its latitude, I can guarantee that it would be cold and hard.

Historically, Canada has always been a presidential pain in the butt. Did you know that it was Canada that stopped early explorers of the New World from finding the Northwest Passage? Canada was also responsible for sucking the life savings out of hundreds of hapless American prospectors during the Yukon Gold Rush. The iceberg that sank the Titanic originally calved from the ice mass that is protected from the American patriotic, ice-melting glow by the geographic monstrosity of Canada.

So when it comes down to it, most of the bad things that have ever happened to the United States and the world are because of Canada. It is a land of freezing cold temperatures, an unhealthy amount of much pristine nature, and a bastion of sissy Frenchmen. It's not a real country, anyway. *(Flag ironically courtesy of <http://www.millin.de>)*

### Yes we are, eh!



**Men Keyer**  
*Photo Editor*

As Joe once said, "Canada is the second largest land-mass [in the world], the first nation in hockey, and the best part of North America!" I couldn't have said it better myself.

Not that I have anything against the United States of America. It's just clear that its whiney citizens gave up any chance at a mature place in the world when they griped about taxes until the British got tired of listening to the pre-adolescent carping and left. And who wouldn't have eh? Americans were largely criminals and deviants forced out of Europe for the good of the Europeans. Given the amazingly high rates of gun-related deaths, it's clear that little has changed.



And what the heck is with foot-pounds and miles, eh? Does anybody even know how to convert within the imperial system much less to a system based on something other than the size of the local king's whatever? The metric system has been the official standard of the United States of America since 1893 and you're still using a cumbersome, outdated system from Great Britain — the country you worked so hard to leave?

Which brings me to the Electoral College. Is there any reason besides sheer laziness that you still vote for unqualified and universally anonymous elitists and just assume that they'll vote for the same guy as you? For a country of people who go on about freedom and democracy, you sure have a funny way of choosing a leader!

So how is Canada any different? Well for one, we don't waste all our hard-earned

money keeping a military large enough to take on the entire world. We just subtly manipulate our neighbor to the south, of course.

Don't believe me, eh? Well, I know most of your school-teachers are too ashamed to teach it, but Canada was the first country ever to have won a war against the USA.

That's right, you Yanks suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of Canadians (along with our international allies, something you seem to be short on at the moment) back in 1775. Then you handed us another victory in 1812! Those were indeed glorious days...

And Canada isn't getting any weaker. If anything, we've got you just where we want you — fully dependent on foreign oil and lulled into a false sense of security by our polite mannerisms. As long as you focus on wars you can (sort of) win in the Middle East, you remain blissfully oblivious to the fact that Canada is second in proven oil reserves only to Saudi Arabia, and exports more oil to America than the entire Middle East!

As your vaunted leader so eloquently put it, you're "addicted" to foreign oil. You didn't think we'd leave the border undefended if we didn't have a tight hold on your next fix eh?

We've given the world maple syrup, William Shatner, hockey and Pamela Lee Anderson. We kicked your butt in the last war, and we're holding your next fix. To top it all off, we have Mounties! Is there really any doubt that Canada truly is the best part of North America? As Winston Churchill once said, "Canada is the linchpin of the English-speaking world." Linchpin indeed eh?

*(Mountie courtesy of <http://www.golding.ca>)  
(Canada graphic courtesy of <http://www.theodora.com/maps>)*

### You guys are both stupid



**The Great Humongous**  
*Secretary of the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection*

Americans love to talk about a rivalry of the USA vs. the world, saying that the United States can beat the rest of the world in any field — in war, in sports, and even, laughably, in designing cars.

I have met many Americans in my life, and every one has been patriotic to the point of delusion, comparing America to heaven, George W. Bush to the pope, and doublewide trailers to the Taj Mahal.

I have never heard an American compare his country to Canada in a serious discussion. Though he claims to be American, I am convinced that Jiimy-John Q. Public-like is Canadian, and that the Point/Counterpoint portion of this Point/Counterpoint/Avocado is a sham — a staged "argument" intended to promote Canada in America.

An American writer would never admit that the U.S. could lose to just one country. But even if an American did manage to tone down his arrogance, it would be absurd to say that Canada is his biggest rival. When it was the U.S.A. vs. the World, Canada's presence added hockey and curling to the list of sports the world could win, but was otherwise irrelevant. Aside from hockey, Canada is best known for its large areas of cold, barren

land, and it's not even first in that category; Siberia not only has more land, but is also colder than Canada on average.

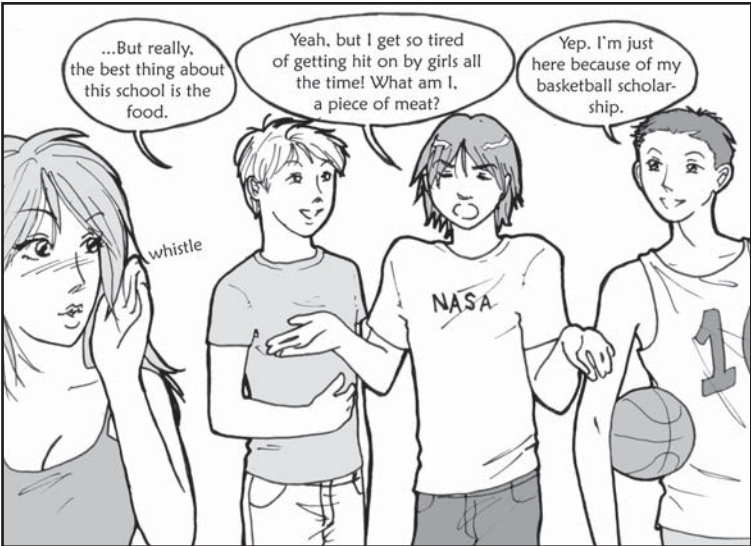
Though Public-like is obviously not American, he does show a brand of delusional patriotism that can only come from watching too much American television and eating too much venison. It's too bad he didn't inherit any of the Americans' bravado, and had to resort to this cowardly deceit. Apparently, thenorthernwintershave shrunkably, in his gonads to the point that a steady diet of James Bond marathons and baby-seal clubbing has had no effect.

As a citizen of the People's Republic of China, I cannot understand Public-like's behavior. You will never hear a Chinese journalist saying, "Yee haw! America could whoop anybody's behind! 'Cept maybe those dang Chinese." If I wanted to praise my country, I would stand proud and say, "China is the greatest nation on Earth."

If Public-like wants to convince a fellow Canadian of Canada's worth, he can simply feed him another pound of moose jerky. If he wants to convince an American, he must start by taking America down a notch. If an American says he can take on the world, let him try it. Have him present the American side, and invite a world of writers to show him how his country really measures up. Until he sees where the U.S. really stands, an American will never recognize the merits of another country. *(Hammer and sickle courtesy of <http://kpp.aksios.de>)*



### 1000 Words by Hrin Eudson



## Letter to the Editor

I've felt a need for a while now to complain about the ARA buying all those new chairs for the dining room. For the price they paid for those crappy chairs that aren't as good as the old ones, they could serve us filet mignon every night for the whole year!

Also, what is it with the food plans the ARA makes us get? The choices and prices are ridiculous! I can't believe that the ARA charges us so much to eat there... even more than it would cost to eat out at restaurant for every meal! I

wonder what they do with all that extra money that's left over after they buy that swill?

Lastly, how on this beautiful, green earth do they justify not letting anyone take extra pieces of fruit, cereal, and stacks of sandwiches out of the ARA? The food's just sitting there. It's not as if anyone would eat it, even if everyone took something out! Other restaurants let you take home doggy bags, and they don't even have the buffet food just sitting out there, not being eaten!

I think it's ridiculous that the ARA is treating us with such disrespect and not even thinking about our feelings and the strong reasoning behind our positions. It's despicable.

Parson Porlock  
King of the Hep Cats

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Sports Briefs

by Earl

MLB to launch steroids probe

Major league baseball has teamed up with NASA in efforts to launch a probe into low Earth orbit that would track the use of steroids by means of a high-tech and currently top-secret visual device. When implemented, this will prove revolutionary in the efforts to cut down on steroid usage across the globe.

West tops East

The West team won in stunning fashion on Wednesday night over the East in the McDonald's All-American game. In the regulation 40 minute game the West dominated the East, serving 112 cheeseburgers to eager fans while the West's served a rather unimpressive 84 cheeseburgers. The promotional contest is held each year in a different city and it showcases the top prospects of the McDonald's franchise from across the country.

Dodgers update franchise name

In response to the Anaheim Angels' name-change last year to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, officials from the Los Angeles Dodgers organization announced Thursday that the franchise has been renamed in order to better accomodate people of the greater Los Angeles area. The Los Angeles Dodgers of Los Angeles, as they are to be called now, open the MLB regular season with a three-game homestand against the Atlanta Native American Warriors on Monday.

NCAA men's basketball tournament postponed

The NCAA men's basketball tournament, affectionately known as "March Madness," has been postponed indefinitely. NCAA officials were questioned about their decision to halt the tournament but they withheld comments until an official statement was released on Thursday. In an excerpt from the statement, the NCAA spokesman said that it "wouldn't be truthful to hold an event called 'March Madness' in April" and that to continue the tournament would "compromise the integrity of the NCAA."

Vikings no longer in Minnesota

In a stunning move, the Vikings franchise has been relocated from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Copenhagen, Denmark. When questioned about the sudden move, the Vikings owner was quoted as saying "I don't know, it just sounded weird having Vikings in Minnesota. Plus, I think that they will definitely play better in their homeland; I mean, every game was like a road game to them until now."

In other news...

In order to keep up with the rising interest in the sport, the National Cliff Diving Association was recently formed. Cliff diving arenas will be built in many major metropolitan areas by 2007 with competition starting the same year.

My First Sports Article

Sim Jedoff  
The Sudoku Dude

Well, I can't believe it! The Thron finally gave me my own sports article to write. I told them about that one Bowling Club Tournament that I covered at the beginning of school, but apparently that doesn't count. Who knew!

I guess I should get to the point...But really, last week I couldn't even begin to consider writing a sports article. I hope I really make my editors proud. They told me they might even start listing my name in the masthead on page 2 if I do a good job. So please everyone, send in your appraisals to thron@hose-rulman.edu. I really need this job. Last week some guys came in and beat me up, proceeded to take my liver and left the scalpel on the floor! I mean who does that? They could have at least cleaned it and put it back in the

closet where I keep my Lindsay Lohan shrine.

Man, where is my focus?! I got off track again, but no longer. I promise to hold true to my ground and get to my point: my first sports article. If I don't, the staff may stop letting me bring them their coffees when they edit the paper!

So, I was interviewing some fellow staff members (even though I am just a lowly intern) and they were kind enough to give me some feedback on how to write a sports article. One guy told me to include lots of 1337 comments. I don't really know what he meant, so I talked to John Dullard (rest his soles, they were getting really dirty) and he confided in me that using a technique he learned in Burundi, Africa, the best way to write an article is to just sit in front of your computer and have your secretary write it for you (while you play *World of Warcraft*, of course). Well, I told him, I don't have a secretary, at which

point he just walked away. After that the girl dressed up as a penguin didn't even talk to me, and she talks to everyone!

I needed a new plan of attack if I wanted to figure out how to write this article. I decided to head down to the Chinese restaurants covered in the Thron a couple weeks back, and hoped to find an event taking place (one of the editors advised that I at least find a sporting event to write about). After going to the restaurants, full and sick, I passed out in Percopo's 2nd floor lobby and woke up covered in yellow police caution tape. Thankfully I was able to escape by using my Red Power Ranger's karate-chop action, who I keep in my left breast pocket for just such occasions!

Enough goofing around. I needed to find my sport and start writing about it quick, my deadline was fast approaching! ... I guess it will have to wait until next week; I just went over my word limit.

Men's b-ball triumphs over St.-Wary of-the-Moods

The Big Smooth  
Staff Bowel Movement

"They may have the talent, but we have the numbers!"

These were the words of encouragement from head coach Naig T. Crelson that inspired the Hose men's basketball team to achieve their most dominant victory of the season, winning 20-18 in double overtime.

The Hose men worked espe-

cially hard this game, surprisingly scoring most if not all of St. Wary's points for them due to strategic slip-ups. The St. Wary's men, with their extreme lack of court presence and non-committal style of play, cleverly forced the Hose team into confusion ("Are we playing offense or defense right now?")

Nevertheless, the Hose team put up some astounding numbers, committing no fouls and keeping possession for nearly the

entire game.

After the game, coach Crelson talked strategy in our interview.

"The St. Wary's men's basketball team has a unique style of defense; they don't play man-on and they don't play zone either. But I'll give their defense credit; they still managed to trip our guys up."

Next week the Hose women's team will square off with a tough women's team from Cabash Wollege.

Identifying Sports

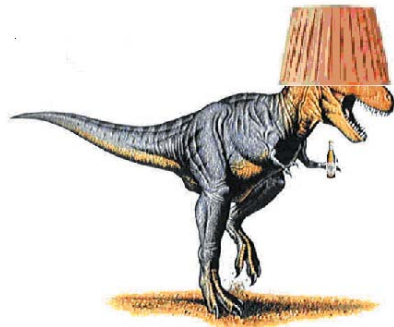
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Having a hard time telling the difference between all those sports out there? The Thron can help! Just use our comprehensive dichotomous key, and you'll be able to identify all of today's major sports!

- 1. Does the sport use a ball? If yes, go to 2. If no, go to 3.
- 2. Is the ball larger than a grapefruit? If yes, go to 4. If no, go to 5.
- 3. Does the sport use a stick? If yes, go to 6. If no, go to 7.
- 4. Does the ball have holes? If yes, go to 8. If no, go to 9.
- 5. Is there more than one ball? If yes, go to 10. If no, go to 11.
- 6. Is the stick longer than you are tall? If yes, go to 12. If no, go to 13.
- 7. Is the sport on ice? If yes, go to 18. If no, go to 19.
- 8. You're watching BOWLING.
- 9. What color is the ball? If it is red, go to 14. If it is orange or brown, go to 15.
- 10. You're watching BOCCI.
- 11. You're watching BASEBALL.
- 12. The stick is actually a tree trunk. You're watching CABER TOSSING.
- 13. You're watching HOCKEY.
- 14. You're watching KICKBALL.
- 15. Is the ball shaped like the Earth? If yes, go to 16. If no, go to 17.
- 16. You're watching BASKETBALL.
- 17. You're watching FOOTBALL.
- 18. You're watching CURLING.
- 19. You're watching TAEKWONDO.

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Wacky "W" Quotes

"I'm looking forward to a good night's sleep on the soil of a friend."  
-- *on night soil*

"I think I may need a bathroom break. Is this possible?"  
-- *in writing to Condi during a UN meeting*

"It's in our country's interests to find those who would do harm to us and get them out of harm's way."  
-- *on providing aid and comfort to the enemy*

"You teach a child to read, and he or her will be able to pass a literacy test."  
-- *passing the obvious test*

"I am here to make an announcement that this Thursday, ticket counters and airplanes will fly out of Ronald Reagan Airport."  
-- *revitalizing commercial air travel*

"Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we."  
-- *showing his true colors*

"Too many good docs are getting out of the business. Too many OB-GYNs aren't able to practice their love with women all across this country."  
-- *on OB love*

"More and more of our imports come from overseas."  
-- *on imports*

"Presidents come and go, but the Supreme Court goes on forever."  
-- *on the judicial branch*

"We are on an irreversible trend towards more freedom and democracy - but that could change."  
-- *on the future*

"How do you ask a man to be the last man to die in Vietnam? How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake?"  
-- *on human conflict*

















"A house divided against itself cannot stand."  
-- *on the Civil War*

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| 1.                                  | 3/1/06   | MA223   | 2          | 1          | 5            | OMG this guy is dull. If he's in your class, lecture softly so as not to wake up Mr. Excitement.   |  |   |                    |
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| 1.                                  | 3/1/06   | ME123   | 2          | 1          | 3            | The rating below this one is obviously written by one of those "dedicated" teachers who "cares" about students "learning." Yeah right. Real profs want nothing to do with this loser. Avoid. |  |   |                    |
| 2.                                  | 12/15/05 | RH330   | 5          | 5          | 5            | Excellent student if you give her a chance. You just have to work hard to adapt to her learning style, but that's not a bad thing.   |  |   |                    |
| 3.                                  | 11/17/05 | PH292   | 1          | 4          | 2            | Very enthusiastic. In a terrifying way, like a rabid squirrel, shrieking as it gnaws at your face.   |  |   |                    |

Can't quite stay awake in class? Profs droning on endlessly? Now you can have fun and win cash and extra credit playing the Hose Thron Classroom Bingo Game!\* Just listen carefully in your classes on Friday, March 31, and check each box when one of these key concepts is mentioned in lecture. When you've checked five boxes in a row, yell BINGO, and see your prof to find out what you've won!\*\*

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\*\* Seriously, talk to your prof. Don't come to us, because if Dr. Smartass is stupid enough to mention Englebert Humperdinck in class, we take no responsibility for it. In fact, we don't even really know who Englebert Humperdinck is. See if that stops us from saying his name over and over. Humperdinck. Humperdinck. Hummmmppperdinnnck!

Top Ten Ways to Celebrate Pi Day  
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- Get an extension so you can celebrate Rho Day, too.
- Ask that cute number upstairs to play "Spin the Radius" with you.
- Circulate! Circulate! Dance to the music!
- Square the circle using only a straightedge and compass.
- Eat Pi-peroni pi-zza in your pi-jamas.
- Figure out how much your bachelor's degree would be in radians.
- Remind everyone you meet that "pi are squared".
- Pi a prof!
- If you're legal: do shots at 3.14 degrees Celsius. (Don't do too many, or you'll get circlulosis of the liver.)
- Party like it's 3.14159.