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Uncomfortable at a party? Light yourself on fire, experts say

GRAND FORKS, ND—Good news for those of us who can’t handle normal human interactions, especially at social gatherings: smart folk have determined that bursting into flames at the first sign of discomfort seems better than staying momentarily uncomfortable. “It would be far better to be a bundle of mangled flesh than to be awkward for 2 hours,” say scientists at the University of North Dakota. Finally, on the rare occasion we’re invited to social gatherings, we no longer have to fret about what to do with our hands or that excessive sweating problem that Mom swears we get from Dad’s side of the family. This is our best solution yet. So next time you’re with friends and someone asks if you “want to light up”, take them up on the offer!

SONORAN DESERT, AZ—After years of herpetological research on ground snakes native to the Sonoran Desert, scientists have yet to come to a consensus on why snakes bite instead of just tripping things. “Look. Do you see this?” said Herpetologist Dan, head researcher at the Sonoran Research Facility, whipping a dead snake around in circles like a lasso. “Why would you launch your head at your enemies, as snakes do during a defensive strike, when you can just lie down like a wire and trip things?” Dan proceeded to get onto the floor and stretch his body taut, demonstrating the proposed tripping technique. “Zero effort, maximum effectiveness. Then they can do all that MMA snake bullshit and choke out that horse or whatever.” As of press time, Herpetologist Dan was last seen walking his dog with a dead snake as a leash.
Where is the cast of *I Love Lucy* now?

**Vivian Vance** 1909–1979

**William Frawley** 1887–1966

**Lucille Ball** 1911–1989

**Desi Arnaz** 1917–1986

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**Manspreading predicted to become Olympic sport in 2020**

**Lausanne, Switzerland**—According to the International Olympic Committee, manspreading will leave public transportation and waiting rooms behind in order to come to the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan. Athletes will compete to see who can take up as much space as humanly possible while remaining completely oblivious to their surroundings. “It’s because of balls,” IOC president Chad Brennan mansplained to the female passenger next to him. “The men’s manspreading events seem to have more interest and competition, but the women’s manspreading teams have the unique advantage of using a purse to take up a whole separate seat.” At press time, damning doping accusations have halted progress on official development, but sports fans everywhere still look forward to seeing just how far these men can spread.

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**Local man lives full life despite Chinese finger trap situation**

**Austin—**Despite being trapped in a Chinese finger trap for decades, Gareth Altmann has been living a wholly fulfilling life. “Best 33 years of my life,” Altmann said with the slightest hint of regret, as he peered down at the frayed Chinese finger trap that had nearly become one with his being. Gareth is one of many victims of the notorious Chinese finger trap, and has been deprived of the use of his pointer fingers since 1985. “You’d think it would have disintegrated by now… But, no seriously, I can do it all. This is the life I always imagined for myself,” he said as he struggled to cross this interview off his to-do list using his elbows. At time of press, Gareth was spotted purchasing a Russian fur hand muff to cover his shame.

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**“Music is my only escape,” says man who also owns a gun**

**Marietta, OH—**Local resident Mason Melloul recently quoted Bob Marley’s famous words, “one good thing about music [is that] when it hits you, you feel no pain,” not realizing that a 9mm Browning Long military grade centrefire semi-rimmed pistol cartridge can do the same. Mason mused while thumbing through Janis Joplin vinyl that “music is my only escape,” without taking notice of his nightstand, which holds an unused recoil operated single-action trigger 2014 9mm Luger with a glass-filled nylon frame and seven round magazine, six more than he would need. Within a 30 feet radius of the naïve escapist were a fork, light socket, toaster, bathtub, collection of kitchen knives, 9mm pistol, hunting rifle, coil of rope, prescription pill bottle, bleach, and a lighter. At press time, Mason was contemplating de-stressing by sipping jasmine green tea while listening to silky smooth Al Greene instead of unloading the heater mere arms-lengths away into the back of his throat.
VISITOR’S GUIDE

YOU ARE AT A PLAYGROUND IN 1955. CAN YOU BULLY THE 9 YEAR OLD DONALD TRUMP AND MAKE HIM SELF-CONSCIOUS FOR LIFE?

KICK HIM REAL BAD

ACCIDENTALLY KICK HIM OUT OF A CAR’S PATH

WHEN HE’S DOWN, YOU STEAL AND EAT HIS HANDS

YOU F**K UP, HE BECOMES PRESIDENT

CRIPPLING INSECURITY, HE JOINS A MONASTERY

PUSH HIM TOWARDS THE FATHER WHO HAS BEEN AVOIDING HIM FOR YEARS

YOU PUSH HIM TOWARDS THE PATH OF BUSINESS

YOU ACCIDENTALLY BUY REAL ESTATE FROM HIM

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Travesty Fact #48888: Bernie would have won the SG election • 5
Wherever you’re reading this—Reports came in recently that Michael, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, is getting pretty freaked out while reading this article specifically about him. “Although you will show this article to your friends, thinking that it’s just a goofy coincidence, you won’t know who your real friends are, and who are simply our informants,” communicated the rather nefarious author of this article into Michael’s subconscious. “That’s right, we’re talking about you, Michael. We’re watching you—even when you think we aren’t. Like right now. Look to your right, Michael. Ha, made you look... We’re actually behind you.”

At press time, our sources report that Michael’s paranoia shows no signs of improvement in the near future, as he has no idea which of the faceless people he passes every day are taking note of his every move.

Area man named Michael, who is reading this article right now, getting pretty freaked out

AUSTIN—In a move to raise efficiency and enhance flavor, UT’s Department of Housing and Food Services has announced their plans to adjust J2’s food service, switching from a self-serve plate format to a constantly replenished trough of various food items. DHFS claims that the trough will provide a larger variety of nutrients, resulting in healthier diets for students. “We are actively encouraging students to kneel and feed from the trough, rather than coming at it with a fork and knife,” DHFS designer Mort Clover said, turning from his design tablet where he was tweaking the trough’s height and depth. “It’s humbling, and evokes the feeling of eating like the filthy fucking animals we are.” The trough is expected to enter service in the fall semester, alongside the highly anticipated project to replace Jester’s floor tiling with hay.
Dog mayor suspected of dog corruption
PARIS, TX—Unnamed officials have confirmed that the famed dog-mayor of Paris, Texas, Ollie Roberts IV, is under criminal investigation for dog corruption. “There have been rumors of food-under-the-table deals for years,” said Beatrice von Whiskers, the assistant district attorney in charge of the investigations. “We do not yet know the full extent of his canine misconduct, but there is strong evidence that he has done dog things very corruptly. The people deserve to know that their elected leader has not been a good boy.” At press time, Mayor Roberts was caught digging a hole in the yard to hide official documents.

Mom at spin class reaches terminal velocity
AUSTIN—In a particularly strenuous moment at the DiscoWheels Fitness spin club, local mother Deborah Huffer achieved a forward speed of 53 meters/second, or that of a human skydiver’s terminal velocity. “Our instructor Mrs. Bagulia shouted ‘one!’ , which is the cue to start hovering over the seat, but I just thought to myself: ‘Aren't I a grown woman? Don’t I have two ex-husbands?’ And I decided to just floor it.” Huffer’s bike allegedly detached from the floor and ‘ripped through the neighborhood like a fucking comet’, before slowing down to 10 mph below the 35 mile per hour speed limit. Reports indicate Bagulia has left the spin club and gone into hiding for fear of what will happen if she declares ‘Two’.

Ghostbusters finally getting long-awaited all male reboot
HOLLYWOOD, CA—In a press release announcing a sequel to the 2016 smash-hit Ghostbusters, Columbia Pictures has proudly revealed that, in order to grant a voice to a much-marginalized segment of American society, the 2018 mega-blockbuster Ghostbusters II: Ronald Reagan Returns From Hell features an all male cast—the first of its kind—in what has been hailed as a revolutionary step forward. “It's a dream come true for me to direct this ground-breaking film; finally, somebody in a big-time movie will look just like me, and that will be paramount for inspiring the young guys watching in theaters,” declared director Peter Jackson while talking over his female press secretary who had been trying to introduce him for the past 20 minutes. “To maximize the impact of this move, we're only hiring men for on-screen roles: all the ghosts are men; all the terrified extras are men; all the Gabonese Air Force troops sent in to initially try and contain the accursed specters are men; and, lastly, the only viewers of this movie are men.” At press time, Warner Bros. has announced that it will make a Looney Tunes: Back in Action remake for women, complete with no fight scenes and a much lower volume level to accommodate the delicate senses of its target audience.
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