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As a political satire publication struggling to come up with material in a Bush-less world, we were surprised to find hordes of actual jokes waiting to be told in this new Obama-nation. Life goes on, and evidently, sarcastic written comedy is still often the best way to both entertain and enlighten, while somehow finding actual truth in the news. On a personal note, due to imminent postdoctoral and graduation related activities, after 5 years and change, I will reluctantly be stepping down as Editor in Chief of HSP after this issue. It has been a much needed source of creative, non-academic work, and epic procrastination not seen since prokaryotes took roughly 2.8 billion years to evolve into multicellular life. In all seriousness, it's been a dream job to run a comedy magazine at Harvard, and I've had the good fortune to work with dozens of funny, fantastic people, which explains why I've been doing it for so long on a salary consisting of laughs, fun, and the occasional kudo. With over 200 articles in our archives, all this joking around has quietly amounted to nothing less than a second thesis, for which I will naturally be demanding an honorary degree from the Department of Studies. In any case, thanks for reading, laughing, contributing, and occasionally wasting time surfing [harvardsp.com](http://harvardsp.com). We hope you enjoy this last hurrah. May it save you from boredom - and the work you're supposed to be doing - exactly when you need it most. -A.S.F. April '09



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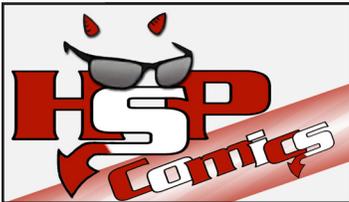
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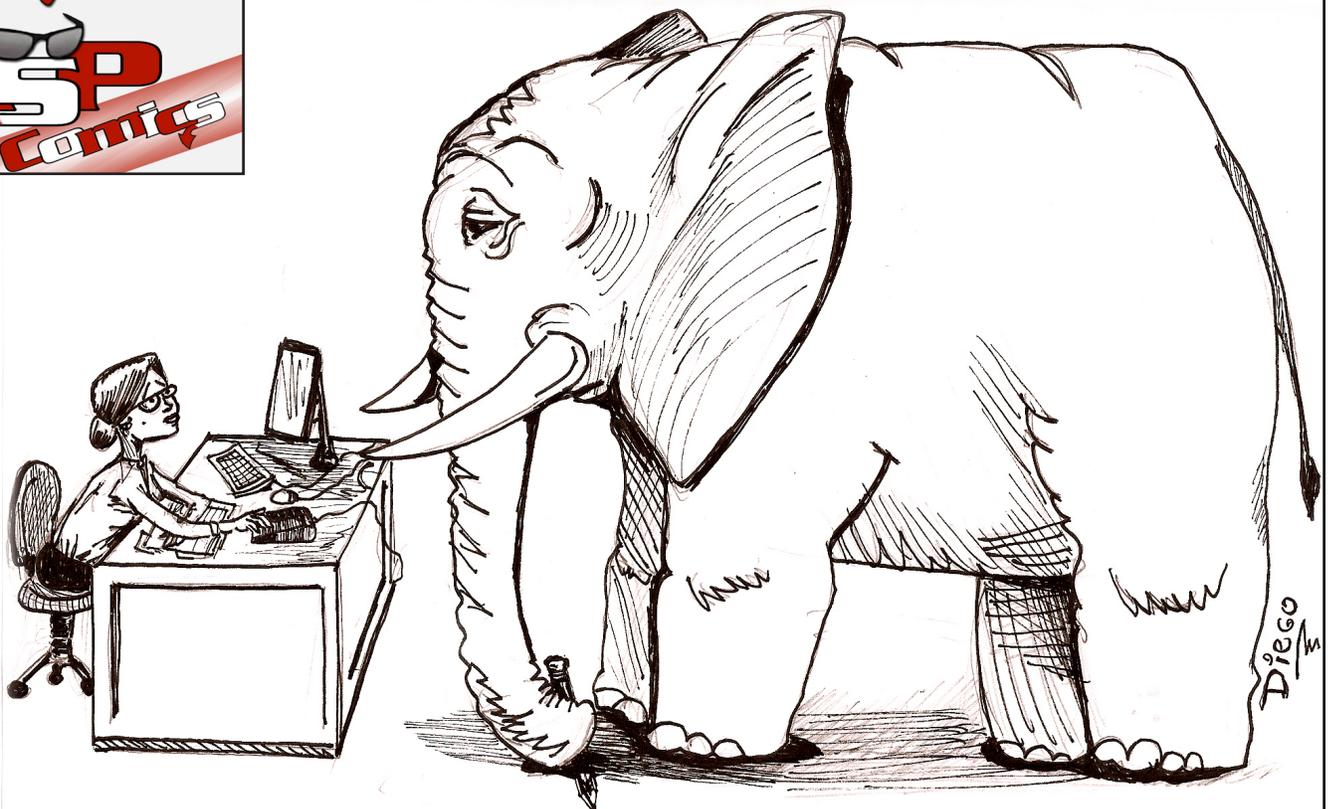
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## POLITICS

# Comedians Struggle to Make Fun of President Obama



CAMBRIDGE, MA — With President Obama's Jesus-like approval ratings hovering consistently at 60-65% during the first months of his presidency, comedians, humorists, and pundits alike have found themselves nearly incapable of effectively satirizing the president. Despite two potentially un-winnable wars and an inherited economic crisis more dire than even the current economic crisis, Obama's speeches are often drowned out by a veritable clap track of

applause lines, and nameologists now predict that "Barack" will be the 2nd most popular U.S. name by 2013. Evidently "Barack" means lightning in Hebrew, according to the 77% of comedians who knew that.

According to sources, both the economic and presidential humor crises have struck at the heart of the satirical comedy profession, with at least 95% of former Bush impersonators moonlighting as birthday clowns, and nearly a third of the staff of *The Onion* regularly freelancing as cereal box and/or shampoo bottle writers. Even HSP was forced to take out a sub-prime loan to stay afloat.

"Don't think all of this is lost on Obama", argued Columbia University Professor of Satire Maggie Jobs. "The President has even contacted former president Bush for advice on combatting the current 250% unemployment in the political comedy sector," formerly our most reliable economic indicator, averaging an unprecedented -80% from 2000-2008. "Obama was evidently told to act more retarded during public appearances, and defer all questions to Joe Biden."

In a political climate where even FOX News has found that taking Obama's words out of context still invariably results in grammatically correct, rhetorically brilliant sentences, hordes of out-of-work comedians are desperately struggling to keep Bush jokes relevant. For example, according to Harvard Professor of Joke Studies David M. Clownstein, "A headline like, '*Ex-President Tries to Smoke Out Terrorist, Inadvertently Burns Down Neighbor's Ranch,*' pokes fun at the recently retired leader's failure to accept his incompetence, impotence, and obsolescence, but no longer tickles the Zeitgeist like it would have as recently as 2008."

"The fact is, many satirists are simply finding it difficult to adapt to the modern political climate where scientific thinking, measured eloquence, and blackness are actually

considered virtues," explained Brooklyn Professor of Comic Judaism, Rabbi Christian DeJesus.

Even the Daily Show's Jon Stewart, who has denied rumors of his resume floating on Monster.com, told HSP, "With Bush, my job was like getting paid to snort free cocaine that cured AIDS. Now my job is like explaining to my wife and children why I've been snorting cocaine off the asses of dead Vietnamese hookers, with AIDS. But to be fair, in this economy, I'd only be snorting half-lines. Even Rush Limbaugh has been cutting his Oxycontin doses in half, before taking two of them."

"We all have to tighten our belts in times like these," added pseudo-über-conservative pundit Stephen Colbert 22 minutes later, "Unfortunately for Limbaugh, scientists warn that any additional belt tightening would violate both the laws of physics and any semblance of human decency, not unlike Rush's show."

"What's the worst thing about Obama?" asked liberal pundit Bill Maher. "He smokes cigarettes. So the president has a *vice*. It's beats the shit out of infidelity, and its a hell of a lot better than Dick Cheney." In fact, Obama was voted least likely to cheat on his wife by his elementary and middle school classes, and he has been rumored to have once created the universe in 5 days, safely eclipsing God's long thought unbreakable record. "Not even DiMaggio's 56 game hit streak is safe," explained God in a rare interview.

Despite the fact that a 27-year-old writes most of Obama's speeches, Obama himself continues to impress the shit out of even his teleprompter, who can "no longer imagine being read by anyone else," and plans to be "mercifully melted with an arc welding torch" in 2016. One source indicates that the once popular daily "Bushisms" calendar has been replaced with the real-time "Obamaverse" iPod App, which provides up to 44 poignant Obama quotes per day, each of which lends deep insight into the human condition, striking at core truths of existence not understood since ever.

"Its just so god damned hard to make fun of him," lamented one demoralized stand up comedian, "If he'd just cut back on his excessively reasonable eloquence for one fucking second, maybe I wouldn't be wasting away, whoring myself out to weddings and Bar Mitzvah's."

Another comic, upon hearing unexpected laughter-like noises from the audience after an admittedly weak Obama joke, was disappointed to discover that it wasn't hope in the air, but rather a thick cloud of nitrous oxide gushing from the scuba tank of a compassionate, if unorthodox, fan. Faced with the soul crushing, ulcer-inducing, prospect of actually having to work for their material for the better part of the next decade, many poor comedians are turning to death to reduce their medical bills.



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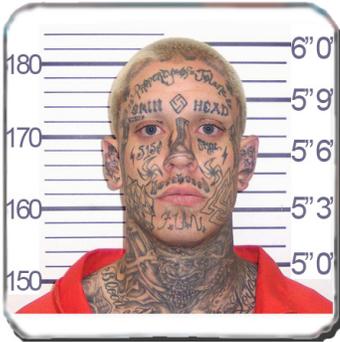
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Thanks to the nifty interweb site [Obamicon.me](http://Obamicon.me), anyone can create their own iconic Shepard Fairey style Obama "Hope" poster with snarky caption constraints that make Twitter look positively verbose. Ironically, Fairey, the man who critics claim re-invented digital image plagiarism, now has a taste of his own topographic, four-color medicine, albeit from a somewhat flattering plethora of online imitators. In case you were wondering, as a satirical student org, HSP is firmly protected under the "Fair Use" clause of U.S. copyright law, freeing us to turn the modern tools of Google Image search, Photoshop, and web-based knock off software into graphical jokes for your pleasure. Although best viewed online at [harvardsp.com](http://harvardsp.com), where we can afford to display in color, we nevertheless *Hope* you enjoy these examples, designed to test your pop cultural Nerd-cred. - The Editors 



## PERSONALS

# Facebook Now Open to Prison Population



ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CA — Following its controversial 2005 decision to grant membership to high school students, and its bold 2007 move to allow access to people above the age of 45, Facebook has finally opened the site to the entire U.S. prison population. The long expected move came largely due to pressure

from the recently established competing site, Penster, which is also maneuvering to get its digital feet in the doors of the rapidly growing number of jail cells across the nation.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg told HSP, "This decision was long overdue. Did you know there are over 2 million Americans in prison? That's more than the entire population of 15 U.S. states! At this rate, some scientists project that over 90% of American citizens will be incarcerated by 2030, so it would be silly, nay negligent, of us to overlook an emerging market with such high growth potential."

Reactions to the move remain mixed among the incarcerated community. Some inmates, like former Colombian cocaine kingpin, and current Alcatraz cigarette kingpin Juan "La Cabeza" Obregon, have nothing but praise for Facebook. "I really like how Facebook has made such an effort to translate the site into multiple languages. It really opens up a lot of networking opportunities for the, um, Spanish speaking community, and it will really help me keep connected with my people on the outside." However, Alcatraz prisoner and multiple murderer, Mark Killgore told HSP, "I thought this whole Facebook thing was fine, until all these fucking high school students started trying to friend me." Similarly, Kevin Murcheson, convicted of 15 counts of fraud, embezzlement, and larceny, "shivered at the thought" of the dreaded friend request from his mother.

Rules on prisoner internet access vary from state to state, but more and more correctional facilities now argue that online access allows convicts to remain productive individuals even while incarcerated, preparing them for eventual reentry into society. "Many of these men and women will be walking our streets again," explained Sing Sing Penitentiary Warden Moustache Jefferson, "Do you really want them living on the outside, not knowing how to Twitterblog, sign up for Causes, or post incriminating photos of themselves, should they happen to fall back into crime?" Spelling and profanity issues notwithstanding, Jefferson reports that inmates are adapting well to Tweeting, with status updates ranging from, "Fucking Finding Jesus, Bitch!" to "On Hiway 51 cleanup wit' all ma gang mmbrrz" to "Sodomizing the tax fraud guy".

Surprisingly, Warden Jefferson even seemed to have no problem with the rise of popular discussion groups like

"Making Moonshine that Won't Kill Ya", "Best Places to Hide Dirt and Cutting Equipment", and "Top Ways to Kill the Warden", calling them "harmless outlets to blow off a little convict steam". The recent viral "25 Things You Can Do With a Staple Gun" spread even faster than the fecal/oral virus from last week's meatloaf. In addition, Sing Sing inmates raised an impressive, albeit ineffective, grass roots uproar this year after the popular *Stabulous* application was taken down due to a copyright infringement suit raised by Hasbro, makers of the popular prison board game *Stabble*™.

Despite all the positives, privacy concerns abound, especially among reformed pedophiles and sex offenders scheduled for early release, who worry that Facebook will keep their sensitive, stigmatizing information public even if they delete their profile. Other felons felt uncomfortable even listing information like "How Do You Know Keith?" when adding a friend. "It's one thing if you know Keith from license plate making, back in Juvee, or a previous heist" quipped inmate Jerry Jarvis, "But what if Keith killed your family?"

Others worry that the technology may exacerbate the level of drama amongst inmates. "For God's sake, the man's relationship status was 6 months out of date!" explained serial rapist Jacques Bernard, in tears. "That really hurt. I mean, I've raped and killed, and sometimes killed and then raped men for less! If he so much as drops the soap near me, or even looks at me during chain gang, I think I'll have to kill his sister again."



**Jailhouse Genius?  
Facebook CEO,  
Mark Zuckerberg**

Other concerns have been raised about questionable advertising practices aimed at felons, as unscrupulous, predatory advertisers sink their teeth into this delectable growing market. Some companies have even agreed to accept cigarettes, booze, and "problem solving" as payments from inmates in lieu of cash or credit. Others have been selling crude weapons, facilitating secure snitching, and using false promises of early release to get inmates to "volunteer" for classified government or pharmaceutical experiments. In protest, some angry inmate labor unions have unilaterally boycotted Facebook, explaining that "Teamsters are not quite ready to be Friendsters".

Despite the criticism, Zuckerberg remains unfazed, recently announcing plans to open membership to the prison communities of other nations, who "need Facebook's social networking tools even more than American inmates". In conclusion, Zuckerberg waxed philosophical, "Think of all the high school students who became Facebook members back in 2005, dropped out in 2007, and got caught selling drugs and sent to jail in 2008. If we hadn't opened up the gates to convicted criminals, we might have lost those users forever. But now we've still got them online, sharing information, interacting with other users, and buffering our highly robust revenue stream. At Facebook, we believe strongly in long term membership retention. The way we look at it, once you're on Facebook, you're on there for life".



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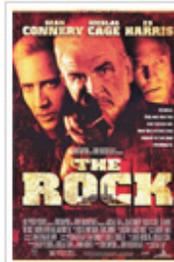


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#### Bernie Madoff



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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Nature, Science Introduce Each Other As Sub-Journals

LONDON — Coming on the heels of a flurry of successful sub-journal releases, including Nature Structural Biology and Nature Methods, Nature Publishing Group announced Monday the creation of a new sub-journal, Nature Science. “If you’re not publishing in Nature Science,” said Nature trustee Morgan Steele amid flashes from photographers’ cameras, “then you’re not publishing in Nature.”

Steele, who was previously responsible for launching such sub-journals as Nature Neuroscience, Nature Physics, and Nature Nurture, stressed that his latest brainchild is a world apart from these lesser imitations. Taking a brief sip from a glass of all-natural fruit juice, he continued, “With Nature Science, we plan to do something truly extraordinary,” he said. “Imagine something almost as prestigious as Nature, yet substantially better than Science. That is what Nature Science is going to be.”

Within minutes of Steele’s announcement, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), held a press conference in Washington, DC, to discuss its heretofore unannounced sub-journal, Science Nature. “It will no longer be necessary to reluctantly toss the world’s second-best scientific work into the Nature waste bin. Now it too can be published in Science, with our newest sub-journal, Science Nature,” announced AAAS chairman Cynthia Childs, surrounded by reporters.

Stunned members of the news media were barely able to ask their first questions before a representative from Nature Publishing Group, evidently planted in the crowd, stood up to make a surprise announcement. “Ladies and Gentleman,” began Nature representative Julius Clyburn, smiling widely behind his Nature Publishing Group-emblazoned megaphone. “It is with great pleasure that Nature Publishing Group introduces its latest sub-journal, Nature Science Nature.” With a triumphant hand gesture, he added, “If you’re not publishing in Nature Science Nature, then you’re not publishing in Nature Science. But that’s not all. You no longer have to publish in Nature Science at all — because now, you have an even better option — Nature Nature!”

Visibly shaken, AAAS representative Childs regained control of the press conference, calling security to escort the Nature representatives from the premises. After snapping her cell phone shut, she then proceeded to announce a litany of new Science sub-journals, including Science Nature Science Nature, and Science Science Science Science, among others. She continued, “We welcome submissions to these new

journals, but must warn you that the competition is going to be very stiff indeed, especially for those with the fewest repetitions of the word ‘Science’ in the title.”

Within hours of these announcements, the Library of Congress set forth a new system of nomenclature for Science-Nature journals based on exponents. Representative Phillip Anderson explained, “Let’s say you want to use the new short-hand for Science Science Nature Science Science Science Science. All you really need to write is [Science]<sup>2</sup>[Nature][Science]<sup>4</sup>. It’s a completely natural notation, and makes it easy to keep track of which journal you’re talking about.” Added Anderson, “But honestly, I wonder whether you could just write [Nature][Science]<sup>6</sup>. Isn’t the order commutative anyway?” This last comment drew fire from representatives of both publications, which vehemently denied the two journal names were comparable, as the latter clearly ignores the priority of the first journal listed.

Meanwhile, the Cell Press filed lawsuits against both Nature Publishing Group and AAAS in federal court today, alleging unfair business practices. “Pretty soon, if your journal has neither the word ‘Science’ nor ‘Nature’ in the title, no one is going to want to publish there,” read a statement from the company. The statement continued, “We at the Cell Press have both professional and scientific concerns that the business practices of Nature Publishing Group and AAAS are threatening publishing group diversity.” Minutes later, Cell Press announced the journals Cell Nature Science, Cell Science Nature, Nature Cell Science, Nature Science Cell, Science Nature Cell, and Science Cell Nature, amid much fanfare.

Responses from academia have been mixed. “On the one hand,” said Harvard Medical School Systems Biology professor Vladamir Samsonova, “it is always wonderful to know that you have one more way to publish in Nature or Science or Cell. But on the other hand, with so many ways to publish, how are universities going to make tenure decisions? How are academics going to decide how much they value a colleague’s work? Are they actually going to have to read it? This is a headache that we really don’t need.”

Meanwhile, Notre Dame physicist Albert-Lazlo Barabasi has predicted that the prestige of the newly-formed journals will scale as a power-law, once their readership has reached steady-state. The article appears in this week’s edition of the journal Nature Nature Science Nature Science Science Nature.



DOMESTIC POLITICS

# Cambridge Residence Suspected of Housing Sweatshop

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Federal agents raided an alleged sweatshop ring on Thursday, citing allegations of “deplorable” labor conditions from undercover agents. In addition, authorities

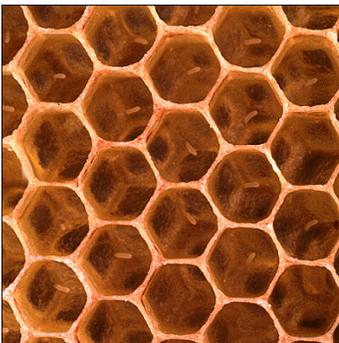


have issued warrants for the arrest of one individual living on the property, who allegedly accepted gifts of a sweetened liquid in exchange for protecting the shadowy network. Newspaper reports have identified the

man as David A. Smith, who fled from authorities following questioning. He was last seen carrying a smoking canister and wearing a suit of protective netting. Among the items seized in the search were beeswax, nectar, and 11 kg of honey.

According to investigators, the crowded labor conditions were even more severe than those seen in sweatshops overseas. One witness, who agreed to comment only on the condition of anonymity, described a grueling work environment, in which female workers were made to vigorously flap their wings to regulate the factory’s temperature. Other workers were forced to engage in ritualistic waggle movements of the abdomen. According to Sheila Gates, an expert on women’s rights in the Kennedy School of Government, “Compulsory waggle dances are demeaning to female employees, and should be a red flag to human rights agencies everywhere.”

While the conditions of the factory were startling, nothing prepared investigators for the realization that most of its 20,000 enslaved residents were the children of a single mother, whose untamed, promiscuous sexual escapades with rogue drones have over-crowded the hive and resulted in its conversion into a slave labor camp. “This is the height of irresponsibility,” declared



David E. Robinson, spokesman for Focus on the Family. “If only their mother had showed even a modicum of sexual restraint, instead of non-stop, selfish copulation, this entire tragedy might have been averted. How could she possibly have sent even ten of her children to college?”

Nathan Schumacher, a professor in Harvard’s Graduate School of Education, agreed. “One of the most haunting aspects of this case, if you ask me, is this persistent fixation that the children have with hexagons,” he said. “Everywhere you look, these children were repeating the most perfect, regular shape you can imagine. They were looking inward — searching for something in the beeswax bigger than themselves, something to transcend their lives of deprivation and onerous labor. In better circumstances, might some of these kids have become composers or poets or mathematicians? We’ll never know.”

According to authorities, there are already signs that some of the children’s troubled lives have taken a dark turn. Detective Ralph Jefferson described a chilling incident following the raid, just as authorities were preparing to rescue the children from the dwelling. “Out of nowhere,” he began, trembling, “the female workers leaped upon us, blindly thrusting their abdomens into our flesh, eyes wide with determination and a terrible knowledge beyond their years.” Added Jefferson, “The memory still stings. It hurt us more than it hurt them.”

What would possess a mother to enslave 20,000 of her children? Elizabeth Vale, an expert in criminal psychology at Harvard, believes that she may have a clue to the answer. “When you look at this woman’s behavior, it’s like she thought



she was a queen or something. Here she is, with her every need taken care of, as much power and sex and honey as anyone could ask for. She thought she could go and play the CEO and get away with it. But she was wrong.” Added Vale, pausing to lick her thumb and forefinger after inserting it into some of the seized honey, “This is an outrage.”

This is not the first time that a sweatshop has been shut down in Cambridge. The last incident occurred in late 2006, when authorities raided an organic chemistry laboratory on Oxford Street and liberated 10 of its graduate students.





# DIEGO



Originally from Santiago Chile, Diego Munoz is learning to cope with living in this strange land called America. When he's not busy drawing cartoons, Diego spends his time as an astrophysicist, searching the cosmos for jokes. After being harassed by the Editor in Chief continuously for billions of years, Diego was finally motivated to draw some cartoons for the past three issues. Lately he has become addicted to reading popular science biology, and thought it fitting to draw something in honor of Darwin's recent 200th birthday. If you're ever in dire need of cartoons involving polar bears or bicentennial beards of scientific geniuses, he's your man.

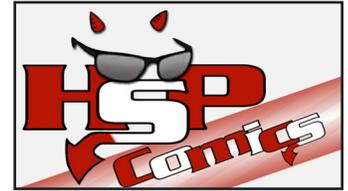


*SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, MY ASS!  
AND THEY SAY MY WORK IS 'JUST A THEORY'.*



*MY DEAR MOTHER EARTH,  
FOR SOMEONE 4.5 BILLION YEARS OLD,  
I DARE SAY YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY OVER 6000.*

# KLAUS



KLAUS was born somewhere in the North of Spain at some point in the mid seventies. During the mid nineties, he suffered from a syndrome called architecture, from which he has not yet recovered. Showing an early passion for drawing, he was introduced to comic books at a young age by his family and educators, to their later regret. As an illustrator, Klaus has always believed in the importance of having a distinctive style, which explains why he has been systematically copying the styles of the most distinctive comics artists, such as André Franquin. Only his complete lack of success in doing so has prevented him from being effectively sued for plagiarism.



## HARVARD NEWS

# Harvard Yard To Become Parking Lot



By Johnny Parkyard

CAMBRIDGE, MA — A controversial scheme aimed at softening the impact of the current economic crisis on the university's endowment was revealed last Monday, after a project member accidentally emailed several megabytes of relevant information to the Harvard community. The sender, a junior member of the Committee for Endowment Preservation By Any Means Necessary (CEPBAMN),

mistakenly attached several confidential documents in an email entitled "Worldz most fuhunny Piczzzz - forwahd to yur friehdnzz" (sic) containing the critical instruction "send to 20 friends within the hour, or something bad will happen to you", along with several frightening life stories of people who failed to meet the requirement. After the incident, HSP contacted and interviewed the sender, who will be referred as Q.Z. for security reasons. Q.Z. admitted that he had confused the folders "Funny Pix" and "Top Secret Documents - Handle With Care" on his desktop, evidently a common occurrence in the Harvard bureaucracy.

CEPBAMN's most radical proposal includes the full exploitation of one of Harvard's most precious resources — namely, the Harvard Yard. Among several ideas discussed by the committee, which included having freshmen cultivate bio-fuels in the yard, the most striking — and the one finally adopted — included a resolution to utilize the yard to provide comprehensive car parking facilities. The person who conceived that idea, who we will simply call U.U., describes the proposal in one of the documents: "Over the last century, generations and generations of Bostonians and people from all corners of the world were raised with the dream of 'pahking the cah in the Hahvahd Yahd'. It is no secret that the invention of automobile was prompted by the 1888 visit of Karl Benz to Harvard, where he reportedly wandered for quite some time in the yard and finally shouted 'Yes! We should invent something that people can pahk in zie yahd!'. Yet, all subsequent university administrations have strongly resisted this idea."

The U.U. document continues, "This won't be a simple parking lot. We have no doubt that people will flock to have their cars parked in the most famous parking lot in the world. Numerous members of the world elite, from oil-rich sheiks to major blue chip business players, from oligarchs to shipping tycoons, will not resist paying top dollar for the prestige of having their automobiles resting on the grounds that saw the creation of the finest learning institution on the globe." He further describes supporting schemes: "A store can be opened in Harvard Hall which could sell memorabilia such as T-shirts, hats, scarves or burkhas reading 'I pahked my cah in the Hahvahd Yahd', or bumper stickers claiming

'My other car is pahked in the Hahvahd Yahd'. The proposal also admits: "This is not an entirely new idea. A similar scheme was suggested during the Panic of 1893, which included turning the yard into a parking lot for carriages." The plan was ultimately deserted due to fears that the cost of removing horse dung from the yard would offset the profits. "They were amateurs." U.U. concluded. "They didn't realize that they could sell the dung as a lawn fertilizer to suburban dwellers."

A few hours after the CEPBAMN documents leaked, the issue had already strongly polarized the Harvard community. Many opponents of the project claim that turning the yard into a mere parking lot will literally alter the academic atmosphere of the institution. "The noxious emissions from these expensive, super-performing, super-polluting cars will make learning unbearable," says John Green, 25, a SEAS environmental scientist. "It's not easy to make scientific breakthroughs when you're breathing Lamborghini exhaust instead of air."



Others worry about the impact on monuments and landmarks in the yard. "John Harvard's statue will be severely affected by these emissions, potentially altering its color and wearing out its surface," explained Sarah Schwartz, a single, 32 year-old sculptor and materials scientist. "I mean, look what happened to the statue of liberty? Anyway, are you doing anything later tonight?"

Professor Peter Smartfield, 44, expressed strong disagreement. "Its about time they got rid of this hideous green lawn and covered the whole damned thing with asphalt! The walkways just aren't enough. Also, that aqua stuff they put on the ground in the Spring to make the grass grow in 3 days scares the shit out of me."

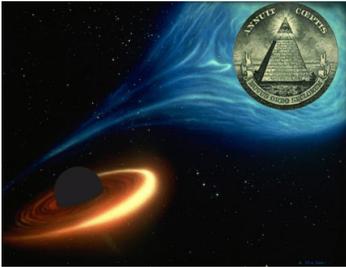
Marina Widener, 38, had a milder opinion: "Desperate times require desperate measures. We have to do this to weather the economic storm. I want to make sure the university is still around when my kids apply. I think they have a pretty good chance of getting in."

Harvard officials have yet to comment, leading most to conclude that the CEPBAMN plans are likely to be realized. Will we see old cars parked next to the older John Harvard? Will the added income to the University's coffers actually offset the billions lost in the recent financial crisis or just utterly traumatize the tranquil atmosphere of the Yard? Will the dream of the millions of people wanting to see their cah pahked there be fulfilled or shattered? In either case, HSP fully expects the price of parking in the area to go up dramatically.



## EYE ON THE ECONOMY

## Black Hole Out-sucked By Economy



GENEVA — After months of inspection, scientists now claim that the unintended appearance of a small black hole was responsible for the recent failure of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), CERN's fancy new particle accelerator located below Geneva, Switzerland.

The long-feared event which created the miniature black hole would have destroyed the entire facility had it not unexpectedly been out-sucked by the U.S. economy.

CERN Head scientist Marcus Andover explained, "We all thought the infinite gravitational pull of a black hole was the suckiest entity in the universe. No one could have foreseen that the American economy would be even suckier this year. Now we have to add all these negative pressure terms into our equations. That really sucks." Despite this, Andover remains confident that the accelerator will soon be back up and running. "Just like the U.S. banks, the LHC is simply too big to fail. And that's exactly why we have to use all these big words to justify still playing with billion dollar toys in this economy. Needless to say, a healthy amount of scientific jargon is needed to explain why we're trying to blow up the universe in a 30 kilometer underground tunnel."

Although the main consequences of the economic crisis have extended outside the realm of high energy particle physics, many big businesses are still looking to take advantage of the recent catastrophe at CERN. U.S. Chief Financial Consultant Lawrence Carrington, who advocates a novel economic bailout strategy, is confident that, "outsourcing the unemployment would relieve many current problems. And I can't think of a better place to outsource all that nasty unemployment than through the event horizon of LHC's newly created black hole." Carrington also suggested outsourcing the national debt, industrial pollution, and athlete's foot.

Former Clinton administration financial consultant, and one time physics major, Ralph Courier, explained that, "The unemployment problem is very complex, and besides, the LHC black hole was quite small and evaporated via Hawking radiation in a fraction of a second. Carrington clearly lacks the expertise needed to properly outsource insoluble economic problems into gravitational singularities." To which Carrington replied, "I grant that it is possible that I personally don't know how to outsource things into black holes, but that is exactly why I am going to take this problem and outsource it to someone else; done. Bring on the next problem!"

After the CERN unemployment office laid off its entire staff in January, office manager Ryan Commins sadly stated, "It is hard to be a manager without employees, but I just couldn't bring myself to fire me." Commins secretly hopes the LHC will create a bigger black hole when it comes back online later this year. "Until then, I don't see anything else sucking more than my shitty job."



## HARVARD NEWS

## HSP Finally Lampoons Drew Faust



HARVARD — With the Harvard endowment declining over 30% in the past year, HSP decided the time was finally ripe to make fun of Harvard's first female president. With the endowment serving as an accurate proxy for Faust's approval ratings, numbers for the new Harvard president have finally dropped into Larry Summers like territory. "With Summers, it was such easy pickings, seeing as

he spent most of his time choking on his penny loafers," explained Harvard Presidential scholar Chet Huntington, III. "Faust would never suggest something as controversial as 'Late Decision Admissions For Lazy Harvard Applicants', or 'The Larry Summers Science Helmet for Girls.' Christ, up until now, it's been easier to make fun of Obama! As if one mistake-free, barrier breaking president wasn't enough."

Huntington further elucidated the difficulty of lampooning Faust. "When she was promoted from her previous job, Faust was a relative unknown, as most students still thought that Radcliffe was that cartoon cat that ripped off Garfield. Also, she's just so much less of a douchebag than Larry Summers." Although he conceded that she was, "clearly, much more likely to use one."

Faust has taken drastic steps to guide the Harvard community through the economic crisis, subjecting students to reduced university services, an indefinite faculty hiring freeze, and a flurry of long-winded e-mails which reportedly caused Faust to exceed her own FAS e-mail quota. Harvard IT staffers attributed the excess gigabytes to subject lines that often included the text of all previous e-mails and several thousand repetitions of the words 'courage', 'sacrifice', and 'uncertainty.' Some financial strategies advocated in her e-mails included a Chemistry department meth lab, investing heavily in wheelbarrows, and a campus-wide bake sale. She also advocates broader American policies like selling the Louisiana purchase (and most of the flyover states) back to France, hocking Alaska back to Sarah Palin for oil and deer, and leasing a 5% stake in the Statue of Liberty to China. Due to budget cuts, Faust also reluctantly announced that Bill Gates will only be speaking at Harvard twice this year.

Ever the diplomat, Faust posted some prepared comments online, describing herself as someone who, "loves studying history, promoting female equality, and having a first name normally reserved for dudes." She added that she loved those things so much that she'd even be willing to, "compromise the very depths of her soul" in order to continue those pursuits. Faust added, "Some days, I actually can't believe all the dark bargains I had to make to become the president of Harvard. Thank God Larry Summers made it impossible for Harvard to *not* hire a woman."



## HARVARD NEWS

# Tourists Discover New Species of Squirrel in Harvard Yard

CAMBRIDGE, MA — According to the Harvard office of press releases, a group of foreign tourists announced the discovery of a new species of squirrel in Harvard Yard last week. Although the tourists were unable to catch any specimens, they provided ample photographic evidence of the distinctive creatures. "These rodents have apparently evolved an amazing capacity to solicit food from tourists while eluding capture," explained esteemed Harvard Biology professor, Edward O. Wilson. "None of us have been able to get our hands on them either. Those suckers are quick! Make one move, and they just flip out and scamper up a tree."



In honor of their discovery, the group was commissioned to name the new species, deciding on the rather narcissistic but accurate *Sciurus turistas*. "People will finally have to acknowledge the essential role of tourists to the ecology of Harvard Yard," commented Roger Peoples, Public Relations Manager of "Tourists Looking For Ways To Be Associated With Harvard". Some group members have even begun to demand full professorships in the Organismic and Evolutionary Biology department. While new faculty appointments are unlikely, thousands of amateur tourists now feel vindicated for what has often been criticized as an excessive fascination with the most successful permanent residents of the Yard. "The people at Harvard always thought we should be focusing more on the rich history, architecture, and lore of Harvard Yard. Only we realized the true importance of *Mammalia Rodentia Sciuridae*," says Peoples. "Last week's announcement finally brings long awaited and well deserved legitimacy to the thousands upon thousands of tourists around the world who have spent most of their time in the Yard sitting perfectly still with a piece of donut in their outstretched hand, or with a camera poised just for the right moment."

Indeed, Harvard researchers have requested pictures of the bushy-tailed critters from tourists all over the world, with early reports indicating at least a dozen new species of squirrel in and around the Yard previously unknown to science. "It turns out that the co-evolutionary relationships between members and visitors of the Harvard community have been much stronger than we ever thought," according to an anonymous faculty member who provided HSP with a copy of the working

paper which tentatively lists new species for which there is preliminary photographic evidence. Despite the potential legal complications, we include selected members of the list below, with brief descriptions, in the name of science:

*Sciurus photogenicus*: Most well-documented on the list; habitat ranges over the best-lit parts of campus; instinctively sits up in a humorous pose when cameras are in the area.

*Sciurus extremely cutus*: A possible sub-species of photogenicus; flawless cheek-bone structure; bushiness of tail conforms to the Golden Ratio.

*Sciurus legacyus*: Descendents of former inhabitants of the Yard for whom there are permanently reserved nests in many of the trees. Apparently resented by other members of the squirrel community who feel they haven't proven their "evolutionary mettle" in order to earn spots in the Yard.

*Sciurus intelligentsia*: Spotted wearing glasses and sitting near windows during colloquia. Missing library books found intact in their nests.

*Sciurus elitus*: Scornful of the other squirrels' unsophisticated tastes. *The New Yorker* lists a subscription delivered to the bushes where this species has been most sighted.

*Sciurus photographicanus*: Shocked tourists found the tables turned when these squirrels started taking snaps of them!

*Sciurus promiscuousus*: Always found fornicating with other squirrels of all species; seen wearing beer goggles.

*Sciurus all-naturalus*: Eats only organic nuts (whatever that means). Destroys any genetically engineered acorns.

*Sciurus medicalis*: Found on the Longwood campus. Suffer from feelings of estrangement and alienation. Evolved due to reproductive isolation after ancestors migrated from main campus as stowaways on free shuttle bus.

*Sciurus chipmunkus*: Alvin, Simon, Theodore. (Who Knew!?).

The Harvard OEB department has thus far refused to publish these findings, claiming they need further documentation, financing, and better dental coverage. A \$5 million NSF grant request is in the works for a project that may finally elucidate the mysteries of vertebrate speciation in modern environments. While some hope that it will explain once and for all how so many small, furry, mammals have come to dominate elite sectors of academia, others simply hope it will explain why there are so many fucking squirrels littering university campuses across the nation.



ENTERTAINMENT

# Celine Dion and 50 Cent Team Up For New Album



NEW YORK CITY — After meeting at a Grammy after-party thrown by Diddy this year, Celine Dion and 50 Cent spent the rest of the night together...in an adjacent recording studio working on new music. The new tunes are slated to appear in the highly unexpected, forthcoming collaborative album, tentatively titled "Straight Outta French Canada". The rather surprising project was announced by the musicians' somewhat hastily formed joint record label, *SONY BMG-Unit Music*, arranged just after pictures surfaced of Dion leaving Fiddy's building the next morning wearing the rapper's Yankees jacket from the night before.

"Celine was getting a crash course on hip-hop culture," said her publicist, Rachel Charbonneau. "She decided she needed to wear traditional 'hip hop gear' in order to see what its really like to be a rapper and feel the deep essence of the genre". Asked if their collaborative efforts would primarily have a hip-hop edge, Dion's publicist responded, "It will be a good mixture. They discovered during their first 'session' that Celine could lay down some pretty gritty lyrics and that she could even get Fiddy to belt out some of the high notes that she's so famous for."

When asked to comment on giving Dion a "crash course" in African-American hip-hop culture, 50 exclaimed, "Shawty was bangin'!" In response, her publicist quickly commented that, "50 is referring to the cover version of Tupac's 'Shorty Wanna Be a Thug' that they recorded. Celine achieved real catharsis on this track, reminding her of her own humble beginnings in Quebec." Since their first session, Dion and 50 have been meeting every Thursday night around midnight at the Excelsior Hotel on the West side to continue recording music. When reporters expressed surprise at the existence of a recording studio at the Excelsior, Dion's publicist remarked, "They're using their own recording equipment in order to capture the raw energy of the vibe they've got going". A check with the Hotel confirmed that they've received complaints from other guests about the volume level emanating from the suite used by the unlikely duo.

Apparently Dion, who now answers only to the DJ moniker "CD On", has been writing some of the music for the album. Her publicist said that she was recently inspired by the process of the ongoing collaboration to write a song called 'Guilty Pleasures'. "It's about doing the thrilling things in life you know you shouldn't be — and getting away with it. She says a lot of her friends in the entertainment industry will readily identify with it". When asked about the song, all 50 would say was: "Shorty be gettin' naaaasty on that one!".

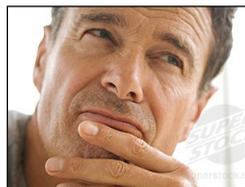
Some record executives speculate that the 50-Celine project will revolutionize the music business, finally yielding the long awaited synthesis of overproduced, generic hip-hop and terrible, contemporary adult music. "CD On" herself has been quoted saying, "Once you've gone where I've gone, its pretty hard to go back." When asked if a successful album would indeed lead to long term collaboration between himself and Dion, Fiddy flashed a grin, shook his head and jumped into the back of his luxury Escalade crammed full of giggling, scantily clad young women. As the driver pulled away, one could clearly make out the beat of Biggie's iconic demo tape, "Love No Ho." Dion's publicist could not be reached for comment, although sources told HSP that she could most likely be found somewhere, 'In Da Club'.



MORE STILLS



Soon-To-Be-Fired Intern Sneaks F-Word Into Teleprompter



Area Man Spends Hour Thinking Of Perfect Username, Password



Robots Also Look to Canada For Health Care Needs



Indian Woman Can't Believe Slumdog Won With That Dance Number



Despite Michael Steele's Blackness, GOP Strongly Considering Going Back



Jay Leno's Chin to Host Own Show



Virtual Reality Helmet Eats Volunteer's Face



AIG Donates Bonuses to Pro Athletes

Picture Removed Due To Budget Constraints



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Ghost of Isaac Newton Vandalizes Rival's Wikipedia Article

*THE INTERNETS* — One of the greatest academic rivalries of all time, long thought ended, has been reignited as the ghost of British natural philosopher [Sir Isaac Newton](#) (1643-1727) has somehow gained access to the internet and made several unfavorable edits to the Wikipedia entry of his German contemporary [Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz](#) (1646-1716).

According to the Wikipedia archive dated 7 March, while they were alive, Newton and Leibniz disputed over scientific matters like whether Leibniz's calculus was discovered independently of Newton's, the meaning of the theory of universal gravitation, and the philosophical tenet of hylozoism. According to the Wikipedia archive dated 16 March, their dispute centered largely around Leibniz's body odor, his sexual impotence, and whether he would have been better described as a "pompous horfe's ass" or a "right pompous horfe's ass".

The distinctive changes were not noticed until after they had been copied and pasted into 2,783 high school physics essays throughout the world. Claimed one teacher, "This is why I tell you never to use Wikipedia. You never know who edited it, including the disembodied essence of a mean spirited 17th-century scientific genius out for revenge."

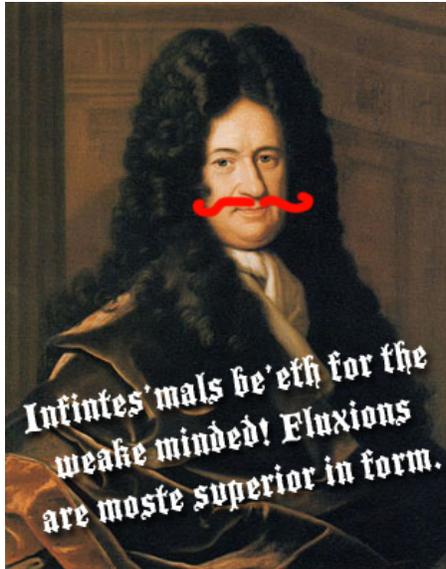
The changes have all since been traced back to a single account – TrinityLad43 – which has been confirmed through investigations by Dr. Egon Spengler (formerly of Columbia University) as the ghost of Isaac Newton himself. Spengler described one of the first items that tipped them off. "While historians of science believe Leibniz did wear an unbelievably massive flowing wig, of a style extreme even for his time, there is considerable doubt that he ever wore a ridiculous crimson moustache." Added Dr. Spengler, "Despite his having been dead for several centuries, it seems our Mr. Newton had no trouble acquiring at least some rudimentary Photoshop skills."



"You know, Ike, I actually thought you were characterized unfairly in *The Baroque Cycle*. But even as a ghost, I see you're still the same old shifty bastard. You and Gottfried were both geniuses in the eyes of God, so just let it go. Also, don't cross the streams."

Additional text edits made to both the English and Latin Wikipedia articles on Leibniz by TrinityLad43 include:

1. Replacing all mentions of the title of Leibniz's book "Theodicy" with "The Idiocy".
2. Adding "[citationem necitatae]" after almost every sentence related to Leibniz's work on calculus.
3. Changing "List of Publications" to "List of Plagiarizations".
4. Replacing "mathematician" with "imbecilic wretch" and "philosopher" with "addle-pated bvffoon".
5. Adding an entire section on lewd jokes about Leibniz's mother, supposedly popular during the 1710s.



Vandalized Wikipedia Image of German Mathematician Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz. Experts claim to have found some content digitally added to the original portrait by Christoph Bernhard Francke, circa 1700.

TrinityLad43's only other edits have involved augmenting the article "[Isaac Newton in Popular Culture](#)", and adding details on the care and grooming of [Powdered Wigs](#), although Wikipedia staff are on the lookout for suspicious changes to the pages on [Alchemy](#), [Astrology](#), and [Biblical Prophecy](#), occult matters which Newton increasingly dabbled in late in life, in addition to his more lasting contributions to physics and mathematics. "He was also a bit of a bastard when he was alive," explained

Wikipedia staffer Christopher Boo, "So naturally, we're carefully monitoring the [Asshole](#) and [Douchebag](#) pages for the kind of changes a mean ghost would make."

Despite the profound implications this development has for the afterlife, theology, spirituality, and the human condition, most of the response among the Wikipedia community has exclusively focused — as it always does — on how it impacts Wikipedia's editing and citation policies. The article on Leibniz has been temporarily locked to further editing, as a council of Wikipedians discusses at agonizing length the legitimacy of the edits. Additional debate centers around whether Wikipedia policy on "biography of living persons" should be amended to exclude "living".

The ghost of Leibniz has yet to make his presence known on the web, most likely since the eminently reasonable scientist and philosopher probably let the whole calculus battle thing slide centuries ago. TrinityLad43 himself could not be reached for comment, as he was now evidently thoroughly engaged in a flame war regarding "The New Phyzicks" on the Cambridge Rindge & Latin School AP Calculus message board.



  
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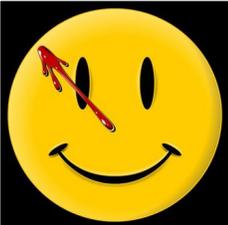


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Nite Owl Stays Up Late



If Watchmen Had Been Made in 1989



Silk Spectre Demands Equal Pay

# Alex Rodriguez Accuses Michelle Obama of Steroid Use



VAIL, COLORADO — In a likely effort to deflect attention away from his own recent admission of performance enhancing drug use, Alex Rodriguez accused Michelle Obama of taking steroids in an exclusive ESPN interview last week. A-Rod's case rests largely on the following empirical observation, "Her arms are way too toned. All the ladies know it. There's just no way she could do that without help." A-Rod expanded his case by saying, "Look, we all know she helped lift the president all the way to the White House, the hopes of millions of female Americans now rest on her well-defined shoulders, and she has *twice* carried children for 9 months straight without even setting them down. Twice...*that we know of.*"

Michelle Obama quickly responded, "Just because he's injured and can't play baseball for 6-9 weeks doesn't give him the right to make libelous claims against America's first lady. These guns were obtained legally. And if he wants, I'll display my permit right in his bad-lying, Madonna-dating, Dominican Republican face. A-Rod better start thinking about checking into more than one kind of rehab. He knows I could have a tank crush his house with a phone call, right?"

A-Rod countered, "I don't make accusations like these lightly, but for God's sake, the woman carries President Obama to bed every night... with one arm! I couldn't have even done that between 2001 and 2003." Despite Michelle's protests, President Obama agreed to pardon Rodriguez if he promises not to hit any home runs against the White Sox in 2009 and to grow out his hair a bit.



Rodriguez Admits Using Performance Enhancing Wooden Stick Since 1994.

As for Rodriguez himself, he hopes to come up with something more creative for his next public humiliation, and is currently considering admitting to dating Prince William and/or snorting vampire pig hormone while practicing "Alex Rodriguez, ESPN", in front of a mirror. In a related note, a new performance enhancing drug scandal has shocked the fantasy sports world.



Evidence Of Steroid Use?



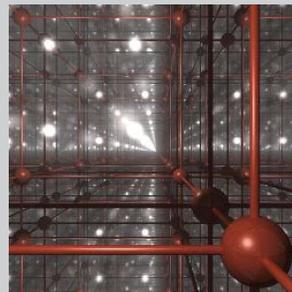
## New Pizza Topping A Meal In Itself



## Overwhelmed By American Flag Pins, Al-Qaida Disbands

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY Top Ten Worst Distributed Supercomputing Projects

1. SETI @home
2. Protein Folding @home
3. Cracking my ex-girlfriend's password @home
4. World of Warcraft
5. Disclose Dick Cheney's Location @home
6. Tic-Tac-Toe @home
7. Help Kenny do his math problem set @home
8. Randomize My Yannii Playlist @home
9. Stay at home moms @home
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11. Search for porn @home
12. What Will Michelle Obama Wear? @home
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14. Why Is My Supercomputer So Slow? @home



## DOMESTIC POLITICS

## Massachusetts Decriminalizes Crime

CAMBRIDGE, MA — In November 2008, Massachusetts residents voted 2 to 1 to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana. Capitalizing on the success of that measure, state legislators voted today to decriminalize small amounts of everything else illegal. Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick spearheaded the move and hailed it as “pure common sense, especially with the strained police budget.” The measure includes the following allowances:

**Prostitution:** Sexual congress with a prostitute is allowed if it lasts less than 4 minutes, costs less than \$20, or is done with no eye contact. Governor Patrick explained, “Elliot Spitzer just wasn’t thinking. If he had gone with an inexpensive hooker, spent less time chatting her up, and done so 18 months later in Massachusetts, he’d still be in office”.

**Shoplifting:** Stealing is okay as long as the item is worth less than \$10, can fit comfortably in a 3 oz. Ziploc bag, or is stolen by children. “It can be tough to be a kid these days. Why not give them a leg up by making the latest in small electronics, DVDs, and snacks freely available to our youth.”



**Murder:** Given that clinical death only results after 30 minutes of respiratory cessation and lack of blood circulation, killing someone is allowable as long as they are resuscitated before then. “We’ve all seen those shows where you think someone is dead but comes back to life in a coughing fit after about 15 seconds of CPR. It’s basically a catnap.”

**Spousal Abuse:** Turning back the clock, now spouses can hit each other as long as it draws less than 3 oz. of blood. Women, because of their smaller physical stature, are also allowed to use tools, including but not limited to hammers, screwdrivers and pneumatic nail guns. “Let’s be honest,” Patrick said, “Sometimes the

people we love really get on our nerves. And nothing solves that like a nice smack on the head with a desk lamp.”

Overall, the move will save the state millions of dollars, but it does have its opponents. One elderly woman speaking for the Christian right said, “First they made blacks legal, then gays, and now all this? What’s our society coming to?” In response, this reporter bitch-slapped the bigoted old woman, but not hard enough for it to be illegal. 

## POLITICS

## Senators Turn to Twitter For On-The-Go Filibusters



WASHINGTON, DC — “Read my tweets, we will not shut up if taxes are raised for any American...” writes Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in one of his pithy Twitter messages that are quickly becoming the norm for U.S.

senate filibuster hearings. In a little known agreement between Republicans and Democrats this year, it was decided that senators would be able to use Twitter to instantaneously send short electronic filibuster messages in lieu of the existing practice of speaking continuously on the senate floor. “We used to have only a maximum of 100 characters in the senate, so it’s really changed the way we go about blocking legislation,” explained McConnell in a rare live speaking appearance. “The old rules were so outdated. Can you believe they used just stand up there and talk for hours, or days even? I don’t know how they prevented anything from getting done back then.”

According to recent updates, filibusters are up 5000% since the Twittibuster Agreement of ‘09, as it is referred to in beltway circles. Russ Feingold (D-WI) uses Twitter to filibuster “almost everyday.” “It helps me stay hyper-connected to my friends, family, and political opponents in the minor party,” Senator Feingold posted in a virtual press conference via Twitter. “This will make filibustering, and America, more efficient. Also, from now on all of my communications with the public,

press, or colleagues will be posted on my official Twitter page. g2g/ttyl.” While Republicans like Senator McConnell enjoy the quality of life improvements brought on by new technology, they warn against some of the potential abuses of fraudulent accounts. “A few weeks ago the Democrats were able to achieve a supermajority to prevent Susan Collins’ filibuster over the stimulus bills thanks to posts from a user named ‘Sen8trMMcCnl’, which turned out to be a 20-year-old Berkeley student pretending to be me, tweeting from the restroom.” Senator McConnell recently sent a Facebook message to every member of Congress to be sure they followed “TheRealAddisonMitchellMitchMcConnellJr” Twitter user to avoid any further confusion.

In addition to making Senate procedures less time and cost-intensive, Twitter-based filibusters are also allowing senators to learn more about each other’s daily routines, culinary habits, and pop-culture tastes. “I had no idea Senate Majority Whip Richard Durbin (D-IL) enjoyed light jogging, butternut squash soup, AND ‘Return of the Jedi’ as much as I do, but there it was mentioned in his filibuster over judicial appointments,” described Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN). “Sometimes I like to filibuster in all CAPS,” he added, “to really show members of Congress how passionately I oppose stem cell research, universal health insurance, and that new Rihanna song.” If the growing prevalence of Twitter Berries, Tweetie iPhone apps, and Blue Tweeth in the north wing of the Capitol building is any indication, Senators will enjoy years of learning useless information about each other while blocking virtually any legislation from being passed into law. 

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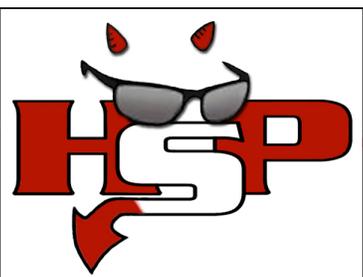
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