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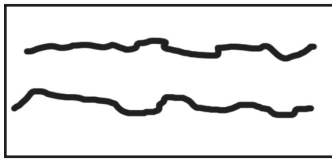
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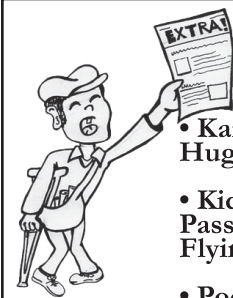
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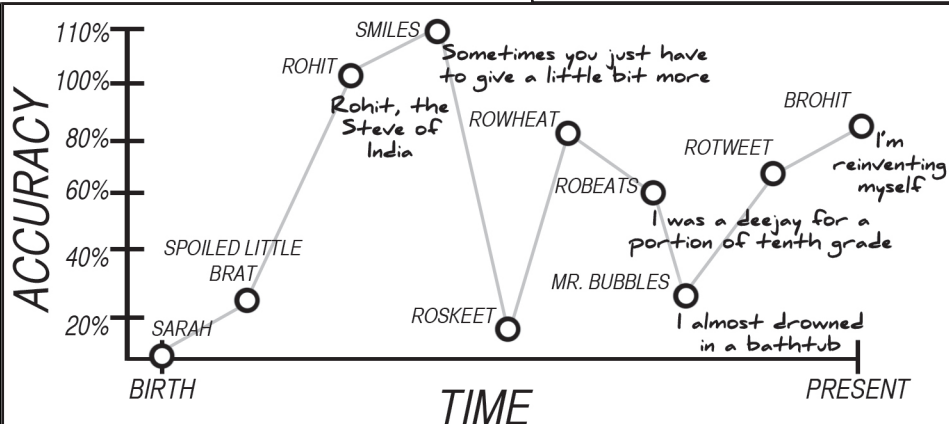
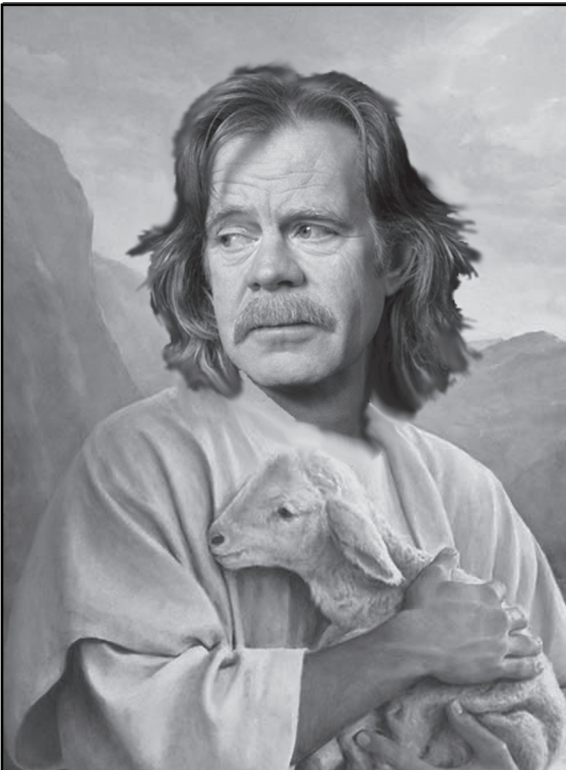
- I'm a **stress** vegetarian.
- Your roommate's beta fish becomes the **first of his kind** to receive too much attention.
- OH SHIT! I've had WinRaR on my computer for **more than** 40 days! What if they find out?!
- Leslie AND the Wendy's guy moved away. They plan to start an **entire family** for RTF majors to film patronizing documentaries about.
- The campus smoking ban will decrease **campus sexiness** by 47%.
- Dude, let's go **play cakeball**.
- On a **recent trip** to her date's bathroom, environmentalist Terri Johnson will be

- torn between masking poop sounds and wasting water.
- Well, my mom found **UTexas memes**.
  - Remember Greeks, high schoolers are discouraged from attending Round-Up weekend. So please **discourage them** with bright colors, free beer, and Wiz Khalifa.
  - **Chingo Bling** will be visiting campus to give a speech. That's funny, right?
  - UT has made **camping on campus** illegal. Sorry, Xzibit.
  - I'm craving **southwestern-style** chicken eggrolls. Do you want to eat out or in?
  - Austin is the live music capital of the world. So basically, Austin is the **Beijing of live music**.
  - Even if they sold **clitoris lollipops**, its not like guys could ever find them.
  - I love **sharing** Google Docs because watching someone type makes me **feel like** I'm in So Weird.
  - But I'm 21 by **credit hours**!
  - After 500 episodes, Bart Simpson doesn't look a **day over** season 7.
  - Those **business majors** always wanna starch shit.
  - **Happy birthday!** Make love by cake

- candlelight, fatty.
- Youyou are **predictably** not as popular as memes.
  - 5-year-old Tommy Patel attempts to conceals his **crayon error** by smudging another color over it.
  - You can't **call yourself a physicist**. That's a title you earn. Like **knighthood**.
  - A lonely Econ major will find **optimization of self interest** with 'visible hand'
  - I don't **give a shit** what they put in Taco Bell meat until **I take a shit**.



- **Karma Also A Huge Slut**
- **Kidney Stone Passes With Flying Colors**
- **Podcast Gains Listener**



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# Brownie Relying Heavily On Small Group Of Super-Rich Cookie Buyers

Hannah Oley  
COVER MODEL

DETROIT — 8-year-old Brownie Cassidy Ullman, originally slated to receive a special prize from the Girls Scouts as Top Cookie Seller for Wayne County, has fallen under increased scrutiny since her cookie sales record revealed that over 90% of her cookies were purchased by a small collective of super-rich aunts, next-door neighbors and family friends.

This small group of super-rich cookie buyers shows an average listed purchase between 20 and 45 boxes, boosting Ullman into first place for cookie sales in her troop and effectively guaranteeing her a Cookie Business Badge.

Other members of Troop 3624 have been quick to voice their objections to Ullman's cookie sale strategy. "It's not very fair 'cause Cassidy didn't really work hard," explained fellow Brownie Morgan Stoyhoff, "And she's going to get the best prizes—uh, I mean achievement incentives."

Stoyhoff and her parent chapter

one had spent the past few weeks selling cookies outside their local Walgreens and Bally Total Fitness, usually selling only two or three boxes per customer. In 2011, these small-check buyers contributed to over 60% of Stoyhoff's cookies sold, helping Stoyhoff achieve her goal of 300 cookie points and earning her a giraffe-print duffle bag. But sluggish economic climate and increased

**This small group of super-rich cookie buyers shows an average listed purchase between 20 and 45 boxes.**

concern over childhood obesity this year have made it more difficult for Stoyhoff and other Brownies to sell cookies in their communities, despite their grassroots efforts.

Meanwhile, Ullman made little effort to reach customers outside her

block. "Going door-to-door was really hard, so I just asked my mom to buy a bunch," Ullman admitted, "I don't know why everybody doesn't just do that!"

Yet Ullman has been quick to make amends with her fellow troop members. After receiving all the cookie sales incentives up to and including the highly coveted Pop Art Composition Book, Ullman asked all Troop 3624 members to her house for a pizza party and gave several of her prizes away. "I didn't really care about any of the prizes besides the limited edition sparkly soccer ball. My mom could get me any of that other stuff at Walmart."

The other girl scouts were happy to receive Ullman's donations but remain skeptical about her true motives. "She pretends to be the perfect Girl Scout of America," Stoyhoff explains, "but she still calls Caramel-deLites Samoas! I just don't think she's very dedicated."

While representatives for Girl Scouts of the USA have yet to respond on the issue, troop leader



■ These unfortunate Girl Scouts cannot hope to match Ullman's cookie sales on the street. Photo Creative Commons




Marsha Lyle has been cautious on the matter. "Cassidy's cookie badge won't be enough to offset her sparse attendance of meetings, apathy towards our charity projects, and that tantrum she threw when we let

[transgendered] Sam Galfan join the troop." Lyle assured reporters that Ullman would not be moving on to Junior Girl Scouts until at least next year.

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# SG ELECTIONS: GO GREEK!

Friends, Greeks, countrymen, Sisters of Kappa, Brothers of Sigma. I, **Beck Olpolopolis**, stand before you today to announce my unofficial candidacy for president of our students' bodies here at the University of Texas. In such dire times, it is important to remember that we need to elect a leader that represents the interests of the *entire* Greek community. I appeal to you, fellow students of Plato and Aristotle, to select the unbiased Greek candidate to restore our values and goals. As a Classical, nondenominational Greek, I will work endlessly to increase wisdom and prosperity for our awesomeopolis. Here with my running mate, **Dustin Marconitus**, I promise to uphold civic virtue. So for all of you white, male landowners, I call on you to exercise your democratic destiny for all of destiny's children.

## OUR PLATFORM

**Tuition:** We believe in the value of philosophy and the Pythagorean Theorem. Why should we have to pay for these benefits? I swear by Zeus that tuition will be nonexistent. Except for helots. They shall pay.

**Budget Cuts:** We can save money by turning off all this "electricity."

**Fraternities and Sororities:** They are faux-Greeks. Togas are Roman, NOT Greek or even Macedonian. Barbarians.

**The Persians:** I promise to stop the Persians from getting the bomb.

**Construction:** It shall continue. We will build more for the gods, including an acropolis over President Powers' office.

## OUR ENEMIES

**John Lawler/Terrence Maas:** Lawler is bigger than Poseidon! Is it possible he is the son of Demeter?

**Yaman Desai/Whitney Langston:** I do not trust these characters. I believe they are secretly working with the Trojans against us and this school.

**Madison Gardner/Antonio Guevara:** What can we expect from the maggot city of Corinth?

**Thor Lund/Wills Brown:** He is named after the god of PAGANS!!! WINTERY SWINE!

**Ryan Shingledecker/Julie Kellagher:** Are these names even real? Seriously.

WE ARE TOLD CERTAIN CANDIDATES UNDERESTIMATE US. PRAY THEY'RE THAT STUPID. PRAY WE'RE THAT LUCKY.

## Asthma Greatest Threat To Free Speech In Syria, Assures Syrian Government

DAMASCUS — With the sudden passing of New York Times reporter Anthony Shadid due to an asthma attack in eastern Syria, the Syrian government issued a statement reassuring the world that asthma is the most significant threat to free speech in Syria. "It is surprising that Syrians are able to make it out of the door at all with the escalating asthma epidemic," reported SANA, the Syrian state-run news agency. "It's sad to watch them gasping for breath. It almost looks like they're screaming in agony from being shot or tear-gassed." The Travesty was not able to reach Syrian President Bashar al-Assad for comment as all communication attempts were intercepted before they could reach him.

## Budget Cuts In The English Department May Or Mayn't Fix Unliteracy.

AUSTIN — Money is tight; and that leads to many unfortunate decisions in the world of academia. "I was just a fishman and so happy about less classes, but now a-bout four years have passed and we're all realizing are handicap in the job workplace." says graduating seener Paul Wallace. "It's just hard too remember sum of the stuff I learnt in high school from sparknotes." Wallace is suggesting cutting funds to re-modeling and dorm-mixers until students learn basick spelling and grammer.

## Local Man Has No Idea He Uses Way Too Much Shaving Cream



AUSTIN — Kevin Morris, 22, told reporters in his bathroom Thursday morning that he has absolutely no idea how much shaving cream to apply. "Usually I just cover every inch of my face with heaps of shaving cream and, you know, just go for it," remarked Morris, as he readied his straight razor. Morris's confusion reportedly stems from poor parenting and his general stubbornness. When Travesty reporters tried offering help, Morris lashed out, shouting, "I can do this by myself! Leave me alone!"

## Skrillex Drops Groceries

LOS ANGELES — This Monday at Trader Joe's, dubstep artist Sonny Moore, better known by his stage name Skrillex, dropped his groceries to the applause of fellow shoppers. "It was sick," said witness Mickey DiFranco, Skrillex fan and amateur deejay, as he purchased bottles of water and pacifiers. "The drop was really nasty. There was just so much wobble. The bass and beets were the dirtiest." Skrillex could not be reached for comment as his phone was dropping calls.

## Kanye West Imprints on Blue Ivy



LOS ANGELES — In a surprising turn of events, rapper Kanye West has imprinted on the newborn prodigy, Blue Ivy Carter, spawned by Beyonce and Jay-Z. This came as a great shock to the Carter family, who are only familiar with the concept of imprinting after playing Trivial Pursuit: Twilight Edition during Roc-A-Fella Records family game night. Kanye first laid eyes on young Blue Ivy at her baptism ceremony held at the Brooklyn Illuminati church attended by West and the Carters. West interrupted the ceremony to interrupt the following: "Now that I see this child, I have lost all concept of priorities and loyalty and acceptable social norms." Onlookers questioned how it was humanly possible for a man to interrupt so many times, but his recent antics revealing him to be a Quileute shape shifter have resolved this issue. As of press time, Jay-Z is filing a lawsuit against West for copyright infringement, since he had already trademarked Blue Ivy.

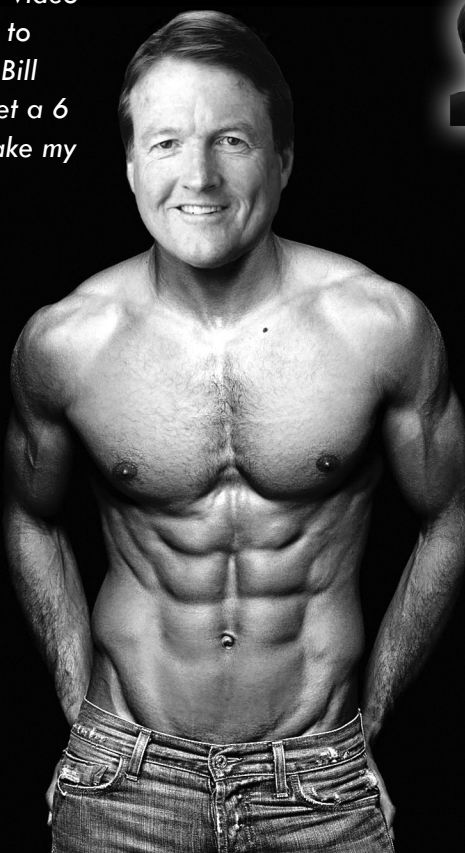
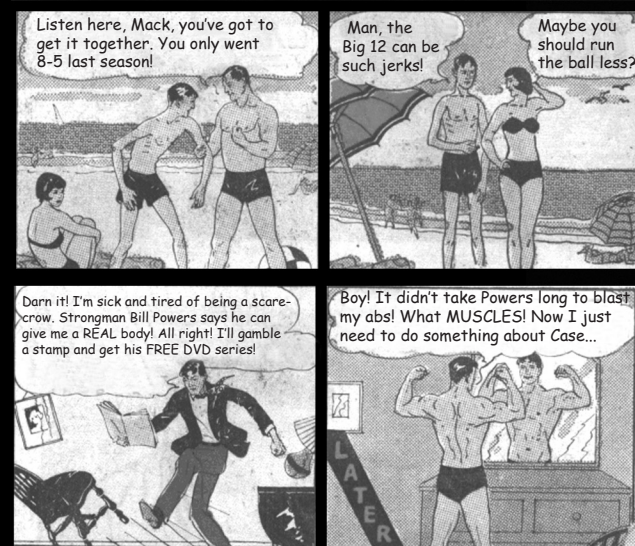


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### DAY 75: BEVO-GA X

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## Khloe Kardashian Traded To The Real Housewives Of Dallas

DALLAS — It was announced last Thursday that Khloe Kardashian would be traded to the *Real Housewives of Dallas* for Bravo's next season of reality television. Standing at 5'10", Kardashian played power forward for *Keeping Up With The Kardashians*, and *Khloe and Kim Take Miami*. In a press conference Wednesday, Bravo executive Andy Cohen stated that Khloe was traded for her "larger than life personality, sassy comebacks, and dunking ability," to the shock of dozens of fans. "Now I really will be a 'lone star,'" said Kardashian, whose move means finally breaking away from her role as sidekick to sister and mentor, Kim. However, husband Lamar Odom remains optimistic. "I'll really miss LA, but as long as I find a good mojito place, I'll survive."

## Jeremy Lin Gives Hope To Palo Alto Community

PALO ALTO, CA — Rising superstar Jeremy Lin of the New York Knicks has finally given his hometown of Palo Alto, California exactly what it's been seeking for quite some time: a second chance. With a decrease in median income to \$118,000, citizens of the suburban city are starting to wonder if the economy will ever return to the burgeoning state it was once in. However, the recent success of Jeremy Lin has proven to the community that there is hope. "He's a constant reminder that we really can reach our goals. Lin has showed us that we can use hard work and dedication to achieve a better life," says Palo Alto High School senior Michael Covelli, an avid basketball player and Silicon Valley heir. Covelli is now planning to apply to Harvard University in the hopes that he can one day be like Lin and leave the streets of Palo Alto to start a new life.



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# 'TIS THE SEASON... AWARDS SEASON

## GRAMMYS



### Still Alive:

Gigi Huang, who recently outlived a seventh heir to her extensive estate and priceless porcelain angel collection.

Grandma O'Connor, who survived three falls in the shower, two bouts with liver failure, 50 years of constant cigarette use, a pillow to the face, a wheelchair down the stairs, and a botched hit job.

Bubbie Wasserma, thanks to Life Alert, when she had fallen and couldn't get up.

### Still in love with JFK:

Grandmother Hales, The layers of kisses on her photo of him could be scraped off and made into two entire tubes of lipstick.

Gam-gam Bosworth, "I was his first affair."—Her home was recently officially upgraded from shrine to mini-museum.

Granny Sullivan, Famously refused to love any other man, even her own father.

### Best Goodies

Gran Verma, for a staggering 98% success rate of remembering to take the razor blades out of her candy apples.

Nana Blake, for puppy chow worth the smell emitting from the puppy mill in her backyard.

Sweet Leaf Tea's Grandma Mimi, for letting her grandsons sell their company and Austin's image to Nestle.

### Least Racist

Grandma Hara, for keeping her conspiracies concerning the Jewish media to herself.

Babushka Glasov, "Those mulatto babies are so cute!"—for her tolerance of interracial grandchildren.

Birdie Matusiak, for assuming her grandson's Asian-American prom date knew English.

## OSCAR PREDICTIONS

### Leading Actress:

Viola Davis, *The Help*  
Rooney Mara, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*

**MERYL STREEP, THE IRON LADY:**  
Whose outstanding portrayal of Margaret Thatcher represents a high point in Margaret Thatcher's career.

Meryl Streep, *Just Because*  
Michelle Williams, *My Week with Marilyn*

### Best Picture:

The Artist



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*Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*  
*The Help*  
*War Horse*

### Animated Film:

*A Cat in Paris*  
*Chico & Rita*  
*Kung Fu Panda 2*  
*Puss in Boots*

**RANGO:** For its exceptional, Pixar-like attention to detail, Pixar-esque use of satire and Pixar-quality voice acting.



## GOLDEN GLOBES



### BEST TELEVISION SERIES

Hulu  
Vevo  
Netflix

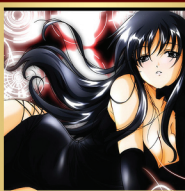


### WINNER: UTorrent

For its variety, clever writing and community of seeders

### BEST COMEDY, MUSICAL OR HENTAI

*Bridesmaids*  
*Tentacle Bridesmaids*  
*Midnight In Paris*



### WINNER: Happy-Go Tokyo Sexland Midnight 4

For its refreshingly accurate portrayal of women

## NELLYS

### #1 SOURCE OF VITAMIN G

Pimp Juice

### BEST MOVIE

*Air Force One*

### BEST GRILL

George Foreman Panini Grill

### BEST CORN ROWS

The Midwest

### BEST BRAND OF ADHESIVE BANDAGE

Curad

### BEST GAME SHOW HOSTESS TO SIT BESIDE ON AIRPLANE

Vanna White

### MOST ATTRACTIVE FRUIT

Apple

### BEST EDGE OF A TOOL

Tip Drill

### BEST COUNTRY GRAMMER

Rick Perry

### BEST NEW ARTIST

Kelly Rowland



## IN MEMORIAM



### NOMINEES



(2005-2012)

MegaUpload



(2005-2012)

BT Junkie



(Never-Never)

Memes



(1937-1996)

**Winner: Fun Jack Nicholson**  
...What happened to you, man?



Okay, we need to come up with a good hook for the season three premiere.



Why don't we just do an episode about a dead lesbian baby.



That's amazing. Another 9/11 metaphor. Love it.



## BRAIN-STORMING

### All Of Parents' Weekend Devoted To "What Is Hummus"

AUSTIN — This past parents' weekend, families spent all of Saturday and Sunday trying to elucidate "what is hummus." Samantha Sheppard, mother of first-year electrical engineering major Haley Sheppard, heard the term being used over and over again by knowledgeable college students and professors alike without any explanation. "All I've found out is that it goes with everything... and it is yummus?" Confused parents plan to petition that Q&A forums on "how to pay for your child's tuition" will be replaced next year with discussions on more current issues, like where to find cheap tahini.

### Susan G. Komen For The Cure Continues To Not Fund Texas Travesty

AUSTIN — The Susan G. Komen For the Cure foundation announced last week that it has decided to continue not funding the Texas Travesty, igniting a firestorm of controversy. The foundation, known for famously using the color pink to fight breast cancer, stated they will remain steadfast in withholding money from the humor publication. "This is sadly the treatment we've come to expect from the Komen foundation," says Texas Travesty Editor-in-Chief David McQuary, expressing disappointment in the organization's refusal to provide funds. Despite the uphill battle, Travesty officials remain optimistic that they may eventually merit funds. "Perhaps simply announcing that Komen's organization has refused to fund us will be enough to garner public support," McQuary suggested, "Or not. Is anyone hungry?" As of press time, Susan G. Komen For the Cure has not gone back on its decision to continue not funding the Travesty.

# BEHIND THE SCENES LOUIE

SCREENPLAY

LOUIE EPISODE 3.04: DEAD LESBABY

EXT. CENTRAL PARK

LOUIE walks with DAUGHTER past balloon stand.

DAUGHTER

Daddy, can I have a balloon?

LOUIE looks tired and fat.

LOUIE

Sure baby, but daddy needs to sit down.

DAUGHTER

Daddy, what's that?

DAUGHTER runs to a dumpster. She points to DEAD LESBIAN BABY #1.

LOUIE looks surprised. Violin music plays.

CUT TO: FLASHBACK 9/11.

LOUIS is masturbating to lesbian pornography.

CUT BACK TO: DAUGHTER

LOUIE

Stay with me, baby. Didn't you want a balloon? They walk up to BALLOON SALESMAN.

BALLOON SALESMAN

Hey man, what's with the dead lesbian baby in the dumpster

LOUIE

How do you know its a lesbian?

BALLOON SALESMAN

'Cause of 9/11, man.

Close up on LOUIE, fat face. sweating.

Wardrobe: more hair, less tired & fat

Demetri Martin?

put step-stool next to dumpster

Jim Norton?



In this shot, I tried to look as fat and confused as possible.



This car represents writers block, Iraq, and my experience as a father.



This is me doing my bit about Jew rape.

## DIRECTING

### Nation Rejects SOPA, Opts For ENSALADA

WASHINGTON — A week after large-scale national opposition to the Stop Online Piracy Act, U.S. citizens have collectively decided that perhaps ENSALADA would be nice instead. ENSALADA, described as a mezcla of fresh vegetables and intellectual property liability served with chipotle vinaigrette, has been applauded for its more flexible copyright infringement definitions and subtle hints of cilantro. "I knew SOPA didn't sound good to me," said webmaster Sonia Shah placing a napkin on her lap, "but ENSALADA is a little more manageable. Plus, no one's going to judge me if I just have the parts I like." Wikipedia plans to show its support for the new bill by directing all queries to the page for "ENSALADA (disambiguation)."



### FOX's Glee Planning Odd Future Episode

LOS ANGELES — Glee's creators are targeting a new demographic of viewers next season with a planned cover of underground rappers Tyler the Creator and Earl Sweatshirt's original track 'Assmilk.' "We're looking to expand the fan base beyond our dedicated audience of teenage girls and into the anarchistic-hipster scene that's beginning to gain prominence in today's hip-hop," explained series creator Ryan Murphy. "Glee is about the love of all music, so we won't discriminate against artists based on their vulgar lyrics containing themes of rape, homophobia, drug abuse and ultra-violence. As soon as I heard the line 'I dig her up and then eat her out with a

bit of mustard' I knew we just had to do this song." Tyler the Creator tweeted his full support behind the show's decision: "CAN'T BELIEVE MY MUSIC IS GONNA BE ON GLEE, HOW FUCKING COOL IS THAT. #SWAG666STEVE HARVEY."

### Macy's Announces Arab Spring Sale

NEW YORK — In an effort to re-brand for a more youthful customer base, Macy's management announced an Arab Spring Sale this March. The sale will discount a wide selection of Moroccan-style tunics, sunhats, and sandals. In addition to apparel, Macy's will also offer featured items such as Molotov Cocktail kits with instructional safety video, truck-bed anti-aircraft liners, and punchbowl for large group gatherings. "Macy's needs to keep pace with the changing world," Macy's Chief Operating Officer, Alan Naytow, tweeted from his encampment in Zuccotti Park. "These are all potential consumers. When the tide changes, Macy's will have earned the next generation's loyalty. #gogonato #arabrevolution" The Macy's Arab Spring Sale will last from March 7 until the beginning of World War III.

### Plot of West Wing Season 2 Makes Way Into Government Thesis

AUSTIN — As the US Government has become increasingly deadlocked due to partisanship and the presidential election, government honors senior Duncan Howell has responded by including much of the second season of *The West Wing* in his thesis. Howell started watching the second season of *The West Wing* to pass the time waiting for Congress to create any significant legislation. "Watching season two of *The West Wing* on DVD was the only time I saw the government do anything this year, even if it wasn't real," Howell said. As of press time, Howell was accidentally referring to President Barack Obama as "President Bartlet."



Kristen Moor  
STAFF WRITER

The University of Texas Police Department reports that the investigation remains in-

really big test coming up. It was only a matter of time,” shrugged biochemistry-major Josh Altares as he stepped over the blood spatter in order to clarify a question with his professor.

Police have started to obtain stronger evidence about this particular suspect, but when they tried to locate Professor Weddell for further questioning, Weddell said he would have to regrettably decline: he was not available for comment, as he was currently pursuing an urgent lead in Mexico for



■ While crime scene investigation is under way, Weddell's TA's office hours will be moved to Cafe Medici. Photo Creative Commons

his research.

UTPD warns the viewership to use Lucy's sad story as an example, and to never go

alone—instead, only go to office hours in large groups right before a midterm.

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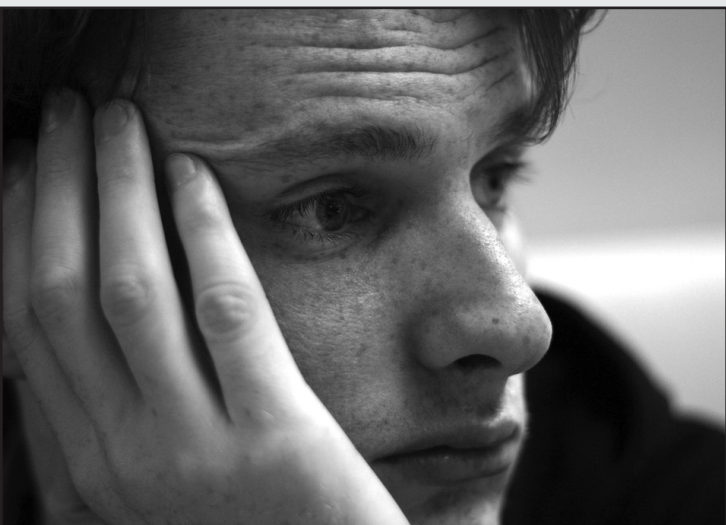


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# Healthy Laura Is Great, But It Was Cancer Laura I Fell In Love With



**Lance Burns**  
NOSTALGIC BOYFRIEND

Two years ago today, my fiancé Laura was diagnosed with uterine cancer. It has been a hectic journey. First she was diagnosed, then she got a really edgy hair-cut, and on the last day of her chemo therapy, I proposed. Now Laura is healthy, and the wedding day is fast approaching. I am happy that she is healthy, but things are just not how they used to be. I don't want to sound like a bad person, but I wish things would just go back to the way they were. Don't get me wrong. Healthy Laura is great, but it was cancer Laura that I fell in love with.

When I first met Laura, she really intimidated me. She was athletic and beautiful, and she always talked about wanting to have a ton of children. We had been dating for about a month when she was diagnosed with uterine cancer. We were still in that awkward couple phase when it happened. I did not want to be a bad boyfriend, so I told her I would stay with her.

Her cancer brought us together in ways that I never expected. I stayed up at the hospital with her night after night, and I grew to love Laura. Her previously athletic body became weak and feeble, and I gladly filled the role of selfless caregiver. She had to quit soccer, so she had plenty of time for me. Plus, she cut off all of her hair, effectively making me the more attractive one, which really balanced out the relationship.

Then she had her uterus removed, so all that talk about having a ton of kids stopped. We sat for hours in the hospital talking about my future after she was gone. We planned a whole life together.

But now she is back to playing sports, her hair has grown out again, and she gives me shit for how skinny I am. Oh, now I'm the skinny one? Of course she still cannot have kids, but now she is talking about wanting to adopt! All the great things about cancer Laura are gone. I felt needed and powerful as the caregiver, but now I am just the cancer-whipped boyfriend who holds the purse instead of the vomit bucket. Also, we used to get free meals at Red Lobster. All she had to do was take off her beanie and expose her shiny, bald head. How I miss her cute bald head. I miss being the "sweetest boyfriend ever" or the "most selfless boyfriend a girl could have." Now, I am just the skinny boy that rode the cancer-wave into Laura's heart. Now the waves are gone, and I miss cancer Laura.

I have decided that I am not going to take this cancer cure lying down. I want my girlfriend back, the one that depends on me, the one that is slightly emaciated, the one that has a doctor's prescription for medicinal pot. I considered breaking up with Laura, but I do not want to look like the bad guy. So, last month I started sweetening her Frosted Flakes with a dusting of mercury each morning. Give me a year, and I will have cancer Laura back, and everything will be right again.

# E.T. Is The Only Alien We Can Trust



**Newt Gingrich**  
ALIEN ADVOCATE

Our once great country continues to head in the direction of socialism and our economy continues to sag despite the unprecedented heroism of American business leaders. It seems that now, more than ever, we are in dire need of the big ideas that once united us as a people. However, time has already proven the power that liberal lies have on American voters, so it is my duty as a presidential candidate to warn my fellow countrymen: E.T., the Extraterrestrial, is the **ONLY** alien we can trust.

Our space program brought us together in the Sixties. It promoted

economic growth in Texas, Florida, and the Moon. Despite communist and Klingon efforts to win the Space Race, American ingenuity came through in the end. We didn't need any aliens then and we don't need any aliens now. However, I understand that bipartisanship is necessary in our increasingly globalized world. That is why if I am elected President of these United States, I will appoint E.T. as our Official Representative for Alien Affairs.

The fact is that most aliens simply do not like the United States. They don't respect the notions of freedom and equality that we hold so dearly. For example, some aliens can fly while others can body snatch. This unequal distribution of superpowers is both un-American and possibly racist. What superpowers does E.T. have? While I'm unable to remember much other than that glowing index finger, the only unnatural thing about that little guy is his overwhelming propensity for compassion.

E.T. has proven himself time and again to respect the welfare of our nation and our nation's children above all else. Remember, he came to this country to research the

beauty of our national Redwood Forests. He then learned about the American dream and explained it to his own people. Can we say the same about ALF?

E.T., unlike any Conehead, Predator, or John Lithgow I know, understands the importance of self worth and determination that has been so severely lacking in this country's recent history. In the 80s and early 90s, E.T. was a key supporter of wealth creation and national defense. He waddled up and down Washington in the name of our way of life. Although his 2003 digital remake gave in to lobbyist pressures and party politics, his original puppet form remains an icon of conservative politics.

My wrinkled friend might not be the strongest, smartest or cutest alien in the galaxy, but he's damn near close. He may not even speak English, but at least he's not speaking Chinese. As we Americans continue our destiny into outer space, we must remember to not forsake our values and friends. In closing, I'd like to quote the words of the man himself, words he said over twenty years ago, but still remain important today:

"beeeee goooood."

# Rap Like No Black People Are Listening

**MC Hubertson**  
MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

So you think you have what it takes to be what we in the business call a rapper? I get that. The most important thing to do if you want to be part of this gangsta's paradise is never stop being true to yourself and never lose sight of what you want. Dance like no one is watching, love like you've never been hurt, and rap like no black people are listening.

Forget about the time that you were asked to throw down a beat and you started humming "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls. Or that time that you started flowing and you rhymed midget with Bridget. No one's judging you; any non-black person could have made that mistake. It's not your fault that you were born in suburbia, and that you'll never get the chance to tell stories about growing up in the hood. We respect that. What we don't respect is how self-conscious you feel because the chains you wear were a Christmas present from your mom. So what if you know that she is just trying to support you in this



"phase". Your mom fucking cares about you and you should be proud of that. So whenever you go to flow, you remember who you are and you be proud of that. Shit, man, you're a fucking snowflake.

You tell the world about your issues, cause your shit matters to us. If you ate dinner and didn't have enough room for your filet, you make a beat and put some soul behind it. If Whole Foods doesn't take your \$100 bill, let the world know their injustice. Or even if it was too breezy to go to the beach today, that shit is real. You can rap

with the best of them, the non-black people anyway.

When you go up to MC, tell yourself that you are a strong, independent black rapper. No one will believe it, but that's not what matters. This shit isn't about reality anyway. What matters is what you think of yourself, not whatever people from high school, college, your job and your friends and family say behind your back. And when you think highly of yourself, you *will* rap like no black people are listening. Especially since they probably aren't anyway.



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