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# TEXAS TRAVESTY

Something's in  
the Air...

*H1N1*

Interviews with Jimmy Pardo and Jemaine Clement  
*(from Flight of the Conchords!)*

# Mr. G.L. Anderson *Visibly drunk guest speaker*

**Texas Travesty:** We hear that you are delivering a guest lecture in Professor Ganikowski's Marketing 310 course today. What insights will you be sharing with the class?

**G.L. Anderson:** I'm going to start with a little monologue about my adventures in the real estate industry, and then I'll probably kick my shoes off and give the kids a little bit of down-home advice, like never allowing your goddamned ex-wife to take your car keys after you been drinking all night and drive the kids to a cheap hotel outside of Reno...

**TT:** That's upsetting. Do you have a Powerpoint prepared for your lecture, or some sort of visual aid for your presentation?

**GA:** Nah. I'm just a fly-by-the-

seam of my pants kind of guy. I'm a straight shooter with an eye for teaching kids how to manipulate the money market. Me and Ganikowski go waaaaaaay back; you should have seen that guy slam down the brews back at Cornell. I wish we still had time for that, but then the bastard goes and marries my sister and my wife leaves me and....



goddamnit..... look at me; I'm a wreck, I've got no money, my kids hate me...

**TT:** Don't say that! I'm sure your kids love you very much.

**GA:** Sure, but you're not the one who forgot to pick them up from goddamn soccer practice three times last week. Ah, fuck it, let's get this over with. Wait, where the hell is my laser pointer???

**Turn-ons:** Johnny Walker Red, seminar groupies, "the pitch", Biff from 'Death of a Salesman', SPM in general, bully pulpits, introductions, well-adjusted families, double Windsors, double-downs, three button double-

breasted wool suits, 1981 Lincoln Continentals you've kept up since high school, free business luncheons, receptionists

**Turn-offs:** on campus parking, excessive questioning, open mic lectures, fatties, alimony, district attorneys, hotels without weekly rates, visitation rights, bookies, smoking bans, the IRS and their fucking audits



# around campus

- No matter how long you stare, you won't know if that **Dasani bottle** in your fridge is filled apple juice or piss until you take a sip.
- Student Government can pass as many election reform bills as they want. Nothing will ever stop the **rampant corruption** of Boss Liam Tweed and his goons at Tammany Hall.
- Controversy will strike the campus when it is discovered that the grant given to three UT professors to split a **water molecule** was instead used to produce four new "Bum Fights" DVDs on the Drag.

- People who accept free rides on **tandem bikes** will have their outlook on life changed, and also participate in group sex.
- Thanks, **plus-minus grading!** I'm sure glad that my effort in the classroom can now be more accurately devalued!
- Let's have a moment of silence for all the top 8th through 10th percentile of **high school graduates** now languishing at UTSA.
- UT's elimination of the **National Merit scholarship** will go a long way in getting rid of all those pesky intelligent people on campus.
- Students who text during class are really disturbing everyone checking **Facebook**.
- Dude, I'm not walking all the way to **the fucking RLM**.
- We may be ranked #2 in the AP Poll, but we've slid down to #23 in the "**Fight Song Clap Rhythm**" standings.
- Someone got a little freaked out at a **Co-op**

- party** last weekend, and they really don't want to talk about it.
- The yellow spaghetti sculpture by the Blanton will be replaced by a **green rigatoni sculpture** by Kinsolving.
- The best way to **sneak alcohol** into UT football games is to place it in your stomach.
- Students planning on **studying abroad** should probably learn how to study domestically first.
- Students in long distance relationships will discover that although absence makes the heart grow fonder, a **creatively placed webcam** does the rest.
- Greenpeace?** More like Green-please-get-the-hell-away-from-me-I'm-not-making-eye-contact-oh-goddammit...
- A **cheeky government student** will call their professor "a liar" during class in a politically topical manner, only to have the rest of the class demand an apology for his/her actions.

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# Texas Congress passes concealed rocket launcher bill

**Michael Prohaska**

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AUSTIN—The Texas Congress passed a bill Tuesday that will allow registered citizens to carry concealed rocket launchers on their person in public places. After months of heated debate, House and Senate Republicans were able to push the bill through by a narrow margin, and bazooka owners across the state are celebrating the momentous occasion.

“Finally, Texans are equipped with the appropriate amount of explosive projectiles to properly protect their home, their family, and their state,” explained Dr. Richard Monroe, chairman of the 2nd Amendment Advocates, a political action committee responsible for furnishing many Americans with highly explosive weapons over the past decade. “If Mohammed Al-whatever tries to take away the freedoms of any Texas citizen, he will be receiving a SA-374 missile to the face.”

The bill will allow Texans who are registered gun owners to carry up to three rocket launchers on their person, as well as 20 missiles or rocket-propelled grenades. The “concealed-carry” law also permits owners to bring their

bazookas into post offices, libraries, grocery stores, university dormitories, and most other public areas.

“Imagine a situation where a mugger steals a woman’s purse, and a law-abiding citizen pulls out his ARG-37 Annihilator and fires a series of rockets, sending the criminal’s scorched carcass and limbs 50 feet in the air,” explained Monroe. “When I think of that kind of unbridled patriotism, frankly, it brings a tear to my eye. That, my friend, is justice.”

However, Monroe stated that bazookas will still be illegal to carry inside of smaller areas such as coffeehouses, to prevent the accidental discharge of a small warhead in a highly populated area.

“We didn’t want someone to accidentally bump into you and set off a huge, fiery explosion,” added Monroe. “The goal is to never allow Americans to get caught up in a massive fiery explosion.”

Interest groups such as the 2nd Amendment Advocates and Americans for Explosive Rights have been pushing similar legislation for years, such as the concealed Molotov cocktail bill of 1997 and the fight for requiring grenade launchers to be attached to all assault rifles that took place in 2004.

Conservatives have praised the passing of the concealed rocket launcher bill, but some have questioned the purpose

*“If Mohammed Al-whatever tries to take away the freedoms of any Texas citizen, he will be receiving a SA-374 missile to the face.”*

of equipping Americans with such hazardous weaponry.

“If we are allowing gun owners to carry bazookas on their person, what’s stopping them from carrying flamethrowers, poison gas, or nuclear bombs? We have to draw the line somewhere,” explained Dr. Howard Tulis, professor emeritus in government at Columbia University. “Clearly the neo-cons believe that violence is the only way to get anywhere. Have they tried writing a strongly-worded letter?”

The concealed rocket launcher law

is set to go into effect in mid-October. Until then, Texans with concealed-carry licenses are encouraged to set up targets behind their trailer homes for

practice, and to educate their children as how to properly load a rocket-propelled grenade.



■ This man is heading to the bookstore and wants to make sure his freedom is protected. Photo Creative Commons

# Toddler making a complete fool of himself

**Matt Ingebretson**

EDITOR IN CHIEF

CAPE COD—According to visitors at Bourne Park, an incredibly inconsiderate, obnoxious baby stampeded through the park screaming at the top of his lungs without any provocation, making a complete and total fool of himself Monday.

Park patrons reported that their visit to the park was all but ruined by the “jackass” toddler, whose actions they described as symptomatic of a belligerent and abusive alcoholic. On one occasion, the baby reportedly defecated in his own pants.

“That baby was a nuisance,” said Cape Cod resident, Tammy Mitchell, who reported the baby to the police after she witnessed the child throw up in the sandbox near the jungle gym. “I was having a lovely day at the park when all of the sudden this asshole baby starts crying and tugging at my pant leg.”

“I’m sure that little socio-path hadn’t even washed its filthy little hands,” added Mitchell.

Many residents were convinced that the toddler was intoxicated, as it had trouble walking without falling down and was slurring all of its words into

incomprehensible jibberish.

“I couldn’t understand a single thing that drunk baby was saying,” said neighbor James Dahlin, who witnessed the toddler in question remove its own shirt and then pass out on the

*“I was having a lovely day at the park when all of the sudden this asshole baby starts crying and tugging at my pant leg.”*

sidewalk. “He started drooling on himself. I left the number for the Alcoholics Anonymous hotline, but I think it might be too late for him.”

“That baby needs to pull himself together,” added Dahlin. “He’s a mess.”

To the relief of everyone at the park enduring the toddler’s uncontrolled tantrums, an adult picked him up off of the ground and placed him in the back of her car, where he proceeded to spit up on himself and then fall into a coma-like sleep.

While the toddler’s behavior at the

park was deplorable, it is not the first time that his degenerative anti-social behavior has caused problems for people around him. His behavior at home blatantly disregards all cultural norms of a dignified human being.

“He’s a shit-storm; a constant bombardment of shit-storms,” said the baby’s distraught mother Candice Lannery, as she scraped off bits of creamed spinach stuck to the wall after the baby’s latest tantrum. “He has absolute no self-awareness, and treats me like I’m some sort of personal slave-bot.”

“I’m starting to lose my grip on things,” added Lannery. “Maybe I am a slave-bot.”

When asked to give a formal apology, the toddler simply grew enraged and screamed from the top of his lungs, expressing his immense displeasure with the world and his current situation. After being placed in timeout to reconsider his actions, the baby became even more irate and inconsolable.

“We’re just going to lock him up until he gets control of his emotions,” explained an exasperated Lannery. “Once he’s had some time to reconsider things, he can eventually be rehabilitated back into society, and finally get his boo-boo blanket back.”



■ This toddler had too many drinks from his sippy cup. Photo Creative Commons

# 48 killed in place thankfully very far away from local man

**Matt Ingebretson**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

AUSTIN— In another brutal attack by insurgents, or whomever it was, 48 civilians were killed and 67 injured in a place thankfully very far away from local man Henry Keeler.

Keeler was sitting on his sofa when he tuned into CNN and saw that 48 civilians were massacred in a place that, thank God, is not even close to where Keeler lives, and was probably in one of those Middle Eastern or Arab countries or something like that.

“When I first saw the news I was like, ‘oh man, that’s terrible,’” said Keeler as he sat comfortably in a place that is thousands of miles away from the dead civilians. “But then I realized that it didn’t even happen in the US and was just another one of those Pakistan things or whatever, and I switched it back to ‘Antique Road-Show.’”

“Or maybe it was Palestine,” added Keeler. “All I know is that a car filled with explosives did not crash into my home.”

Investigators are attempting to find out which terrorist organization was

behind the attacks, but so far have few leads. They have, however, gathered conclusive evidence that the attacks happened nowhere near the vicinity of Henry Keeler, and that he has “absolutely nothing to worry about and should get back to his TV dinner.”

This is not first time Keeler has kept a safe distance from tragedy, as last month a Greyhound bus plunged into a gorge in an adjacent state. Upon learning about the accident and hearing that there were no survivors, Keeler was briefly distracted, but ultimately unharmed. “Yeah, I heard about that. I rode a Greyhound once, so yeah, that really hit close to home.”

While Keeler took the news of the numerous casualties of people he did not know in stride, his roommate, Jacob Bulbrook, was more visibly shak-



■ Keeler is making no plans to travel to wherever that place was. Photo Travesty

en, as ‘this guy he knows’ recently went backpacking through France, a country which both Keeler and Bulbrook agree is probably relatively close to where the car-bomb went off.

“It’s just a little hard to hear that news when someone you know once traveled to a country near where these atrocities happen,” said Bulbrook. “I hope to one day live in a world where I don’t have to be momentarily distracted by the countless deaths happening in other parts of the world that I haven’t heard of.”

## Local boy discovers fun, swirly water ride for goldfish



AUSTIN—After realizing that the tank his mother bought for his new pet goldfish, Goldy, was too small for a fish to have any real fun in, six-year old Louis Wagner decided to put the fish in a super-exciting, swirly-splashy water ride he discovered in his parent’s bathroom. “Goldy doesn’t like it in that little tank,” said Wagner as he carried his favorite pet in a net towards the porcelain whirlpool. “He’s going to have so much more fun in the water park I just found. Trust me; he told me so.” As of press time, Wagner was on his way to the kitchen to ask his mother how to get Goldy out of the hole in the bottom of the ride, and to check on his hamster, Mr. Furry, who he had put in the freezer a day earlier to help him cool off from a vigorous workout on the exercise wheel.

## Disgruntled cyclops not impressed with 3-D movie

NEW YORK— Frequent movie patron and one-eyed colossal man-creature Zorock left the Metropolitan 16 movie theater Sunday night disgruntled after seeing the sub-par visual effects in ‘The Final Destina-

tion 3D.’ “Besides giving me a headache, I really didn’t see the point of making the screen blurry,” said Zorock as he dropped 15 bottles of Visine into his one huge eye. “Films in the third dimension do not live

up to their two dimensional counterparts, at least for mono-optic monsters.” Zorock then went on a rampage in the theater after learning that his Fandango ticket purchase could not be refunded.

## Ill-prepared manager immediately tables everything at meeting

NORWALK— In what many Xerox employees are calling the shortest and most unproductive meeting in months, ill-prepared and visibly nervous manager, Mark Thompson, immediately tabled every topic of discussion at Wednesday’s staff meeting. “Let’s just put the issue of dental coverage aside for another time,” said Thompson. “And replacing the coffee filters is something that I don’t think any of us are prepared to address right now.” Thompson then proceeded to table the following week’s printer orders and employee Juan Filipe’s sneeze. After the meeting, Thompson drove to a nearby bar, where he tabled his lunch in order to focus on a scotch on the rocks and his inability to look at himself in the mirror in the morning.

## Non-vegan spotted at Wheatsville Co-op



NORTH CAMPUS—Vegan patrons of Wheatsville Co-op were shocked to look up at the roof last Thursday and see a large, lifestyle-insensitive non-vegan attempting to gain access to the store. The non-vegan, who refuses to use reusable shopping bags and decries organically grown produce, has been asked to leave under penalty of a lifetime ban. “We at the Co-op accept people from all places and lifestyles, but if that savage thinks he’s going to come here in and eat raw meat in front of everyone, well, I won’t stand for it,” explained general manager Dan Gillotte. The Board of Directors for the Co-op has threatened swift action if the non-vegan doesn’t remove the animal leather he is wearing.

## European college graduates spend summer backpacking across Iowa

DES MOINES— University of Edinburgh graduates Edmund Felton and Alec Maxwell traveled across America’s Heartland during the summer on a trip they had planned for years after completing their undergraduate degrees. “We drove past miles of hay, made friends in tourist shops, and saw a rock farm. Man, I’ll remember that place for the rest of my life,” remarked Felton as he pointed to a photo of the pair standing in front of a grain silo. “Going to the American Mid-West is just one of those things you have to go and experience for yourself.” The graduates’ journey through the Hawkeye State took them to historical road markers and natural gas refineries, giving them what they called ‘an expanded world view and a more open mind.’

## Group of students who have never read “The Sound and the Fury” have groundbreaking discussion about “The Sound and the Fury”

AUSTIN— During a conversation in an American Literature class, a group of students who have never read “The Sound and the Fury” made ground-breaking discoveries and monumental strides in the critical discourse about “The Sound and the Fury.” “The juxtaposition of the central character’s regressive mental complex is part of the broader paradigm of feminist and Freudian ideological tentativeness in this text,” said student Jake Lomez, who has yet to purchase the novel. “I think we can all agree that the fragmented narratorial structure creates an allegorical symbolism that enhances the central theme that Faulkner so masterfully crafted into the story.” After class, the students met for lunch and discussed the rhetorical strategies employed in the Jester City Limits menu.

## Robbie Knievel successfully executes death-defying left-turn onto 24th Street

GUADALUPE— Austinites were abuzz Tuesday morning as stunt devil Robbie Knievel attempted his most dangerous feat to date: an unprotected left-turn onto 24th Street from northbound Guadalupe. As Knievel circled the block waiting for the perfect wind speed and momentum to complete the stunt, Knievel addressed the crowd, “I’ve jumped over the Grand Canyon, the Luxor Palace, and 20 school buses, but for the first time in my career I can say that I’m physically and emotionally terrified.” Knievel then performed the turn in a 360-skid, nearly colliding with several Cap Metro buses before his vehicle performed a rollover, causing him to escape miraculously from the flaming wreckage. Despite Knievel’s massive head injuries, he is eagerly preparing for his next death-defying stunt. “My vehicle was impounded by PTS, but I’m already gearing up for my next stunt; I will successfully back out of Torchy’s Tacos.”

## Reverse psychology major didn’t want any apple pie anyway

CAMPUS - Ryan Haley, a reverse psychology major at UT, declared that he didn’t even want any apple pie anyways, according to sources present at the Catholic Center’s Sunday brunch. By the time Haley arrived, all of the apple pie was taken by the other guests, and the reverse psychology major began putting his skill set to use. “No really, it’s okay; apple pie isn’t even my favorite,” explained Haley, as he patiently waited for his mind games to play out in his favor. “I think I’ll just have a slice of boysenberry. You guys should really try some of the boysenberry.” Haley then moved to another section of the party and told a guest that she was not really his type, and that she should definitely not come home with him afterward.



## Sig Ep momentarily mistakes self for Kappa Sig while looking in mirror

WEST CAMPUS— Marketing junior and Sigma Epsilon member Dave Maclean was momentarily dumbfounded Sunday morning when his mistook his reflection in a hallway mirror for that of a member of the Kappa Sig fraternity. “Whoa, that was a close

one, brah” sighed Maclean, still gazing into the mirror as he slowly moved his hands across his face and torso to confirm that the reflection was himself. “For a minute there I thought I looked exactly like [Kappa Sig pledge Patrick] Larigakis.” Returning to his room to re-

place his yellow Polo with a pastel blue Polo and Ray Ban sunglasses, Maclean was confident his refreshed appearance would ensure that he looked like a true Sig Ep, and not anything like other upper-middle class white males who wear pastel colors.

## Fat people lobby for more spending on pork barrels

WASHINGTON D.C. – On Tuesday, the Society of Overweight Americans called on Congress to increase the amount of spending on pork barrels in the 2009-10 fiscal year. The trimming of pork projects in recent years has caused much dissent among the society’s members, who fear that cuts in spending can limit the delicious possibilities that pork

barrels offer. “Those who oppose the increase in spending on barrels of pork are un-American,” explained SOA chairman Todd Gradkowski as he signed off on a proposal to expand the size of conventional pork barrels from 50 gallons to 120 gallons. “This proposition will stimulate the economy, contribute to oft-overlooked public interests, and

most importantly, allow pork to once again be featured at all six meals of the day.” Gradkowski also announced plans to work towards reform in the areas of beef-barrels and dark-meat-chicken barrels, saying that the US has had embarrassingly low funding in these areas ever since President Taft left office in 1913.

# NIV Bible Revision

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BIBLE CORP. MEMO

To: John Mikelson, Managing ed., Bible Corp.  
From: Paul Phillips, Dir. Of Marketing, Bible Corp.

RE: Diversifying the Last Supper

John,

Per our conversation yesterday with regard to the Disciples only representing a single segment of the population—heterosexual white males—I make the following suggestion: integrate certain lobbying bodies who may be interested in purchasing “sponsorship” of an individual disciple. Suggested sponsorships from lobbies I’ve been in contact with:

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays—Bicurious disciple.

21st Street Co-Op—Vegan disciple

Official Elvis Fan Club—Elvis disciple

Texas Instruments—Robot disciple

Dear AFL-CIO members,

We at the Bible Corp thank you for your generous contribution to the Bible Remodeling Fund. As per our discussion, we have made the requested changes to the Fourth Commandment. Please find the revisions below:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Thou shalt labor five days at an average minimum salary of \$87,000 per year with holidays; if forced to labor past dusk, thou shalt provide overtime of a time and a half. Thou shalt also fashion a comprehensive health care plan, except in the territories of Michigan, Iowa and Tennessee.

And the LORD said yea, and it was good.”  
We look forward to your next contribution.

Best,  
John Mikelson, Managing Editor  
Bible Corp.

To: BIBLE CORP  
From: Planned Parenthood  
RE: Mary's Choice

To whom it may concern,

As strong supporters of a woman's right to choose, we think it prudent to make readers aware of the options available to the “Virgin” Mary upon the discovery of her unplanned pregnancy at the hand—or whomever—of a God who claimed to “love” her. You must agree that Mary appears to have been forced into her unfortunate situation due to the pressures of her patriarchal society. Who knows, access to abortion and adoption could have enabled her to go on to head a Fortune 500 company. Education is our most powerful weapon against the tragedy of unwanted children. Perhaps we can talk about a “Mary's Choice” web extra about contraceptive options, as a supplement to one or more Gospels?

Signed,  
Cecille Richards  
Director, Planned Parenthood

To: BIBLE CORP  
From: Greenpeace  
RE: Fewer pages

To whom it may concern,

In an effort to preserve our natural habitat, in particular trees, we would like to propose a reduction in the number of pages printed in the revised Bible. Specifically, we believe that the chapters of Obadiah, Lamentations, and Malachi should be removed completely, as they add no real value. We also feel that the Book of Revelation should be shortened to the following: “Everybody dies. The end.”

Further, we believe that God's statement, “Let there be light,” in Genesis should be changed to, “Let there be light provided by energy efficient fluorescent bulbs.” Implementing these changes will save millions of precious trees vital to our fragile ecosystem. We hope to receive your full support on this matter.

For the earth,  
Joel Stern  
Executive Director, Greenpeace

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Note to Self:  
Edit Luke's Gospel. That guy had no sense of grammar



Restock work room with more Holy Wine.

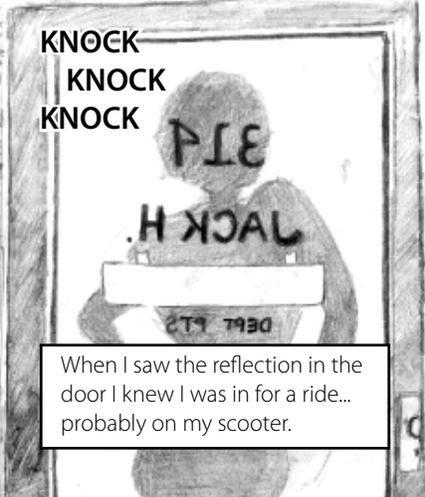
# PTS NOIR

The name's Jack Hart.

14 years working as a PTS man can grind on you. It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it.

My partner helps me get through the tough times; Lieutenant Gator's his name.

Gator...ade that is.



When I saw the reflection in the door I knew I was in for a ride... probably on my scooter.



It was a dame... Russian no doubt.

What is it you're looking for, doll?

Pilates.

I had never heard of this "Pilates" fella', but I had a hunch that I would run into him soon enough.

WEEE!



Can you take me to Gregory? I a Russian foreign-exchange student.

I decided to bite. Although I had no idea what kind of exchange she had in mind.



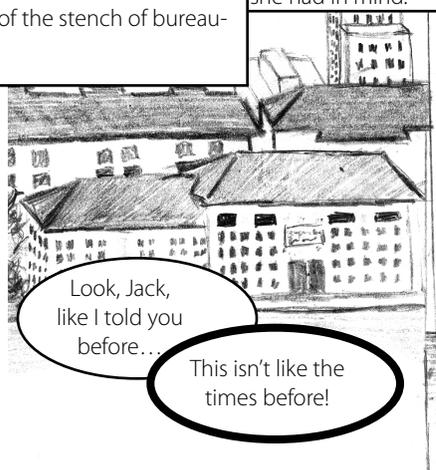
It was after I dropped the dame off at the gym that I saw it.



A car parked so illegally it might as well have had its own wrap-sheet.

And it was no Jay-Z rap either. I'll have to let the chief know about this one.

Headquarters reeks of the stench of bureaucracy.



Look, Jack, like I told you before...

This isn't like the times before!



You write the ticket...

The ticket goes to the "What-I-Owe" page. It's that simple, Jack.



Damnit, Roger, that's not good enough!!!

Not this time...

I headed back to the scene to see what I could turn up about the car owner.



Fortunately, I had a little help from my old pal, Jimmy...

Jimmy the lock that is.

HEY YOU!



WHAT THE HELL MAN?

Asshole...



Mr. Pilates, I presume.

The pieces fit together in the end - a little too well if you ask me. Was I any closer to finding the culprit in this obvious cover-up? Maybe not, but one thing is for sure; the wife is cooking spaghetti tonight, and I'll be damned if I miss it.

# H1N1



## QUIZ TIME!!

Do you have the swine flu or another disease?

- 1) You're riding the bus and the person behind you sneezes on your head. Do you...
  - a. turn around and punch that woman in the face
  - b. smile politely and immediately go home to wash your hair
  - c. wipe it off with your hand and start shaking hands with everyone
  - d. use the extra moisture to change your coiffure

- 2) You're at a college party, and an attractive member of the opposite sex approaches you. Do you?
  - a. run away screaming in the opposite direction
  - b. request her medical history and list of sexual partners
  - c. infect her with swine flu
  - d. offer to share a discarded beer you found on the foosball table

- 3) Which one of the words best describes your personality?
  - a. infectious
  - b. paranoid
  - c. amiable
  - d. muy cansado, senior



- 4) If you could be any one of the following animals, which one would you choose?
  - a. pig
  - b. monkey
  - c. jackalope
  - d. Rob Schneider

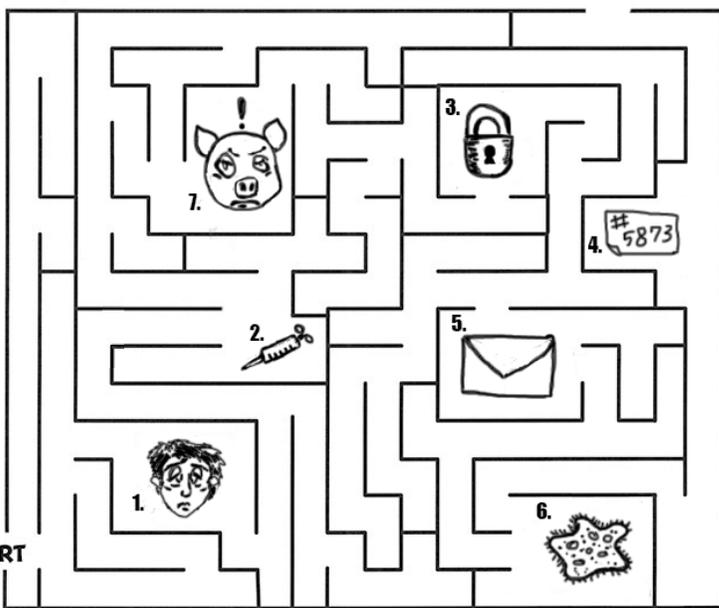
- 5) You just saw a Burger King employee return to work without washing his hands. Do you...
  - a. eat that Whopper anyway
  - b. put a disinfecting wipe between the meat and cheese
  - c. file a formal complaint with the King
  - d. all of the above

- 6) You caught your boyfriend sharing looks with the girl across the bar. How do you respond?
  - a. walk over and get medieval on her ass
  - b. tell your boyfriend it's over
  - c. write about it on your feminist blog
  - d. ignore it until Christmas, then release your anger when he only gets you a half-carat diamond ring

Can you find your way to the end of the swine flu maze?

7. PIG ATTACK!!!

FINISH



3. Sick student refuses to stay home... classrooms quarantined MWF 11-2.

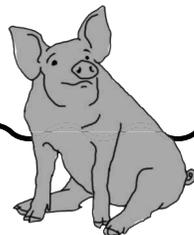
4. Line of people getting vaccines too long.

5. Letter from home: Houston has been infected. Have fun in school.

6. You seek haven with a concubine, avoid H1N1, contract syphilis and heinous staph infection.

1. Roommate has similar symptoms; must evacuate.

2. Black market vaccine gives you bird flu.



## QUIZ ANSWER KEY:

Add together how many times you selected Answer C and D, then multiply that by the number of pigs you've touched in the past week, divided by the times you've washed your hands, and then subtract pi. Take that number and completely disregard it.

If your birthday is between January and March, you have:  
Swine Flu: Yep, you have it. Sucks to be you.

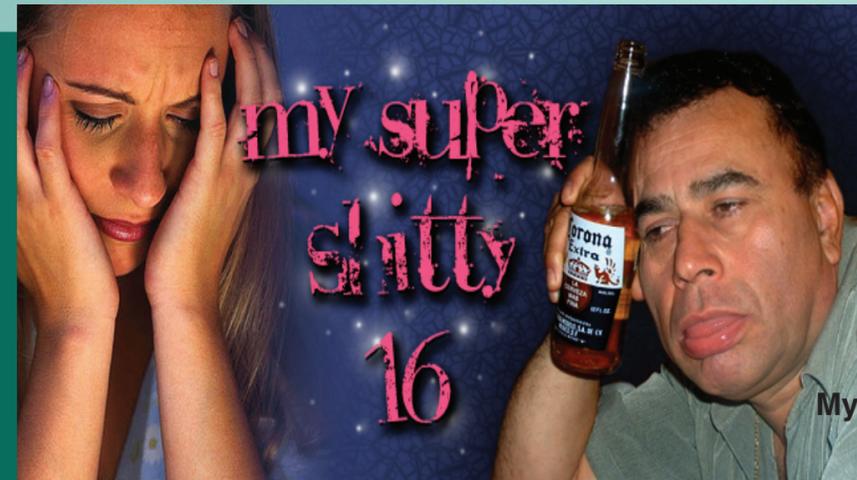
If your birthday is between April and June, you have:  
Fibromyalgia: We don't really know what this is. You should probably see your doctor.

If your birthday is between July and September, you have:  
Mono: Everyone is sooooo grossed out with you right now. Stop making out with Jason.

If your birthday is between October and December, you have:  
Hypochondria: Not everything you read on Wikipedia applies to your life. Just calm down and finish Lysol-ing that living room.



# Fall 2009 Reality TV Preview



### My Super Shitty 16

### Falling into a Downward Spiral of Drug Use and Alcoholism With The Stars

This fall, ten washed up celebrities get together under the Brooklyn Bridge with only their heroin needles and 40 ounces to drink away the last bit of dignity associated with their careers. Contestants such as Nick Nolte, Paula Abdul, and Tara Reid gather together in truly humiliating fashion to laugh, cry, laugh again, vomit, and inject their problems away into a bottomless hole that they will never escape from. Tune in next week to see guest star Macaulay Culkin hit a new low!



falling into a downward spiral of drug use and alcoholism with the stars

Get ready for your worst birthday ever! Mom's abusive, dad's an alcoholic, brother is a real piece of shit, and no one remembered your special day. Spend a day with the saddest sixteen year old on the planet as they celebrate at the local Applebee's. Oh, and more thing: Bobby Wilkerson, the captain of the baseball team, thinks you're a total loser, and he'll never date you.

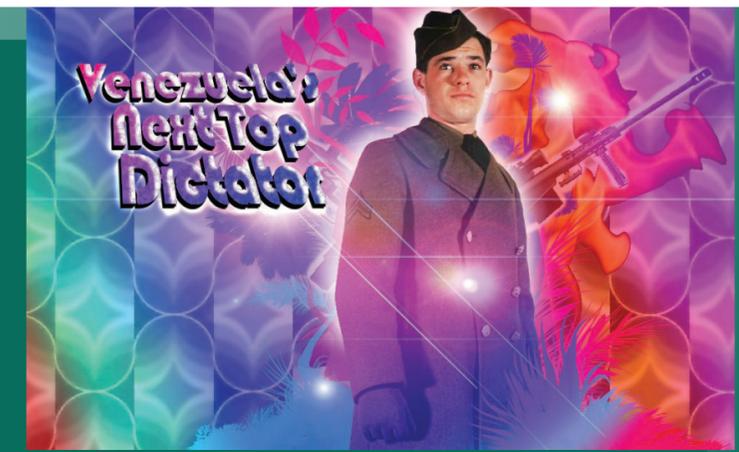


### Bitches Bein' Bitches

Bitches move into a house and start bitching about other bitches and hoes. Bitches then complete a series of tasks and bitch about some more bitch shit. Goddamn, these bitches won't shut the hell about all of their bitch problems! Watch as Foxy Bitch bitches at Baby Bitch until she has a mental breakdown! Don't miss it when Crazy Bitch chokes Funny Bitch in the hot tub, and then they make out! Tune in to VH1 every day this week to catch all of the bitchin' action!

### Venezuela's Next Top Dictator

Watch as 10 revolutionaries strut down the national mall and attempt to depose Chavez in this year's hottest coup d'état! The gorgeous guerrillas will be challenged to smuggle coke in style and flown to beautiful Fiji, where they'll compete to overthrow the small island's government. Guest judges Kim Jong Il, Muammar al-Gaddafi and Fidel Castro will be on hand to determine who will win the grand prize: a socialist country of his own, filled with 26 million loyal, submissive citizens.



### Are You Smarter Than a 5th Year Senior?

This hilarious game show pits contestants from around the US against students still holding less than 120 hours after five years at UT. Marvel as grownups are put in the hot seat, fielding questions in topics ranging from Freshman Seduction to lower-division Calculus. Don't count out the adults though; contestants get help from recent graduates who are actually doing something with their lives.



### Bend Over and Love Me (Season 2)

Rick Perry is offering 8 sexy death row inmates one last chance at a governor's pardon. Challenges include the Soap Bar Olympics, the Anal Smuggling challenge, and the final elimination Shank-Off. Contestants will receive a single phone call confessional, and this season will feature the return of last season's winner "Pudge", who is back in Cell Block A after a string of child kidnappings! Tune in at 7PM Eastern or whenever visiting hours are permitted.

# Senior Twittizen

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What are you doing?

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Latest: I have decided to save time by taking all my pills for this week at the same time. 2 hours ago

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**LuckyStrix** Cognac, Alka-Seltzer and carbuncle salve #MYoldmansmell



**AudibleFred** Early bird special was great today. The halibut could have used more sauce. It takes ten years to digest gum.



**GrannyBren** Does anyone know if this is supposed to turn green?



**Agnestheold** I wish my children would visit me.



**PolkaPower77** hey @AsaSpades, it's already three weeks after New Years...how about taking those Christmas lights down? LOL



**NanaFx** RT @PolkaPower77: hey @AsaSpades, it's already three weeks after New Years...how about taking those Christmas lights down? LOL



**TeriJ** @PolkaPower77 @NanaFx this is AsaSpade's daughter Teri. Asa died of kidney failure.



**MargeyMay** Just watering the fence :)



**FrankJL** I have decided to save time by taking all my pills for this week at the same time.



**LloydWeathers** Hello? Is this thing on? Somebody say something...



**Genevre436** Cookies just came out of oven. Stop. Must wait ten minutes to cool. Stop. Cannot find cooling tray. Stop. Send for help. Stop.



**CardiganIrene** That Drew Carrey's cute, but he's no Bob Barker



FrankLJ

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## Taco Bell: Transcript from Monday's Executive Meeting

**Chief Executive Officer, David Novak:** Gentlemen, thank you for coming. We've got a lot to cover today, so don't hesitate to fill your plates with this gorgeous spread courtesy of Chipotle. Be sure to try the pico—it's really something else. First up, though, I'm going to pass the baton over to Jackie Trujillo in R&D. He's got some really exciting news. Synergy, people, synergy!

**Research And Development Director, Jackie Trujillo:** Let's get down to business: I touched base with our R&D lab guys last week, and it looks like they've isolated the principle compound associated with "bacon" flavor, which will allow us to circumvent the livestock requirements. Not only will the synthetic bacon be cheaper to produce, but will last up to 23 years at room temperature. Gentlemen, the bacon revolution has arrived!

**CEO Novak:** Thanks, Jackster. Moving forward, we need to talk about putting out some fires with regard to the Bolivian incident. I'm going to pass the baton to Public Affairs Officer Jonathan Blum.

**Public Affairs Officer, Jonathan Blum:** As of yesterday, the situation on the ground is relatively static. We still have to deal with the 580 mountain-offensive deaths, but it's looking like the new puppet government should keep those under wraps. To be frank, I doubt we'll ever hear from those commie bastards again. Additionally, we've left several agents behind to deal with Prime Minister Jalajorge should any problems arise. If the press starts poking around asking questions, route them back to my office and I'll send them a release about the Bacon Bacon Volcano Fire Zesty Fresco menu. Novak, that's all I've got. Passing the baton back to you.

**CEO Novak:** Thanks, Jon. By the way, where did we get this baton?

**Public Affairs Officer, Jonathan Blum:** Target, sir.

**CEO Novak:** Well, I think it was a great investment. Now I'm going to pass the baton over to Mickey Pant, Director of Marketing, who I believe has an update about the 7-meal plan.

**Director of Marketing:** As we all know, the introduction of the Fourth Meal was met with tremendous success. Starting next month, we will implement the Fifth Meal, which will prepare Americans for the Sixth Meal. We hope that this next step will be met with the same level of success as steps 1-4, and we will eventually be able to fully institutionalize a nine-meal standard in American culture.

**CEO:** Excellent. Now, let's turn it over to the director of HR to describe the new benefit packages.

**Director of HR:** Well, this year we are introducing the new supreme benefits package and the volcano benefits package in addition to the current baja benefits package. In lieu of worker's compensation, the volcano package gives you one volcano taco for every work related injury. The supreme package is exactly like the volcano package, except with sour cream.

**CEO:** Thank you. Now, before we adjourn, I must mention the issue of the taco supply, which has dominated the headlines for the last few weeks. Many of you have been asking, and we will be having a meeting this Wednesday to discuss the possibility of Jack-in-the-Box's entrance into the Taco Cartel. That's all we have for today, gentleman. See you all next week.

# Dating Advice

## with Megan Fox

Dear Megan,  
I really want a boyfriend, but every time I hook up with a guy, it's like he's gotten what he wanted and never calls again. Is there such a thing as sleeping with a guy too soon?

*Not-So-Hot To Trot*

Dear Not-So-Hot,  
I think that you can't really trust guys who only want to get in your pants, but that might be because I'm, like, really confident sexually. I don't know where that comes from, since I was like a really big nerd in high school because all the guys thought I was really hot and all the girls didn't like me. So you really can't trust girls either, or I would tell you to try batting for the other team for a while. I think everyone's a little bit bisexual, anyway. I know I am because I love women. I love their bodies, and how they smell. Women are so hot.

Dear Megan,  
My husband and I have been trying to conceive for years now. At first, we thought we'd just let it happen naturally, but as time went by, it became obvious that we were going to have to seek medical help. So we've been working with a doctor on IVF lately, but still nothing's happening. We've both been evaluated, and it looks like I'm the problem, not my husband. I know he really wants kids, and I'm afraid I'll never be able to give them to him. In the back of my mind, I'm

afraid he'll leave me. What can I do?

*Empty Inside*

Dear Empty Inside,  
Have ya'll tried doing it doggystyle?

Dear Megan,  
I really love my parents, but they can be closed-minded. I'm currently in an interracial relationship that's starting to get serious. I'd like to introduce my boyfriend to my mom and dad, but I'm afraid they'll judge him because he's not the same race as they are. What

can I do to convince them to love him as much as I do?

*Colorblind*

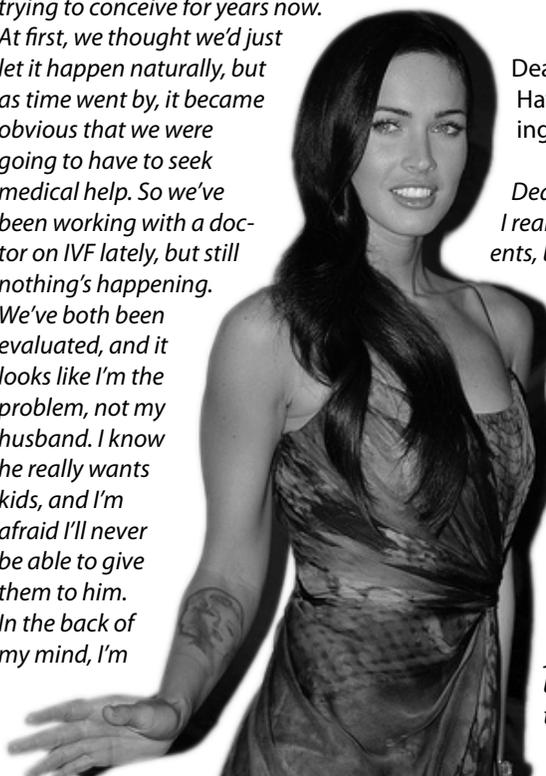
Dear Colorblind,  
Is your boyfriend Indian? I think Indian guys are so hot. Black guys are also way hot. Barack Obama is really hot, and he's a role model. I'm not really into politics or whatever but Obama really inspired me. So yeah, just tell your parents that if America can be in an interracial relationship with its president, they can deal with the fact that you're in an interracial relationship. Plus biracial babies are really pretty. I'm Native American and French.

Dear Megan,  
My boyfriend and I are having some communication problems. I never know where he is, and he comes home really late at night and doesn't tell me where he's been. When I ask where he's been,

he tells me that I'm being a whiny bitch. How can I get him interested in talking to me?

*Invisible girlfriend*

Dear Invisible Girlfriend,  
I totally understand what you're going through. People think that because of the way I look, I don't have anything to say. And obviously I do have something to say because I'm saying something right now. So just keep talking.



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## Texas Travesty Interview

## Jemaine Clement

By Matt Ingebretson

Photo by Matty Greene

Jemaine Clement has momentum. Although his mono-tone and distinctly unexcited voice would never lead you to believe that, his four Emmy nominations and Grammy win might. In his latest work, Clement took a break from his *Flight of the Concorde* partner, Bret McKenzie, and collaborated with writer/director Jared Hess (Napolean Dynamite), on his latest film, *Gentlemen Broncos*. Clement sat down with the *Travesty* on some lovely patio furniture outside an even more lovely hotel to talk about Orc-dwellings and being sexy. And in case you're wondering, we tried to ask about sexy Orcs—he had no comment.



**Texas Travesty:** So is this your first time in Austin?

**Jemaine Clement:** Third time.

**TT:** Have you performed here before?

**JC:** Yeah; for *Flight of the Concorde* and for *South by Southwest* two years ago. We did a lot of clubs.

**TT:** What's the difference between the New Zealand comedy scene and the comedy scene in the US?

**JC:** The main difference is that there's one comedy club in the whole country. And it's not even in the town where I live.

**TT:** How do you work out material with only one club to perform at?

**JC:** We do more sort of theatrical stuff. When I started it was more...you know like here when you do standup there

might be a few skits floating around but that's not the main part. In New Zealand it's like people doing plays as the main thing. There's a little bit of standup. When I started there was standup once a week. But it was good because we wrote a lot of material because there would be the same people coming in, and so you can't play the same songs, because they've already heard it.

**TT:** We have a movie series in the US that came out called *The Lord of the Rings*. Have you heard of it?

**JC:** Yeah.

**TT:** For a lot of people, New Zealand is like...

**JC:** Hobbit land.

**TT:** Does that get frustrating?

**JC:** No, not at all. In some ways

it's good.

**TT:** People know New Zealand because of it.

**JC:** Well people often confuse it with Australia, which the landscape is really different. If you've seen *Lord of the Rings* vs. *Mad Max*. *Mad Max* is what Australia's like; the sort of post-apocalyptic red desert compared to an Orc dwelling in a mountain. There's less fiery eyes and stuff like that [laughs].

**TT:** Did you ever have any ideas for *Flight of the Concorde* that you liked but never made it in for one reason or another?

**JC:** Well, the three of us write—me, Bret, and James. Sometimes we'll boycott each other's ideas. There were ideas that I hated that we didn't do. Then there were some ideas that I hated

and we did do.

**TT:** What comedians did you find most influential when you were growing up and learning comedy?

**JC:** Well, I really liked Billy Connolly. But I don't feel like I emulate him in any way. I

*"It feels good to be sexy"*

just like him. Do you know the show *The Young Ones*? [Yes]. It's from the 80s and was really quite surreal. Have you seen *The Mighty Boosh*? [Yes]. *Concorde* was often confused with *The Mighty Boosh* but I think we were both just heavily influenced by *The Young Ones*. And the *Garry Shandling Show* is another one that I grew up with that I really loved. I was never allowed to stay up late. Usually, I had to go to bed at eight. But I would just be like, "I have to watch the *Garry Shandling Show*!" [laughs]

**TT:** When you were filming this movie did you pretty much stick to the script, or did you do get a chance to improv some scenes?

**JC:** We did both. We tried to stick to the script for the first time and then added things. We stuck to the script, but there are little things in there.

**TT:** You were named one of the 100 sexiest people by *"Who" magazine* in Australia. How does it feel to be sexy?

**JC:** It feels good to be sexy.

I really think it's really cool that I'm one of the 100 sexiest people. What are the pedigrees? Just in the world?

**TT:** I think so.

**JC:** It could just be the first 100 people in the phone book.

**TT:** What are your plans now that *Flight of the Concorde* is off the air?

**JC:** I'm writing a film with a friend of mine, and I'm doing a little bit of acting.

**TT:** In this movie you did some acting?

**JC:** I did a little bit of acting in this movie. [laughs]

**TT:** How did you hook up with Jared Hess for this?

**JC:** He had seen *Flight of the Concorde*, and I think he specifically liked the comedy in it. He had a kind of voice in mind when he cast for it. He didn't even pick me up. He didn't even ask me to do it or anything. I didn't go to an audition or try out. I would just email him all the time with 30 photos of different bad haircuts that I had found, and just be like, "what about one of these?"

**TT:** One more question. If you had one meal left to eat before you died, what would be in that meal?

**JC:** I might go for like a salad with sort of everything in it. A chicken, banana, and ice cream salad. And I would try to outsmart them and just keep adding stuff.

**TT:** And just never stop eating?

**JC:** Yes.



## Texas Travesty Interview

## Bobcat Goldthwait

By Matt Ingebretson

Up until a few years ago, Bobcat Goldthwait made a living by screaming at audiences and having mental breakdowns on stage that would get the average person thrown into an intense psychiatric rehabilitation facility. Best known for his roles in the *Police Academy* movies and the cult hit, *Shakes the Clown*, Goldthwait has moved on to direct darker comedies such as *Sleeping Dogs Lie* and his most recent and highly rated work, *World's Greatest Dad*, starring Robin Williams and Daryl Sabara. Goldthwait and Sabara (*SPY KIDS*) sat down with the *Travesty* to talk about *World's Greatest Dad*, ballet, and the downsides of impersonating a Sesame Street character—which, apparently, is not as glamorous as we had once thought.

**Texas Travesty:** What do you think of Austin?

**Bobcat Goldthwait:** Daryl's filmed some movies here before.

**Daryl Sabara:** This is almost like a second home. I'm actually here by myself right now for the first time.

**TT:** Have you gotten a chance to see the sites?

**DS:** Yeah I've been to Waterloo, Amy's Ice Cream, the bats, and the beautiful capitol of course.

**BG:** I've been here before to play the comedy clubs like Cap City. Never *Velveeta Room*, though. I should go down there sometime and eat shit. [Laughs]. I know it's a tough room.

**TT:** How did you two get together for *World's Greatest Dad*?

**BG:** Daryl came in and auditioned. He was supposed to audition for

Andrew, the role of the nice kid in the movie, but he had Kyle already. He was a little bit of a dick, you know? But when I saw him I was like, well if I could get this boy, for me at least, it would work in this movie. And then I called everybody to find out if Daryl really was an asshole. And then he came back here and we spoke and it sure enough, he's a huge cock [Laughs].

**TT:** Did you do any asshole research for this film?

**DS:** You know it's weird, all I really did, was in the waiting room before I auditioned, I was blaring *Notorious BIG*. So I was just listen-

Read the rest online at [www.texastravesty.com!](http://www.texastravesty.com/)

## Texas Travesty Interview

## Jimmy Pardo

By Ross Luippold

Jimmy Pardo is a class act. After all, anyone who has seen him perform would testify that it's only natural that the quick-witted Pardo was plucked from the comedy club circuit to be the warm-up comedian for the newly-minted *The Tonight Show* with Conan O'Brien. But reigning in the studio audience for the gold standard of late night television is only Pardo's day job: fans of alternative comedy know him as the host of the award-winning *Never Not Funny* (available at [Pardcast.com](http://Pardcast.com)). Pardo also has made a name for himself with a long resume of hosting gigs, both live (at the Upright Citizen Brigade Theater in LA, where he performs frequently) and on television, in addition to featured stand-up spots on the late-night circuit. The Travesty had the pleasure of sitting down with Jimmy after a show at Cap City to discuss life on the road, his performance style, and why not everyone should be allowed to have a podcast.



**Texas Travesty:** You're the second big-time interview that we've had since we got Doug Benson a few months ago. Since not many comics stop by UT, that means you have 100% more exposure on campus than almost any other comic in the world. So congratulations.

**Jimmy Pardo:** Thank you? Is that a question?

**TT:** That's a congratulations.

**JP:** Oh! Thank you! I don't know how to respond to that. I'll take it as a win.

**TT:** You lived in Chicago for a long time.

**JP:** I grew up there.

**TT:** Was it a tough decision to leave your hometown?

**JP:** No. Not at all. I did a showcase for CBS Television, and a talent scout saw me who then went into management, and said, "I will manage you if you move out to L.A." And six months later, after I had a horrible breakup with a girl, I moved out to L.A. And then that guy had a nervous breakdown a month after I moved there. So then it was a hard time to move there. But you gotta move. So, no, it was not a hard decision.

**TT:** You pretty much have to move out to L.A.

**JP:** If you want to be in show business, you do. I don't want to take anything away from comics who work the road exclusively, because these are hard-working guys, and very talented as well, but if your aspiration is to be on television, then you gotta move there, or New York.

**TT:** Speaking of being on the road,

your normal gig is the warm-up comedian on *The Tonight Show*. This is the first club that you've done since you started that.

**JP:** It is. First club on the road since I've started on Conan.

**TT:** Do you miss the road?

**JP:** Nope. Not at all. But it's going to make me appreciate it more. The stress is gone. Not that I had it at all in the last ten years, but there used to be the stress of the club liking you and wanting you back. "Oh, I hope I got along with everybody and I hope they want me!" The road comics, that's how they live their lives: they hope the club likes them, and they get rebooked the next year. But now I don't have that. They can say, "You suck, we're never having you back." "Okay, see ya later!"

**TT:** Your act is a throwback to the nightclub comedians of the '60s. How did that come about? How did you develop that style?

**JP:** I guess probably just growing up in a house where my parents watched a lot of Johnny Carson and Saturday Night Live. That's not the '60s, certainly, but watching comedy as a kid, and idolizing Johnny Carson when I was nine... When the other kids were idolizing baseball players, I wanted to put on a suit and talk. I would imagine that's where it's from. I like that whole era to begin with. I think my natural cadence sounds that way, so maybe I adapted around the cadence, I don't really know. Other comics think out their character onstage, and I never really thought out anything. It all came naturally.

So I can't really pinpoint.

**TT:** Since most of your act is crowd work, do you do anything to stay fresh?

**JP:** Well, that is staying fresh. Every show is different, and obviously some of the stuff is done every night, but I try to find fun stuff every night, like [in tonight's show], the guy with the bicycle, and the gay couple, and finding the humor in [them]. Not just making fun of people: if you're watching my show, it's a fine line of what I do. Some would go, "Oh, he just insults people, he just makes fun of them." But not really. If you wait one second longer, you realize that nobody's getting hurt, it's all in fun. And it's just silliness. It's just comedy.

**TT:** Then let's talk about the medium that fits your talent, your podcast *Never Not Funny*. You riff on everyday minutiae in a very casual tone. Do you have any ground rules? Or is it just an extension of your act?

**JP:** It's just an extension. I grew up idolizing these guys in Chicago named Steve Dahl and Garry Meier. They were Howard Stern before Howard Stern was Howard Stern. They were groundbreaking in radio, and I loved it. I always thought if I had the opportunity to do something like that, I would emulate them. Because they just talked. [Bartender nearby shakes a cocktail.] Looks like someone is ready to do some spray painting. So... there are no real ground rules. We joke on there a lot that we don't like to talk about politics,

because we do get a lot of listeners upset when we talk politics.

**TT:** Seems bizarre.

**JP:** Especially the way I talk about it. What do I talk about? I talk about what he's wearing. I don't even talk about his policies. They say, "You guys are just a bunch of Obama lovers." Well, yes, but so what? We're not talking about his policies. So there are no real ground rules. I just want it to be fun. And light. And entertaining.

**TT:** How do you feel about being on the forefront of a medium that didn't even exist five years ago? How do you feel about being the "cool kid" who gets to set the rules for this new thing?

**JP:** Well, I've been passed up by Adam Carolla, and everyone's giving him credit for having started podcasting. But Adam is a terrific broadcaster and a very funny guy. And if it brings more attention to podcasting, great. If more people listen to him and get turned onto podcasting, then they might click on my thing and listen to mine. [Pauses.] But I don't know the answer to that. It's a great question, and if I was an adult, I could answer it. I think... Anything I say is going to sound either cocky or childish, so I don't really know how to answer it. It's neat? It's really... I like it.

**TT:** It's a fun position to be in.

**JP:** It's a fun position, but I get a little... Because I am one of the first to have done it, and we do this particular format, everybody feels the need to come up to me and say, "I'm going to start my own podcast! And it's gonna be me and my two buddies talking!" And that's not just what this is. So in that regard, it's weird to be first, because then everybody wants to do what you're doing, when in reality, all I'm doing is morning radio without commercials and a bell.

**TT:** You already answered this a little, but how is hosting a podcast different than doing stand-up or hosting a game show?

**JP:** Well, [the format is more] free. You talk about whatever you want. I've learned a little bit, and maybe I need to learn a little bit more, of watching what I say when it comes to fellow performers who may listen to it and I don't know that. I'm just trying to be funny, but if I put down another comedian, it comes off really petty. And that's the one thing I need to watch. That's one way it's different than stand-up. It's not just going out to the atmosphere. If I was to crap on someone tonight, who heard it?

Sixty people and it's over. But if I do it on a podcast, it's there. "Hey, I heard you badmouthed me!" "No I didn't! Click." "Yes you did! I can play it!" That's the one thing I have to learn as far as that goes. And maybe not being honest and open is a good call. Wow. Long answer. Windbag. I'm a long-winded windbag.

**TT:** If you could change one thing about the comedy business now that was in place when you first started, what would it be?

**JP:** No women. [Interviewer laughs.] I would get rid of the Internet.

**TT:** What is it about the Internet?

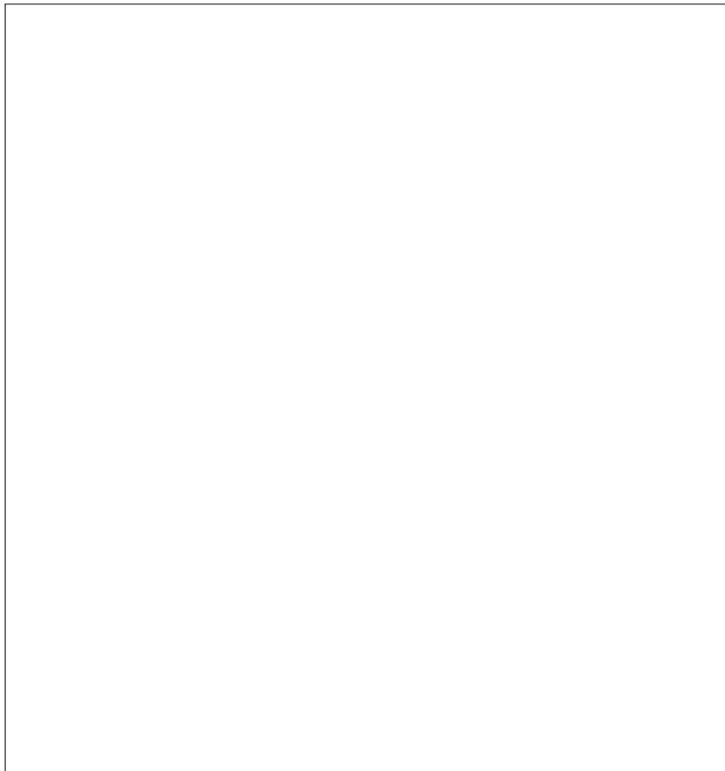
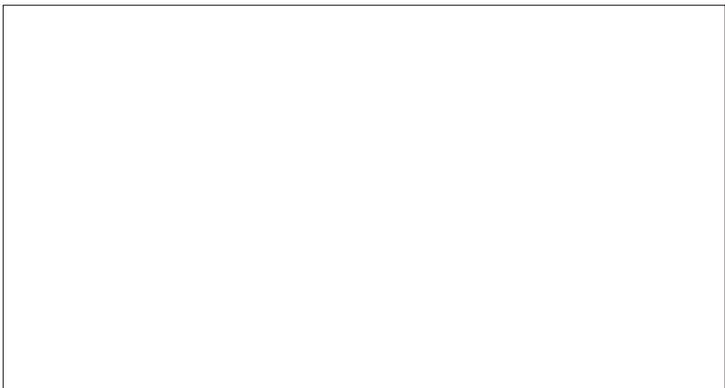
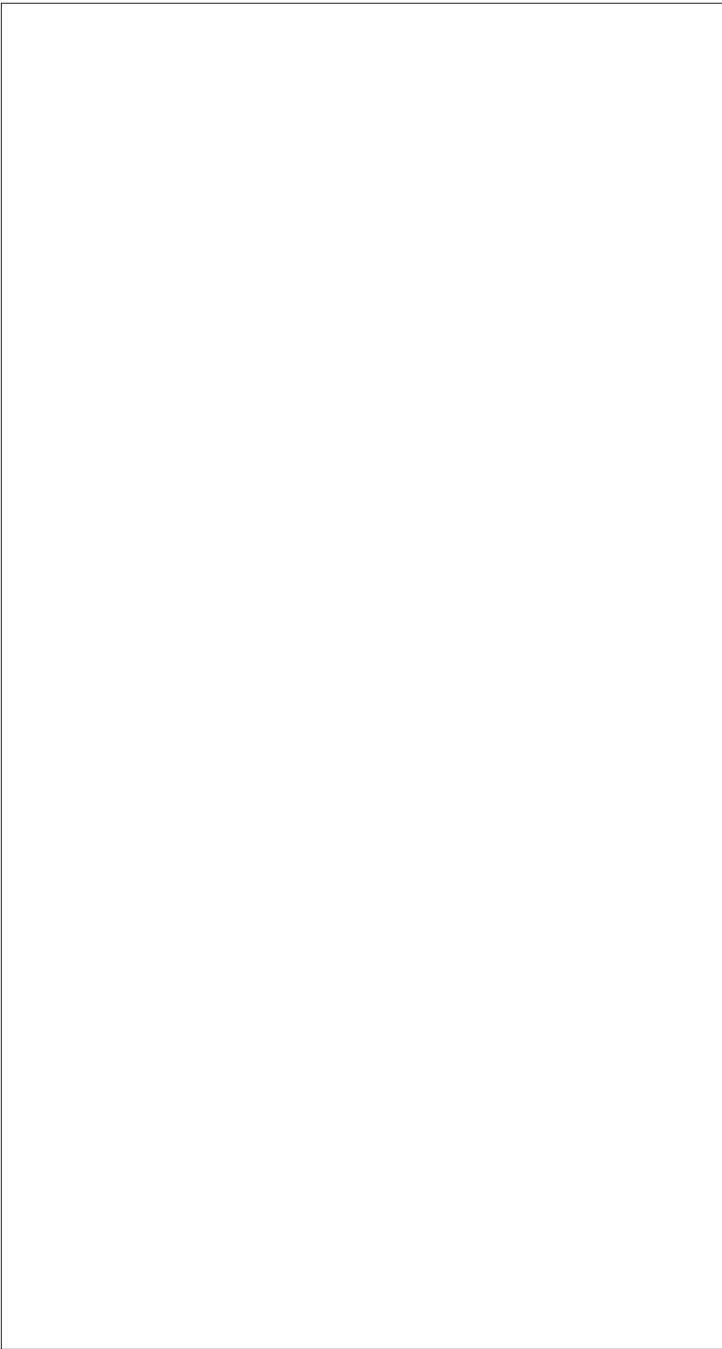
**JP:** I think that comics—and many people disagree with me—I think that young comics do themselves a disservice by putting their sets on the Internet too early. It goes back to the thing where it's always out there. Like I talked about earlier, if a young comic is so excited to say, "Go to my Facebook page! Go to my MySpace page! Go to YouTube and look at my stand-up!" you're not ready to be seen by people. You're supposed to be learning and failing. And learning in a vacuum. They keep putting these sets up there, and in their mind, they don't think they suck. And I didn't either. I thought I was great too. And when you look back at tapes, it's like, oh sweet Jesus, I can't believe people laughed and paid money to see that. God bless my girlfriends at the time and my parents for sitting through it and lying and telling me I was good. But these people are putting it on the Internet for the world to see! So I would do away with that.

**TT:** Do you think it stunts new performers from becoming better? Or do you think it ruins the experience of going to a comedy club?

**JP:** I think it ruins the experience of going to a comedy club. I also think... well, those are two different questions. What would you get rid of, I would get rid of [the Internet] so they can learn in a vacuum and be listening to themselves and watching themselves privately. And again, other people disagree with me.

**TT:** But you would change that.

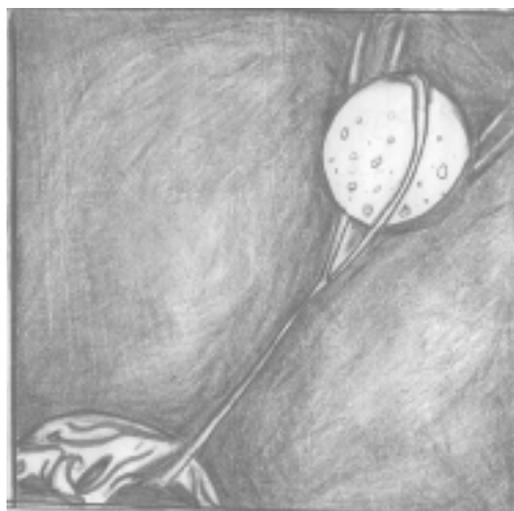
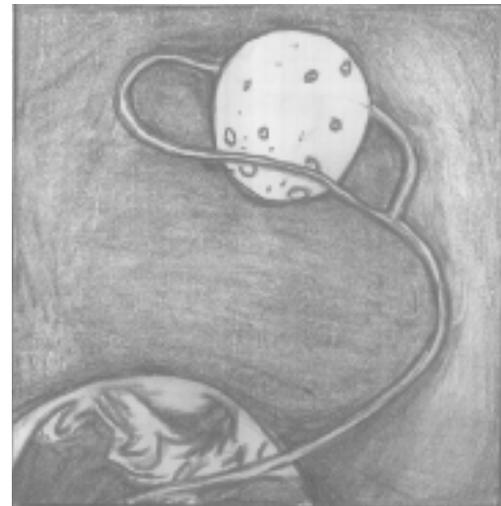
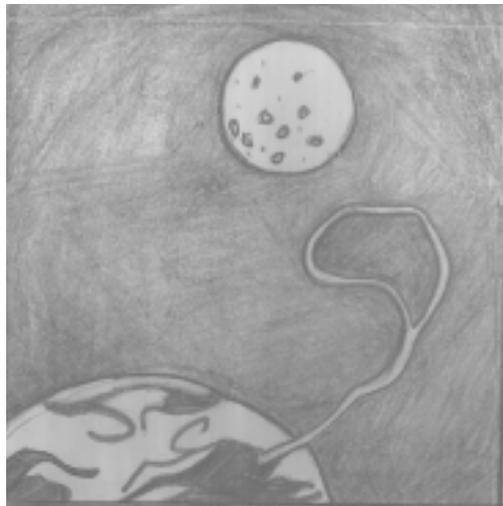
**JP:** If Jimmy Pardo could change it, I would get rid of the ability to put up stand-up comedy clips until you've been doing it at least five years. In fairness, I was on Caroline's Comedy Hour after doing comedy three years, so maybe I don't know what I'm talking about. Let's keep that in mind. I don't know what I'm talking about.



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# So, um, I hope you don't mind if I ask, but is this sex?



Johnathan Farburg

Hi, what's up? I would shake your hand but you're kind of in an awkward posi...one second... there we go. Ok, it's very nice to meet you! I'm Jonathan and I'm a first year Mechanical Engineering major here at UT. I'm involved in the Society of Professional Engineers and enjoy playing intramural sand volleyball. I'm not sure if this is an awkward time to ask, but I was genuinely curious if we happened to be having sex right now.

Hold on, I need to take off my watch.

Now, I've heard all about it from my friends and I've seen it on TV a bunch of times, but something about this just seems off. First of all, we aren't really all that naked. You're still wearing your College of Natural Sciences T-shirt, and that's fine and all, but I sort of envisioned you...not wearing that.

This is just pretty uncomfortable for a lot of reasons. I figured it was a seamless process, but my back hurts and you haven't let out any passionate moans yet. I mean,

we weren't even planning on having sex or anything; I thought we were just messing around and then

*“You're still wearing your College of Natural Sciences T-shirt, and that's fine and all, but I sort of envisioned you...not wearing that.”*

all of the sudden I think it might have become us fornicating.

Oh, my roommate's asleep, don't even worry about it.

I just noticed that your socks are on. There's no way this can be sex. I've watched Showtime after midnight several times and the chick never has her socks on. I mean, is this really what all the fuss is about? I was just having a good time with you and then all of the sudden things became really pensive. You keep staring at me

with those soulless eyes of yours. Am I doing this right? What am I doing exactly? If this is sex, does that mean we can't chit chat?

I think what's throwing me off is that we didn't really set this up with a “let's have sex” moment. I figured we'd at least be somewhat intimate beforehand; maybe even possibly shaking hands. Honestly, I don't know how things escalated to this. We were just talking about the salad bar at Jester City Limits and then, boom, I'm pretty sure I'm inside you.

I...don't know where to put my left arm.

I'm not sure what the emotional repercussions of this experience will be, but on a physical level, this isn't so bad, I suppose. I heard Megan Fox was supposed to be in the new Batman movie. She certainly has a fitting last name... am I right? Am I right? No, wait, please don't leave! I was kind of interested where this whole thing was going!

Can you at least Febreeze the place before you go?

## I decided to interview myself

Matt Ingebretson  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A new year is upon us, and with the new year comes new leadership for the Travesty—me. I'm the new leader of the Travesty. Isn't that neat?

Anyway, I decided that I want to build more of a relationship with Travesty readers, and that the best way to do that would be to give an interview. And seeing as though I will be doing most of the interviews for the publication this year, I decided that it would only be fitting that I conduct the interview myself. I've thought it over and it's the only thing that makes sense to me.

The other night I sat down in front of a mirror and had a nice heart-to-heart with myself. Here's what happened:

**Matt Ingebretson:** So how's it going?

Matt Ingebretson: Feeling kind of nauseous. What about you?

**MI:** I'm feeling a little nauseous as well. What do you think of the Obama administration so far?

**MI:** Wait, I told you not to ask me any questions about politics. I don't want to talk about that.

**MI:** Look, I'm trying to cover all of the issues here. I'm not going to pull any punches. Now answer the damn question.

**MI:** You're an asshole. Why are you antagonizing me? I told you to do a puff piece. We talked about this...

*“I hate you, Matt Ingebretson.”*

*-Matt Ingebretson*

**MI:** I talked about this. Not you. Me.

**MI:** I hate you, Matt Ingebretson.

**MI:** Let's try to be civil. Seriously, there's a lot of great things happening with the Travesty this year.

**MI:** You're right. The Travesty is going to have a stellar year. I've got a lot of jokes up my sleeve that I can't wait to let out. I also have some pepper spray up my sleeve. And also a peanut butter sandwich in case I get hungry.

**MI:** When are you going to finish reading that book for class tomorrow?

**MI:** Oh, shit! I totally forgot about that. Have you read it? Can you tell me what it's about?

**MI:** No, moron. Of course I haven't read it.

**MI:** Alright, jackass, that's it. You are being completely unprofessional about this whole thing. It's my turn to do the interview. Step aside. I'm going to interview YOU now.

**MI:** No! [mind struggle]

**MI:** [more powerful mind struggle]

**MI:** Ha! Victory!

**MI:** So then ask me a question.

**MI:** Hypothetical scenario: You are being brutally attacked by a bear and it has torn off your arm. You are losing a lot of blood. Do you still pursue your life long dream of becoming a US Senator?

**MI:** I don't want to be a senator.

**MI:** Well played.

**MI:** I'm tired of this. Can I be done yet?

**MI:** I guess so. Have we accomplished anything here.

**MI:** I've decided that it's time for me to seek professional help.

**MI:** Well, at least we have each other to get through it.

**MI:** Matt, we're the same person.

**MI:** I know.

