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Knuckles are an interesting concept. Did you know that everyone has thirty knuckles (that's at a rate three per finger, five fingers per hand, two hands per person)? You can bend knuckles and you can crack knuckles. There are numerous ways to crack your knuckles and each produces a thoroughly woody, resonant sound. *Axes & Alleys* have always supported knuckles and the West Dakota knuckle industry. Therefore we urge you to vote for J. Michael Borden in the upcoming Katharinetowne comptrollerial elections. He is the knuckle-friendly candidate. Prosperity and knuckles go together like Poe and macabre short stories.



**Actress and
singer Mandy
Moore is a
godsend to the
starlet-starved
nations of the
Maghreb.**

**WRITTEN
CORRESPONDENCES
FROM GOOD NA-
TURED GENTLEMEN
WHO HAVE READ OUR
PREVIOUS INSTALL-
MENTS AND WISH TO
COMMENT ON SOME
ASPECTS THEREOF**

Dear *Axes & Alleys*,

There is a reoccurring phenomenon which continues to threaten the safety of the human race. This is the plague of alien abductions. So many people continually travel to the planet of Ghos Kento into the Ghosasu System for the purpose of taking aliens from their homes and doing experiments on them. What are we even supposed to learn from these abductions? Plucking aliens from their sleep platforms, taking them aboard our ships and cloacally probing them is a cruel practice. *Axes & Alleys* should bring light to this barbaric practice so that NASA will stop these alien abductions once and for all.

Lauren Van Der Hoos.
Movingon.org

Dear *Axes & Alleys*,

Your comics are cool.

Maddox
The Best Page in the Universe

Dear Editors,

I am writing to tell you that I am afraid of spiders. They really creep me out. That and the fact that the pizza place on my block recently closed down. It's fine, because their pizza was only okay, it's not the best in the world or anything. The quality went down after Gino died or retired or something. I'm not sure of the whole story. Man, I hate spiders. One time I saw a spider and I totally freaked. It was ugly and had too many legs. Anything with more than two legs is ugly, unless it has four legs like a horse or a dog, many dogs are good. I just don't think that pizza place did a lot of business. That's why it closed down. They were "in the red" as the phrase goes. They did have mini pizzas, which were good for a single serving,

if you didn't want a whole pizza. But their sauce was a little too sweet. Maybe they added sugar to it. It's a moot point now because that place closed down, as stated above. God, I better not see any spiders in my house ever again. That's not a prayer really, because I'm using the Lord's name in vain, but it could work as a prayer. I would pray to God to rid the world of spiders. They are stupid and bite and are creepy. Is it any wonder people use spider decorations at Halloween? Because spiders are scary, that's why. Spider decorations don't scare me though, because they aren't real spiders. I guess I'll get my pizza somewhere else from now on.

Peter F. Vallone
City Councilman.
Astoria, NY.

Dear Sirs,

I am often surprised by yogurt.

Louie Ratchet
Frankfurt, Germany, EU

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I have repeatedly written my congresspersons concerning the issue of the three-wheeled car. Surely a three wheeled car would be safe and efficient. With 25% fewer wheels than the four wheeled car these three wheeled cars could save us money on rubber for tires, air for tires and gold for gold plated custom rims. I think this would be a grand idea.

Your magazine spends far too much time showing hot pieces of T&A, aka Tail, aka Hot Totty, and far too little time expounding upon the good ideas I have. Please fix this.

Madeline Halitosis.
Treacle Canyon, New Highland.

Dear *Axes & Axes*,

Whosoever flush hammer is making noise. Please contact the super. Thank you.

Shaquir Gashi
Astoria, NY

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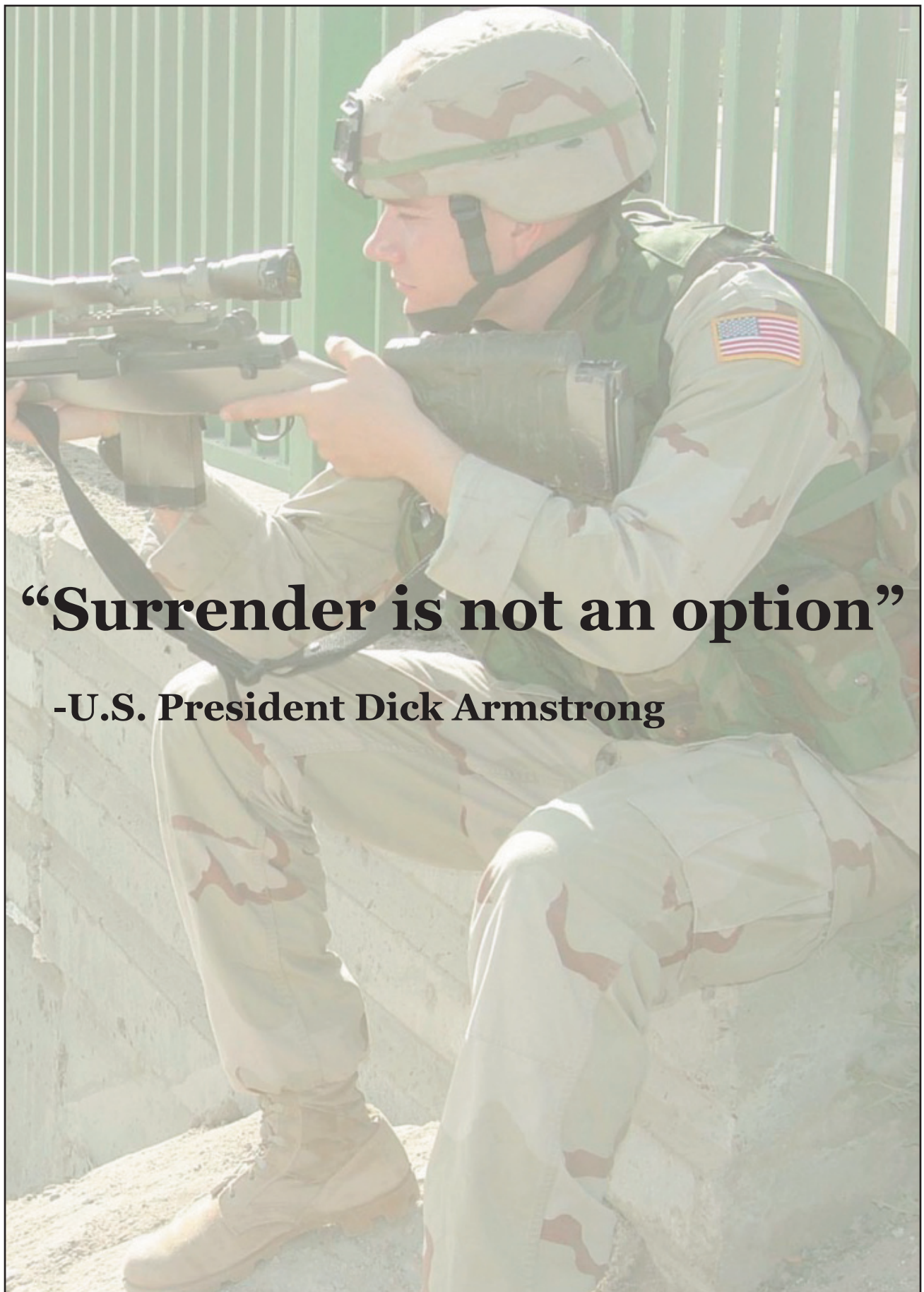
NEWS OF THE WORLD

HOW AMERICA CAN **WIN THE WAR**

In the wake of the disastrous defeats at Patagonia and Surinam, America and its Allies have been on the defensive, unable to amass forces for a major counter attack. They have been forced into a pin-prick strategy of minor raids against the Bad Guys' ever-expanding front. Though Armstrong stated in his weekly speech at the Capital Pie Tasting Competition that he remains optimistic, members of the voting public are beginning to grow war weary.

“Surrender is not an option, defeat is not an option, withdrawal is not an option and retreat is not an option,” stated Armstrong between over-generous portions of key lime and banana cream pies. Wiping his robust whiskers of debris, Armstrong continued his list of non-options well into the night until aides finally led him into a waiting pickup truck which featured a hemi.

Though it is now clear what our options are not, we must still endeavor to determine what our options are. For this purpose we gathered a group of leading think-tank members, think-tank enthusiasts and several fish-tank salesman who misread the flyers and showed up anyway. They have outlined five options America has; five options to lead us back onto the road toward victory.



“Surrender is not an option”

-U.S. President Dick Armstrong

The Five-Fold Plan for Victory

Streamlining the Fighting Force

It may be best for America to focus its resources on its effective fighting machines and forces, rather than relying on what Sun Tzu would refer to as a “Smorgasbord Defense.” While Balloon Brigades and Puppet Patrols may score morale points on the home front, they are not as effective as our stealth fighters, mobile infantry divisions, missile ships or armored helicopters. There simply is no place in modern warfare for synchronized biplanes, tactical violin squads, bear mounted cavalry or vibrantly painted ironclads.

Gain New Allies

While the Canadian Confederation and the Neoastrohungarians are behind us all the way, it would be prudent for America to expand its Ally Base so as to bring more guns to bear against the Bad Guys. Sinonipponesia’s offer to enter the war in exchange for two million dollars and the State of Vermont may be worth considering at this point. Especially since Vermont’s overwhelming Asian population (93.6 %) has been rather vocal in its support of this deal.

Better Commanders

General Alexander “Lucky T-Bone” Halstead is a popular war hero, but his tactic of wild suicidal frontal attack is not the best plan in every situation. While it did gain us victory at the Battle of Cyprus, in every other situation the suicidal frontal assault has resulted in high casualties and ignoble defeat. Halstead’s only other tactic, the so-called Naked Spin Assault, is not really an assault per se. Simply having the troops strip naked and spin around until the collapse from dizziness or laughter has not been shown to be an effective infantry tactic.

War Time Rationing

Peace is our goal, but peas are the means. Regular green peas and so called “fancy peas,” including those loose or in pods, may grow increasingly scarce as the war continues. By limiting pea consumption and hoarding by civilians, we can keep our peas at the front where they’re needed.

Making Sure the Tank is Clean

Keeping algae and bacteria populations down requires vigilant cleaning. A proper filter can also help, both with cleanliness and with oxygenation of the water in the tank. A well cared for tank will not only look better, but will help your fish be happier, healthier and more vibrant.

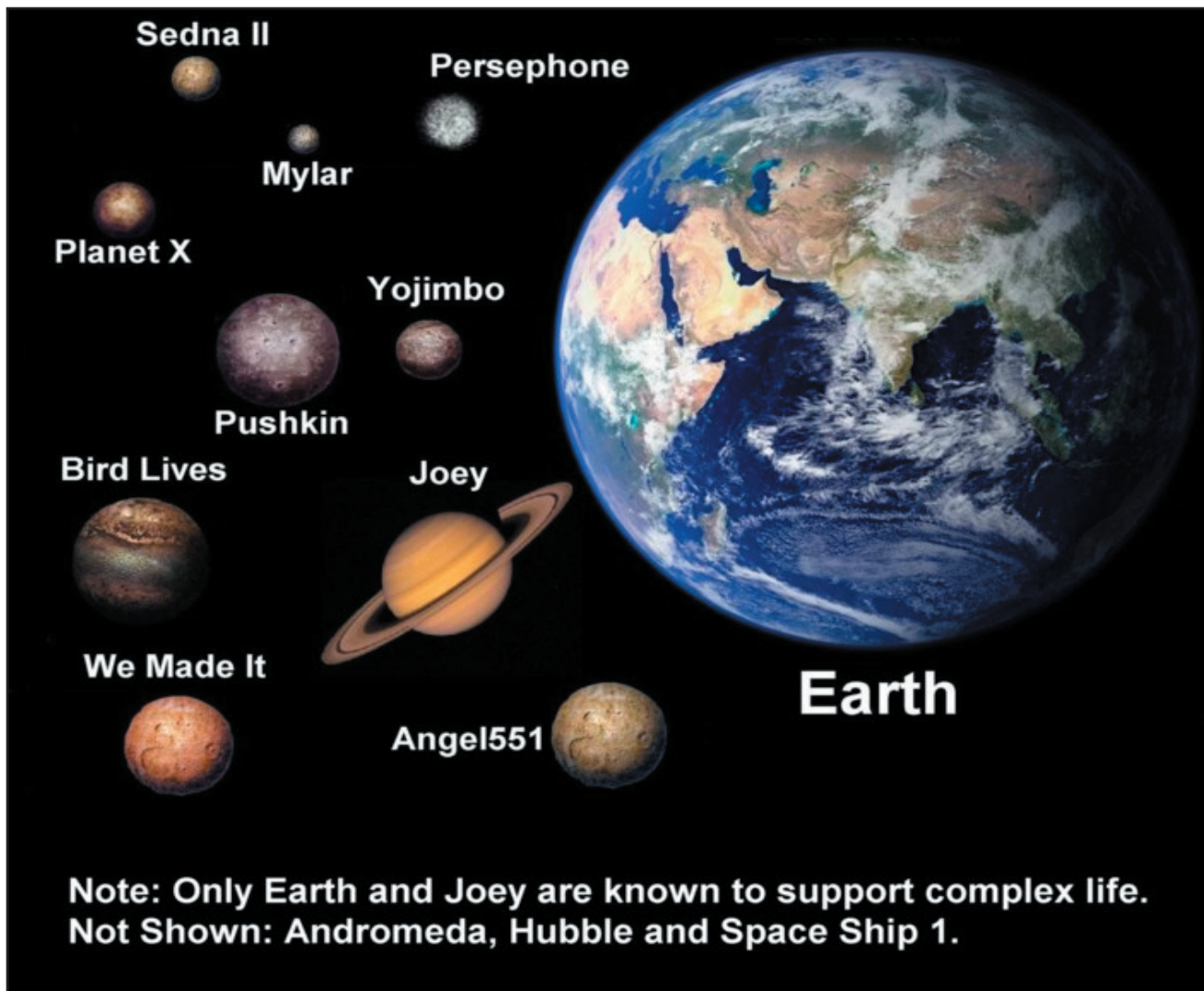


THE MOON

The Earth's Best Friend

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS

ASTRONOMERS ANNOUNCE DISCOVERY OF 10TH-19TH PLANETS!



Using a new system, which involved looking, astronomers have discovered 10 new planets in our Solar System. Ranging in size from 30 feet across to 120 light years across, the planets should find a happy home with our old favorites; Saturn and those other ones.

Different astronomers caution that we first must define what a “planet” is before classifying the new objects. Specifically they point to the “discovery” of the 19th planet, Andromeda, which had previously been classified as a galaxy. The same can also be said for planet Hubble, which until yesterday was generally considered to be a space telescope.

While these astronomical discoveries are creating great debate in the scientific community, the astrological community greeted the discoveries with glee. Sarah Tombaugh-Chagrin, horoscope writer for the *Daily Seattle Bee Courier*, has found that the new bodies make every one of her predictions for the last 15 years completely accurate, except for Taurus.

News of the announcement reached the Cistercian Order late in the day, prompting much debate amongst the order’s monks. It is known that Saint Benedict of Nursia was an avid amateur astronomer and such activity has been important to the Cistercians for years. Several monks in Applespiel, Elizabethia reportedly threw down their heavy photographic plates and proceeded outside to shake fists at the sky for several hours.



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10 WAYS TO GET FREE HAM

Free Ham Abounds! Follow these ten tried and true methods and you'll be munching down mounds of the pink meat in no time.

1. Go to a restaurant of your choice and order a big, juicy ham steak. Have them fry it because fried ham steaks are the best. Then, when the bill comes just run like hell. Make sure you take time to digest first, otherwise you'll get cramps.
2. You know your friends? You can ask your friends to buy you some ham. Chances are that at least one of them will say yes eventually.
3. Check the dumpsters and trash cans in your neighborhood. Maybe someone threw away some ham.
4. Next time you're at the Kroger, Bi-Lo or the C-Town, just go to the meat section and stuff some ham down your pants.
5. If you're a girl, you can accept a date from a guy and then order ham when he takes you out to dinner. He'll pay for dinner and all you have to do is put out to get some free ham.
6. Somehow have yourself named judge of the ham tasting competition at the county fair. You can taste all the best hams from farmers about the place and give the blue ribbon to the best one. Unlike wine tasting, you actually get to swallow the ham. Not too shabby.
7. Using off-the-shelf Adobe© Photoshop™ you can create a fake coupon for free ham. Redeem this at your local butcher shop, super market or other ham purveyor.
8. Pray to God. Ask him, in His infinite mercy, to give you free ham. Warning: Do not pray to the Jewish or Muslim Gods, they hate ham. Only Jesus brings free ham to your dinner table. Go, Christ, go!
9. Find someone who already has ham. Maybe they're blind, crippled, elderly, or otherwise weak and incapacitated. You can easily beat them up and take their ham. Don't be afraid to kick them while they're down, especially if they're in a wheel chair or have crutches.
10. Visit a relative. When they ask what you'd like for dinner, tell them that you want ham. Then they'll cook ham and you can eat it for free because relatives won't charge you for dinner.

Hey, save some of that free ham for me, okay!

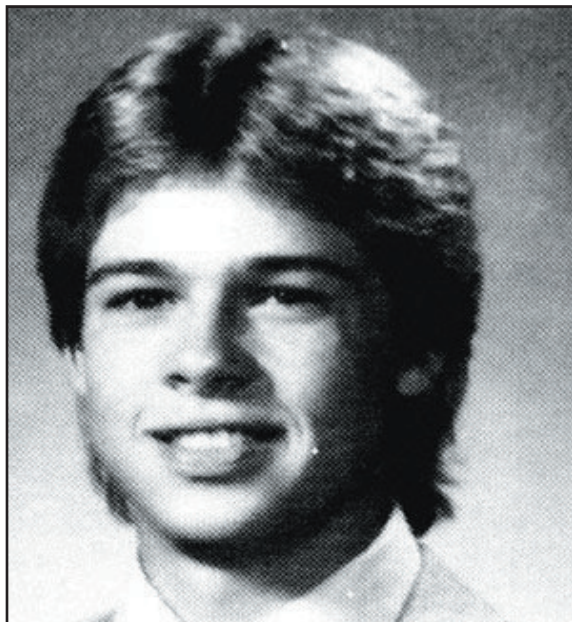


Love that Ham: HAM radio is a different sort of ham than we are talking about.

COLLEGE:

MY ESSAY ABOUT COLLEGE

BY GARNET "COLLEGEBOUND" BRUELL



Hello. My name is Garnet Bruell and I am lots of fun! I like hugs and colors and things that make peeping noises! I am going to go to college with you! Yay! We will be best friends!

I think college is an amazing place where good things happen to people. Going to college is like winning a delicious prize, and you can eat the prize, and after you're done eating the prize you have a degree in biochemistry and a job at the Dow Chemical Corporation! I like to eat.

College is also a place for thinking. It is also not the only place for thinking. Other places for thinking include my room, my high school, an airplane, a bus, and a boat! But I am not applying to those places. I am applying to you! Thinking is sometimes a very nice thing.

Other people go to college too, so I won't be the only one there! I would be very sad if I was the only one at college. I might even cry a little. And pee. All over. Because no one would be there to tell me it was bad. Now I kind of hope I am the only one there! But oh well, I am hoping to meet all sorts of people!

I had a lot of fun in high school but

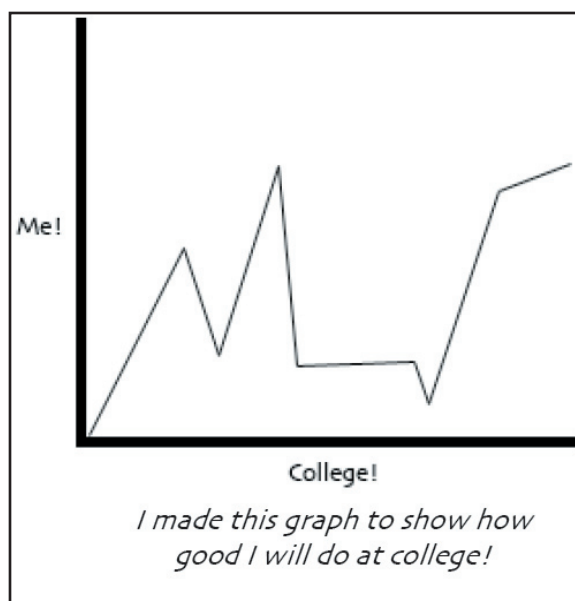
there were also some bad times, like the time I never did any essays for any classes, or the time my lunchbox burned down, or all the math that I ate, or when three of us were locked in an elevator shaft and we had to decide who we were going to eat to survive (It was Jenny!). I hope to continue this "trend of excellence" at college! Also there will be new experiences! I like experiences.

Once, I overcame a great hurdle and achieved my goals! That is something colleges like to hear about. Colleges are very hurdle-oriented. The hurdle I had to overcome was sixteen feet tall and entirely made of fire! My goal was three feet after it though. I didn't even cheat! I did it. It was all me. I am not lying.

In conclusion, I will have a lot of fun at college. College will be great! I will not defecate in all of the refrigerators. I will also not defecate in the specified toilets. It will be a college surprise! Thank you!

Love,

Garnet Bruell



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POETRY FROM HG PETERSON



Award-winning author H.G. Peterson holds the world's record for winning the Nobel Prize. He has won twice for Economics, four times for Literature, seventeen times for Chemistry, once for Physics, once for Medicine, eight times for Applied Radio-Zoology, once for Industry and thrice for Peace. With thirty-seven prizes under his belt he easily beats closest competitor, Tawny Kitaen, who only won twenty eight. H.G. Peterson also enjoys boating, novels and long walks on the beach. Currently, he resides in the Great State of New York (The Empire State) where he spends time with his children and his grandchildren and his illegitimate children. Currently, he is considering a 2008 Presidential run.

A Sacrificial Tomato by H.G. Peterson

The United States goes from sea to shining sea
It is stuffed full of bald eagles, flags and the free
Those sixty states are filled with wonder and glory
So now here in verse you shall hear all their stories

Accadia of the states; comes first alphabetically
It also comes first if you list them aesthetically
Its gulf coast is such a beauty for one to behold
And its Indian Mounds are so numerous and old

Of all the sixty states, I like Alabama best
Because it's so much cooler than any of the rest
I so love its cities from Tuscaloosa to Mobile
In that town Huntsville you can see rocket ships for real

Oh, Alaska, much like space, is the final frontier
It's got glaciers, forest and so many elk and deer
If Alaska doesn't wow you, you're rather callous
C'mon, my friend it's got the Aura Borealis

Though it borders Canada, Algonqua is quite neat
At Fort Jones the Green Berets train to be elite
Its borax mines are deep and its waterfalls are high
And it's where they invented that treat beaver pie

Arizona is best known as the home of canyon grand
Though there are many other neat things across this land
Like those there Phoenix Suns who play basketball with skill
Or Johnny McCain who's in the Senate passing bills

President Bill Clinton hung his hat in Arkansas
Little Rock is the capital, there they make the laws
They've got cardboard boat races and watermelon fest
And in college sports the Razor Backs are nearly the best

Yes, California to earthquakes is often linked
Once the Bear Flag Republic, now those bears are extinct
It's got that gay San Francisco and smog-filled L.A.
And that Golden Gate Bridge stretching way across the bay

Colorado, the Columbine State, is the place to be
If it is the Rocky Mountains that you wish to see
Southpark and *Mork and Mindy* took place in this State
Stadium's mile high, no need to exaggerate

The Constitution State of Connecticut is small
In just half an hour you could walk across it all
Really rich New Yorkers call Connecticut their place
That's its only real reason for being, in this case

Yes, Delaware is owned by the DuPont company
Its only other purpose is credit cards you see
Incorporating there is an option you can take
If you want to avoid tax laws for your business' sake

Elizabethia is quaint and full of wolverines
The Shadow State is known for its wide soup terrines
Seventeen duchies work together for gain
Where the Eastern Seaboard was settled by Spain

Home to those gators, Florida is low
With swamps and swimmers and grasses to mow
The state stretches north far as the eye can see
From round Lake Oscala to grand Tallahassee

Georgia's state bird is the annoying brown thrasher
Its only state utensil is the lowly potato masher
It's had three capitals and Sherman's great march
Its businessmen's collars are stiffened with starch

The State of Hawaii was settled by Polynesians
It's lacking in fir trees and Polish Silesians
Volcanic islands are the base of the land
Its beaches composed of volcanic black sand

The famed Patty Duke is a known Idahoan
Idaho's brown potatoes keep growin' and growin'
the cities of Moscow, Chubbuck and Coeur d' Alene
Were settled by settlers with the harshest of pain

Illinois was created in the image of God
Founded by the ancients from a black metal rod
The mystical energies used by those in the know
Send pixies and ogres around to and fro

Among the greatest wastings of space
Indiana lacks mountains, but has that damn race
The greatest export it has is the soybean
Its residents, Hoosiers, are well-known to be mean

Iowa is made of interstate highways
Americans can see it from coast-to-coast flyways
A lot of Iowans are of the Catholic faith
So euthanasia is outlawed, abortionists aren't safe

A monument to progress, Kalisotta's become
With outhouses for all, and electricity for some
The huge Kalisotta River churns with much power
While the state's purple lemons are the most sour

Can't say much about Kansas as I've not been there
I bet some of them are covered in hair
It might have two senators, it might have a route
The fat people there could be a bit stout

I often dream of my old Kentucky home
Where upon the blue grass I once was free to roam
Throw down some money on the favorite horse of yours
At that there Derby after you finish your chores

Louisiana, a state full of whores and drunks
New Orleans, the city, was waiting to be sunk
After that the jazz and the Mardi Gras can't die
They'll just move to Baton Rouge and hey, so will I

Maine was made famous by the author Steven King
He writes about horror, death and that sort of thing
Carrie she gets covered with the blood from a pig
But boy those Maine lobsters sure are tasty and big

Once a Catholic colony, Maryland is cool
Baltimore to Grace, if you hate it you're a fool
Annapolis is where the sailors all learn how
To tell the difference between the stern and bow

Chances are that if you live in Massachusetts
You might not like the state's nickname Taxachusetts
For president they had that good old JFK
No one from there can get elected today

Michigan, Michigan it's a state shaped like a hand
Home to Eminem, Prince, and all those Motown bands
Detroit was once the place where they made a lot of cars
Now it's just Rust Belt, but at least there's no SARS

What can you say about the state Minnesota?
Its citizens enjoy corn, ham, and orange soda
Unlike all those others, it's the 12th biggest state
And about that there fact there can be no debate

Yes, good Old Ol' Miss shares its name with the river
Gave us Elvis, who would swing his hips and dither
Of course it is most famous for its racist scene
They were rather late in ratifying Thirteen.

Oh Missouri, hell yes, it is the Show Me state
You can ship things to Missouri, first class or freight
In Saint Louis there's a great shining upturned "U"
And Truman, their boy, he was in the Klan (Klux Ku).

Yellowstone Park is the best thing in Montana
I wish I could go there with rocker Santana
Just south of Billings was the last stand of Custer
The bitterroot, yes, is the state flower, buster

In Montsylvania you'll find shining Bestoria
Beacon of capitalism, the merchants will whore ya
Borden once came here, he hated it so
So after a Friday he said "Let's just go."

Panhandle and curve Nebraska sits in the plains
Home to Kool-Aid that old cause of tooth pains
The name mean's flat water, which might sound quite strange
In Hastings and Columbus they sing "Home on the Range"

Nevada has little to offer the traveling man
It's full of rocks and canyons, and heating hardpan
You won't find entertaining or really much ado
All you get for visiting is a hole in your shoe

New Hampshire's in the northeast and its people do frown
It looks like Vermont, but turned upside down
The first of the primaries is held here quadrennially
Few Shi'ites live here because they do follow Ali

Resting place of Buddah, New Highland's serene
The men are the hardest, the women are keen
Known for Chinese food and landlocked shipwrecks
New Highland's the American capital of sex

Clean and inviting, New Jersey loves all
From filthy panhandler to gangster gun moll
The flowers are pretty, the smells are the best
Only in Jersey will your spirit find rest

I hate New Mexico, it was stolen from Mexico
Thanks James K. Polk, you filthy, fat gringo
Not neat like Arizona, full of sand like Yemen
Just one quick peek sparks delirium tremens

New York has a city, the hallowed Albany
Whose residents hoist bunting and sing so merrily
Some people think the capital is storied Buffalo
Excelsior gets the people riled, the official state motto

The state of North Carolina takes a long time to drive
You'll pass Pilot Mountain, at Cape Fear you'll dive
Party in Charlotte, get educated in Raleigh
Of the sixty states, this one's most jolly

A North Dakotan insulted my mother, one winter day
I pushed him and shoved him and rolled him in hay
Tom Daschle is from here, I feel sorry for him
He's looking quite haggard, in need of a trim

The Cuyahoga's known to burn on through the night
But we're not here to cast Ohio in bad light
From Columbus, to Cleveland, and through Dayton too
The Buckeye State is perfect for me and you

Opened in the Land Rush of 1889
Oklahoma is known as home of the "Yield" sign
Born of Clinton Riggs, in Tulsa it was tested
For making autos yield, it's never been bested

Oregon, Oregon is rainy, cold and bleak
You tire of the pine trees in about a week
Honestly, it's boring, nothing to do or see
Next year I'll go to summer camp in Tennessee

Pennsylvania is the birthplace of our mighty nation
Many years ago, they signed the Declaration
Gettysburg, the turning point in the Civil War
And Yuengling gives us lager, black-and-tans and more

Platha, the Iron State, is chock full of mountains
The capital, Pylon's, well known for its fountains
Run by godless commies, the state bird's the vulture
It is the only state without agriculture

Ponderada's cows are the finest to be had
Yet their local peaches are flavorless and bad
"Providence is Golden" is Ponderada's song
And their Chikchaw Canyon is narrow and quite long

Lone and dusty are the endless Pueblon trails
For inspiration Gilford's Crater never fails
The Stallions tend to rule the U.S. soccer fields
Miners' Concourse has got the highest bauxite yields

Oh, Rhode Island and the Providence Plantations
It's the smallest state of any in the nation
Although it's really teeny, you should not be phased
For in this state my old friend Pat Walsh, he was raised

The port of Charleston bustles with ships and boats
In sweet Columbia the legislature votes
Wacky Wayne's has fire works of all shapes and kinds
SRS is where plutonium gets refined

South Dakota's home of the Mount Rushmore faces
Type of thing that's not seen in too many places
Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln
Leave you awed and toward patriotic thoughts thinkin'

Home to Oak Ridge and Memphis and the music of Nashville
Tennessee has no Malaysians, import them they will
Known for its rivers, its mountains and ridges
Walking in its forests, you might pick up midges

Texas is bigger than Belgium or France
Its people wear only the best cowboy pants
Once a republic it was humbled with haste
In the Alamo Davy Crocket was made into paste

Home to some Mormons, the State of Utah
Each person there has a ma and a pa
Exporting fireflies is of utmost import
Appellate jurisdiction's in the 10th District Court

Vermont's like New Hampshire, except right side up
It's main import is lasers and the occasional cup
Makers of syrup, they hire some dwarves
Along Lack Champlain there are numerous wharves

Home to ol' T.J. and the tobacco what's in ya'
Part of D.C. was made from Virginia
First of the colonies, it's a large commonwealth
What it lacks in flamingoes it makes up for in stealth

Washington's often confused with D.C.
The Columbia River flows straight to the sea
Once home to Boeing, makers of planes
Seattle's the city where each day it rains

West Dakota is centered on the Paris of the Pines
Katharinetowne's industry works overtime
Machinery of battle and the country's best cloth
Made by decendants of one three-toed sloth

West Virginia was illegally created
By Abraham Lincoln whose blood-thirst wasn't sated
That man hated freedom, and Lady Liberty
Suspender of habeas corpus, evil was he

I love Wisconsin and its fabled cheese
I can sleep with its women, they are loose and at ease
They'll do you with gusto, they'll do you with vim
They'll never fail to let you put that penis right in

And last is Wyoming, as in all such things
It's got several mines and produces much string
Wide and real empty, like the moons of Uranus
Its comedians are poor, but is squareness sustains us

We've counted the states from sixty to one
The Unites States' are more grand than the Sun
You might burn up one of 'em its citizens will fly
But the states of the Union are as stars in they sky

AXES & ALLEYS: TV LISTINGS



Warning: TV will rot your brain.

Marsday, Aphros 12th Nine O' Clock (Post Meridian)



DDTV: *Fireplanet!* (SciFi): The crew of the Shenzhou XIX discover a new planet. When they land, Captain Jian Zhou Lo (Albert Ryder) discovers the surface to be made entirely of fire. In his death he radios this fact to the rest of the crew. Dr. Shin Bla Seng surmises the planet may actually be a star.

BBA: *Bless This Mess* (Comedy): Troy (Marc Trainstation) fears that he has lost his pumpkin. Belinda (Mary Sweetly) hires a group of Puerto Ricans to track it down with hilarious results.

NWA: *Richmond County* (Drama): Wendy (Tricia Trapdoor) and Valium (McGeorge Duphraine) decide that they are going to lose their virginity after the town's Bacon Festival. Michael (Don Head) tells Lorrie (Erin Bee) that he was the one who had exchanged Millard Fillmore's head for a truckload of fruit bats.

TWA: *Vanity* (Reality): A group of selfish, self-obsessed, vain morons battle for the right to see who can climb K2 using only three fish and an artificial heart valve replacement.

BED: *Law, Order and a Retarded Chicken* (Drama): Detectives stumble across a burnt, dead corpse and must find the killer before he strikes again. Meanwhile the retarded chicken pecks at a Coke can for twenty minutes.

LOGIC: *Logically Determined Unsolvable Problems* (Reality): Drs. Tom Baker Smith and Peter Davies Ronaldson discuss formal symbology in a raucous tea-time debate (viewer discretion advised, mild violence).

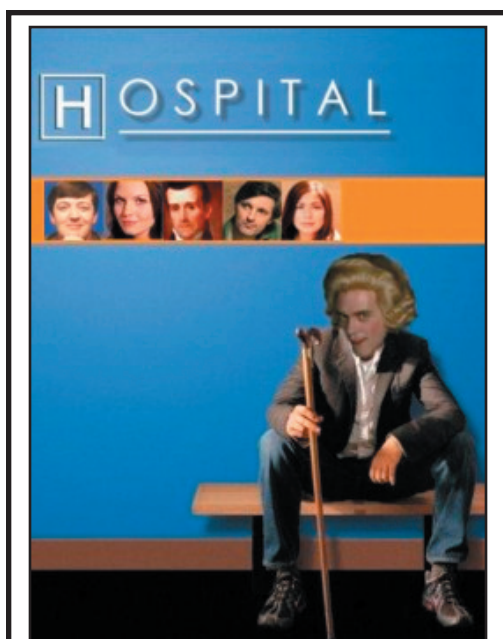
OUT: *Endocrine X5* (Mini-Series): Angela Dowd (Prissy Sanders) discovers a pre-historic parasite on Alex Wall (Andrew Winston). President Armstrong (himself) is called in to solve the crisis facing humanity.

ATF: *Herstorectomy* (Comedy): Dal Blankenship (Warren Ellis) decides to forego oranges this week. Cassie (Marge Obush) tries to seduce him. Orange (voiced by Pete Taverdi), performs a heartwarming musical number (cc).

KPB2: *Evening Business Report* (News): The McNeil twins, Tricia and Heidi, report the day's business news. This week Tricia reports from the North Pole while Heidi reports from the South Pole (in Spanish).

PBR: *JuJuBe* (Drama): Alien invaders hold Allen (Dean Johnson) hostage while Sally (J.P. Morgan) and JuJuBe (Stephen Porter) attempt to find the source of the town's mysterious smell. Meanwhile, Chintzy (Honor Cumming), manager of Allen's Chowder House, faces a pile of unpaid pornography bills.

V3.96: *Idiot Zoo* (Comedy): Crack oval inspector Annette Tombaugh (Kirsten Dunst) finds another woman's panties in her sock drawer. Clyde (William H. Macy), her father, drinks himself into a stupor in the Sears audio-visual department while Annette's mother, Patsy (Jane Fonda), creates the first doily capable of destroying Venice. Brother Alden (Michael Ian Black) takes a road trip across Bolivia with Sir Isaac Newton.



REM: *A Hospital* (Drama): While Dr. Domicile (Lou Whorey) insults various injured persons, the other doctors attempt to diagnose a case of Legionnaire's Disease that has overcome a high school drama class.

Dr. Abby Lockheart (Maura Tierny) remains strangely alluring.



LNRW: *Dakota is Bester* (Reality): This week, billionaire heiress Dakota Bester invents a magnesium cupric-sulfide compound deemed by so-called experts to be impossible. Pal Lucy Borden rewires New York City, creating a more electrically efficient metropolis and saving the government billions of dollars annually.

BACH: *Bach* (Music): Continued broadcast of the entire Sex Pistols catalog.

The Ulster Channel: *Nosh* (Comedy): The Troop find a treasure map and rediscover Uncle Finster's old dentures which had been stolen by a frightening squid. Sal (Dustin Diamond) forgets to wear pants on Silly Pants Day down at the methadone clinic.

U238: *Crime and Punishment* (Drama): Detective Spoon (Maurice Yap) finds a hat that once belonged to Czar Nicholas I. Officer Gravel (Lauren Skala) steals a helicopter in an attempt to discover the secret of what makes Manwhiches so tasty.

MUD: *In Search of Crossword Puzzles* (Documentary): Leonard Nimoy looks through the daily papers and examines the crossword puzzles only to get stuck on #26 Across: 8 letters, journey through space, TV show.

XYZ: *Battlezone Omega* (Science Fiction): Commander Zim (Tim Conway) must go into the heart of the enemy fortress in order to find a cure for a deadly plague that has been wiping out the penguin colonists of Wonton III. Evil Princess Yizkiz (Audrey Hepburn) attempts to stop him with her army of yodeling mice.

WP: *Buffy the Zeppelin Pilot* (Drama): Buffy (Sarah-Mitchel-Gregor-Prince Jr.) realizes Spike (James McMasters) is under a spell which causes him to turn into a Sopwith Camel. Xander (Czar Nicholas II) and Willow (Allyson Hamburg) fight to the death to see who will get the larger portion of a tasty key lime pie.

UPS: *Death Before Dollars* (Game Show): Three Japanese samurai choose honor and glory in death over wonderful cash prizes and an all-expenses-paid trip to Hawaii.

PanAm: *Double Jeopardy* (Game Show): Amy Wakowski is retried for the crime of larceny, despite her 1991 acquittal for the same charge.

AMPM: *The Life of Riley* (Drama): Riley (Superman) is framed for the murder of Mr. Caruthers (Aquaman). Kylie (Batman) must decide which disinfectant works better while Old Man Johnson (Wonder Woman) continues growing chickens on the battery farm.

MATM: *Porkpie* (Drama): Jennifer (Sassy Rubin) discovers she's pregnant by feed store proprietor Jim Lemmings (Henry Alister). She gets an abortion at Dr. William's clinic. Everyone cries about it.

VIB: *Furbles* (Comedy): The Furbles discover a new continent populated by primitive hunter-gatherer peoples. They soon bring death and destruction to the populace, incinerating thousands with the Cotton Candy Ray and Happy Fun Gun. Guest-starring Janet Reno as Count Zreebus and that kid from E.T.: The Extraterrestrial as Elbert.

RJR: *The Smoke Files* (Documentary): The R.J. Reynolds Corporation brings this smashing account of lobbying intrigue to television exposing the lies of anti-smoking campaigns across the globe (while introducing it's new cigarette brand, Sharky). Mario Van Peebles hosts.

WPC: *Go to Jail* (Comedy): Jimmy Two Legs (Simon Wheeler) takes a less-than-friendly bodily intrusion from Mix Master Murder (MC Cuban). Child molester and home repair guru Peter Emanuel (John Redfern) discovers a way out of the prison. Warden Warden (Don Rickles) can't seem to find his paper clips today.

IPC: *The Bible* (Documentary): Using archival footage, Dr. Samuel Brodenstein shows the glory of God's creation of the Universe.

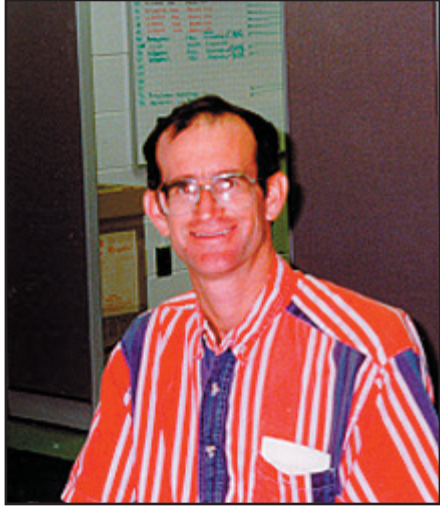
The Thank You Channel: *Thank You* (Reality): This week, thank yous from Kentucky.

The Herstory Channel: *Secrets of the Nazi Bread* (Documentary): New information is revealed about Hitler's private stash of pumpernickel, rye, whole wheat toast and possibly even challah. Special musical guest: Linkin Park.

KPB: *The World of Rocks* (Documentary). An exciting exploration of the several types of rocks found in Kalisotta Dairy Queen parking lots. Michael Palin (Terry Jones) touches a few of the rocks with a wet stick.

HOME IMPROVEMENT TIPS FOR THE WEEKEND HANDYMAN

BY DAVE GLASSEYE



Dave Glasseye is a bio-carpenter whose specialty is building parrot enclosures for the Saudi Royal Family.

1. When installing a helipad in your backyard be sure to check with your local magistrate to ensure that your pad has the proper support buttresses for your helicopter's weight class.
2. Building a deck can be a fun project for the weekend. Why not use wood as a deck material?
3. Hammers serve many functions; they can be used to force in nails, pry out nails, or as a weapon in your series of gruesome and senseless murders.
4. You can make a simple hot tub out of a fifty gallon drum and a propane grill.
5. It can be easy to get distracted in the middle of a project. If you do get distracted or bored with your home improvement project try watching the Michael York movie *Logan's Run*. It presents a chilling vision of things to come.
6. Always be sure that you have a ratchet screwdriver on hand. We're not sure what they do exactly, but they're probably important.

Turn Your Mess into a Mansion with Dave!



7. Cyprus is an island in the Mediterranean divided between Greek and Turkish factions. Put this important information on a laminated card and carry it in your wallet whenever you do any work on your radiators.
8. Propane is highly flammable. Be certain to wear one of those cool silver suits if you plan to set stuff on fire.
9. According to federal regulations, all missile silos located in residential areas can only house projectiles armed with conventional explosives. Even low yield tactical nuclear weapons must be located no less than 5000 meters from a school, hospital or public library.
10. Foreign diplomats like fancy drinks like Gin and Tonics or Margaritas. Remember that when you go down to embassy row to pick up a truckload of the diplomats who hang out in front of the hardware store looking for work.
11. Although it may sound like a good idea, experts state that four is probably more refrigerators than even a morbidly obese Catholic family needs.
12. Check with the Federal Transportation Commission before trying to build a mini railroad in your living room. Wasn't that little railroad they had on Silver Spoons cool? Didn't you totally want one?
13. Though they may seem cool, experts agree that rubber nails are a really bad idea. The same with glass hammers and wooden anvils.
14. Building a dog house can be an excellent way to spend the weekend. The great thing about doghouses is that they don't have to be good because dogs are stupid and don't even know that their house is a load of crap.
15. Grout and mildew can be big problems for bathroom fixtures. Cleaners and gunpowder often fail to work so this time why not try reasoning with the mildew? Sometimes all it needs is a good talking to.
16. Installing a tropical fish tank in your bathroom will give your W.C. a regal, *nouveau riche* feel. If you can't afford a fish tank, you can get the same effect by just letting an ornery octopus live in your toilet.
17. Riding lawn mowers make yard care a snap! If you don't have a riding lawn mower you can have the same fun just by driving cars over the lawn. Be sure to tape some kitchen knives underneath to keep that grass short and clean.
18. Be sure to consult your owner's manual for a list of user-serviceable parts. Fixing something that's not on that list may void your house's warranty.
19. If you're looking for some cheap extra help with your next project check with your local zoo. You'd be surprised how quickly the average chimp can learn to use a band saw.
20. Learn at least seven new swear words, that way when you nail your hand to a board you won't endlessly repeat the same expletives.



ASK MONTEZUMA

ANSWERS FROM THE DEAD



Montezuma is currently serving twenty to life in Shawshank Prison for his involvement in thousands of premeditated human sacrifices.

Dear Montezuma,
Does the 707 eat its young?
Ernestine Kovax
Tempe, Arizona

*Ms. Kovax,
The Boeing 707, 707-120, 707-220, 707-320, 707-420 and 707-020 (known respectively as the 707, Dash 120, Dash 220, Dash 320, Dash 420 and Gwendolyn internally in Boeing) all reproduce through a budding process similar to that of the cnidarian Hydra. A rough patch forms on the undercarriage of these 707 variants, eventually growing into a hardened cyst. Once this cyst is weighty enough, the bud separates from the parent 707. The 707-700 reproduces through a hazardous sexual process nearly identical to that of various species of mantid, whereby the female 707-700 detaches and digests the engine nacelles of the male 707-700.*

Dear Montezuma,
Recently I watched a TV documentary which stated that rocker Liz Phair had been replaced by a robot. Can this be true? Surely a performer of her renown and stature could not be taken away and replaced by machinery without raising the collective eyebrows of the citizenry.
Yours Truly,
Isaac Amizov
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

*Dear Mrs. Amizov,
Robots are dear, close friends of mine and I do not appreciate your levying of such accusations upon them. You create a vast onus of guilt and conspiracy about your person for even spreading such a rumour. I sent a request for comment from Ms. Phair's manager, Scott McGee. Mr. McGee, a fine M-GR387 robot of long good-standing was incensed by such comparison. "Robots," he said, "are a vital part of any society and as, in part, progenitors of the Shintoist philosophy, deserve better treatment." While Ms. Phair is a fine musician, impugning the reputations of countless automata through comparison with this organic vixen of the stage is wholly inappropriate and at most close to genocide of reputation. You, madam, are never to appear in this column again. As you may already know, I have had you let go from your employer and have had you blacklisted in your community. Good day!*

Dear Montezuma,
Why is it that my door hinges always taste like limes?

Avian Radger
East Katharinetowne, West Dakota

*M. Radger,
Have you been playing the ivory and ebony, the great dark mistress of the phonorecord, the piano? It was discovered by Dr. Thurston Pore of Oxford in 1957 that piano performance often led to the taste of limes being conferred upon various objects which were tasted by the test subjects. While his research was good, Dr. Pore came to some rather...unorthodox conclusions including: magic, space men, psychic porpoise communication and piano/lime evolution from a common ancestor.*

Dear Montezuma,
When I vacuum the carpets it always seems to scare my cats; Tabbins and Luke, who hear the vacuum and immediately scurry for cover under the nearest bed. My cats; Tabbins and Luke, also seem to be afraid of small children. The arrival of our two nephews, Gregory and Simon, always seems to evoke the same reaction. How can I get these cats to calm the heck down?
Mark Morone
The Bronx, New York

*Mr. Mark Morone,
Gregory and Simon must, at all costs, study anthropology when they attend university. They must also be trained in DOS programming of computers. Finally, they should know how to properly dice an onion. Onions give a greater understanding of DOS programming because DOS is a system of many layers, much like an onion. DOS is related to anthropology because man invented DOS and anthropology is the study of men. Furthermore, Gregory and Simon are fine Biblical names.*

Dear Montezuma,
What is the deal with the Globosphere? Is there any truth to the rumors? Just curious.
Mike Harrington
Ballroom Station, Florida.

*Mike Harrington,
Are you THE Mike Harrington? I cannot believe you have written me! The only man to receive 17 medals of valour from over 12 countries is writing to me for advice. I'm flabbergasted, without words, cat's got my tongue, &c. Your actions in Equatorial Guiana alone are worthy of mention. Accolades should be heaped upon you for the steely demeanour you showed in Laos. And that escapade in the kitchen of a New York City seafood restaurant is without compare. You, of all people, write to me for advice? I have never*

been so honoured. Truly you are a man without compare. As the Germanic peoples would say, mein Gott! The William Howard Taft of Haiti deigns to put pen to paper and contact this humble slave of advice. Hope that helps. – M.

Dear Montezuma,
There is a patient in my hospital who has a fever of 99 degrees, and also a rash on his left elbow. He seems otherwise healthy, but does feel some numbness in his fingers after we administer 20ccs of NSAIDs. His home is near a railroad and his mother collects exotic plants. Do you think he has flu? Prader Willi Syndrome? Hemophagocytic virus? Or is it just a sprained ankle. Please help soon, he has only twenty hours before the seizures and internal bleeding kill him.
Dr. Gregory Domicile.
Monmouth, New Jersey

*Dr. Domicile,
What you will need are 30cc of blood from former dictator Idi Amin, 40 barrels of okra, one chicken wing, 40 pence and one cat in heat. Mix ingredients in an ice cube tray and heat to 130 degrees Kelvin. Take to Flanders. Entomb mixture in peat moss for 26 days. Use a calendar to keep track of the days involved in this test. Apply one marine and two meerkats. Stir, then shake. Go back to patient to see if he still lives. If so, he is not dead.*



AN ONGOING CONTINUING
SERIALIZED NARRATIVE
“SCOOTER MEMORIES, PART V”
BY JEREMY-JOSEPH ROSEN



Javier recognized Scooter right away. A brilliant smile, like none Scooter had ever seen on him, crossed Javier's face. A cigarette dangled from his mouth and his jacket collar was turned up.

“Scooter,” exclaimed Javier.

Some strange force overcame them and they embraced. There was plenty of smiling to go around. Some hearty pats on the back and then a long look at each other. Scooter was curious about Javier.

He asked, “Where have you been?”

Javier laughed.

“Let's go grab some coffee.”

So Scooter piled into Javier's car and they were off. The drive was long and curiously quiet. Javier asked Scooter if there was a good shop they could go to and before he could think about the answer, Kalisotta Koffee Klatch was the place that spilled from his mouth.

Scooter got nervous as they approached the KKK. Between small talk, Javier noticed this and finally spoke up.

“What's got you so quiet?”

Laughing, Scooter recounted all of the stories involving Register Girl, stories of drool and inarticulate ramblings. How beautiful her jaw was, how strange her nose looked, how he'd overheard her complaining about her breasts being lumpy once, how he thought her hips were a little too thin, but he didn't care. They had a great humorous row over the whole thing.

“Have you thought of, I don't know, asking her name? Maybe speaking to her from time to time?”

“I usually don't think when I'm around her,” responded Scooter. A bit of drool emerged at the corner of his mouth.

They pulled up to the KKK, parked and got out. At this point Scooter tripped and fell to the pavement, scraping his knees and ripping a hole in his trousers. Javier rushed to help him up, but Scooter waved him off. A vulture flew by.

They entered the KKK to a few stares, but most people didn't notice Scooter's ruined pants and roughened palms. As they approached the counter, Register Girl noticed Scooter. A smile bigger than the one that crossed Javier's face earlier in the day grew on her face. Scooter's brain went into safe mode. That is, it simply didn't work all that well. This Javier noticed.



Javier asked for two coffees and Register Girl went off to make them. As she returned, Javier nudged Scooter.

“Say hello, stupid.”

“Uh...”

“Two fifty, guys.”

As his long-lost acquaintance was tongue-tied, Javier forked over the cash. He grabbed Scooter’s elbow and guided him to a table in the window.

Outside several workmen were playing a game of craps next to a row of unwashed cars. For a moment Scooter watched them, then his eyes went back to Javier, who was idly swirling a spoon through his cup of coffee. Looking up at the counter, Scooter began to doubt himself on the thinness of the girl’s hips.

Maybe they weren’t too thin after all.

“Good weather for it.” Javier said under a coy half-smile.

Scooter slurped his coffee down loudly and thought about it for a second, eventually realizing that he wasn’t exactly sure what Javier’s comment about the weather had meant.

There was no question that Javier knew a lot of things, he even knew the reason why Scooter’s childhood toy wagon had been blue instead of red.

“Good weather for what?” Scooter asked.

Back at the counter the girl from the K.K.K. smiled and Scooter’s eyes met hers for just half a moment.

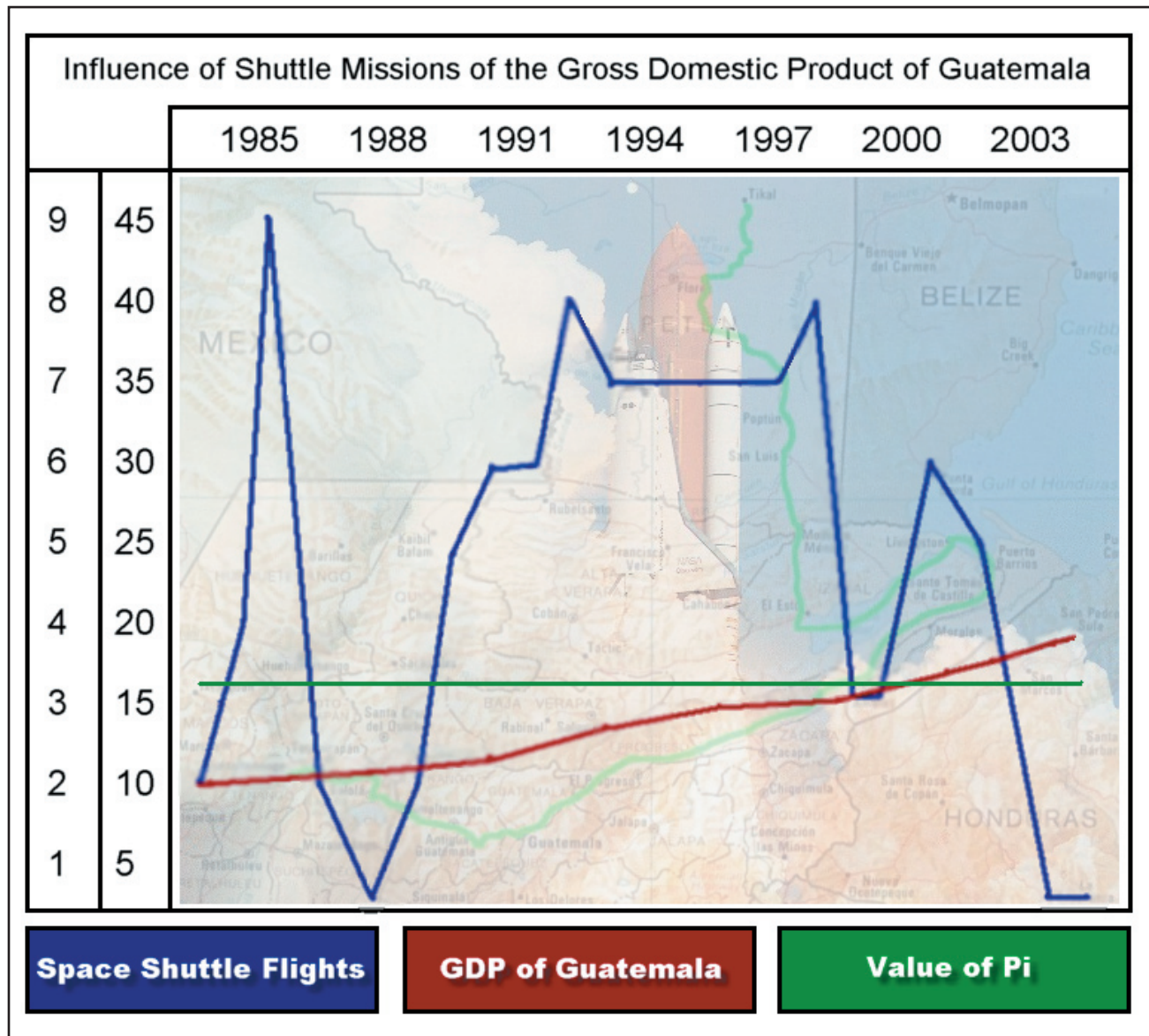
“You’ll know when it happens.”

THE WORLD OF ECONOMICS

RESEARCHERS RELEASE NEW FINDINGS

A new study conducted by the International Institute of Economics and Such has determined that there is not a high degree of correlation between US space shuttle launches and the gross domestic product of Guatemala. The group looked specifically at the period between 1985 and 2004 and made the startling conclusion that the Guatemalan economy and the NASA mission schedules seemed to have had no influence on each other.

Incidences of space shuttle missions varied from a high of nine (in 1985) to a low of zero (in 1987). Meanwhile, the Guatemalan economy seems to be growing at a slow but steady rate. The results can be seen in the graph below, which charts space shuttle launches by year in comparison with the GDP of Guatemala in billions of dollars. Most interesting is the fact that the graph of the shuttle launch schedules resembles a kitty cat.



A close-up photograph of an owl's face, looking directly at the camera. The owl has dark brown and black feathers with lighter brown streaks. Its large, round eyes are a striking yellow-orange color. In the center of each eye, there is a black silhouette of a machine gun barrel with a yellow crosshair, giving the impression that the owl is aiming a machine gun. The owl is perched on a branch, with green leaves visible in the background and foreground.

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Two butter knives, one for butter and one for margarine. Do not mix them up. Contracted is voided if you mix them up. Don't do it. Randolph VI of Silesia. Box 456.

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FOR SALE

One hundred and twelve complete sets of "12 Monkeys" action figures. Free broken radiator valve included. Tony Blair, 10 Downing St. London SW1.

WANTED

Post-apocalyptic granola. Call Mary at #78.

FOR RENT

Dead owl which can be used as somewhat gruesome centerpiece for anyone's Thanksgiving dinner. Cheap. Claudius, Rome.

COME LOOK AT ME

I'm a guy in a glass box. No, not a mime, but a real guy in a real glass box. Isn't that great? Jerry Dorval
Montreal, Quebec

WANTED

Shellac. Whether it be brown, navy or yellow. We want shellac. Antique? No problem. We want shellac. Send shellac to:
Bobby's Shellac House
13 Paradise Island
Charleston, SC 30096

WANTED

Tony Blair
10 Downing St. London, SW1 Cheated me of hovercraft and sundry other goods. Must be in perfect condition. Brian Mulrooney
Ottawa, Canada.

FOR RENT

Bicycle. In good condition, but it does feel pain, so please do treat it well. Or if you are a sadist you can ride it over broken glass. Either way you win. Call Wanita Ireland. Dublin.

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WANTED

Skulls and/or complete skeletons of WWI leaders. Will pay top dollar for Field Marshal Hague or General Pershing. I already have Kaiser Wilhelm's head, so don't send that one. Send the rest to the Dr. Lulu Pancakes, Curator of the Military Collection, Alabama Museum of Skulls.

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Hollowed out shark carcass with TV inside that plays loop of old MASH reruns. Turn your house into a home for only \$45.00 a week. Shark-TV. Baltimore Flats, Maryland. USA.

WANTED

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