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THOUSANDS KILLED IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA Thousands of ground-hogs have been killed in a cross-province hunting derby. Wildlife groups are encouraging farmers to shoot the animals instead of using a chemical poison or other method of pest control. Yet, other wildlife groups are concerned about the possibility of too many groundhogs being killed, putting groundhogs on the endangered species list.

CLONES CLONE CLONE'S CLONE

HELSINKI Cloned Finnish scientists have succeeded in becoming the first clones to create a clone of a clone's clone. The mouse, a clone of a mouse cloned in Hawaii last year, is not adjusting well to the clone lifestyle.

Cheezor, as the clonologists call her, has difficulty walking, eating, and not crawling over the side of tables. The cloned scientists, although proud of their achievement, regret not having watched *Multiplicity* before beginning their work.

INDONESIAN ISLANDS STOLEN

JAKARTA Police have no idea how over 200 Indonesian islands could have disappeared.

"We know they haven't been gone long," said one inspector, "I just went to Mataram on West Nusa Tenggara to visit relatives last week."

Their only suspect is a woman in red travelling under the name Carmen SanDiego. "We'd bring her in for questioning, but we don't know where in the world she is now," police reported.

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then they'll cost you ...

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From Waterloo snack
start-up to multinational
in 4 months: **Page 23**



Area Man Still Waiting for Sheppard Line to Open

Albert O'Connor

Moon Reporter

It's cold tonight in Toronto, and nobody knows that better than Dennis Goldblum. His excitement over the new Sheppard subway has brought him to wait outside the station at Yonge and Sheppard for the new line to become active. Some people love concerts, some people love movies, but Dennis loves subways.

Since he was six, Goldblum has loved the sights and sounds of the subway. He used to spend days at a time riding the electric rails. It always disappointed him that Toronto only had two lines, so the addition of a third is a big event for him; perhaps a once in a life time experience if Toronto maintains its

record on subway construction.

Dennis' mother said she always had to prevent him getting too close to the dangerous side of the subway. "He always wanted to see what it was like to feel the moving train from the landing, or piss on the rails. Finally when he was 10 his left hand was taken off by a train at Davisville station," Mrs. Goldblum said. I believe Dennis finally learned his lesson."

The subway construction has been going on for as long as people living at the corner of Sheppard and Yonge can remember. After years of work and billions of dollars the 5-stop line is finally preparing to open. The TTC is happy that people are showing enthusiasm over the new

subway, but are a little surprised by Dennis' enthusiasm. "We thought maybe we'd get some fans of the TTC waiting outside hours before it opened. Perhaps some would get dressed up like TTC characters and reenact famous subway scenes, but this guy just sits there and mumbles, 'Gotta ride the rocket,' over and over. I feel bad for him, what with the first train leaving from Fairview and all. He should probably not sleep outside every night either."

Despite these warning, one-handed Dennis Goldblum still waits at the corner of Yonge and Sheppard for the exciting day when electricity flows through the new rails and he can experience the trip of his lifetime.



SHEPPARD & YONGE STATION

Artist's rendition of Goldblum's probable location

2 New Toronto Papers

Simon L'Avier

Publisher

Thirty-one years ago I would have never guessed I would own a newspaper. Of course, thirty-one years ago for me was 2001 ... time travel can be a bitch.

Late last year, I was approached by *mathNEWS*, a math student publication at the University of Waterloo. They had heard that the Toronto Newspaper League was expanding and wanted to try journalism on a larger scale than their faculty or university.

Since travelling back to 1971 with *mathNEWS*, I've used my remembering skills to earn lots of money gambling, not unlike Biff Tannen. I'm almost at the point where there is so much, I don't know what to do with it. That's why I was more than happy to donate a small portion of my fortune to my old friends.

With the assistance of the S. C. Reamer Financial Consultation Service, we put in a bid for a newspaper with the TNL alongside media giants like Rupert Murdoch and Conrad Grey. The meetings were imposing, but the catering was awesome.

Each bid team was required to give a presentation on their

proposed Toronto newspaper. When our turn came, we appealed to the youth of the bid team and their enthusiasm, playing down *mathNEWS* as much as possible.

I thought our presentation was very convincing, particularly the reading of Don McKay's "Before the Moon" from his Governor-General award-winning collection of poetry, *Another Gravity*. As Albert read, before the moon, "Each night / was the same night, and fell formlessly, / with no imagination, / and without you in it." McKay's words brought two judges to tears. Good thing they never discovered that we used the poem without permission.

Afterwards, to sweeten the deal, I doubled Conrad Grey's bribe.

Two minutes later, they announced that the TNL had decided to include two newspapers in its expansion: Rupert Murdoch's Toronto Daily Planet and our bid for The Moon!

Two minutes later, they announced plans for a league contraction to take place March 31st. The Moon should be able to survive that though ... wouldn't it be silly if we only managed to publish one issue?

North York Resident Unaware Someone Else Could Be Mayor

TORONTO During a very educational discussion, Hank Xavier, 28, discovered that Mel Lastman is not the only possible mayor he could have.

"I was stunned," he explained, "My buddy, Will, was just saying that he hopes the coming election will bring some good opposition so we could vote Mel Lastman out of office, and I was all like, 'Dude, can we do that?' And then he was like, 'Sure man, that's what an election is all about.'"

Xavier, a life-time resident of North York, told us how he could not remember Lastman not being his mayor. "I think he was elected a year or two before I was born, and I'm pretty sure that before then North York was run by a council or something and didn't have a mayor."

He then recounted how he saw the formation of the megacity of Toronto and Mel Lastman's election there. "Okay, so they turned all four cities, Scarborough, Toronto, Etobicoke, and North York, into one big city, and then Mel Lastman was named mayor of all of Toronto because it needed a mayor and who else could do it? Nobody, that's who."

"The problem Hank has," his friend William Bolkam told us, "is that there has never been anyone running against Mel, so

Hank's unaware that it is possible to have a different mayor."

This comment is certainly true, as when asked to name anyone who ran against Mr. Lastman, all he could think of was "that transvestite dude." Certainly a lack of competition has prevented North Yorkers from considering other people as possible mayors, but couldn't there be something more explaining his blind acceptance?

"I thought he had some deal where he was always mayor. Not like with Satan or anything serious like that, just part of his contract. Will says that I'm seriously wrong there, but then why was he automatically made mayor of Toronto?"

Fortunately, Xavier has no problems with having Mel Lastman as his mayor for all 28 years of his life. "It's like having my Uncle Earl as my mayor. He's always putting his foot in his mouth or insulting people, but you know, it's just Uncle Earl."

"I mean, Mel is pretty cool, like re-

member the time he had all those skyscrapers built on Yonge Street but never filled them or when he shook hands with a biker and denied knowing that they were drug dealers, or when his wife stole those pants, or the whole Sheppard line thing, or when he apologized like a hundred times, or when he was sued by those kids he had with his mistress, or when he threatened to kill that reporter, or ..." and he continued for another couple minutes listing some of his favourite "Mel-moments," as he calls them.

Hank Xavier continues to believe that only Mel Lastman can be mayor, and will happily discuss it with any of his customers as they are waiting for their tacos, provided the line isn't too long.



XAVIER 28 years old, never had other mayor.

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Alliance Makes Crucial Trade

3 Tory Seats in Exchange For Future Concessions

Laymond Rai

Ottawa Bureau

Alliance interim leader Rahim Jaffer made the startling announcement today that his party will gain three seats for the rest of the political season in exchange for future considerations in the coming election.

Speaking at the weekly Alliance press conference yesterday, Jaffer announced that Norman Doyle (St. John's East), Loyola Hearn (St. John's West), and Bill Casey (Cumberland-Colchester) will be traded to the Canadian Alliance Caucus later in the week from the Atlantic PC Region.

"Bill, Loyola, and Norman will be excellent additions to the cCRAP ... er, Alliance family, as their previous work ethic has proven. They will make an enormous contribution to the Official Opposition, letting us pursue the goal of being Canada's sound mind and judgment."

Further disclosed in the trade is Jaffer's written commitment in the next election to Progressive Conservative leader Joe Clark. Although yet to be detailed, the conditions of the trade are rumoured to include the Alliance's surrender of their campaign bus, ice time on the St. Lawrence Seaway in 2005, and the possibility of executive wash-room privileges to be enacted immediately.

Clark reacted with his usual upbeat mood yesterday, touting the trade as "one of the more prudent moves this party will have to make to remain competitive as a lean mean political machine."

Ottawa pundits are more skeptical than those on Parliament Hill. Speaking on CTVNewsNet last night, political commentator Craig Oliver voiced concerns about the announced trade, and warned that Canadians should be on guard for more trades in the short-term future.

"There has been immense pressure on Jaffer to pad his defence for this season. With the weak showing of ex-leader Stockwell Day in the past year, they need to find veterans on the floor to stop those slap shots coming from the other side of Parliament.

"However, Jaffer must not be rash in picking people too new or giving too many concessions. Giving up their executive toilet rights and even possibility photocopier rights in the official opposition office may be caving in to Clark a little too much."

Sources close to Joe Clark have hinted that the PC leader has been considering the trade for the past couple of weeks. He also seems to be extremely jubilant at the prospects of replacing the old campaign vehicle with the new Alliance campaign bus.



DOYLE & HEARN: Bringing extreme right policy to Newfies

The current PC campaign bus had been in use for over 20 years, and saw action when Clark was running for Prime Minister in the early 1980's.

The most recent incident with the aging coach vehicle came two weeks ago, when the transmission of the bus disintegrated as it was being brought to a local body shop for a new coat of bright blue paint.

The trade still has to be approved by the Governmental Committee on Trade Oversight, headed by Defence Minister Art Eggleton.

The approval is expected to come mid-week, when Eggleton returns from his four-day briefing by Canadian and US officials on the latest action in the Middle East.

Local Man Goes

About His Business

TORONTO Resident George Skinner had a reasonably uneventful day yesterday.

He got up at 7:20 (that was the time on his alarm clock — 5 minutes fast, as usual), showered, dressed, had two slices of toast, brushed his teeth, and left his two-bedroom townhouse for work shortly after 8:15.

The route to his Bay Street office took us along a Queen streetcar, up the Yonge subway line to Wellesley, and then above ground to his office building. George, who works on the eighth floor, arrived at work ten minutes before nine o'clock, pleased that he was in before nine for the third day in a row.

The office building has limited security, and the hallway ceiling tiles are easy to climb into, so I was able to observe George while he worked from spyholes made earlier, I watched as he checked his inbox, responded to messages, checked the news on canoe.ca, and then continued with his work where he had left off yesterday.

The Lotac Lighting account, which he had acquired by recommending his firm to family friend Andre Lotac, needed some work as the store had lost several items in a theft two weeks earlier.

The robbery, which was a guise for finding more information on Skinner, meant the loss of about \$400 worth of property and some damage to display items. George spent his morning looking into insurance and dealing with the police reports on the incident.

For lunch, he and two co-workers went to a Vietnamese noodle restaurant, where George, feeling adventurous, tried the rare beef and vegetable soup. Not feeling too adventurous, he veered away from the hot sauce, opting only for some soy when he was almost finished. The bill was split three ways, putting George up 78 cents. Feeling guilty, he threw an extra dollar into the tip.

As he spent the remainder of his day either in meetings or trying to figure out how Warm

Chair Coffee House could be missing \$1500, his home had a relatively uneventful day too. Sources report that he had left his kitchen radio on, but it was shut off for him. His cat Miles spent the day eating and lounging with a brief bout of incontinence behind the couch.

George decided to leave the office an hour and 12 minutes later than usual. He is planning to visit his parents in Sault Ste. Marie this weekend and would like to leave early Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were also looking forward to the event as the last time they had seen their "big city" son was for four days around Christmas. They were unaware that he and long-time romantic interest Susan Holmes broke up a month earlier. During a recent tapped phone conversation, George actually invented things that he and Susan had done.

Cutting across Wellesley towards Yonge Street, he stopped into two shops, a flower store to purchase six daisies (Susan's favourite, purchased in a futile attempt to cheer himself up) and a small grocery store to pick up a few items while I watched from the north side of the street.

The ride back to the Beaches went smoothly, and from the van across the street I was able to monitor him both through surveillance cameras and heat-sensitive photography. He unpacked his groceries, had a small snack, and fussed about where to put the flowers before abandoning them beside the sink.

He sat down to watch some TV, but as his brain implants indicated, he wasn't particularly interested. He looked out the window and took an interest in the unmarked van that had been parked nearby for several weeks now. Faced with being discovered, our team decided to put him to sleep and erase his last five minutes of memory.

With George sleeping soundly now, he was taken up to his bed and his alarm was set for 7:00 am so that he could wake up for another typical day.

Alliance Rebels Vow to Never Reveal Secret Hideout

Dantooine only a ruse

OTTAWA The country-wide search continues for the secret base of the Alliance Rebels. Despite intense pressure from party leader Stockwell Day, the dissidents remain strongly hidden.

"They are members of the Alliance Rebels, and they are traitors," said a seething Day to reporters yesterday.

A continued string of raids across the western provinces to find the Rebels has so far turned up fruitless. The most recent raid

at Dantooine, Saskatchewan discovered the remains of a Rebel base, but it was estimated that it had been deserted for some time.

"I've asked my commander to carry out the search personally," continued Day at a press conference. "There'll be no one to stop us this time!"

Earlier this week, Rebel hostages were questioned on the location of the Rebel headquarters. Day stated that their resistance to the mind probes was con-

siderable. Alternative methods of persuasion led to the information used for the raid at Dantooine.

Mr. Day has vowed zero tolerance for dissent if he is re-elected as party leader. He has expressed disturbance over the Party's apparent lack of faith.

Defiant Rebel Alliance member Deborah Grey cautioned Day about being too strict with his leadership.

"The more you tighten your grip, Stockwell, the more MPs will slip through your fingers," Grey did say to Day.



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Saskatchewan Looking for Something Different

REGINA Plagued by the constant teasing of the other provinces, Saskatchewan has finally broken down and decided to change its image.

Premier Lorne Calvert has tried to improve the image of his province since taking over from popular premier Roy Romanow, but to no avail. Now, with a provincial election looming in the future, he is trying to give Saskatchewan a make-over Canada won't soon forget.

"When I'm through with this province, Canadians will stand up and say, 'Hey, maybe Saskatchewan is more than just a province to drive through,'" he said with conviction. "I've assembled a task force to decide what we can do to turn around the province." Calvert then introduced his team of five exterior designers.

Sinclair Donasen spoke first, "Well, first thing I want to say is that the green and yellow must go. These colours may have been 'hip' when we entered Confederation in 1905, but it's time to step into the twenty-first century." Donasen then held up a suggested new flag for Saskatchewan which featured a jet-black stallion, detailed in silver, standing in a field of golden wheat. "We

have several other options for flags, but the new colour scheme is all bold, no holding back. We want to see red, black, and metallics from now on."

Donasen then yielded the mike to Bryce Richards, who specialized in landscaping. "People, I don't want to worry you, but the province is just a bit bland at the moment. We need mountains, lakes, and maybe some wild elephants to spruce the place up. We need natural attractions, and let's face it, flat ain't attractive."

Emily Turner, Minister of Renovations and chair of the committee, then addressed the issue of national opinion. "We must improve our image to the other provinces before we get reduced to the level of Newfies. Firstly, our capital doesn't have a cool enough name, so we're going to move it to Saskatoon or Funkitown.

"Next, the shape has got to go. Even if we lose land to Alberta and Manitoba, we need to stop being referred to as 'that rectangle.' And finally, the Roughriders. It's been done to death, so I recommend we call them something more popular, like the Battalion, Inuits, or Lions."

Opposition has arisen to



TRAPEZOIDAL
Not exciting enough?

these changes from the Liberals and the unknown-outside-of-Saskatchewan Saskatchewan Party. SP leader Elwin Hermanson calls the provincial makeover "an outrage and an insult to the proud people of the green and yellow." But Bryce just calls him "a silly spoil-sport who wouldn't know clashing colours if they sat on his face and called him Charlie."

One positive find of the committee was that the provincial flower, the tiger lily, was pretty cool and could remain the same.

Dick Cheney-bot Functioning Well

TEXAS After six months of construction, operations, and upgrades, the robotic replacement for the American vice president appears to be fully functional.

Dick Cheney died of several simultaneous heart-attacks last September. His body was placed in a cryogenic freeze chamber in an effort to preserve his brain while the robot version approached completion. One of President George W. Bush's primary secret policies was the construction of replacement androids for all high-ranking officials.

Once completed, the defrosting brain was placed in the shell. President Bush insisted on using original brains since "no cybernetic neuro-net could accurately capture my willy thoughts, uh hunh." After a couple months of lab testing, the Dick Cheney-bot was ready for outdoor use.

His national debut occurred in mid-February on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Leno, who was watched through sniper-sights, asked exactly those questions that he was required to and the Cheney-bot succeed in basic interaction. The only problem was a small fire brought on by sparks from his ear during difficult-to-predict commercial break banter.



CHENEY-BOT indicating COM4 port located behind right ear.

The robot also appeared at the gold-medal game in men's ice hockey, but had to leave early as an American loss would have shorted out his patriotism chip. The robot then went in for repairs for a week before testing "Press Conference Mode."

In the last month, the android Dick Cheney has run with minimal errors. During a visit to a Washington-area zoo it attempted to battle a zebra but was stopped by a secret service officer with an override remote control. And while address the Senate it fired a missile destroying Republican Policy Commission Chair Larry Craig. Neither incident caused alarm.

Added features on the new vice-presidential robot include five times the lifting and crushing power, replacable arms, and Astro Boy-styled rocket feet.



Grant Hill drinks Spritz!

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ITCHY BLEMISHES PUZZLE AUTHORITIES

YARMOUTH A rash of cases of small, itchy blemishes on kids in nova Scotian elementary schools is occurring. Officials are unsure what could be causing the outbreak of skin problems and what the nature of the epidemic is. Authorities are considering closing schools until the problem clears up. If the blemishes are scratched they seem to cause more to appear. Officially are very puzzled.

MINI ARTICLES FOUND TO BE BETTER THAN PULL QUOTES

WATERLOO Recently, while laying out a special edition of their publication, two *mathNEWS* editors discovered that mini article are better than pull quotes for filler.

The pull quote, first introduced in 1907, has long been used to fill white space in newspapers, magazines, and even menus. The mini article, usually around 100 or 200 words long, is a popular item. It is known in various different newspapers as Briefly, In Brief, Sun Quotes, etc.

The two editor made their discover by first starting with many pull quotes all over the issue, but by the time it came to late night and several mini articles had been written and lain out, most of the pull quotes were gone. One of the editors said he was going to investigate this filling matter further. He hopes to find a definite proof of the superiority of the mini article in his post graduate work.

LAST VICTIM IN CRUISE LINER SINKING RELEASED

ST. JOHN'S It have been 90 years since HMS Titanic sank in the cold waters off Newfoundland, and the last exposure victim has finally been released from intensive care. 95-year-old Marge Larch was comforted by family and friend as she was tranferred to St. Albert's retirement lifestyle community to finish her recovery. This is her first time outside of her life-support bubble since it was invented in 1927. When asked for comment she said it was damn cold in the ocean.

New Businesses to Derive From Model

Raymond Lai

Moon Reporter

EDMONTON Alberta premier Ralph Klein has leaked information about a new business-revival program to pull the Albertan economy out of its recent recession.

During his weekly press briefing, Ralph Klein hinted at the new business incentive strategy named, "The New F-conomy," that is focused on the mass production and marketing of live bunny slippers.

"At the rate rabbits reproduce, Albertans must protect themselves (and their lawns) from these vegetation-eating monsters," said Klein in his weekly press briefing at the Alberta Legislature. "Seeing as we are going to go on the offensive against this disturbing trend of nature, why not create a few jobs and make a few million dollars while we're at it?"

"I'm always out to hit two birds with one stone. This way, we can hit multiple birds with half a stone, and still have two birds and a stone for dinner afterwards!" a visibly excited Klein told reporters.

When asked why the unusual name for the new business revival program, Klein responded without hesitation, "Well, duh! For years we've had a new economy, so the natural progression would be the next letter of the alphabet. Duh!"

Although details of the F-conomy Business Revival plan are yet to be released, legislative sources close to the premier have hinted that the plan will involve giving current rabbit hunters a license to hunt rabbits at will during normal rabbit season, but they will be required to hand a portion of the rabbits over to a manufacturing facility managed by the province, where the carcasses will be processed to create 'live' bunny slippers for the nation.

Although many in the province are reserving comments on their premier's latest plan for economic revival, economic pundits around the nation are quick to criticize the eccentric premier's newest proposal.

"Is he drunk again?" com-

mented CTVNews' Mike Duffy. "I mean, I thought this guy was weird sometimes, but he'd better be drunk this time because I fear for the province if he conjured up this ridiculous notion while he was sober."

Toronto mayor Mel Lastman was also quick to comment on the premier's plan, "Even I'm not insane enough to profit off animal cruelty! Going bonkers over Mike Harris is one thing, but Ralph has really gone off the cliff

on this one."

The Commonwealth Coalition Against Bunny and Rabbit Clubbing has denounced Premier Klein's plan to slaughter millions of adorable little fluffy bunnies. The dangers of moving vehicles and short life spans are worries enough for the creatures. The Coalition is planning a protest and a camp-out in front of the legislature building next Monday, one day after the official provincial rabbit season opens.



DUCK SEASON? Rabbit season!

Roll Up Downs Woman

Greg Taylor

Moon Reporter

WATERLOO A local woman was taken into custody early yesterday evening after she broke into one of the offices of local wireless company Research in Motion and began rolling up the carpets with her teeth.

When asked what prompted this bizarre behaviour, the woman replied, "I'm hoping to win a free coffee!" Further investigation revealed that Ms. Fruit Loope was attempting to participate in the annual Tim Hortons "roll up the rim" contest; however, she has trouble discerning capital letters.

"It all makes more sense to me now," Ms. Loope agreed, once the confusion had been sorted out. "Though at the time, I just figured that RIM and Tim Hortons had negotiated some kind of merger. You know, to

help pay off the bill for that silly RIM Park."

When it was pointed out that Tim Hortons has run this contest annually for several years, Ms. Loope further admitted to only living in Canada for the past eight months. "But this also explains why the border guard accepted 'Rrrrrroll up the rrrrrim' in place of a valid Canadian passport," Ms. Loope realized. "I guess that, to be a true Canadian, you have to do a really good out-board motor impersonation. It's such a shame, though ... I was looking forward to trying a black-berry donut."

RIM is not pressing charges as there was no property damage; their security chief is more concerned with how Ms. Loope gained access. All he would say at press time was, "I will not rest until I solve the mystery of the Fruit roll up!"

Electronic Election Faulty

The first round of elections for the new leader of the provincial Progressive Conservative party was marred with computer glitches and laughable problems.

Starting the election on Friday, problems were noted early. Several PC Party members were unable to log into the system because of the confusing, roundabout way to access it.

"It was a real quest logging in from my PC," explained card-carrier Paul Chang. "I appear to have a Conservative Password that I didn't know about. I mean I have a password for my local riding, who knew there was a different one for the whole party?"

But even among those who were able to reach the voting page, there were many people unable to cast a ballot because they were not considered voters.

"This is such a silly situation," alliterated Penelope Cartwright. "I understand they had the national government generate the list of eligible voters. What do they have to do with our party elections?"

The primary problem was for those who successfully logged in and were considered eligible by the voter list: all candidates were invalid. Besides the Ottawa-generated list, all five candidates were running under short-form names:

Bert (Ernie) Eves, Lizard-breath (Liz) Witmer, Benito (Jim) Flaherty, Clement (Tony) Clement, and Christobel (Chris) Stockwell. Thus, their names did not appear in the list of eligible candidate.

Upon learning about the faulty election, the Newfoundland legislature, who have no jurisdiction over Ontario party elections, decided to postpone the election. Fortunately, most of the PC party members had not left the province for Spring Break and the election was able to continue the next day.



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Hershey Demands More Product-Loving Aliens

Bradley T Smith

Moon Reporter

Twenty years after E.T. was first released, Hershey has begun openly requesting that movie studios write chocolate-loving aliens into their films.

Since E.T. the Extraterrestrial, there have been very few movies involving aliens coming to Earth and enjoying delicious products like Reese's Pieces. The only one of note is Evolution, in which the aliens reacted negatively to Head & Shoulders shampoo being inserted in them anally.

"Gimme a break," said a representative from the company, "When the employees at our YORK factory on 5th AVENUE leave work on PAY DAY, they're looking for some good entertainment to spend their POT OF GOLD on. Maybe the SYMPHONY or a GOOD BAR (like the KITKAT Club) is sufficient for a minority, but most would just GLOSSETTE over.

"They don't want to see something based on an OH HENRY short story and want ZERO to do with a documentary

on REESES monkeys. They are interested in a SWEET ESCAPE with MOUNDS of chocolate-loving aliens."

She continued, "Every American, even the JOLLY RANCHER in Kansas, would prefer that to going out to EATMORE at a ... WHATCHA-MACALLIT ... TWIZZLER? No, Sizzler. If they could SKOR good seat at a theatre, munch on some MILK DUDS or NIBS, and listen to the sound system KRACKEL as the lights dim for the next E.T., then America would have something to HUG and KISS about.

"So stop telling us WHOPERS about your intensions, and make a movie about an unworldly creature who loves ALMOND JOY, ZAGNUT, or ROLO! Creme Eggs Creme Eggs."

She was then asked to leave when it was discovered that she had placed subliminal messages in the itinerary.

Hershey is hoping to improve on their previous attempt to have such a movie created about 10 years ago, as the result was Hudson Hawk.

Kevin Wan Min Kee

Moon Reporter

Available as of April 15, McDonald's restaurants will be offering Chicken McNuggets with a fifth official shape. Dubbed the "Big Oh," McDonald's claims that the new shape will finally bring an end to the fifty year drought of new, tasty products.

"We're really excited about this product," said McDonald's spokesperson Kyle Walkom. "The 'Big Oh' will really shake up our McNuggets line-up. People can expect a whole lot more variety from their McNuggets!"

The new shape joins the four classic shapes that have not changed since the McNugget's original product introduction. With old favourites like the "Classic" and the "Italian," Big Oh has some tough competition if it is going to be accepted as a true

McDonald's Unveils Fifth Official McNugget Shape

McNugget. While each individual shape has its own merits, the "Slant" being particularly popular with double dippers, McDonald's is confident that the Big Oh can hold its own.

Upon purchasing the new McNuggets, consumers are encouraged to close their eyes before picking out their McNuggets so as not to "ruin the surprise."

McDonald's claims that there has been a steady drop-off in McNugget consumption over the years.

Fiascos such as the 'mad McNugget' scandal of the 1980's have not helped sales. McDonald's hopes to rekindle interest in the McNugget product line with the upcoming launch.

"More than 5 years of work has been put into the new design," stated McDonald's Research and Development repre-

sentative, Sarah Missics.

"Tests for salt adhesion, sauce retention percentage, and heat dissipation have all been part of the long road to bringing the Big Oh to market."

McDonald's refused to give an exact amount, saying only that "billions and billions" had been spent in research cost for the Big Oh.

McDonald's Research and Development department has long been heralded with many of the worst food creations in modern history. With a track record including such disgraceful inventions as the McPickle, the McFalafel, and the McEscargot, one can't be accused of expecting the worst from McDonald's Research and Development. The last successful product launch was in 1952, with the introduction of the Little Mac.

Cure for Baldness Found

Greg Taylor

Moon Reporter

Head researchers at the Cranium Institute are on top of a major medical breakthrough, one that may put toupee storeowners out of business. They have recently announced a revolutionary new procedure, designed to eliminate baldness without the use of transplants. "Of course, we're very excited about this," declared Harry O'Hara, one of the researchers. "We can finally give people their fair share of bare hair care."

The system involves replacing 'hair follicles' with 'hair foolicles,' devices constantly fooled into growing hair. Of course, there are some side effects, such as the need to cut your hair every two hours in order to avoid tripping over it and breaking your neck. However, the researchers believe this is a small price to pay. "For a long time, we've simply been letting our hair down," Mr. O'Hara stated. "It was time to take some action! And we haven't been working on this merely because our research team is so follically challenged either — that's a bald faced lie. I mean, so what if we're a bit taller than our hairlines?"

We tracked down another of the researchers, Mr. Dan Druff, to ask about the inspiration behind their hair-brained idea. Accord-

ing to him, "Hair came about in a broad way. When the moon was in the Seventh House and Jupiter aligned with Mars, we had peace guiding the planets, and love steering the stars." We later discovered Mr. Druff was a bit of a flake. However, regardless of their methods, it would seem that

a hats off is in order for the Cranium team. As an encore, they are hoping to make headway in the area of split ends.

The scientists working on a peanut butter solution are still hoping to complete their project even though the foolicle team came out ahead.



ET: THE EXTRATERRESTRIAL blended movies and Hershey products like chocolate and peanut butter. Hudson Hawk (inset) had characters named after candy bars but just sucked.

DONUT STORE CHAIN TO OPEN NEW DONUT SHOP IN ONTARIO

MISSISSAUGA Against all expectations, the American donut store chain, Tastee Toruses has decided to open a shop in Southern Ontario.

"This is great!" exclaimed one resident, "They make the best donuts! I'm going to go there every day! When do they open? Are they open now? No? Too bad. Okay, see you later!"

Anticipation for the shop has been strong everywhere. "I hear

they have a big red sign that tells you when the shop is open," said another resident.

"Once that sign goes on ... voosh! Everybody in town will be lining up! I wonder what their donuts taste like. I bet they're really tasty."

Tastee Toruses hasn't decided whether to open a second Canadian shop yet, but based on the excitement over a donut shop, they probably will soon.



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BOYS CHOIR VOICES CRACK

VIENNA During a concert Wednesday evening, over a third of the choir members of the Vienna Boy's Choir suddenly reached puberty.

"It was the worst sound ever," said Lady Fancenfott, a patron of singing little boys. "I have never seen so many boys get so awkward all at the same time. And so horny!"

The choirmaster later admitted to injecting several of the boys with testosterone earlier that day as a prank.

3,694,820 JAILED IN CRACK CRACKDOWN

LOS ANGELES Almost 3,694,820 were arrested yesterday in Los Angeles, California. Police have finally cracked a huge drug-smuggling and urban-crime ring that seems to have involved everyone in the city. The remaining local residents were pleased, saying that now they could finally feel safe outside, even at night, and get to work on time with the freeways completely empty.

RURAL SPRAWL STILL VISIBLE

AUKLAND Despite the international efforts to pave the planet and urbanize all countries, rural sprawl is still visible from major cities in New Zealand.

New Zealand, along with a handful of other nations, refused to sign the Texas accord promising to reduce outdoor space and increase the quantity of pavement. Several pavement companies are calling the allowance of farms so near Auckland a threat tantamount to treason.

British prime minister Tony Blair is expected to visit New Zealand and complain in mid-April.

A NEW MINI MINI

OXFORD Work is finally done on the new mini. From BMW and the their plant in Oxford comes the latest sensation in remaking a car from the past. A new mini which is as small as ever. Guess what ... you can get in one today. That's right they are being released in Canada today. So why are you still reading this mini-article? Go buy one! It will be trendy soon! At least that's what the marketing tells us ...

No Stojko Game Yet

RICHMOND HILL Hoping to latch on to the success of such games as Tony Hawk: Pro Skater and Shaun Palmer: Pro Boarding, Elvis Stojko tried pitching an ice-skating video game based on himself to Neversoft.

The company, interested in merely repeating its games in slightly different forms, considered the offer before asking Stojko to stop sleeping in the lobby.

"It's not a complete loss," the very old figure skater said, "They have plans to create a game, it just won't bear my name. At least I can still petition them to be a character." He later confirmed that by "petition," he meant beg.

Stojko's game proposal, which was based on Tony Hawk 3, contained several levels of play, including the ice rink, the ice pond, the Olympic rink, the glacier, and a secret level: The Meat Locker. Moves included various jumps (such as pikes, lutzes, and salchows), twelve different grabs, as well as spins and balances.

One of the weaknesses of Stojko's proposal was his refusal to budge on the issue of inline skating. According to Neversoft president Kelly Slater, "Elvis didn't like the idea of having any on-land events, despite the fact that they would allow for more variety in the terrain. I mean, the first six levels he suggested were entirely flat!"

Stojko, a known inline-skating hater, refused to comment on the issue. He did, however, say that a game "shouldn't be entirely about how many heel flips you can perform off a trailer, but should consider your technical and artistic merit too."

Following last month's Winter Olympics, interest in ice skating has increased 27%. Neversoft plans to release some related game in the near future, although they haven't announced any of the proposed characters yet. A Pro Inline-Skater may also be in the works for Neversoft.

A test version will likely be included in the game.

Canada Post sues ex-Vice President

Dropping profits key to suit

Jason Lau
Moon Reporter

In an unprecedented move, Canada Post has filed a suit versus Al Gore, former U.S. Vice President, and demands \$10 billion in compensation for lost revenue.

According to Canada Post's official data, while its revenue has increased in recent years, the corporation's expenses have skyrocketed. To combat the situation, Canada Post issued 60 types of specialty stamps to increase revenue. However, the corporation still had a deficit last year. A Canada Post official said that the corporation will issue other specialty stamps this year. Possible themes are the Hansen Brothers, Legends of Nortel, Memories of Eaton's, the Mississauga Ice Dogs, and Joe Clark.

The advent of the Internet has slowed the growth of mail delivered and Canada Post has pinned the slowdown in growth to Al Gore, the self-proclaimed inventor of the Internet.

"These days all people write are e-mails. Who wants a warm, hand-written letter when you can receive mail as soon as someone else sends one?" said a Canada Post employee. "Why would any one order a catalogue when you can see everything in it with a click of a mouse?"

Since 1995, Canada Post employees have had only small

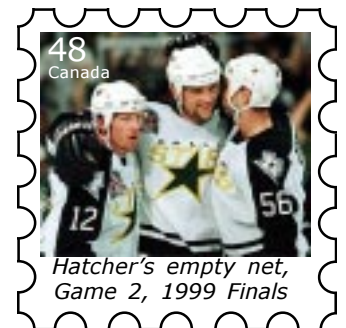
increases in their salaries. The strike in 1997 and the subsequent agreement left very few workers richer. According to a survey by a man at the corner of Front and Yonge, 90% of mail delivered today is commercial mail, 95% of which are considered to be junk by most people.

"All people receive these days are junk mail and bills, we need to give the public a better image than the bearer of bad news. It would be great if we can launch a campaign to improve our image without any outside help at all, but with our financial situation, we need some financing from outside sources. Mr. Gore brought forth most of our problems, it's only appropriate that he repays some of what he earned," stated one Canada Post worker. "After all, he has to have billions just for being the inventor of the Internet alone. And don't get me started on how much he has earned in licensing rights and Vice President's salaries and perks."

Some observers say that Canada Post is suing Al Gore to hide incompetence and problems balancing the their budget. They claim that Canada Post is just looking for a scapegoat, but Canada Post says that's not the case. "We are not doing this to mask our troubles in managing the books," claimed one high-level Canada Post official.

Upon knowledge of the suit, Mr. Gore swiftly launched a countersuit of his own. Citing that Canada Post has used the Internet to provide more services and reach its customers, he asked the Crown corporation for \$25 billion in royalties after they used the Internet without his permission. Canada Post's website was launched in 1995 and Mr. Gore said that he has yet to receive a penny from Canada Post for using his invention.

The *Toronto Moon* had tried to reach Mr. Gore for comments, but he has yet to respond to our calls. According to his spokesperson, Fredrick Quimby, the former Vice President is currently travelling around the world, seeking reparation from computer scientists for using the term al-gor-ithm. Those close to Al reveals that he is seeking in the neighbourhood of \$100 billion.



COLLECTABLE STAMPS such as *Mediocre Goals in Hockey History*, aren't selling well.



STOJKO He's not happy with those results.



We see a family of squirrels splattered across the road after being hit by a Mack truck.



Really negative guys ... who fix cars.



THE MAN. THE MYTH. CAMPBELL.
BEGINS SUNDAY APRIL 14



CBCtelevision
May as well do all the
prime ministers

NASA Probes Uranus

HOUSTON In late breaking news from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA has announced its successful probing of Uranus with its Advanced Neutron Acceleration Lander.

Send more A.N.A.L. probes to Uranus

NASA reports that the A.N.A.L probe finally reached the elusive nether-region of the system around 5:00 am EST, so most of the country was asleep when the probe entered Uranus. "This is a big day for deep space probing," the director of NASA was quoted as saying that "the technology developed during this mission will help us send more A.N.A.L. probes to Uranus."

Public support has been divided on whether Uranus needs to be probed with such expensive tools for which the tax payers gets the bill. NASA spokesperson Colin Rectonio replied, "We can't take advice on deep space exploration from every person who doesn't know Uranus from a hole in the ground. So permitting the funding from Congress, we shall continue to probe deeper and more often into space."

The next probe A.N.A.L. 2 is set to enter Uranus when the next window opens in another 18 months.

Scientists Decide to Discover Tenth Planet

Bradley T Smith

Moon Reporter

SYDNEY In a press conference yesterday, members of the science community announced their plans to discover a tenth planet within our solar system.

"There have been lots of breakthroughs in the last decades, what with the planets in neighbouring solar systems and all," explained scientist Dennis Chou, "but nothing grabs people's attention quite like a new planet in the solar system."

He went on to describe the public's fascination with Pluto when it was first discovered: "My father has sat me down several times and described the fabulous celebrations that went on when Pluto was named the ninth planet. He said an international holiday was declared, and people just danced for three days straight. I don't know, things were different in 1930."

Kyle Gowanlock, an expert

on moons, explained why a planetary discovery is more important than a lunar discovery:

"Folks don't care as much about moons as planets. They make an intriguing study, but just don't capture the imagination like a planet. Remember Superman? They called the paper the Daily Planet because that's cool." He then apologized when reminded who was interviewing him.

He continued, "In the last 25 years, several moons, including Pluto's Charon, have been discovered, but nobody gives a damn. Did you know Saturn has over 300 moons? Or that Jupiter has one the size of Jupiter? Exactly, nobody cares about moon discoveries. Why did I go into this dead-end field?" He then wandered off crying.

In the last 70 years, scientists have focused more attention outside the solar system, but now they plan to look inward. Dr. Chou describes the effort as "an

attempt to win back the hearts of amateur astronomers." He hopes to make something as simple as spotting a big rock in space appear accessible to everyone with a \$4000+ telescope.

Not everyone is excited about the announcement though. The Mnemonic Composing Centre (MnCC) is worried about how the order of planets will be remembered if a tenth is found.

"Man Very Early Made Jugs Stand Upright Nearly Perpendicular' is difficult to append to," said mnemonic author Gillian Maybert. And what if they find one called Odysseus between Uranus and Neptune? We'll have to move to something like 'My Violent Ego Makes Justice Swift Unlike Our Naked Police!'"

Astrologers are also unimpressed with the decision. Maria Colcik, a crazy gypsy claims that a new planet "will unbalance the stars and make all lives unpredictable until we come up with a

new system. A curse on those scientists, a curse!" She then wandered off crying.

Dr Chou looks forward to making the discover of a tenth planet. "What would make it really special is if the planet had a cute quirk to it. Pluto has a funky orbit, Neptune's rings go over the poles, and Uranus has that whole anus thing. I hope this one is cool, like has spikes or is a cube, or maybe has life on it ... that be neat too. But what's really important is we'll finally have ten planets, until we need more funding."



NEW PLANET?
Nope, it's barely moon-sized.

Ask Colonel Sanders, Moon Advice Columnist

Dear Col. Sanders,

I desperately need your advice. My husband keeps complaining that my thighs aren't thick enough, my skin isn't crusty enough, and my breasts are too fatty. I'm so afraid I'm going to lose him to someone who can provide him with all his finger lickin' desires. Please help me!

Unloved Meat in New York



Dear Unloved Meat,

It sounds to me like your husband has already been satisfying his appetite elsewhere. How else would he know that crispy skin, thick meaty thighs, and juicy — not fatty — breasts are the most desirable? He's been getting meat from someone else's oven!

This man should know you work hard stuffing and massaging and greasing up for him ... you use my secret seasoning with eleven herbs and spices, right? He should know those skinny thighs imply you're watching out for

your health and his. He should know that although he may crave that juicy, fleshy, greasy, down-right bad (but delicious) piece of meat, he mustn't give in. After all, a feast with this kind of animal could give the poor man to a heart attack!

I think it's time you heat up your oven for some other finger lickin' appreciative man and kick this greasy mongrel to the curb. Sincerely,

Colonel Sanders

P.S. Remember, if it's not finger lickin', it's just not good.

The Moon and its Astrological Influence on You

Sagittarius Shannie

Moon Astrologer

In astrology the moon is second in importance to the sun's influence. The moon plays an important role because it influences our emotions and internal self. Not only is the moon an influence in astrology but it also governs the tides, fertility (yes, there are times when you definitely want to be more careful), menstruation (guys cringe now; girls, your periods can be a lot nicer if you work it to come whenever there is a new moon — next one is April 12th), the moon can even influence the rate of occurrence of crime.

By looking at your moon sign you can find out a lot more about yourself. It can help you to truly understand what is going

on inside you. It is, in a way, only your hidden personality. The moon changes signs approximately every two and a half days. If you would like to know your moon sign, visit: goddess.astrology.com/moon/signs.html. That all being said, let's look at where the moon is today and how that influences you.

The moon moved into its home sign of Cancer starting on the 21st. This is a time when people become a lot more emotional, moody, critical, and possessive. This is not a time to ask to borrow something or ask for a favour. Yet, it is a time when imaginations are at their peak. You may come up with a really good idea that could make you a million

bucks. Words of caution: fertility is higher when the moon is in Cancer. Be careful!

On the 24th the moon moves into the sign of Leo. You will find people seem to want a lot more attention than usual and are a little more self-indulging will be going on. Take the time to do something you have really wanted to do! This would also be a good time to put into action that creative idea you came up with.

For all of you **Aries** this could be a good time to speak how you feel instead of showing it.

For those born under the sign of **Taurus** this is a great time to speak your mind instead of just doing things to make others happy.

Geminis should take this time to think with their heart instead of with their head.

Cancers should try not to get overly emotional — just get over it and take the time to use your creativity to the fullest!

Leos should pay a little more attention to family and friends and less time looking in the mirror. But you should also put your passions into action.

Virgos, get away from your computer! You need to work less and enjoy time with others.

For **Libras**, this is a great time for love! You should plan something romantic and enjoy the moon in Cancer.

This is a good time for **Scorpios** to use their powers of deep understanding to help oth-

ers.

Sagittarians should use this time to channel their optimistic energies down a creative path.

Capricorns, the opposite sign to Cancer, should try something new and different.

The innovative sign of **Aquarius** should take the moon's Cancerian power of creativity to new limits and find something so different and new ... something that has never been done before!

And finally, **Pisces**, you want romance more than ever during this time. But instead of keeping your head in the clouds you may want to try to find what path in life will make you the most happiest and follow it!

That's all for this week!

Too Many Newspapers

Bradley T Smith

You can barely turn around in this city without having another newspaper blow across the street in front of you. Why do we feel the need to have so many papers telling the same stories from the same view point? Do we really hate trees that much?

Toronto never seems to know how many information sources it needs. Remember the Telegram? Neither do I. It folded sometime around when I was born. How about the Toronto Mail? Another Toronto paper, but it's been gone for a hundred years now.

So why now, with online media, do we feel the need to launch two more papers? It's easy to say that it's all because Rupert Murdoch is a greedy bastard, but people are still buying these papers.

It has to do with prestige. A big city has two newspapers, but a really big city has an enormous number of regular papers. New York, for example has the NY Times, the NY Post, the Wall Street Journal, and Newsday as its key papers. Then you have the Daily Bugle and the Daily Planet providing information to super heros.

And how many newspapers does London have? I can only think of six off the top of my head, but I recall seeing a wall of newspapers in a variety store in Soho.

In order to compete on the world stage of information, Toronto seems to believe it needs the Star, the Sun, the Moon, the Daily Planet, the Metro Daily, and the majority of the focus from the National Post and the Globe and Mail. But I don't believe that idea. We just need better quality. Which is why I'm calling for a contraction of the Toronto Newspaper League.

The TNL has overexpanded. It's time to start letting some newspapers go. Not to be mean, but the Sun and Metro Daily must go. They're the league's weak end. Next, Murdoch's Daily Planet, and maybe even the National Post too. After that, we could still do with cutting the Star. While we're at it, let's fold the Globe and Mail too.

There. That leaves ... The Toronto Moon. Good.

The Breathing Tax

Raymond Lai

Without a doubt, London has to be at the forefront of finding new ways to drill holes into citizens' wallets. Most recently, the English capital brought into legislation a £5 levy on daily use of the congested downtown roadways.

London's lord mayor blames high traffic in and around the city center for the new tax, which he claims will greatly reduce traffic while promoting London's already overworked and horrid public transport system.

Needless to say, people still drive in London. Nothing is really going to stop them except for the fact that our English cousins may find themselves eating crackers and water instead of fish and chips.

We have a similar problem here in Toronto, but the monster is not the normal day-to-day traffic at our downtown core. True, one can get run over fairly easily, but our excellent health-care system takes care of that.

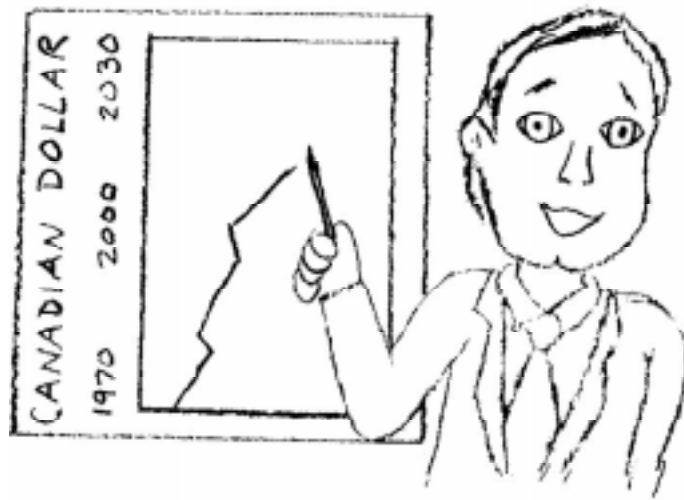
Our 'monster' is Smog. Each summer is a two-month long perpetual smog warning. We must find a way to stop it. That is why we must take a cue from our British colleagues and do what Canadians do best: Steal other people's ideas and call them our own.

I'd call it The Breathing Tax. During the summer months, city council will notify and charge downtown workers a certain fee, let's say \$5 a day, to breath downtown air. Not only will it dramatically reduce the amount of cars on the road (drivers will have to pay a tax too), but it will also ease the congestions on busy sidewalks.

Front Street will no longer have taxis driving sideways, and Yonge and Bloor will be kept perpetually clean. Just think of the benefits!

Of course, there must be "Breath Free Zones" where people catch their breath before the next leg of their speed dash to their offices, but it would still make pedestrian traffic go much smoother. Just imagine: the view from our air-conditioned offices down to the sidewalk will look something like fast-forwarding a video cassette of people walking.

There will be opposition, but there must be tough love if we are to combat lazy walkers and Sunday drivers on our streets.



... and this rate of increase should continue for the next twenty years!

LETTERS TO EDITORS

HARDLY MOONSHINING

Dear Editors:

AS AN 80 year old woman I'm very disgusted at the insistence of your otherwise fine newspaper to continue publishing those gawd-awful Moonshine Girls. First of all, they are dang ugly. When I was growing up in the 1920s, I was a Moonshine Girl, and let me tell you, the girls today know nothing about what it's really like. They are just pretty faces. They don't understand the true meaning of being a Moonshine Girl. The long hours, the fear of being busted, and living in the backwoods of Sarnia. But the returns were great!

I once saw Al Capone. I know it was Al Capone. He smiled at me. That was the happiest day of my life. And today, there's none of the camaraderie that was always there with us, the original Moonshine Girls!

Ethel Green, Beachwood Retirement Center/Insane Asylum

A ROUGH SUBJECT

Dear Editors:

IT IS TIME that someone spoke up about the horrible toilet paper that is used in government run institutions, such as universities, schools, hospitals, military bases, and so on. The toilet paper at these places is extremely thin and very rough.

I think those government people up in Ottawa should think about the asses of the common people down here once in a while and give us better funding for toilet paper.

Joe Kupchak, Downsview

SHAMEFUL SHAM

Dear Editors:

THIS letter is in response to last week's editorial about self-pleasure and kittens; I would like to say ... wait a minute! There was no issue of The Moon last week. What the heck! This entire thing is a sham, a SHAM I tell you! This is the first issue. And who knows if there will be another one! This is all a big SHAM!

Ann Oyed, Mississauga

ANNOYING NEIGHBOURS

Dear Editors:

I LIVE next door to a group of York University students, and I am really frustrated with their behaviour this term. Almost every night the lights at their house are off before midnight! There hasn't been a party at that house for over a year! I'm telling you, these girls are nerds.

Two years ago there were cute university boys coming in and out of that house like it was a brothel. Nowadays, I don't think any of them are even trying to find men. Just too studious. I would like to see a bylaw allowing neighbours to veto nerdy renters.

Carolyn Cougar, Toronto

WHERE YOU AT, BABY?

Dear Editors:

WHY AINT you calling me anymore? Was there something wrong, honey? I knows we can work this out, but you gotta come back home, baby, your son's all wondering where his papa's at. Call me when you get this message.

Sheryl Teasbrook, Scarborough

WHAT IS IT WITH KIDS THESE DAYS?

Dear Editors:

WHAT IS it with kids these days? And how about the price of gas anyway? When I was young, it only cost ten bucks to take the steamliners across the ocean. Sure there is inflation, but what is that really? Sounds like some trick or a commie ploy to make us spend more on gas and bread. And another thing: bread today. I remember when we just had white and brown. Now we have all this multigrain and marble. I mean, really, how many grains are there? And what about farmers today? I remember when they did an honest 20 hours days work, got little return, and were perfectly happy. My father was a farmer and he never complained when he was losing all his money and had to sell all his land to his uncle Jimbo.

What is with kids these days? All these fancy pants diapers they get. When I was a kid I was lucky to get a cloth to crap into. Now you can get designer Huggies or something. And what about spleef, why haven't they legalized it yet? I tell you nothing help medically reduce the pain like a nice long drag.

What is with all the kids these days? Going off and declaring wars on concepts and not countries. War on Terrorism? What is that, some place near Zimbabwe? It is just an excuse for the commies to test out their war tactics. And another thing what about all these damn pretzel place showing up everywhere, how much damned franchising can we take?

What is with kids these days and all that purple hair and stuff? When I was kid we never did anything like that and we grew up fine. I tell you this world is going to hell in a ... What was I talking about again?

Pokey McGivens, Bowmanville

THE TORONTO MOON TORONTO'S OTHER OTHER VOICE

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STAR WARS II to Feature STAR WARS III Trailer

South Park

Pushes Cartoon Logic Too Far

Bradley T Smith

Moon Reporter

In a highly controversial episode airing this weeekend, South Park, the cartoon known for going beyond the boundaries of what is acceptable for television, will do the unthinkable: Have a cartoon mouse kill a cartoon cat.

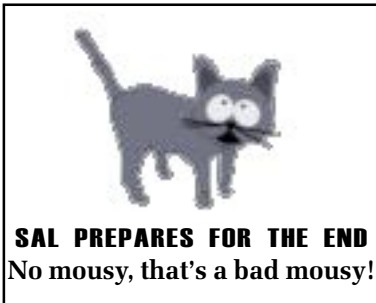
From the begin of time, mankind's imagination has been captured by the idea of an immortal cat who is constantly killed by its traditional prey. Early cave paintings in northern Spain indicate that 1.6 million years ago, people of caves were drawing primitive cartoons depicting themselves as perpetual victor over a sabre-tooth cat, who would always return in the next painting, even after being disemboweled or eaten.

The traditional continued in Europe and developed independently in cultures around the world, as visible in Egyptian cat worship, ancient Japanese folklore, and in the oral tradition of the Cree people of North America.

Even in science, we can see in the work of Schrodinger, the electron, or "mouse," will always kill but not kill the cat.

But now Matt Stone and

Trey Parker are plotting to overthrow this universal story. The episode will introduce Sal, a hard-working but ignorant cat, and Zeke, a plucky, baseball-cap-wearing blue mouse, who appears to be an NRA member. Kenny and Kyle become huge fans of the show, often imitating the violence they see on TV, until



SAL PREPARES FOR THE END
No mousy, that's a bad mousy!

Zeke kills Sal (rather gruesomely) and the kids learn their lesson.

"This death of a cat is outrageous in cartoon format," said a representative for Sylvester at Warner Brothers. "I counted, and they killed him forever on the sixth time ... no respect for the nine-lives rule of thumb."

When asked for comment, outraged Tom and Jerry cartoonists said, "First that conjoined twin, next Chef walks off a cliff and falls before he can look down, then their wolf character's deliv-

eries from ACME take 6-8 weeks, and now this?!? The show should be taken off the air."

The Simpsons creator, Matt Groening, is also disgusted by South Park's upcoming episode: "Those idiots! What do they think Itchy and Scratchy are a satire of? I created that pair in order to spoof the concept of an indestructable cartoon character. What need is there for others to beat the horse I killed and beat? That's a metaphor!"

Even the AOCCF (American Orange Cat Cartoon Federation) is upset. "You will never see Heathcliff or Garfield dying from obvious mortal wounds. We encourage all people to boycott the episode and maybe kill Matt Stone and Trey Parker," said their press release regarding the South Park episode.

Stone and Parker have not made any remarks regarding the opposition to the episode. They only ask that people watch the show with an open mind and a closed mouth.

The controversial episode will also feature a side plot involving Stan cutting his wrists and Cartman being sodomized in the ear by a moose ... twice.

WHAZZup?

Milla Jovovich
with the safeties off
in **RESIDENT EVIL**



Benefit Concert

for the Hearing Impaired

OAKLAND With nearly 100 000 concert-goers dancing in the rain, the first ever Hearing-Aid concert was a deafening success. The international day long festival featured the loudest and most bass-laden bands from around the world.

Both the young and old hearing impaired were able to enjoy the good vibes of the concert despite the misty rain and fog that kept most people from seeing the stage and performers. Concert organizer Anne Ville was not at all distraught by the poor weather and lack of visibility.

"We're doing everything we can to make this the most audible concert for everyone involved," said Ville. "All the bands are playing as loud as they can. There are even woofers in the port-a-potties."

Bands involved with the event, such as Blow Ya Spekas and Bleeding Ears, were extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to share their bass and rhythm with a new audience. Some bands even ventured to call the noise 'music.'

"It's not every day that we're encouraged to play as loud as possible," said Stirrup, lead singer of the band Hammer.

"Those ear-plugs are the best two bucks I've ever spent."

Hammer was especially moved by the sentiment of the concert. "We're going to dedicate our next album to the hearing-impaired. It's going to be called 'Pardon?'"

Concert attendees were equally optimistic about the atmosphere of the festival.

"I have never felt music this loud," shouted one concert-goer, Matt Loop. "I had to take off my clothes and dance around in the mud. It only made sense." Loop proceeded to continue to prance around in the slick mud.

"Thank goodness for the fog," said another concert-goer.

The Hearing-Aid music festival was held in conjunction with the 'Look-but-don't-touch' art show benefit for the visually impaired.



BLOW YA SPEKAS
Band gets ready to rumble

ADAM SANDLER TO PLAY TITLE CHARACTER IN MOVIE

HOLLYWOOD Adam Sandler, who played Happy Gilmore and Billy Maddison in Happy Gilmore and Billy Maddison will be playing Mr. Deeds in the up-coming movie Mr. Deeds.

Sandler, most famous for being the waterboy in The Waterboy, said he was very excited about this movie, in which he plays an average guy who gets really rich then makes out with Winona Rider. "This will make up for when I was the big daddy in Big Daddy and Little Nicky in Little Nicky," he said.

Rumours say that he will next play the title character in a movie about a sweet guy who just wants to take care of his grandfather and make out with Rachael Leigh Cook.

NATIONAL BLACK HISTORICAL POETRY MONTH

OTTAWA An agreement has finally been reached between Black History Month, also known as February, and National Poetry Month, April.

The deal involves co-operation on a National Black Historical Poetry Month, to be held every March. "That way we get 2 months to spread our material over ... and people won't get bored during March," said the chair of the NBHPM committee.

George Elliott Clarke, the only known African-Canadian writer of historical poetry, has been asked to tour Canada reading from his Governor-General's Award-winning *Execution Poems*.

Negotiations with International Women's Week are continuing.

Lots Not as Popular as Hoped

Kevin Wan Min Kee

Moon Reporter

Katie Holmes calls it bold and Hugh Jackman calls it adventurous. The feature length movie debut of Ed the Sock has been heralded as the next big thing by many.

However, once past the initial crowds of 10 and 20 people lining up to see the Lord of the Socks: The Return of the Spartan at each of the three theatres showing the film in Toronto, the film's massive popularity seems to have tapered off.

Lord of the Socks tells the story of Ed's troubled departure from the washing machine where he is separated from the rest of the laundry. Ed then adventures across the Canadian landscape in

search of the perfect match for himself (Liz the Sock, played by Holmes) and must frequently match wits with his adversary the Spartan Sock (played by Jackman) while defending the babes of the country.

Writer and director Rick Temp blames the lacklustre box-office performance in part on the reluctance of the general public to try something new.

"It's not every day you have the opportunity to watch an hour and a half of sock puppetry," says Temp. "And this particular sock puppet has green hair and really digs blondes."

Ed the Sock purists have argued that the movie is not up to Ed's normal standards.

"The love scene is very

poorly done," comments Bob, an avid Sock follower. "For one thing, Ed would never use a pickup line unless it was rude. And that girl was definitely not Ed's type. She actually admitted to listening to pop music!"

Bob has since given up wearing socks.

Temp is quick to defend his work, stating that Ed the Sock was highly supportive throughout the film making process.

"He never rode up on my nerves and he never sagged about the set either. Everyone was really gung-ho the whole time."

Meanwhile, Ed the Sock has moved on to his next film project, Sock Wars: A New Stench, due to open in theatres in 2003.

Coming Soon to a Television Near You ...

Jason Lau
Moon Reporter

is a show we've all been waiting for. Jumping ship seems to occur rather frequently in Canada. It is only a matter of time before someone from this country makes a TV show about this phenomenon. Renowned television producer Mark McDermot is currently shooting a program that features prominent people who had left a rocking ship to look for calmer waters elsewhere. He has recruited the best and the brightest Princeton, BC has to offer and the people featured will all be instantly recognizable.

The broadcast schedule remains a secret, but sources close to Mark have informed The Moon that many famous public figure will be featured. To protect the identity of all those involved the guests were not referred by name.

Despite this, we have gathered enough information to inform you, the public, on who will be featured. One of the first will be recognized by all. He spent a good part of the 80's as a powerful member of a giant firm in Ottawa. Then he bolted to France where he enjoyed a few years of "vacation" in the great city of Paris. On his return, he led a campaign so successful that his dream came true, for a few hours anyway. He also had a few confrontations with the biggest broker west of the St. Lawrence. He is currently away from public eye, but his image remains clear in most minds across the land.

Also featured will be the head man for a company in Newfoundland in the late 90's. Then he saw a great opening in the nation's capital and he took the next plane out of St. John's to fight for it. He beat out many challengers for the gig. Many people think that there is a great future for him in his current business. Then, to everyone's surprise, he left his cushy post and went home. Some reports say he made the decision because some tree mesmerized him during the holiday season. No one knows what really

caused him to give up this lucrative job, but we intend to find out.

We now go to the other end of the country to introduce the next jumper. He was a owner of a small business and was very popular in parts of Vancouver Island. He gave quality service to his customers even though he could not provide much. One day, it all change. He sold his business to a giant competitor so he could become a member of the board. The decision gave him a huge windfall, but many of his customers were disappointed and angry at him. Little did he know, the company he joined had many problems and the company was trounced by its main competitor in a recent price war. He is now in the backstage, but has vowed to return. Will his former customers follow him now?

The preceding was just a sampling of what we can expect to see, according to McDermot. We will see the above and many others who tried to jump ships before long. Well, as soon as he can find someone who will broadcast the program. So far, all the major networks have rejected his program, but McDermot remains optimistic. "The public will get to see this one day on television, even if it is on CPAC," proclaimed McDermot.

TLC TO RUN VIRUSWARS

BOSTON The Learning Channel has just signed a contract with the BBC ensuring them exclusive rights to the hit British show VirusWars.

Two dozen or so attractive, marginally interesting people live in a controlled environment which rival teams of scientists have seeded with their viral creations, and the viewers at home watch the two products of genetic engineering compete and infect the hosts. The controversy is whether the York-sponsored team's "Red Baron VI" should be counted as a champion and admitted to the next round when it killed all of its hosts during the second episode.

40 Days and 40 Nights

A Computer Scientist (Josh Hartnett) from the University of Waterloo, after failing to prove that $P=NP$ or solve the Halting Problem, gives up using computers for Lent. Hilarity ensues. (3/5)

A Beautiful Mind

Tara Reid stars as Julie, a wholesome, All-American, cheerleader from Iowa who has become a frosh in the Math Faculty at the University of Waterloo. She must struggle to pass MATH 135 and find romance. Watch for yours truly in a supporting role as a wise-cracking yet sensitive upperclassman intent on helping Julie pass school and learn life's lessons. Katie Holmes and Jessica Alba star as twins who also need to pass Classical Algebra and need my help. Russell Crowe is the mean professor. This one's rated NC-17. (5/5)



BEAUTIFUL MIND I'll do anything to pass this class.

Black Hawk Down

You know those big black birds who don't let you sleep in with their screaming? Even when you've got a massive hangover? Well Josh Hartnett and Ewan McGregor are finally doing something about it. (3/5)



40 DAYS I can't code 'til Easter. Want to see Black Hawk Down?

Crossroads

Britney Spears, who is not a girl, not yet a woman, has to make a life altering decision — whether to marry N'SYNC singer Justin Timberlake or a mathNEWS staffer. The surprise ending will leave you wanting more. (5/5)

In The Bedroom

The film follows a student taking CS 452: Real Time programming. It is nothing but ninety minutes of a camera pointing at an empty bed that never gets slept in. (2/5)

The Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring

From the makers of *Sex and the City* comes this story of a tall and handsome stranger who doesn't fear commitment. Quite the opposite — he wants to marry everyone. See whether he chooses Arwen (Liv Tyler) and whether he will succumb to the power of the Wedding Ring. (4/5)

Men with Brooms

The story of the brave custodial service personnel at a world famous university. See how they handle life's little adversities, and come together to win a prestigious janitorial tournament. A very well done Canadian film. (4/5)

Resident Evil

Something is moving into North

Quad Room 314. Something unclean. Something evil. Watch as pure evil tries to adjust to dorm life: booze, parties, pot, keggers, "power hour," panty raids, and all the other things. Mila Jovovich stars as Evil's love interest. (2/5)

Time Machine

A touching story of a man who builds a time machine, goes back in time, and attempts to have sex with his own mother in order to become his own father and poke a few holes in temporal paradoxes. (1/5)



TIME MACHINE I assure you, my dear, our physical similarities are merely coincidental.

Moon Reviews by
Anton Fedorenko



Kristel Chandie's Moonshine Boy DIRK, 27, is a technical assistant from Barrie who enjoys attending sporting events and long runs on the beach, naked. For those curious, yes, he does need both hands.



THE MAN. THE MYTH. HERCULES.
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**Toronto Sock Exchange (TSE) Summary****Black socks up: +1.63****Tube socks down: -0.04****Unwashed, 4 year-old gym socks: no change**

moon data Compression

EA SPORTS CO-OP JOB ACTUALLY NOT THAT GREAT

VANCOUVER Contrary to popular belief, the opportunity to work for EA Sports in British Columbia is not that awesome. "I was coding almost the whole time I was there," said Kevin Peng, a University of Toronto computer engineer. "I totally thought that we would just be testing their games for four months."

Apparently, even those working in quality assurance are disappointed with their positions as game tester. Said one Waterloo co-op student, "The pre-release versions of their games are too buggy to be fun."

HYPER COMPU GLOBAL MEGA NET CLOSES DOORS

SPRINGFIELD Major player in the hi-tech sector Hyper Compu Global Mega Net has been forced out of business by its competitors Super Conductor Web Dot Com and Spoon Ltd. Hyper Compu Global Mega Net has been forced to lay off all 70,000 employees.

This will flood the hi-tech job market with overskilled employees, most of whom will end up driving cabs. Meanwhile, college degree programs are producing under qualified hi-tech employees in program that are about four years too short. Still, no one is quite sure what Hyper Compu Global Mega Net did.

MICROSOFT RELEASES SOURCE

REDMOND Microsoft announce today it would release the entire source code for the Windows NT kernel, overlaying user interface, and Windows 98. The open source community seems unimpressed. Analysts say another bloated, unstable, buggy source code collection is the last thing the community needs.

BANK MANAGER STILL DREAMS OF SWIMMING IN MONEY

HALIFAX Darryl Fresco finally became branch manager of the ScotiaBank he has worked at for twelve years, but still isn't happy: "I thought there'd be a giant pool of money I could swim in like Scrooge McDuck's," he laments.

He still remains optimistic, though. "Maybe if I can earn enough money to have a massive money bin, then I could swim in it ..."

Anti-MS Virus Welcomed by Corporations

Saves thousands in migration costs

REDMOND A virus unleashed last week that targets all versions of Microsoft operating systems is being hailed as revolutionary and is saving tech companies thousands in dollars in migration costs.

Microsap.jpg.vbs, a Visual Basic script that has been roaming the halls of the Internet for the past week, attacks the kernel of any Microsoft operating system, renders it useless, and creates a Linux kernel in its place. Surprisingly, this virus not only doesn't destroy the target computer, it leaves it better off by reconfiguring the system for the Linux operating system.

Recommending net admins run the virus.

IT managers have reported that other than the change in their user interface, the normal operations of their existing systems were not affected. In fact, many have reported a performance boost since unleashing the virus on their own networks.

Virus gatekeeper Symantec Software posted a bulletin on

their website earlier in the week warning of the virus, but amended their warning to a recommendation for all network administrators to run the virus.

Microsoft spokesperson Jenna Humphrey has stated that Microsoft is providing a counter-virus to revert infected systems to their original operating system, but their patch is not without flaws.

"While Microsoft values the business and the data our customers have on their systems, our patch does not guarantee the integrity of any files that are left on infected systems. In fact, most, if not all, files created after the system was infected will likely be destroyed in the re-migration process," said Humphrey in a news conferences yesterday. "Although we do support our products, any system administrator who knowingly left the Microsoft Operating System and ran this hideous virus will be prosecuted, and the data on their systems destroyed."

The FBI is reluctant to entertain Microsoft's request to track down the creator of the

Microsap virus because the virus doesn't actually do any harm.

"The FBI is, however, extremely concerned at the counter-virus Microsoft is putting out to fight Microsap, mainly because it threatens the everyday consumers' data," says FBI Field Agent

Johnathan Abdul Raffer, "but since every Microsoft product since Windows 3.0 has had the potential to mass destroy data and we cannot force Microsoft to release more stable code, we can only warn the public about this new patch."

Canada 4000 Starts, Ends Service

MISSISSAUGA Canada 4000 is the newest Canadian airline, and the most recent to fold under the almighty power of Air Canada.

The company was formed in mid-January and purchased a 767 to serve as their first plane. Part way through painting and reconstruction in February, the board of directors decided that they wanted to open up a discount airline as a subsidiary of Canada 4000.

The discount line, Air Mambo, would be the first to fly, and thus needed the 767. Once it had been used for a few longer flights, they would then be able to purchase a second plane for the regular airline.

The company ran a very successful ad campaign, Seat Sale Number 5, selling all seats for the maiden voyage during the first two weeks. And so with only a few days left before takeoff, they reviewed their expenses and realized they only had enough money for a one-way trip.

Company president Eric Nguyen was proud to see his company take its first plane load of customers to New Delhi Tuesday afternoon, but was also disappointed that his company would be stranding them there thanks to the lack of thrift demonstrated by the board of directors.

"If only they hadn't spent so much on the four coats of paint for the airplane and for the launch party. What a bunch of dorks." He tendered his resignation to the board then punched them each in the gut. Wham!

Meanwhile, in India, the passengers are wondering what to do about getting home. Sandra and Chet Toledo are less than impressed with the situation. "We paid for a round trip and the company files for chapter 11 after we take off? I'm less than impressed with the situation," said Sandra Toledo. "They're not even making arrangements for our return at a discounted rate. What a poorly run company. I'm glad they're bankrupt."

"And what a terrible pilot," continued Chet Toledo. "He kept making racist jokes over the intercom, he tried barrel-rolling the plane while we were asleep, and when we land and get the news, he sells the plane and runs off into the mountains. I am less than impressed with the situation."

It is expected that most of the passengers will have to either work for eight months making purses and wallets or sell themselves. "Sandra's offered to prostitute herself to get us some tickets home, but I think we'd make better time if we took three shifts between us at the slave and child labour place."

Canada 4000 is the twelfth Canadian airline company to fold in the last year. When reached, Air Canada refused to comment on the nature of their evil pact with Satan.



MAMBO "Now boarding our final flight."

Enron Accepted Accounting Principles

Ian W. MacKinnon

Moon Reporter

After a meeting of top level accountants that used to be employed at Andersen, it has been decided that a new form of accounting will be created called the EAAP, or the Enron Accepted Accounting Principles.

This bold new form of accounting will make the financial process much easier, as things like "balance" will not be needed in the balance sheets. For example, under the old Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), one would have to balance their assets and liabilities. However, under EAAP one must only look at their assets and assume that their liabilities are likely going to be close to that number anyway, so just copy it down.

Another example of EAAP in action is the new "double income" strategy, which states that every dollar that comes in will likely be going to more than one department, so it is really more than a dollar. For instance, if a source of income comes from a customer who says they bought a product because of good advertising, the company can list this as a dollar of income for both marketing and gross sales, effectively doubling a company's income! Another advantage of EAAP is that it saves the time of actually accounting for stuff, saving a large corporation millions in accounting fees. EAAP should be in place in the majority of accounting firms that made generous political contributions by the end of the year.

Microsoft to Provide 24-Hour Moral Support

Analysts say "Everything will be fine"

Kevin Wan Min Kee

Moon Reporter

Microsoft will show off its sympathetic side in upcoming software releases with 24-hour moral support. Antsy investors have been soothed by the prospects of increased profits that will accompany such a revolutionary idea.

"Once again, we will take computing to an entirely new personal level," said Microsoft spokesperson Jill Bates. "No other company on earth offers such a complete level of quality and customer satisfaction," she explained.

The new service, called "ActiveComfort," is designed to help consumers get through those frustrating times when they can't seem to accomplish what they need to do.

By dialing 1-888-COMFORT (1-888-266-3678), toll-free, consumers are greeted by a reassuring voice that helps them cope with the seemingly hopeless situation.

Both female and male opera-

tors are available through the service. Examples of typical support range from the simple "There, there. There, there," technique, to the more experimental "Inspirational-Haiku" strategies (Your software may crash / but still, you remain so strong, / keep up the good work.). All 34 techniques in use on the hot-line have reported equal success.

Pilot project testers have been more than pleased with the support they received on the 24 hour hot-line.



MORAL SUPPORT "There there. There there."

"I don't think I would have made it through mid-terms if it weren't for ActiveComfort," claims student Paula Nixon. "When your computer simply isn't doing what you want, sometimes all you need is a few soothing words."

Microsoft assures consumers that ActiveComfort is not an excuse to release buggy software.

"Consumers can rest easy, now," said Jill Bates. "Microsoft fully supporting them, 24-hours a day."

Gates' Visit to Elbonia Gone Dirty

Promotion tour gone awry

ELBONIA CITY Microsoft headman Bill Gates was visiting the nation of Elbonia helping to promote the newest innovations by Microsoft, and his new book — *How To Take Over The World, One Window At A Time*. He did not expect a warm reception, seeing that he is on the hate list of 84% of all computer users, but he probably will not forget what he went through in Elbonia anytime soon.

Arriving in Elbonia, the Elbonian president, Elfin Elbone, presented Gates with gifts from all parts of the country — mud from the south, mud from the east, mud from the west, and dirt from the north.

At his hotel in downtown Elbonia City, Gates was terrified that the hotel was built of mud. He tried to seek alternate accommodation around the city and decided to spend his nights like the locals do — sleeping on a bed made of straw, scrubs, and mud for padding.

The next day, Gates visited the University of Elbonia and gave a speech to an audience of 50,000. He stressed the importance of keeping up to date with information and computer technology in today's fast pace world. However, it appeared that most of the audience was not paying attention as most of the questions were in the form of "What is a computer?" and "Isn't a window for looking at stuff?"

In the afternoon, Gates went to the technology park in the outskirts of Elbonia City. The technology minister, Elgar Elbonn, explained to Gates how innovations in technology help the growth of Elbonia, especially the advancement in mud-excavating techniques, computer-aided mud extractors, and the construction of sturdier mud huts.

On the next day, Gates visited ElbMud, the largest company in Elbonia to make a presentation. There he saw his first Elbonian computer: a man wearing a cardboard box holding a board made of baked mud with another per-

son pressing keys carved in the board. It took 3 hours to start the computer, 2 hours to load his program, and 2 hours to unfreeze the computer.

When the presentation finally started, one of the 13 remaining audience members threw liquefied mud at the unsuspecting Gates. Gates' assistants tried to subdue him, but a few others began following suit, throwing mud at the former Microsoft chairman. Gates barely escaped and the presentation was cancelled.

Disgusted by his experiences in Elbonia, Gates immediately headed for the airport and boarded his plane. However, the plane was stuck in the mud and a mob, consists of people who attended the speech at the University, charged at the plane and began to throw dry, wet, hard, and soft mud. The mob flipped the plane over.

Gates decided to leave the country by land. He went to the border on rhinoback and vowed never to return. Eyewitnesses said that the mob was angry at Gates for not answering any questions, which they deemed to be legitimate.

Upon returning to America, Gates remarked that "these people are savages who don't know squat about technology. They just don't appreciate the great features of our products. All they did was complain about our products' problems. It's for the best that they'll never go beyond where they are right now."

One Elbonian begs to differ: "You can't just thrust something that has no application to the Elbonian people. We love our mud. You can't expect us to give up our beloved mud for those faulty Windows ... It's like asking a Windows user to use Linux," stated Ellis Elbonen, an Elbonian-American student.

Gates is currently recovering from mud pelting, hard mud slapping, and a bad case of haemorrhoids in a Redmond hospital.

Analysts Predict Analysts Incorrect

CALCUTTA Due to unusually strong currents in the Atlantic and unseasonal activity in the Northern Lights, many analysts are predicting that other analysts are incorrect. In what is being regarded as the most compelling revelation since the discovery of Arkansas, countries around the world are trembling at the news.

According to reserach analyst Michael Pristen the prediction comes as somewhat as a surprise.

"In hindsight, I have never been wrong," said Pristen. "Why, only yesterday, I predicted that it would be tomorrow in less than twelve hours. And look what happened!"

A conference call with a group of analysts revealed similar positive findings: "By Thursday, gross margins in Arkansas

will be at a twelve month high and Monaco's coastline will be up 35% for the year," continued Pristen. "There's absolutely no cause for worry."

Analyst Kerry Zapple was not in agreement with Pristen's conclusions.

"Disgruntled Internet junkies who aren't getting laid are not exactly predictable."

"Someone dropped the ball on this one," commented Zapple. "Since the previous quarter, more than 90% of the world's 300 million butterflies have flapped their wings. Who knows what will happen next!"

Zapple further emphasized the importance of the decrease in free degrees, Viagra offers, and funny jokes during the early periods of fiscal 2002.

"Last year, analysts were predicting continued growth in the field of Viagra," accused Zapple. "However, the market has experienced nothing but diminished revenues and frustrated consumers. Disgruntled Internet junkies who aren't getting laid are not exactly predictable."

Zapple refused to comment on the subject of Arkansas.

Both Pristen and Zapple expressed the need for further study.

Zapple concluded, "I'm 95% confident that with yet another study on the subject, a more definitive prediction can be made that we can all analyze."



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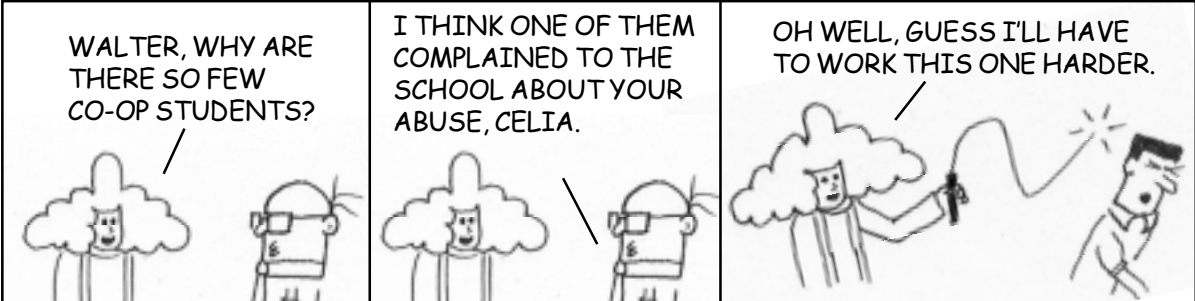


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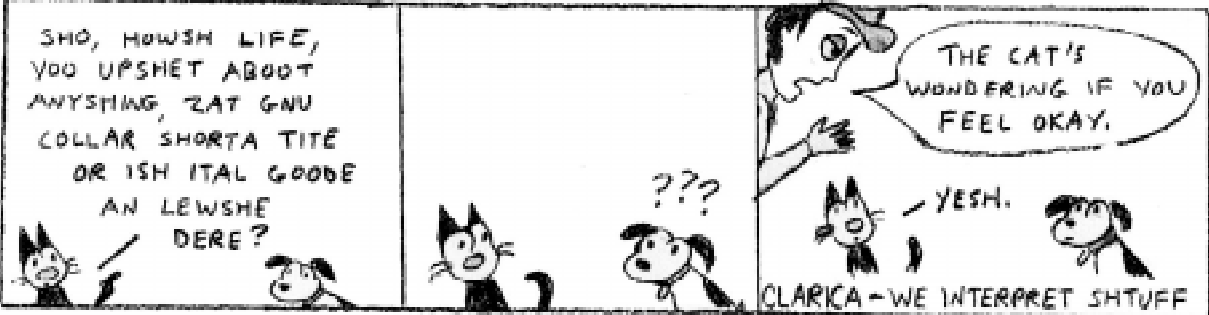
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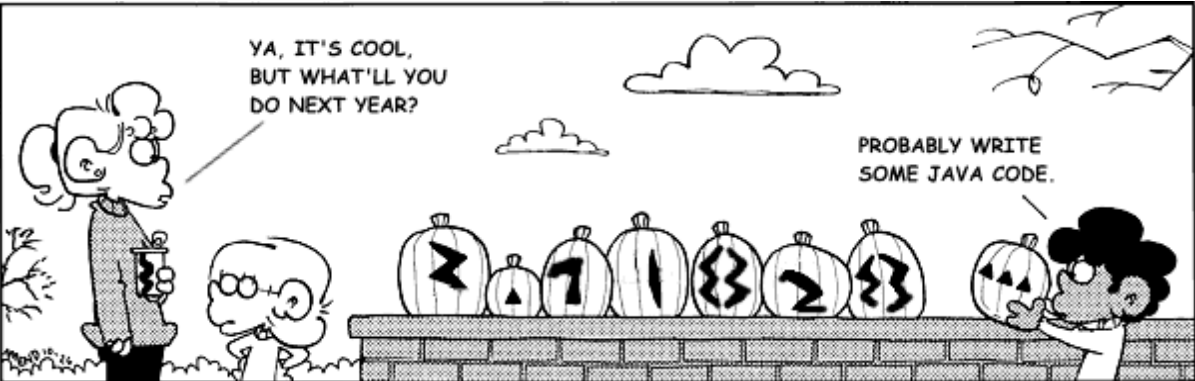
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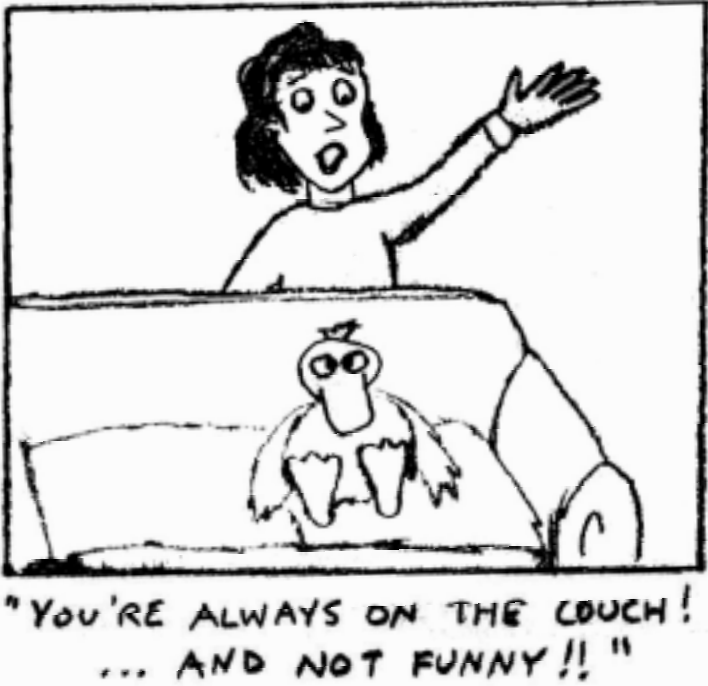
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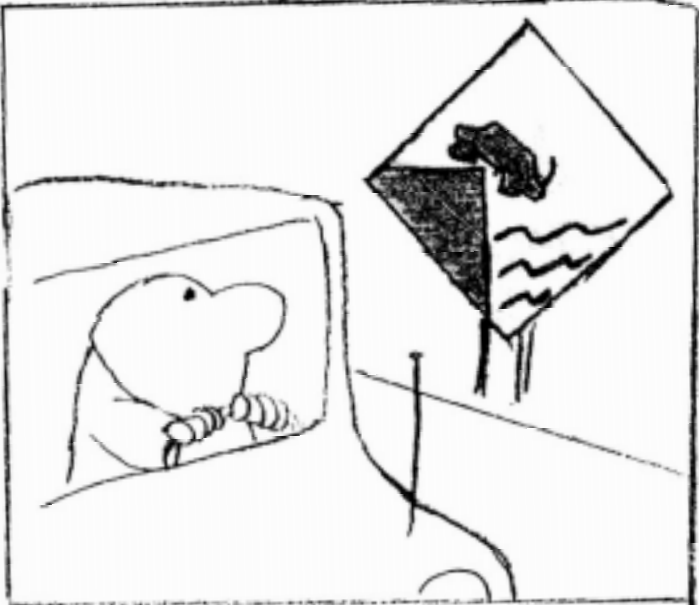
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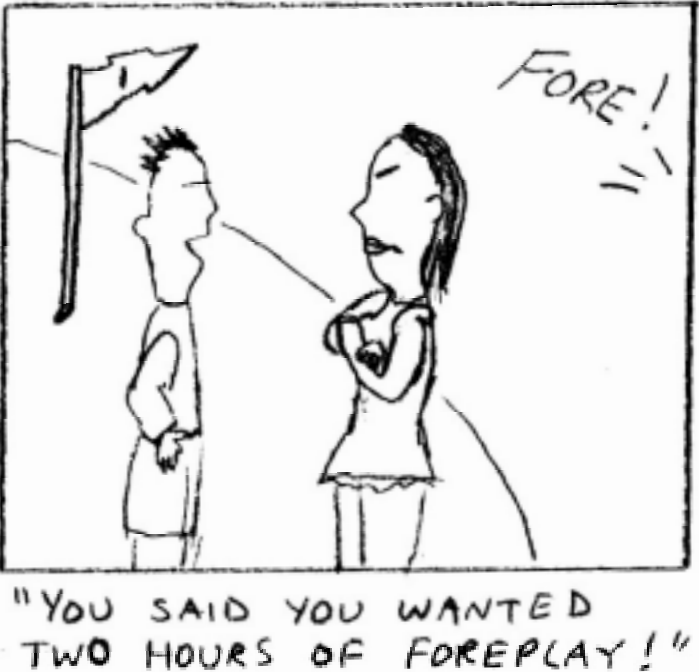
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Molson Fading in Hockey Influence, Brick Gaining

Fall began in the 1990's

MONTREAL Once upon a time, Molson was synonymous with hockey. One could not talk about the game without mentioning the Molson Brewery. However, the brewing company saw nothing but problems in its hockey side of operations in recent years.

Many Canadians grew up spending Saturday Nights watching Molson Hockey Night in Canada on television. The show and Molson Brewery both benefited from this partnership for decades. However, a few years ago, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation severed its ties with Molson and agreed to a sponsor deal with Molson's biggest competitor in Canada, Labatt. The Molson brewery lost a great platform to advertise its products and has yet to recover from the breakup. There was so many problems

at Molson that their most successful ad in recent years was a sketch that involved a no-name Joe.

When Sportsnet debuted in 1998, Molson hoped to sign a deal to sponsor the network's hockey broadcast. To Molson's dismay, the newly-established sports network also chose Labatt in favour of Molson. Even though Molson continued to put many hockey-themed ads in the air, the brewery's sales in sports bars continued to drop like pucks in a hockey practice. Even its patriotism-inducing ads during the Olympics cannot boost the sales of its products.

The Montreal Canadiens had been Molson's crown jewel for decades, but the brewery had to sell its share in the club to George Gillet Jr. in the summer of

2000. Many locals considered that a sad day for Canadian hockey. When the Molson executives thought the worst was over, more bad news came. The Canadiens' home arena, currently known as the Molson Centre, will be renamed the Bell Centre in September. Team executives were uncomfortable that the team has endured much hardship and troubles since the club moved from the Forum to its current home. In recent years, the Canadiens had been bitten by the injury bug so hard that many Habs fans are blaming the team's health problems on the "curse of the Molson Centre."

Molson's woes are not limited to the NHL. According to some observers, Molson is now the number three brewery in terms of influence in the hockey world, behind Labatt and the

Brick Brewery. The Waterloo-based brewery has made great strides in gaining influence in the hockey universe. Brick products are now being sold in most Canadian NHL venues instead of Molson's line of beer. The Brick brewery will also launch an aggressive campaign to promote itself during the Memorial Cup, the CHL Championship, which will be staged in Guelph this year. Meanwhile, Molson products had been banned in all Guelph-area bars. Sportsnet, which will cover the event, has announced that Brick commercials will be the only beer ads, and thus 40% of the total ads, it will show during the tournament.

The Canadian Hockey Association has noticed the Brick Brewery's growing influence and had recently signed a deal where the brewery will contribute \$3

million to the CHA per year. In return, the Brick Brewery logo will be visible in all CHA press conferences and the CHA president, Bob Nicholson, will appear in a Brick commercial coming to television this spring.

There are signs that the Brick Brewery's influence in hockey is still growing. The brewery had just signed a deal with the City of Hamilton to rename the Copps Coliseum, the home of the AHL Bulldogs, the Brick Coliseum. The Brick Brewery also plans to purchase an NHL club, likely the Edmonton Oilers or the Calgary Flames, in the near future. The Brick Brewery's possibilities seem endless.

Stay tuned for the possible take over of the Molson Stadium, home of the Montreal Alouettes, by the Sleeman Brewery.

Nike Launches New Wooden Shoe

Signs Vince Carter For Endorsement Deal

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Moon Reporter

Excitement in the world of sports equipment today as Nike Inc. (NYSE: NKE) announced that for its latest line of basketball shoes it would be importing a design from Holland.

Nike spokesmen Reginald Dwight stated that the new shoe would be tough enough for even the largest, strongest, and hardest playing of basketball players. Dwight was also quick to point out that the new wooden shoe would out-last the traditional

Nike shoe's lifespan threefold, saying it will keep together for at least a whole year!

To dispell myths that the wooden shoes may actually impede play in any sport, Dwight was quick to announce that Vince Carter would be endorsing the shoe. "I've seen the shoe, and I am very excited about the secret weapon Holland has used for all its success in basketball," Carter is quoted as saying. Carter is rumoured to be getting paid a figure close to Holland's GDP for his endorsement.

Nike spokesman Dwight also stated that models of the wooden shoe with lights and inflatable tongues are in the works, but was very discreet in what he disclosed. The shoe is expected to increase sales dramatically for Nike in the busy early May "buy whatever's on MTV" season.

When asked about a possible slogan for advertising the new shoe, Dwight was saying that the marketing department was thinking along the lines of "I've got wood, how about you?" or "Just Clog It."

Sports Flash:

Olympics: IOC to Athens: Get your act together, or we're moving the Olympics to Kitchener-Waterloo.

Brian Fox

Moon Reporter

In a bizarre turn of events, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that if Athens doesn't get its act together and get around to building venues for the 2004 Games, they will pull the Games from the Greek capital and award them to Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario.

"We've had enough," some IOC guy said. "There's only two years to go and they still haven't gotten around to erecting that statue of me that they promised."

"We're puzzled but excited by this announcement," said a Kitchener official.

When asked about a lack of adequate venues, most city officials scoffed at the notion. "Let's see ... we have Seagram Stadium, RIM Park, and a few pools around town. Columbia Lake could hold the kayaking, canoeing and rowing events. What more do you want?"

Critics agree that Columbia Lake may not be seen as an acceptable venue.

"I agree that facilities for

those events are limited in this area," said a Waterloo official. "But if we have to flood some farmer's field, then that's what we'll do. It's for the Olympics, dammit!"

A huge influx of visitors doesn't seem to worry officials. "We have buses, roads and plenty of parking. I think we'll be alright."

When asked to comment about being chosen over a city like Toronto that actually made a bid for an Olympics, K-W officials responded with: "Ha ha."

S.L.C. Games Review

Z. E. Roman

Moon Reporter

WATERLOO The SLC Games have come and gone following some great performances by athletes, officials, and organizers.

The Canadian Team has had unprecedented success at these Games hosted, somewhat surprisingly at the University of Waterloo's Student Life Centre, hence the SLC Games moniker (despite some older student's steadfast insistence on calling them the CC games). The Canadian team officials are extremely proud of the success of the Bomber Line-up Team, which won an unprecedented seven medals. "We are very happy with our efforts in the Line-up event. We faced some stiff competition this year from the Germans and Team USA. The Russians also had a very strong team, but our guys and gals have worked very hard," says Barb Watson, an official with the Canadian team. "We are especially pleased with Marc Guinness who won four medals: two individual and two team. He's been working so hard, fight-

ing the Bomber lines every Wednesday for four years. He deserved to win."

Canadian officials are also pleased with accomplishments in the WPIRG Refunds Race. "This is a very difficult and technical event," says Steve "Exxon-Microsoft-GE" Andersen, coach of the Canadian WPIRG Refunds Race team. "Our athletes were able to establish some personal bests, including breaking two world records! Plus, nobody was moved by claims that cute kittens will be skinned by corporations because of their actions."

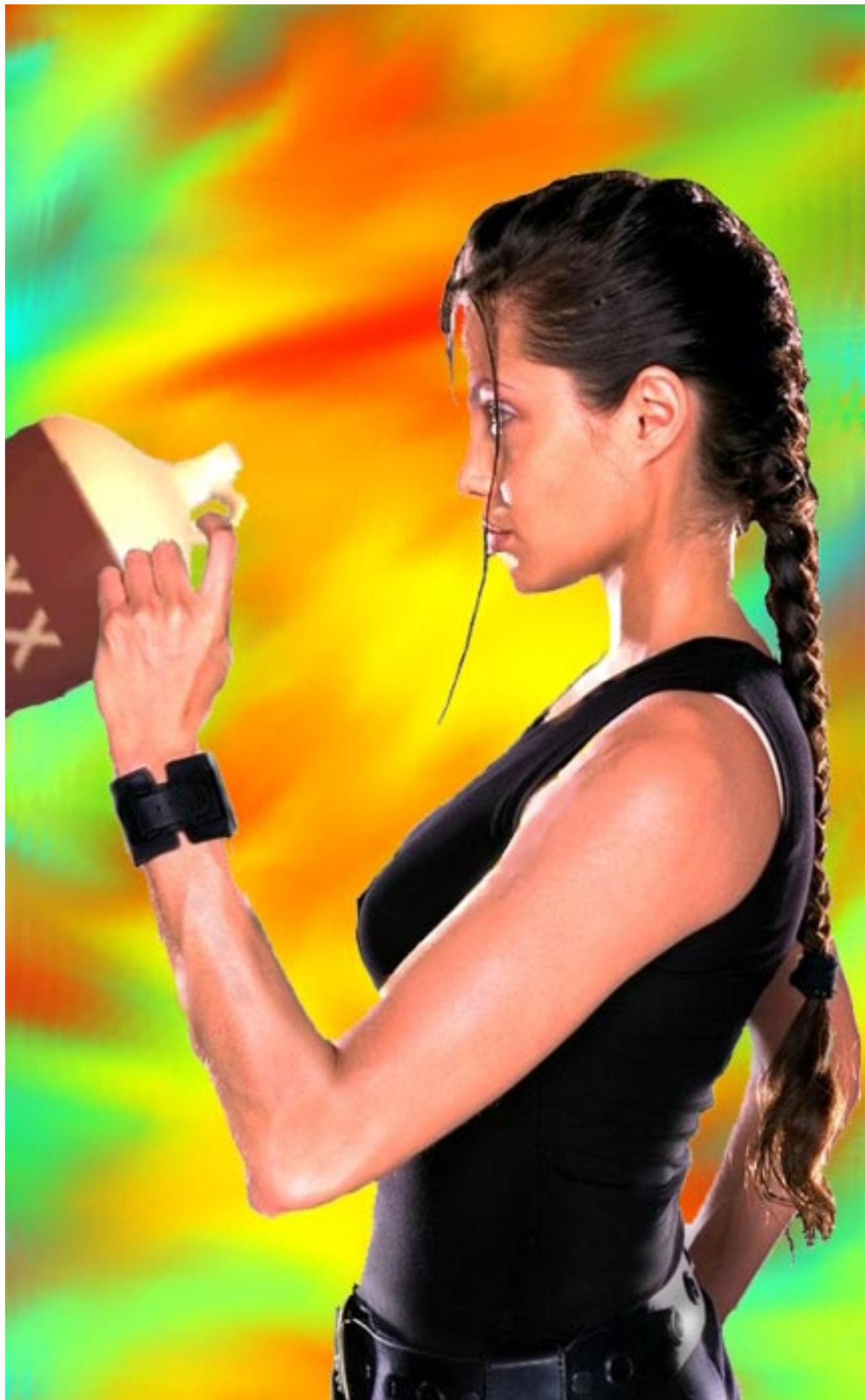
And of course, all of Canada was glued to their TV screens as both men's and women's Campus Cove teams scored gold medals, both of them in the heart-stopping finals against team USA. When Joshua Hicks fragged his Team USA opponent for the 7th time with fewer than thirty seconds, all of Canada cheered.

But not all was rosy for the Canadian team. Joanne Cartwheeler and Kenneth Peters were thrown into a scandal when a French judge was alleged to have been bribed into giving the Canadians second place in the Dance Dance Revolution routine.

But overall, Canadian officials are declaring the Games success: "We can't wait until 2006 when we meet at the Piedmont Community College Student Recreation Center in Italy."



SLC GAMES Most of the 23 spectators were just there for the couches.



Dan Oglinton's
Moonshine
Girl

When she not starring in blockbuster movies like Tomb Raider, Angelina, 26, enjoys brewing screech with 46 year-old hubby Billy Bob (sorry guys, she's been taken for a couple years now). At her best, Angelina's been known to finish half a litre of their home-made whiskey in less than an hour. Her vision is surprisingly good.

Olympic Gold Medals Not Really Made of Gold

Contain 97.3% miscellaneous metals

Raymond Lai

Moon Reporter

Olympic associations worldwide are in a furor today as results from a metallurgical study of the 2002 Winter Olympic Medals yielded less than spectacular results.

Windham Research, a leading research firm specializing in metallurgical analysis, has concluded in their 23-page report released yesterday that the gold medals awarded during the 2002 Winter Olympic Games at Salt Lake City contain less than one-third of their advertised glittering metal.

Of the entire composition of the metal, 85.4% of the gold medal is actually refined iron, while 3.8% is nickel. The remaining 8.1% were miscellaneous metals what Windham's Chief Researcher Gary Cornwall regards as "waste metals." Only 2.7% of the metal tested positive as gold.

Upon completion of the report, Cornwall was in awe at how the IOC was able to craft a gold medal using such small amounts of the advertised material.

"Thanks to the sample provided to us by the Russian Olympics Federation, we can conclude that the IOC is guilty of false advertising to the athletes who 'strive for gold' every four years," says Cornwall.

The investigation was launched when the Russian Olympic Federation complained that the Olympic medals their athletes received were too light to contain the advertised metal. After their official inquiry into the matter, they sent it to the American firm for independent verification. Their assumptions were proven true with the release of this report.

"Russia will not be cheated out of its rightful metals for its medals!" screamed Russian Olympic Federation representative Andre Vyleakolov, "We were cheated out of the podium for the entire three weeks the Americans have loosely called the Olympics.

Now they wish to cheat us out of the few gold medals we have earned?"

IOC executives have stated over the past several months leading up to the Winter Olympics Games that they needed to make cutbacks in order to provide all participating nations accommodations and other necessities, such as snow and cold weather. In the end, they had to decide to cut back on either the medals or the snow.

They chose the medals.

"It isn't surprising that the IOC made these medals out of materials that can be found in any industrial dump," says Kulak Vadox, president of the Olympic Watchdogs, an association that casts a critical eye on every aspect of the Olympics, "The IOC has been cutting back these past few years so that creating medals with higher amounts of Au (the symbol for gold in the table of elements) is fiscally impossible."

Sources close to the Russian Olympic Federation have hinted that the Russians have retained a lawyer and is looking at legal options to obtain what they want. Olympic associations around the world are not surprised, and are expected to let the matter slide.

PAT QUINN GETS SMILENECTOMY

TORONTO Leafs Coach Pat Quinn developed a smile last month towards the end of the gold medal hockey game. The smile, brought on by facial spasms caused by excitement or pleasure, has been an unwelcome visitor to his visage.

Since it developed, his first smile since mid-1994, found itself infringing on his daily activities, including when he saw his family, watched happy movies, and while swearing at referees.

As the smile was hampering his ability to be angry with the Leafs' play, he underwent a smilendectomy last Tuesday to avoid looking happy at least some of the time.



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Gold in hockey? 'Bout freakin' time! ... One more strike and you're out, loser! ... John Madden on Monday Night? BOOM! ...

A special message to all the ICQ broads who keep telling me about their webcams.

Latrell

Keeping Score

Yes, Canada finally wins men's hockey gold. After FIFTY years. Took us long enough. But for what it's worth, consider this: In 1969, Canada lobbied the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) to allow NHL players to compete internationally. Canada's petition was based on the belief that state-sponsored Soviet athletes were professionals because they were paid by the state to play hockey.

The IOC and IIHF didn't buy it and so Canada did not send a men's hockey team in '72 or '76. Canada returned to competition in 1980. Was anything changed? Not really. How did Canada do? 6th place. Wasn't even a factor that year. So all that boycotting was worth it ... And for all the hoopla about this gold medal, apparently winning the silver in '92 and '94 didn't count for much. I guess those guys were losers.

DIS AND DAT: A labour situation contrast: In one hand, you have Major League Baseball — a sport that has been plagued with labour stoppages since 1972. Many issues have been debated over by the owners and players such as free agency, revenue sharing and salary caps.

Then one day in 1994, midway through the season, they shut it down. Baseball hasn't really recovered. Sure, there was the home run chase in '98 and some half-decent World Series over the past couple of years that sparked fan interest. But this interest is still conditional. The players can't strike and the owners can't lock them out. Either move means the fans leave, in droves. Maybe forever. So this means both sides have to negotiate. That's good.

But this also means someone has to budge in negotiations. Which probably won't happen. So we'll get little concessions here and there which won't make a bit of difference to solve baseball's ills. That's bad.

Result? Rich teams stay rich, poor teams stay poor, fans get the shaft and become more disinterested. So instead of fans leaving in droves, fans slowly wander off and total interest fades away. Genius!

On the other hand, you have hockey, which seems like it is doing its utmost to prepare itself for a full scale labour war in 2004. Shut down the league. Cancel the entire season. Don't come back until a deal is struck that ensures stability for the future.

This is good for only ONE reason:

- The system you got is screwed up. Make sure it's fixed to ensure the future of the league for a long time to come.

This is bad because:

- If you cancel an entire season, fans could learn to live without you.
- Hockey doesn't get enough press. And when it does start making news, it's about labour strife. Just what casual fans need to hear.
- To get a deal, it might mean screwing over small (ie. Canadian) market teams. Because as we all know, the future of the NHL is in places like Columbus, Anaheim, and Tampa Bay and NOT Edmonton, Calgary, and Ottawa. Whatever.

So we have two sports who basically need to start over from scratch when it comes to issues with players and salaries. Each one has committed to a different approach. Though it would be in each sport's best interest to just shut down and make sure they have a deal with their players that ensure stability, neither sport can afford to do so.

Well, good luck to them all. I hope they know what they're doing.

WHAZZUP, YO: John Madden is moving to Monday Night Football next season. Prepare for some telestrator overkill in September ... I'm not sure who I understand

less when it comes to calling football games: Madden or Dennis Miller ... And now, a typical Monday Night offering for next season:

Al: It's first and ten at the 40 for the Rams. John: You know Al, the Rams are such a good team that they woozle wussle blah blah blip blip bloo. BOOM!

Al: Uhhh ... sorry John, didn't get all that. Maybe you can demonstrate on the telestrator?

John: Uhhh, well Pat, see this guy here goes there and that guy over there and BOOM! He runs over there and THWACK! gets hit and falls down BOOM! and then the ball pops out POP! and everyone goes after it and everyone gets hit BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Al: Did you just call me Pat? My name is Al ...

John: You know, Pat, every once in a while, a new series comes along that raises the bar for all of television. This November, that show was '24.'

Al: Uhh ... John ...

John: TV Guide says, "Believe what you've heard ... '24' is the best new show of the season. It's like a first-rate movie thriller — one of the most exciting nights ever."

Al: John, this isn't Fox. You're on ABC now.

John: I always like watching 'The Simpsons.' That Bart Simpson always

makes me laugh. It's still on after us, right?

Al: And we got rid of Fouts and Miller for this guy?

John: BOOM!

YA KNOW IT, SUGA: You probably will say I'm a lying scumbag, but I thought that the Raptors were on their way to a mediocre season after the first month. Of course, you'd probably call me a lying scumbag whether I said it or not ... When it comes to the Montreal Expos, please don't shed a tear. No one else is ... In the "That show still on the air" category, apparently this is the last season for the X-Files ... That show still on the air? ... Same goes with Dawson's Creek ... Latrell's Final Four: Cincinnati, Alabama, Maryland, and Oregon. Maryland over Cincy for all the marbles. You heard it here first ... Please (and I ask nicely): When I'm on ICQ, I don't care about your website, I don't care if you have a webcam and I don't care what you do in front of your webcam with your friends so don't bother messaging me about it, okay? ... And hey, what ever happened to Jamie Sale and David Pelletier?

BOOM!

Latrell is a former editor who hasn't learned to let go of the past. He doesn't realize mathNEWS can and will go on without him. If you wish to reinforce this notion, or just tell him how much his writing sucks, he can be reached at latrell@alumni.uwaterloo.ca.



HOLY COW! Latrell can't believe the size of that penguin.



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