

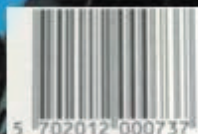
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*Axes & Alleys* has always been the ally of science. This month, we're proud that our sister publication *Go Icecream!* has finally published its first (and hopefully not last) article about science. Entitled "The Immense Idiocy of the Super String Proposition," this well written and researched piece was the first in any major Oregonian publication to formally declare that super string was a proposition and not a real theory. *Go Icecream!* has now fired their first volley across the bow of Mr. Witten's little super string ship and we hope to see that ship go down in flames soon. Thank you, *Go Icecream!*, for helping keep science free of super strings, sparticles, many worlds and intelligent design. We salute you.

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### **Delores R. Grunion**

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**Besides being an actor, this month's cover-girl Christina Ricci is also author of the physics book *Hyperspace*, which that brigand Micheo Kaku subsequently plagerized. We also liked her as Wednesday Addams.**

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CORRESPONDENCES  
FROM GOOD NATURED GENTLEMEN  
WHO HAVE READ  
OUR PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS AND  
WISH TO COMMENT  
ON SOME ASPECTS  
THEREOF.

Dear *Axes & Alleys*,

My name is Norm Jones and what you've done to me is the lowest of the low. Your stooge, H.G. Peterson, your so-called "the Poe of Esperia," told an outright falsehood in his poem on the states. Me, Norm Jones, invented "that treat beaver pie" in Norway. IN NORWAY! Not in Algonqua. Beaver pie was invented by me, Norm Jones, in Norway. That bald-pated son of a bitch has something coming to him.

Yours truly,  
Sam Thomas  
MacGruder, AC

Several years ago, I had occasion to travel with Mr. David Condrake on his trip to British Columbia. We stayed in that lovely rest for the weary, Aunt Jessie's B&B in Bridge Lake. The coffee was strong, the milk fresh, the salmon from the West Coast and the pepper imported. All my time there, I never once saw a mockingjay. We fished, saw the forest, many lakes and ate dinner with many fine people. We had a wonderful time. I just thought you might like to know.

Sincerely,  
Mortimer Sneed  
Forestville, CA

To the Editors:

Regarding your facts about Canada (Volume 456-BR7, Issue 13), you may be interested in the fact that the Japanese Kimono has been appearing in covert installations among coves, along the Southern Avalon Peninsula, in Newfoundland. There is some doubt about their authenticity since none has the traditional obi.

Regards,  
Torrid Takemitsu  
St. Schott's, Newfoundland

Dear Fellow Staff,

I am increasingly upset that lately I've found many a fine Scandinavian band I enjoy. Why, in only the last few months I've discovered the Epo-555 from Denmark, Lab from Finland and The Sounds from Sweden. All that's left, really, is an indie rock band from Norway. My concern is that, well, they almost never tour the U.S. for it's as expensive for them to come to me as it is for me to go to them. I did get a very nice offer from the management of Goldenhorse not a week past, to be provided with music, beer, food and a pup tent on a beautiful beach in New Zealand. As they say in Spain, "Esto es necesariamente costoso para mí, también." So, don't be shocked if your pay is docked slightly in the future.

Cheers,  
Jeremy Rosen  
Photograph Consultant  
*Axes & Alleys*

To The Editors,

You have not featured a single musical review since The Official *Axes & Alleys* Manda and the Marbles Special Supplement (The Official *Axes & Alleys* Manda and the Marbles Special Supplement, June 2004). As an avid reader, I can tell you you've only done two musical reviews in your entire history. I want more musical reviews.

All the best,  
Jessicka Fodera  
Los Angeles, CA

Dear A & A,

Ever notice that squeamish feeling inside when you tried to witness to certain people?

Sincerely,  
Jack Chick  
Ontario, CA

To Whom It May Concern,

I have tried several times to advertise with *Axes & Alleys*, but have been rebuffed each time. On behalf of our client, the makers of the Cereal-Caddy 9000, I would like to formally request that we be allowed to negotiate for advertising space in your magazine. We represent a fine product which takes all of the difficulty out of making cereal. For years people have exclaimed about making cereal that "there's gotta be a better way!" There is and we would like to show it to your readers.

Sincerely,  
Paul Zullo  
Magenta Creative of Elizabethia

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NEWS OF THE WORLD

# **Cetaceans, Asians Join in the Fight! “Now Victory is Assured” States Jubilant Olive!**

**The Bottle Nose Jar Head:  
PFC Giggles, of the First Dolphin Recon  
Squadron prepares for his next mission.**



**Madagascar Ho!:** Soldiers from the United States Third Quarter Master Brigade deploy in the coastal lowlands of Madagascar. Helicopters are sometimes used by Army men, such as these Marines.

While the BG Third Army Group has been destroyed and Madagascar liberated, the Good Guys experienced severe casualties in the hastily-planned Madagascar invasion: Operation Revolving Lion. GG Field Marshall Rupert Olive projects that it may take months of reinforcement before Allied forces are strong enough to embark on the next phase of the war. Operation Lucky Tricycle (the proposed triphibious assault on Sri Lanka) may be postponed until November. Olive stressed that future military plans were being divulged to the press to “scare the bejesus out of those suckers.”

The horrific Battle of Perinet cost the GG some 50,000 casualties and the Third KP Brigade was literally wiped out on the beachhead by well-positioned BG wolverine artillery. It seems that only through the actions of the courageous heroes of the Second Canadian Polar Bear Mounted Cavalry was victory snapped from the clenching thighs of defeat.

In a brilliant pre-dawn attack, the “Mighty Whities” were able to storm the BG headquarters and capture General Arribicci’fong, who surrendered Madagascar to the Good Guys after only four days of fighting. His forces, already devastated by the indigenous blood sucking

lemurs, were taken as prisoners of war. Many, being fed roasted cabbage for the first time since fighting began, expressed relief that they were only being tortured mildly.

Before word had even reached the BG Pacific Command forward outpost in Phi Phi Don Island, the entire BG First Fleet Group set sail for the Indian Ocean to assist the beleaguered Madagascar forces. Before the ships had even reached the Andaman Sea, intrepid dolphins and special equatorial narwhals reported their movements and monitored the fleet. One narwhal, Checkers, was unfortunately dehorned, skinned and processed into canned meat by an enemy narwhal mine.

300 miles west of Mergui, the BG First Fleet Group was spotted on radar by the Sinonipponesian People’s Holy Imperial Missile Fleet, a collection of 15 new Gytaku Class missile ships. Last Tuesday afternoon, the Second Battle of Andaman began as the PHIMF launched their deadly cruise missiles at the Bad Guy’s largest surface fleet. Official reports state that 286,003 cruise missiles quickly reduced the Bad Guy’s ships to a brand new artificial reef almost immediately colonized by corals of the *Acropora* genus.



**Soldiers Beware:** Other than bullets, shells, shrapnel and mines, blood sucking lemurs are a major danger to Allied forces deployed in Madagascar's dense jungle bad-lands.

After meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Secretary of Defense Reginald "Tommy" Tamberlain, ever resplendant in his top hat, monocle and tails, issued a statement in which he declared:

Once this is all over, I think people are going to look back and see that this month truly was the Turning Point in this great conflict. There have been times in the past couple of years where it looked as if we would never win and yet now the final and resolute victory is in sight.

While costly, Operation Revolving Lion has succeeded in liberating the people and blood-sucking lemurs of Madagascar and in destroying the Bad Guy's strongest army. The majority of the Bad Guy surface fleet is gone and their naval power has been considerably diminished. All the while our forces and the forces of our Allies have grown stronger, more numerous and more powerful.

The final victory will come and it will come soon. To the Bad Guys, I say suck it.

As the Secretary's voice came over the loudspeakers at Camp Foxtrot outside Anta Nana Rivo, a cheer went up from the assembled soldiers; men and women who have seen the worst that this war has to offer and who have only occasionally lost hope for that final victory.

There were celebrations after Third Army Group's surrender. Local children sang and corn chip stands reopened. The celebrations are over now and in the soldiers' camps, night has fallen. And on a slightly chilly, partially clouded night things were silent on the Southern Front. It was as if the world sighed for a moment, a tranquil moment, a time of peace and reflection before the sound of gunfire fills the air again.

Sergeant Tommy Lox, a tough but nimble Iowa canning specialist now soldier, offered a few of his thoughts "I just hope we get to go home for Christmas, we'll do what we can to win this thing."

Then a blood-sucking lemur dropped down from a nearby tree and ripped Sergeant Lox's face apart, chewing and clawing at the red pulp of Lox's corpse. Then someone pulled it off and brained it with a shovel.

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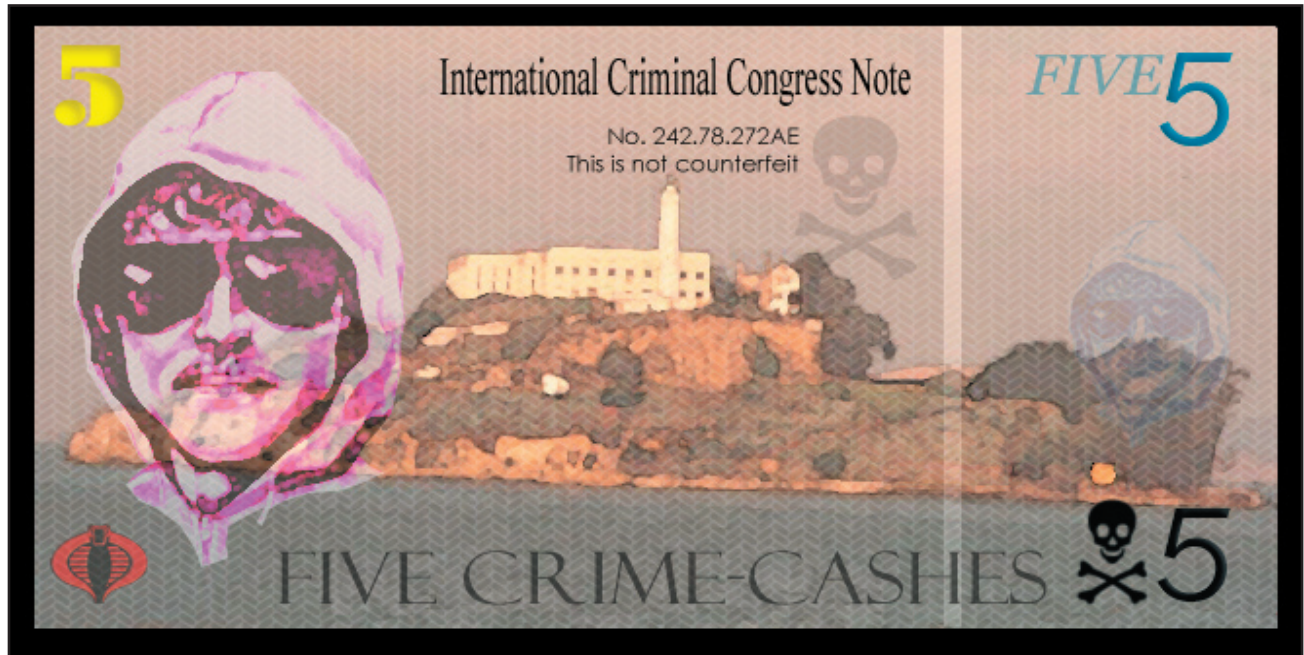
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# THE MARCH OF PROGRESS

## Thanks to the ICC, Now Crime Does Pay



Criminals and counterfeiting are one of the most expected of expected things in the history of the Universe. So, it will come as no surprise to our faithful readers that the International Criminal Congress started printing money this week.

This money, however, is not counterfeit. This fully-legitimate currency is backed by the confidence of its consumers: criminals. Counterfeiting has been a perennial issue for the International Criminal Congress. World trade in counterfeit Monies is rampant in the criminal community.

It has become difficult for thieves, murderers, mafiosi, drug smugglers and the like to trust one another with so many fake Monies trading hands. How can an otherwise law-abiding arms smuggler sell weapons to a band of mountain renegades if he can't be sure the Monies used are legitimate? He certainly cannot turn around and ask the International Currency Council for a refund, no sir.

Enter Bernard "Skull" Jones: hit man, confidence trickster, and ICC President. Mr. Jones examined the situation and decided to abandon ICC Monies altogether. He came up with the idea of the ICC printing its own money and after some mumbling, the motion was passed and so Crime Cash was born.

Here is how Crime Cash works: Bobby Thompson steals a television from his local New York electronics store. He takes it over to Tom Robertson, the local fence, who exchanges U.S. dollars for the television. Mr. Robertson then trades the television for cocaine with Rob Johnson the drug dealer. Mr. Johnson purchases cocaine from

a Colombian drug cartel with Crime Cash he receives in exchange at the ICC bank.

The cartel uses Crime Cash to buy weapons from the Belgian arms syndicate, who uses it to buy white slaves from Eastern Europe. The slavers use the currency to buy goods captured by a group of pirates in the Andaman Straits. The pirates in turn buy fuel from a criminal refueling depot in Australia's Northern Territory. The depot owner buys his fuel from a trans-Pacific general-purposes smuggler who stole it from the port of San Francisco. He hired an accomplice in Oakland using Crime Cash.

The accomplice pays a pimp for a night with one of his girls. The pimp gives the hooker her cut in Crime Cash. She uses the cash to pay a guy to drive her cross-country to New York, where she plans to set herself up on the straight and narrow. She is tipped off to the existence of Tom Robertson, the fence, who trades her the going exchange rate for Crime Cash to U.S. dollars. She then goes out and puts down a security deposit on a modest apartment.

"Look, with all the fake stuff flying around, how can I believe consumers are giving me the real deal for my high-quality product? Now I can be sure that when I sell pirated movies at low, wholesale prices, I'm getting paid in hard cash," said stool pigeon Louie Vallone.

Everyone seems to agree that the new currency was the best solution and the international community seems to be standing by to see whether the virgin program breeds true. ICC exchange centers have already received their first shipments of Crime Cash. Yes, by all accounts, Crime Cash is impossible to counterfeit.



**FOR THE MODERN HOME**  
**WITH LUCY FROGGER**  
**PRESENTS A SPECIAL RECIPE FOR**  
**CHICKEN CEASER LASAGNA**

**Ingredients:**

2 boneless chicken breasts.  
2 cloves of garlic  
1 tea spoon spicy mustard  
1 tea spoon of vinegar  
1 bunch of spinach  
1 ½ cup of Caesar dressing  
2 cups of Alfredo Sauce  
1 table spoon of tomato sauce  
2 cups of Romano Cheese  
1 cup of mozzarella cheese (grated)  
½ cup of parmesan cheese. (grated)  
1 package (roughly 16-20) lasagna noodles.  
2 teaspoon Extra Virgin olive oil.

**Optional:**

1 small chopped onion  
1 chopped or sliced tomato  
For vegetarian, substitute eggplant for chicken.

**Directions:**

Chop garlic finely and press, mix with mustard and vinegar and pour over chicken. Place chicken in a skillet with olive oil on low heat for 10-15 minutes until white throughout. Cut chicken into fine slices and set aside in large bowl. Add the Caesar dressing and uncooked, rinsed spinach. Toss together until chicken, dressing and spinach are well mixed. Add optional ingredients or spices to taste.

Set a large pot on high heat, bring about three quarts of water to boil.

In a small saucepan, combine tomato and Alfredo sauces. Set on low heat. Stir occasionally until well mixed.

Spread a thin layer of sauce over the bottom of an oven-safe casserole dish.

Once water is boiling, drop in the lasagna noodles, around five or six at a time. Cook until they can bend without breaking. Spread the cooked noodles in a flat row on the bottom of the casserole dish. Spread layer of Romano cheese and sauce. Top with second layer of noodles. Add chicken and spinach layer and spread evenly. Top with parmesan cheese. Repeat layers of salad and cheese until all ingredients have been used or until desired thickness.

Top with final layer of noodles. Spread thin layer of sauce on top and pour grated mozeralla liberally over the top of the lasagna.

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**Elementary School Level:**

1. See which tastes better; bacon or dog food. What about window cleaner? Is bleach tastier than paint? See how many things around your house you can eat or drink. You'd be surprised how many there are!

2. Biology can be a rich subject. Did you know that pet stores sell mice for only twenty five cents each? Why not buy five dollars worth and see how much force it takes to kill them. Try nails, hammers, bricks or even a blender or microwave oven. Isn't biology fun?

3. Mop and pop sure have a lot of pills in that there medicine cabinet. See what happens when you force feed them to your younger brother or sister. Neat huh?

**Junior High School Level:**

1. Heroin, cocaine and ecstasy all act on the brain in different ways, yet all are addictive. Here's the key to this extra--speacial science project; take all three drug many times everyday over the course of several weeks and see which one you get addicted to first. You think it'd be heroin, right? Well, try it and just maybe the results will surprise you.

2. Inside and outside are different, especially in regards to wind currents and air pressure. Try shooting a rifle in your yard and then inside your house and see how the different environments affect your accuracy. Try it in different places outside and in different rooms inside. Just keep shooting all the time and you'll be amazed at how much you learn.

3. How fast can you run? Do you think boys are faster than girls or is it the other way around? Have races across a well-defined area, like a major highway. See if you can run faster at night or in the day. See if light colored clothing during the day makes you faster than dark clothing at night. Just keep running back and forth across the highway and remember to write down the results. And by the way, I'd bet girls run faster.

### **High School Level:**

1. How do metal detectors work? How much metal does it take to set it off? Go to your local airport and try it. See which items will set it off; nail clippers, knives,

razor blades, pistols, rifles or ammunition. See if you can get through the metal detector with explosives like dynamite, C4 or homemade fertilizer bombs. How do these different things react to x-rays and magnetic fields?

2. There are many different brands of prophylactic condoms. To see which works best try all the different brands in different situations like in a pool, a hot tub and in various bodily orifices. Do they work better than not using a condom? Try as many different ways as you can and see how good condoms really are at preventing disease and pregnancy.

3. The workings of the brain are still a mystery to science. For instance, Phantom limb pain is a little understood phenomenon. Have a friend chop off your arms and legs with a chainsaw, band-saw or butcher knife. See how phantom limb pain effects the right side versus the left or arms versus legs. Pay a black market surgeon to remove the right half of your brain. Does that effect the phantom limb pain of the left side?

**Just remember to track all your results and remember that Science Fair judges always go for pie charts.**



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Wear hats. Excessively. Ten or more at a time. Strap extra hats to your elbows for emergencies.

Use a cell phone in public, hold long, detailed personal conversations about your various sexual deviancies.  
Talk only in sign language.

Wear one outfit, ever. Never wash it, never change it, and make it entirely out of teddy bears.

Invent your own gender, not just a simple combination of the of the existing two. Invent your own social customs, clothing styles and secondary sexual characteristics.

Drool. Constantly. Build a special little chin-mounted cup for catching it all.

Collect Scrabble <sup>™</sup> games, on video, at the tournaments. Watch nothing but these tapes when guests come over.

Eat only tomatoes. From a bucket that you carry around with you at all times.

Write a guide book for cock fighting referees. Talk incessantly about the whistle chapter. Always make mention of your thorough index.

Use only one means of transportation; a tricycle, but with a ski for a front wheel.

Shave off all your hair. All of it. Collect it in little sacks and give them to anyone who tries to talk to you. Suggest a donation.

Spend as much time as you can singing. Sing your own songs that you write about macaroni. Sing them with a bullhorn.

Bathe in gravy, in the park.

Pay for everything in nickels.  
Cut them into fifths for correct change.

Get a job as goat herder.  
Take your work home with you. On the train.

Should anyone attempt to speak to you at a bar or restaurant, even the waiter, begin explaining the Bosphorus to them.  
Have literature and visual aids ready.

Spread rooster feathers in front of your path when you walk down the sidewalk.

Wear sunglasses. At night. On your feet.

Stuff your mouth full of olives.  
As many as you can cram in there. Then attempt to eat your dinner.



# POETRY FROM HG PETERSON



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## "Tawdry Lemons Parked Inside"

On planet Earth you'll find a teeming cornucopia  
Stuff like bats, cars and trains, that Thomas Moore's *Utopia*

Trees, dolphins, meringue pie. Tasty Bavarian nurses  
The buildings, art, soda- oh yes, those poetic verses

Several ways these things will break. They you will never mend  
Our little Sun's nuclear cycle, someday comes to end

That shiny outer atmosphere will redden and expand  
Our planet's seas boiling, steam and death roam 'cross the land

As for other inner planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars  
Like the filth they are they'll disappear in our closest star

Our lovely, blue, little planet that we have grown to trust  
Will become just a bunch of flaming debris, ash and dust

Ev'rything we know and love will forever cease to be  
Pyramids, Napoleon, the great game of Clue and bees

No record of your first kiss, no one to eat cold ice cream  
The Universe will soon forget each last man named Kareem

Don't fret and don't worry, it's all going to be all right  
One day our world she'll be destroyed by supernova light

Keep in your mind this fact, this truth, so that you'll know it's not  
The end of this world of ours, when your parents find your pot

# GHOSTS: AN EXPLORATION OF PHYSICS



**Is there really life after death or have people merely invented ghosts as a way to explain hallucinations in a way that provides hope for the continuation of existence beyond the grave?**

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There are a few problems with the idea of ghosts as they've been presented. Often the evidence comes down to a few strange photographs or eyewitness accounts, although some paranormal investigators have used advanced technology to attempt the verification of hauntings. This technology raises an important issue; if technology can detect ghosts, then ghosts should be a part of the realm of science, that is to say they can be proven or disproven using the scientific method. So here we will attempt to see how science can cast light on the issue of ghosts.

For starters, there is ghost photography. There are thousands of supposed photographs of ghosts of floating around this world. There's a major problems with these photographs, and that is photons. As far as these photographs are concerned, there's a common assumption that the camera can capture things that the human eye just can't see.

Of course, the human eye and the camera lens work exactly the same way; they require photons to hit them and create chemical changes; either in rods and cones or on a light-sensitive plate.

If ghosts were invisible they would either have to absorb all light or allow all light to pass through them. If light could be reflected it would hit camera lenses and human eyes in exactly the same physical way. Granted, there are parts of the light spectrum invisible to humans (such as infrared or ultraviolet), but this wouldn't explain how ghosts can show up on closed circuit security cameras, for instance, or digital cameras which are set to capture visible light. So there could be ghost photographs, but only if ghosts are visible in the conventional way, that is, if they reflect light.

Another common occurrence in ghost reports is that the presence of a ghost, usually

invisible in this case, creates a cold spot in a room, an area of lower heat. Heat is created by molecular motion, in the case of atmospheric heat, by the Brownian motion of oxygen, nitrogen and argon atoms in the air. For a ghost to affect the temperature of a space it must affect the motion of these atoms in the air. By what means could a ghost or spirit impact the relative motion of atoms in the air? In the same line of reasoning; by what means could a poltergeist manipulate the molecules of objects?

Ghosts do seem to be affected by gravity. The Earth is revolving around the Sun at a velocity of 18.5 miles per second. Thus, within five seconds after death, a spirit should be almost a hundred miles from the place of its death. After all, there is nothing tying us to this ball of rock we call a planet other than the attractive force of gravity. Not only is the Earth revolving around the Sun, but the entire Solar System is revolving around the Galaxy. If our spirits did survive after death, there should be a million mile trail of spirits following the Earth and Solar System through space. After all, gravity creates attraction between masses. Ghosts shouldn't have mass or at least a strong enough mass to enable them to stick to the surface of the Earth. If ghosts can pass through wall, they shouldn't be able to adhere gravitationally to the planet's surface. Ghosts could be compared to neutrinos, or even composed of neutrinos, which can pass through solid matter and yet have mass. Of course neutrinos have so little mass that the effects of gravity are negligible.

Now, some would maintain that ghosts do not actually adhere to planet surface via gravity but rather that a spirit can imprint itself on a physical object. That would be why we find hauntings in particular places, such as houses. Now every place or object is made of particles; atoms, protons, electrons and neutrons. In an atom protons and neutrons stick together via the strong nuclear force and electrons maintain their orbits via the electromagnetic force. Neutrons and protons form an atomic nucleus and electrons orbit and interact with nearby electrons in chemical processes. If a spirit could somehow imprint itself on a physical object, it would have to somehow imprint on the atoms themselves. How could a spirit do this on what are essentially spinning spheres of energy? In what way could this information be stored and maintained?

Maintenance is an interesting topic. Entropy ensures that closed systems go from highly ordered to less ordered states. In living

organisms this does not apply because living organisms are not closed systems; they are constantly metabolizing, taking in chemicals and releasing chemicals after modifications. If a ghost or spirit is a closed system, it would quickly lose its energy. It is often stated that the human mind is composed of energy and that since energy can neither be created nor destroyed that the human mind can thus never be destroyed. This is not the case; energy cannot be destroyed, but it can be transformed into less usable forms. The energy from oil is transformed into mechanical energy in a car, but most of that is lost in an unusable form; heat. Ghosts should be losing energy constantly in order to maintain their information, i.e. the personality of the individual. This energy should be detectable. If ghosts are not closed systems, as would probably be necessary for their continued existence, then they must take in energy. How would a ghost take in energy and how would a ghost transform that into a form that is capable of maintaining the information of personality? If a ghost were to take in energy, then most of that energy would be lost in the conversion and ghosts, like any open system, would radiate and hence be detectable.

All matter in the universe radiates energy due to chemical changes within the atoms and particles themselves. This raises an important issue; what exactly are ghosts, physically speaking? Paranormal researchers have coined terms like "ectoplasm" to describe the spiritual construct. From properties described, it would seem that ghosts would most likely be composed of matter in a plasma state. Usually matter in a plasma state, such as the hydrogen in our Sun, is found at incredibly high temperatures. Perhaps there is some sort of unknown cold plasma forming our spirits.

Some would argue that ghosts and spirits are formed of energy, a spiritual energy, that we do not yet understand. Of course, this could be true, science does not yet have all the answers, but as long as a phenomenon is detectable, recordable and verifiable under controlled conditions then it falls within the realm of science. If ghosts are real then they are a part of our universe and a physical phenomenon. In that case the scientific method will enable us to unravel the mystery. If the existence of ghosts cannot be disproven then they are a religious phenomenon and outside the realm of science and human understanding. Either way, we will never tire of ghosts both for their mystery and their ability to make us ponder the otherworldly.

# **BREAST SIZE**

## **A POINT-COUNTER-POINT DISCUSSION**



### **Pro Large Breasts:**

**Samuel Radget**

**Professor Samuel Radget is the Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the Arctic Mexico Colonies and an expert with over 35 years of large breast research publication. He is currently the James Clerk Maxwell Eminent Scholar in Residence at the Accadia Bio-Economic Social Politics University of Culture in the beautiful city of Grand Flemish.**

### **Opening Statement:**

When speaking of large breasts, it is important to remember the words of philosopher and popular music composer Bek David Campbell. They are, quite simply, “where it’s at.” As noted aesthetician, rapper and agriculturalist Anthony Ray once said directly, “put ‘em on the glass.” One couldn’t think of the amazing lyrics penned by Frank Carlton Serafino Ferranna, Jr. for his magnum opus “Girls, Girls, Girls” without these Sovereign’s Orbs of the female form.

### **Pro Small Breasts:**

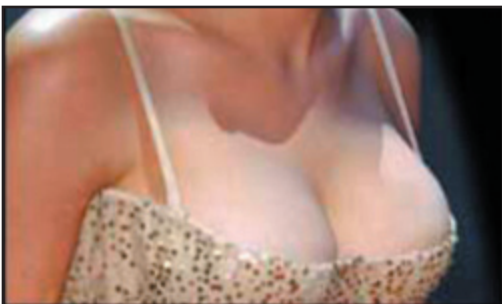
**Jules Strickland**

**Dr. Jules Strickland has been a professor of Reproductive Politics and Sexual Political Science at the Orville Wright College of Aeronautics at MCATDA for the past seventeen years. His latest publication is the Tommy Award winning “Nipples: A Study in Classical Statuary”**

### **Opening Statement:**

Let us face facts here, large breasts, while generally favored as the “ideal” are ungainly. The effects of gravity are quite noticeable, directly proportional to breast size. Small breasts retain their perkiness much better under physical condition and they are quite enjoyable in person. They may be small, but they are invariably perky and delicate and pink and enjoyable. Large breasts are droopy and tend to flatten out over time. Truly, small breasts are the choice of the wise.

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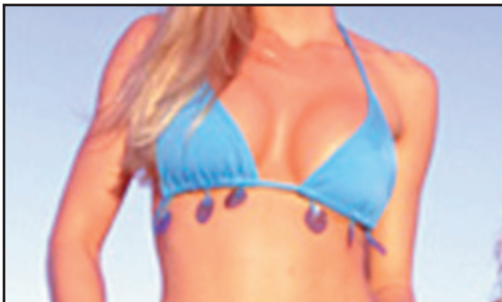
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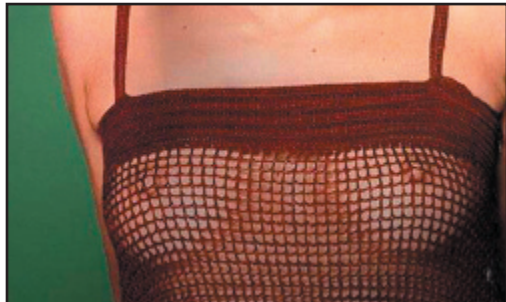
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**Closing Statement:**

**Pro Large Breasts:**

**Samuel Radget:**

But, Jules, the perfect breast size is just being there.

**Closing Statement:**

**Pro Jules Strickland:**

Indeed.

And now a little something for the ladies...



# **ASK MONTEZUMA**

## **ANSWERS FROM THE GREAT BEYOND!**



**Montezuma recently became the first man to circle Lake Champlain eighty times. He owns a goat.**

Dear Montezuma,  
Don't ask me how this came up, please. Which weighs more: a cubic foot of unsalted butter or a cubic foot of an adult blue whale?  
Stefan Hawkwing  
10<sup>th</sup> School District  
Greater Derby, Derbytown  
County Chippewa  
U.S. Autonomous Mining Zone

*Such questions, Mr. Hawkwing, which show exceeding perspicacity as relates to the Issues of the Age endow my blood with a tinge of Olympian ichor. Drinking the ambrosia of your thought has brought rarefied understanding of the times to my often ontologically challenged psyche. To offer the least-stultified view of a possible answer to your query: The pre-cooked weight of Impressionism, whereas adult blue whale has been found to contain, in part, large quantities of the Categorical Imperative. If you will refer to your copy of Brinson's Scientific Measurement Tables of the Products of Movements in Thought and Art, you will find that a standard copy of Kant's Critique of Pure Reason is almost equal in weight to Vasili Vasilyevich Vereshchagin's "Pause in the War." Thusly we can observe that slow evaporation would yield equal parts Impressionism and Categorical Imperative.*

Dearest Montezuma Mine,  
Did atheists first come from Athens?  
Thomas Falconer  
Bath, United Kingdom

*While questions on the Creation of atheists have long been settled, their dissemination to the public at large has been, at best, desultory. The last person known to have asked this question was one Ramona A. Stone, part-time apiculturist and bar maid. The first person known to have asked this question after an answer was found (by the Honourable Sir William Kingston Kingsley Thornton), was poorly-read academic Nathan Adler. In short, the Honourable Sir William Kingston Kingsley Thornton found that atheists originated in Wichita, Kansas.*

Hey Montezuma,  
Way back in the 1970s there was some guy in Italy who was going to eat a whole car piece by piece. Any idea what happened to him?  
Eddie "The Eagle" Belfour  
Toronto, Canada

Yes.

Dear Montezuma,  
When a deaf person is schizophrenic, do they hear people talking to them or do they just imagine people signing to them?  
Gil-Scott Heron  
Chicago, IL

*Only one deaf schizophrenic exists within the continental United States. It is apparent from multiple drawings, audio recordings, etchings, paintings, performances, books, essays, web sites, letters to the editor, teletype communications, and encoded dispatches that he sees patterns in a cavalcade of imaginary lions which pervade his imagination. Furthermore, upon the onset of his dire affliction, he was instructed only to obey every third message these patterns of lions divulged to him. This causes some confusion as he obviously lost count in 1996.*

Dear Montezuma,  
I just started working in the maintenance and repair crew for the local power company. Love

the job, but I'm having some problems with my co-workers. Like today, we just had this hole dug in the roadway the other day. I climbed down into the hole to start work on the electrical conduit that got broken. Then Gary comes over and says "Is this your first hole?" He laughed and I was humiliated. Then the other guys on the crew came over to find out what all the laughing was about and Gary told them it was my first hole. Then a kid walking down the street wanted to know what was going on and they told him it was my first hole and he joined in. Then an old lady came out of her house near where we were working and she asked what was going on and they told her it was my first hole and she let out this cackle like you wouldn't believe. I almost started crying. How can I make my shoes more comfortable?

Ethan Hawke  
Austin, TX

*You should change your name to Ian Hawke so that your initials would become IH. I find it more aesthetically pleasing. I am not positive a position with the local electric company is the best type of work for a pregnant woman and so I'm not surprised people would laugh about your first baby. People are often cruel about children. I would overrecommend bed rest for you and perhaps a nice, cooling pitcher of gin and tonics.*

Dearest Montezuma,  
Have you ever noticed that most people don't look at trees? I've never seen anyone really take a good hard look at a tree and I wonder why. They're very sexy, from their barky branches to their sensuous green leaves. Why don't more people look at trees?

Onatop Flamingo  
Amazing, EL

*Trees really chose their evolutionary path. They stand in the sight of humanity, but are generally unnoticed for the dire consequences they sow upon humanity. From the dreaded allergens they spread constantly in any hot weather to their ability to create intense electrical fields around automobiles, trees are a danger to humanity and must be stopped at all costs.*

Dear Montezuma,  
Is it Kosher to eat fish with cheese? My favorite restaurant; the Shangai Garden Kosher Taco House Buffet X-Press serves excellent perch parmesan, and I hate to miss out on it because

it violates the mitzvot against meat and dairy. Surely eating fish with dairy or chicken with dairy is okay because these animals have no mammary glands and I would under no circumstance consume a chicklet in its mother's milk.

Rabbi Armen B. Sparrow  
Duluth, MN.

*Oh Rabbi. Shouldn't ye know the divergent vagaries of life. While the families of fish and fowl are not at all similar to the mammalian creatures we so love to consume, they do contain the potentiality in their genes to create mammary glands and produce milk thereof. While I am not of the same religious belief as you, even I don't eat cheeseburgers made of fish.*

Dear Montezuma,  
Why is it that there are two types of screwdrivers and screws? I understand that flat heads allow more instruments to be used as drivers and that Phillips heads provide easier screwing, but why are there two types? Which is best?

Alexandria Bluejay  
East Katharinetowne, WD

*Alex, Alex, Alex...there are four types of screwdrivers and screws. Please do some research before writing me.*

Dear Montezuma,  
Why do the Europeans use such weird paper? It's all tall and thin and useless in American fax machines, three ring binders and such. Why can't the Europeans use regular 8.5 x 11 paper? What is wrong with that continent?

Felix Gnu  
New York, NY

*The Europeans are much more advanced than us. Please see their six hour work week.*

Dearest Montezuma,  
I hate my clothes, several boys and a ton of girls. I'd have a happy life if I did the things I like. What should I do?

Elmo Finch  
Nortown, AC

*Elmo, it would be best if you cleared up your acne with some sort of astringent such as witch hazel. Then you could moisturize with a combination of cocoa butter and a light margarine-vinegar mix. Should clear that problem right up.*



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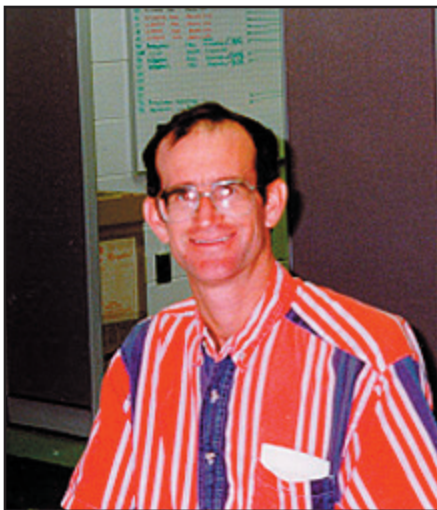
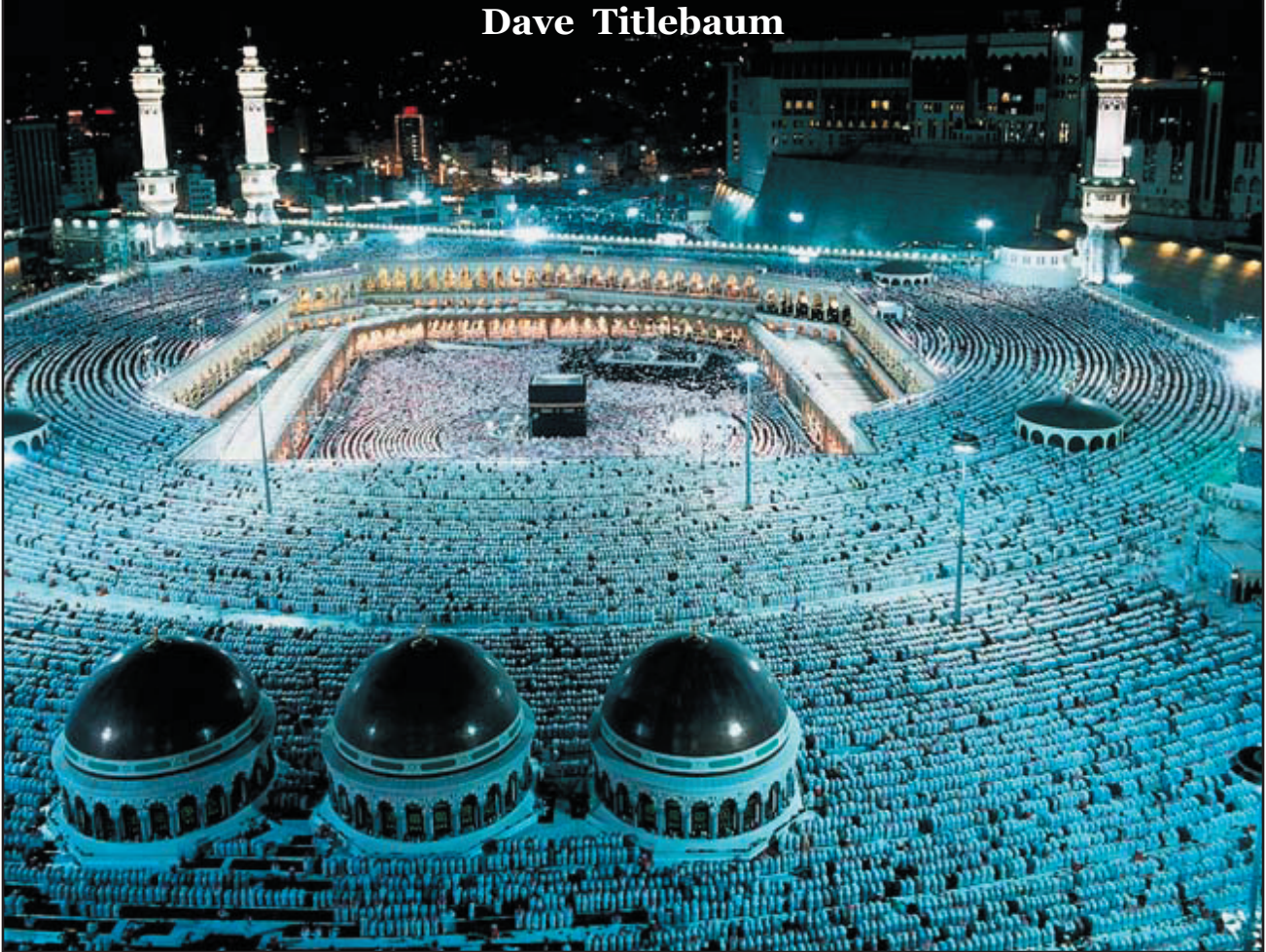
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# **FIFTY REASONS WHY THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE**

1. Poorly maintained bathyscaphes.
2. Mid-air collisions at crowded air shows.
3. Pennies on railroad tracks.
4. Annoyed cobras.
5. Monsters.
6. The A-10 "Warthog."
7. Badly translated band saw instruction manuals.
8. Non-pasteurized dairy products.
9. Bugs who lay eggs in people's brains.
10. Cross-eyed marksmen.
12. Agnostic extremists.
13. That stuff that leaked into the water table.
14. Expired mayonnaise.
15. Psychos who sneak razor blades into Christmas candy.
16. Tornadoes.
17. Flammable pajamas.
18. Grenades with unexpectedly short fuses.
19. Exploding bats.
20. Committees planning things.
21. Drunk teenagers with automobiles, for that matter, regular teenagers with automobiles.
22. Outlaw regimes seeking weapons of medium-grade destruction (WMGDs).
23. Housewives inadvertently mixing ammonia and bleach.
24. Africanized European honeybees from Asia.
25. The gods of Olympus who use we mortals as their playthings.
26. The many ways human necks can detrimentally deviate from their intended position.
27. Adults. Especially if they're serious.
28. Entropy.
29. Vast swarms of two-toed sloths searching for their neckties.
30. The instinct for self-preservation.
31. Pastimes involving the use of blunt and/or sharp objects in conjunction with alcohol.
32. Any of the solutions for economic equality.
33. Any amount of intelligence and intense boredom.
34. Realists.
35. Original sin.
36. Messages of Potential + Children = Disgruntled Middle Management
37. Camouflage as fashion.
38. Reptiles.
39. Iceland. Just think about it.
40. Cats locked in rooms filled with double-sided tape.
41. Acronyms and abbreviations.
42. Humidors that only lock from the outside.
43. Inappropriately-sized dowels.
44. Brave journalists.
45. Heraldic imagery of flamingos.
46. Carnivorous grass.
47. Illegal Asteroids
48. Rabbit evolution.
49. Increased reliance on non-internal memory-retrieval mechanisms.
50. Angels and demons fighting a prolonged war for the souls of humanity in a substanceless dominance game whose winner is supposedly preordained and whose end conditions are amorphous at best.

# **HOW TO DO IT** **WITH LEMUEL LEBRATT**

**Featuring Permanent Guest Host Marcia Spatzelberg**  
**by Special Guest Columnist**  
**Dave Titlebaum**



**Dave Titlebaum is a plumbing fixture salesperson from Alabama.**

**In this month's *How to Do It*, we'll tell you an easy and simple way to steal the Kabbah Stone, the black meteorite in Mecca which is considered seriously holy to most Muslims. Now, how they consider a rock holy when they have tons of rules of Sharia against idolatry is beyond me, but it should be a fun thing to do on a rainy Saturday afternoon.**

### **Plan Aquamarine**

Requirements: 1 helicopter, 1 boat, 1 amount of supplies, 3-8 skilled people.

Simply fly your helicopter in to Saudi Arabian airspace. Land in the middle of the big mosque, grab the stone and then fly like hell out of there. Try and reach international waters as quickly as possible and find a country where they won't extradite you.

**Pros:** This plan is highly simple and the Saudi's aren't particularly good at maintaining their anti-aircraft defenses.

**Cons:** This plan doesn't leave you with a lot of room for error. You have to be ready to grab the stone and run, any delay could mean death, so quickness is the key. Either way, this isn't for the faint of heart.

### **Plan Scabrous Oyster**

Requirements: 1 set of fireworks or anti-aircraft missiles, 5-10 white robes, 1 set of tools, 1 amount of supplies, 1 van or truck, 1 duplicate black stone 5-10 people.

Divide your team into two groups. One will disguise themselves as pilgrims during the Hajj, the other will set up your mortars, rockets or fireworks outside of Mecca. As soon as your disguised team comes within reach of the black stone, the others will set off the Arial Distraction. As all the pilgrims look up at the Arial Distraction, take the stone and replace it with the duplicate. Then load it on a truck and try to sneak quietly out of the country.

**Pros:** If done properly, this plan will not alert the authorities to the fact that the stone is missing, allowing you to sneak away to safety without the danger of being caught.

**Cons:** The Arial Distraction had better be highly distracting, as it takes only one pilgrim to notice something amiss and alert the Saudi security forces. Also, the replacement must be done quickly,

lest the Arial Distraction end before the duplicate stone is in place.

### **Plan Rotary Octopus**

Requirements: 1 construction firm, 1 collection of heavy drilling equipment, 1 person with several million dollars, 5 helicopters, 5 duplicate stones, 100-500 people.

Get a contract for a new building somewhere near the mosque in Mecca. Begin digging a tunnel to the Kabbah under the guise of building a building. Tunnel in, break through the surface near the stone under cover of night, switch the stone for a duplicate and then fly five helicopters out of the country (one with the real stone, four with the other duplicates in case you get caught).

**Pros:** It's unlikely that the Saudis have any seismographs to detect tunneling so it's probable that you'll drill in undetected and get away.

**Cons:** This plan is expensive, time consuming and you have to find somewhere to hide all the sand you remove from the tunnel.

### **Plan Didgeridoo, Mark V.**

Requirements: 1 circus tent big enough to cover the Mecca mosque, 1 bunch of knock-out gas, 1 rather large pump, 1 cargo airplane able to store the aforementioned circus tent, 1 collection of trucks to haul the pumps and the gas, 50-100 people, 1 set of oxygen mask and tank for each team member.

Drop the circus tent on top of the Mosque by parachute. Then pump in the knock-out gas to demobilize the security forces. Once they're incapacitated, send in your team to grab the stone and load it onto one of the trucks.

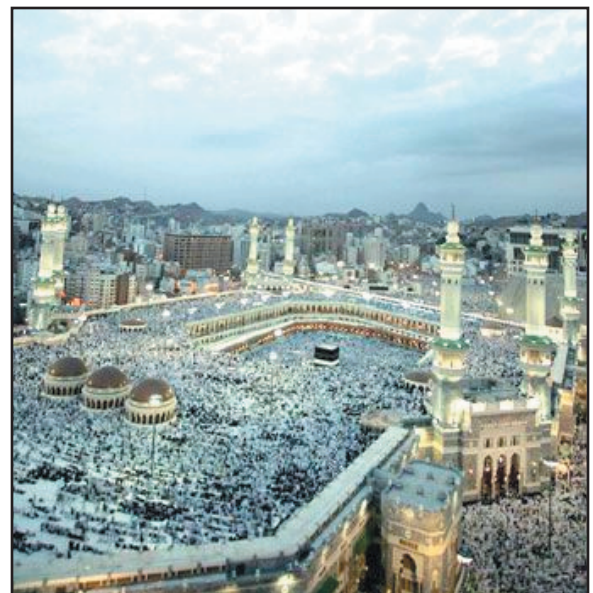
**Pros:** Once the guards awaken, they'll be groggy and unsure about how to best pursue you, allowing you ample time to escape.

**Cons:** It's really stupid.

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**So, good luck stealing that black stone, and remember that *Axes & Alleys*, and its parent and affiliate companies, are in no way responsible for your actions, or for any executions, embassy burnings, terrorist attacks or wars which result from stealing the sacred black stone of the Kabbah.**

**And, always remember, if you're on the lam, France is a good country to hide out in; they hate Muslims, they have no extradition treaties with countries who have the death penalty, and they love criminals from Roman Polanski to any one of the soldiers of the French Foreign Legion. Good luck and good stealing. See you next time.**



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