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# Following Recommendations from HGWISE, President Summers to Become a Woman

Before...



...After!

CAMBRIDGE, MA

Following firm advice from the Harvard Graduate Women in Science (HGWISE) panel, Harvard President Lawrence H. Summers has finalized plans to become a woman, his press office announced Monday. "Women can and will excel in every level of administration at Harvard – there can be no doubt about that now, or at least, by no later than the start of the Fall 2006

semester," remarked a beaming Provost Steve Hyman.

In a speech following the announcement, President Summers called on the other members of the faculty, especially those in the sciences, to consider becoming women as well. "For far too long, women in the natural sciences have struggled to achieve equal status with their male peers," President Summers said. "Indeed, in the past few years, the achievement gap has widened here at Harvard. Now, little by little, we will begin reversing that trend."

"At every turn, Larry has been upfront about his openness to change," noted Duke University President Dick Brodhead, who plans to show his support by wearing designer heels for a period no shorter than one year. "Although I don't plan to adopt President Summers' "go all out" approach to fighting gender inequality," added Brodhead, "I do commend Larry's efforts to make the Harvard community a more diverse, tolerant, and female academic environment."

Following the success of its initial phase of talks with President Summers, HGWISE announced that it would begin another round of discussion with the President aimed at increasing the number of minority administrators at Harvard.



# Network Hopes "Middle Class Cattle Drive" Will Be Hit with Viewers

ODOR SPRINGS, CO

For viewers who thought they had seen it all when it comes to reality T.V., a new delight is in store this fall with the forthcoming FOX spectacle, "Middle Class Cattle Drive," the network's mildly saucy answer to the wildly popular E! show "Filthy Rich Cattle Drive," which chronicles the adventures of a motley crew of (mostly) rich and (somewhat) famous characters as they ride the open range.



While viewers who had tuned in to the E! show no doubt followed the self-obsessed sagas of the daughter of the guy who founded Yahoo!, one of George Forman's creatively-named progeny, and the son of former criminal defendant Robert Blake, Fox is hoping that Americans will follow with equal passion the travails of their own cast, including the son of an accountant, the daughter of a small business owner and a pair of Hungarian twins whose family owns a restaurant in Duluth

"What's different about this show," said Johnny Hollywood, the show's executive producer, "is that anyone out there watching the show could be doing these same things. On that other show, if someone loses a cell phone, they can have daddy put one on the nearest space shuttle and have the astronauts drop it off. With our show, these kids will have to walk to a pay phone, call their dad's office and have the secretary take a

message, then once the proper paperwork has been filled out, the phone company will send them a new phone the old fashioned way – through the mail !" he said, stomping his foot for emphasis.

"By the time they get back home to their two bedroom apartment in a nice but remote part of the city which they share with one or two other people, the show will be over. That's drama. That's magic. That's what people will tune in to see."



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# Populace Rests Easier Now That Math Problem Solved

CAMBRIDGE MA - Area residents breathed a collective sigh of relief Tuesday at the announcement that the Gorenstein-Fratelli conjecture, which has remained open for over 120 years, has been proven true. Researchers announced this finding at a televised press conference at MIT Tuesday afternoon, watched live by an estimated 19 million people. "I think we'll all sleep a little better tonight, no longer having to live with the uncertainty of whether locally cyclotomic non-invertible N-manifolds exhibit uniform invariance under Vasolovich transformation, for N greater than 5," stated Dr. Paul Sarkin, one of the head researchers, "I know I will."



Area Mom Extremely Relieved

This sentiment was widely shared by those who heard the news. "Oh thank goodness. I've been waiting for this ever since reading on Dr. Sarkin's blog that they had submitted their proof of Gorenstein to the RMIRC [Richardson Mathematics Institute Review Committee]," Abigail Borton, 86, told HSP. "I was so worried that we'd end up with another Szolzenetschheim," she went on, referring to a 1997 proof of the Gorenstein-Fratelli conjecture that turned out to be fallacious.

But not everyone was fully satisfied. "I tell my kids the proof is valid, but that's only because I don't want them to have to worry. I myself am not convinced," said Diana Lee, 38. "I realize that the version of Axiomata they used supposedly has fixed all the bugs of earlier versions, but I don't think I have to remind people that Axiomata 1.4 showed the Golomokrov conditions to be consistent a couple years back," she continued, "and we all remember how THAT turned out."



# Gay Terror Alert Updated to Perrywinkle

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In an effort to provide a new, special form of safety awareness to the nation's heterosexually handicapped, this week, the Department of Homeland Security (DOHS) announced its plans to modify the color scheme of it's daily terror alerts to, "more suitably reflect the tastes and dispositions of the nation's LGBT community". Homeland Security spokesman Trevor Darren explained, "We found that the nation's



Oh my God I'm so scared.

gay - may I say gay? - community wasn't responding well to the standard Orange and Red type of terror alerts. In fact, one study suggested that these folks were actually more afraid of job discrimination and social persecution than Al Quaida. Imagine that! Anyway, that's when we realized we were clearly doing something wrong."

And there stepped in exuberantly flaming, Los Angeles graphic designer, and closet Republican, Jako Mirovec. "That's a really nice pantsuit! You know I can't take my eyes off of anything with pastels. Anyway, I figured a simple spruicing up the chart would do the dirty trick, and it looks like Jako the genius was right as usual." Since the new chromatic implementation, gay and lesbian citizens throughout the county have reported a 15-20% increase in their general level of fear, and an enhanced tendency to freak out when selecting crayons at random from a Crayola variety box. DOHS representatives also announced a partnership with several of the nation's leading advertising agencies to further to marginalize selected female and minority populations with clever, group-specific modifications to its terror alert system. Added Darren "As long as we're able to keep all our citizens, including the second class ones, under a misplaced cloud of paralyzing fear, then we're clearly doing our job."



# Area Students Ask To Be Delivered Back to their House with the Pizza

CAMBRIDGE, MA- Last week, 4 roommates reportedly walked from their apartment to local pizza shop, Il Panino Pizzeta to order 2 large pepperonis. Evidently, after waiting for about 25 minutes, they became distraught by the prospect of walking home. This malaise persisted until one of them, genius Astronomy grad student Kamson Lai noticed that the place offered free delivery. After a few minutes of vigorous discussion with the owners, 4 students, 1 driver, and 2 large pizzas crammed into the shop's lone Honda hatchback, and proceeded to drive 0.8 miles to 41 Saville St. Apt. 2, marking the first time in recorded history that students have been delivered along with the pizza.



Large Pepperoni, Extra Cheese, Free Transportation

