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Dyslexia Renamed John Travolta Disease

By: Sarah Vollman
Oscar Oligarchist

After John Travolta mispronounced singer Idina Menzel's name at the Oscars last week, calling her Adele Dzeem, The Committee to Name Diseases declared dyslexia to be renamed John Travolta Disease. Upon hearing this news Travolta responded, "I am truly honored to support those afflicted with dicklegs."

Travolta explained, "This whole experience has exposed me to the struggles associated with dipsleda. Thousands face difficulty reating and wriding every day, and I'm glad I can be the voice of the disease."

Travolta was unaware he had made a mistake until later that night when various celebrities at an Oscar after-party confronted him, including the subject of his error, Idina Menzel. "I just made a joke out of it! I went up to John and said 'We're the talk of the internet!'" to which Travolta replied, "I know, how funny, Ezra!"

The John Travolta Disease can occur at any age, often appearing later in life when one's vision and memory decline. Side effects include forgetting

your glasses when you have to read a teleprompter at live televised events, and sudden impulses to improvise in moments when you should not.

Since the event, Travolta has been reveling in the extra attention, asking us, "Who would have thought danorexia could be so crate?" The actor has been chosen to read the names at a high school graduation and emcee a bar mitzvah later this month.

"A disease naming not only gives publicity to the disease, but also to the public figure receiving the honor. John Travolta has had such an impressive career so far, but we predict this disease renaming will undo all of the damage done by *Hairspray*." The Committee to Name Diseases commented. They assured *The Slant* that they mean this without any offense, and in the best way possible.

Through extensive research, *The Slant* discovered that Travolta does not in fact have dyslexia, but a heightened version of idiocy. We are happy to finally clear this up, since John has been bothering us about it a lot recently.

Twitch to Handle Diplomacy in Ukraine

By: Grant Paton
Crimean Crier

After meeting with Russian diplomats on Friday to discuss the situation brewing in the Crimean peninsula, secretary of state John Kerry was ordered by President Obama to follow the directions of Twitch. The online event, Twitch Plays Pokémon, in which Twitch users from across the world provided the inputs for the classic video game Pokémon Red, captivated the internet for sixteen exhilarating days, even inspiring President Obama.

In an interview with *The Slant*, President Obama stated, "I have complete confidence that the loyal users of Twitch will make the proper decisions in this difficult time. They were able to weather the losses of Abby and Jay Leno in their quest to defeat Blue which assures me they can handle anything the Kremlin throws at them."

Secretary of State Kerry has been told by presidential order to obey the directives given to him by the Twitch input stream, which has caused some difficulties for the former presidential nominee. "I was supposed to arrive on Wednesday, but Twitch kept telling me to consult my calendar, and when I was ordered to start moving,

it took forever to get out of my house," explained Kerry. "I'm still amazed I drove to the airport safely."

Diplomatic meetings have gone surprisingly smoothly so far, according to reports, but there have been some communication issues. *The Slant* interviewed AllTerrainVirgin, a Twitch user who participated in demilitarization talks on Saturday. "It's been hard to have constructive conversation with the Russian officials. I contributed an E, thinking that would be useful letter for Secretary Kerry, but it got hidden in the thread. I blame the False Prophet." The message that materialized from the Twitch feed, "NBASOXK-DHCKMNEOIUASMNSKSKFKJB," was met with blank stares by the Russian representatives.

When asked whether or not he favored a switch from Anarchy to Diplomacy settings, President Obama was resolute. "While I love the diplomatic process, anarchy has been an instrumental part of Twitch's success and I don't want to change that, even if it did cause us to use Whirlwind twice and lose to Giovanni."

At press time, Twitch was attempting to guide Secretary Kerry to the nearest restroom.

Facebook Announces "ASBot" Account Hacking

By: George Spelvin
Profile Provocateur

PALO ALTO, CA – The social media giant Facebook has announced sweeping upgrades to its security protocols after a malware program called ASBot took over an "unprecedented" number of accounts in late February and early March.

"We see ASBot as a direct threat to our overall user experience, and we are doing everything we can to minimize the annoyances that spamming programs like these can cause," said Facebook spokeswoman Marianne Zhu at a Monday press conference.

The program, discovered last week by researchers at Kaspersky Labs, infected hundreds of computers in late February. For the next week, ASBot victims had their accounts spammed with forged status updates that added the letters "AS" to any word beginning with the letter "B," along with excessive capitalization and use of exclamation marks.

For other users, ASBot's infiltration was more intense. Kaspersky and Facebook technicians have confirmed that the malware program also changed some users' cover

photos and profile pictures, updated users' relationship statuses, and downloaded some users' entire profile histories. "It's pretty unusual, when you think about it, that this program seems to have 'life-mapped' some of these victims," said Stanislav Kwicinski, a researcher with Kaspersky Labs. Kwicinski then pointed out that most of the victims of the ASBot attack lived in or around the Nashville area, lending greater credence to the theory that individual users were targeted.

This is not the first time that Nashville area Facebook users have been the targets of Facebook spammers. In January, the profiles of hundreds of Nashville-area women were reportedly targeted by the B4BY H00T135 hacking collective, leading to similar outbursts of spam status updates.

The two attacks, however, are likely separate. Most B4BY H00T135 victims were posting statuses from New Orleans during ASBot's peak activity in early March, indicating little overlap between the two pools of victims.

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Girlfriend Wins Argument, Once and For All



Local Heroin Addicts Excel in Community Blood Drive

FROM THE EDITOR



PETER LINCK

Well folks, this is my last “from the editor” as *Slant* Editor In Chief. I’ll be graduating in just a short while, and I wanted to share some of the knowledge I’ve learned during my time here at Vandy. Below I’ve compiled a list of tips for succeeding during your four years here.

- Live in East House freshman year. Make sure to randomly get assigned the room on the end right by the door to Peabody Lawn.
- Take “African American Philosophy” as your freshman writing seminar. It’s pretty interesting.
- Join concert choir but only for one semester. Drink a lot at their first party and then puke in your room. Wake up in your roommate’s bed. He’ll be pissed, but you won’t talk to him after freshman year anyway.
- Don’t EVER give up on the whole “socks and sandals” thing you’re always doing.
- Go to the PCC freshman into sophomore year for group therapy. Afterwards, awkwardly run into the people from your group for the rest of college.
- Live in Hemingway sophomore year. Eat Qdoba a ton that year. I mean, it’s right across the street.
- Join Tongue ‘N’ Cheek and get the nickname Vespa.
- Start writing for *The Slant* during your sophomore year.
- Get both your laptop and your front bike wheel stolen. You’ll have to buy a new bike wheel, but at least you’ll get your laptop back eventually.
- Start working at the call center. Nice, now you’ve got an income!
- Get elected Managing Editor of *The Slant*.
- Date three other people who aren’t Jillian Stein. Make sure you’re not very compatible with any of them.
- I recommend being really indecisive about your major and eventually choosing English.
- Constantly wonder why you chose English.
- Get elected Editor in Chief of *The Slant*.
- Quit the call center after your junior year. Fuck that place.
- Get a chocolate parfait at lunch four-ish days a week. Justify it to yourself any way you can.
- Start working out senior year. It’ll make you feel better.
- Date Jillian Stein. She’s awesome.
- You absolutely HAVE to get to finals of the College Improv Tournament.
- Worry about the future. Let your fear of the future paralyze you completely. Fall behind on schoolwork and don’t apply for any jobs.
- Realize that you have to get your shit together. Realize that you learned a lot about yourself these past four years. Realize there’s people in your life who really care about you and want you to succeed. You can do it, I promise.
- Now you’re ready to become an adult. Finish school strong, but have some fun while you’re still at Vandy. And good luck-kut there. You’ll need it.

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They haven’t been as good since John Frusciante thawed.

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Seven Minutes in Heaven Accurate Depiction of Afterlife

By: James Cross
Religion Revivalist

Many theologians now believe the game “Seven Minutes in Heaven” may be an accurate depiction of life after death. One of the original founders, John Wilson, has been a Follower nearly 20 years. Following a car crash, Wilson was dead for fifteen minutes before doctors resuscitated him. In his book, *Seven Minutes of Heaven: It’s What He would have Wanted*, Wilson recounts his brief encounter with the other side. “It was exactly how our founders had predicted it to be,” he writes. “The closet was lukewarm. I was wearing gym shorts. This was horrifying because I was pretty positive I would get an erection. I planned to push it into my waistband but I was scared she would notice. I was nervous but I could tell her breathing had also begun to shallow. I leaned towards her then she leaned away. She said, ‘We should just tell them we hooked up but not actually do it. Our friends will be none the wiser. Plus, it’s what everyone



“God was in the heavenly throne room behind the plastic storage bins, and the angelic choirs sang from the top wire shelf.”

does.’ Then, I was back in a hospital room with doctors staring over me.”

Although relatively new, this religion is quickly gaining followers. Bob Rodgers, Professor of Philosophy at California Berkley, says “I know for all and eternity I will be in a stuffy closet not kissing Becky Summers. I am fully prepared to have acne and low-self-esteem forever and always. Some may say this is a dismal afterlife, however, I know this is the master plan. If I am forever socially awkward, then so be it.”

There has been no confounding evidence to debunk this new theory but many have tried. A common criticism of this approach is to question what will happen to those who never played “Seven Minutes in Heaven.” Wilson and others believe those devoid of a “Seven Minutes in Heaven” experience will temporarily wander in a purgatory akin to that found in Christianity. They roam aimlessly until they meet the female or male they would not have made out with had they played this game in middle school. After this encounter, there is a simulation of how this experience would have played out had it taken place. Followers even claim vital teenage qualities such as pit stains and cracking voices are present in the simulation.

Still in its nascent stages, it is unclear how “Seven Minutes in Heaven” will evolve. Follower Jane Sloan hopes for evidence that the afterlife will soon become more appealing to others. “I was the willing girl in middle school. Since I’ve converted, I’ve been pretty excited to go to heaven.”

Racist, Sexist Asshole Pretty Chill Dude (Once You Get to Know Him)

By: Douglas Lee
Friendship Fiend

Local man Andrew Roberts reported that his septuagenarian neighbor Johnny Wilson had become his best friend, despite Wilson’s misogyny and longing for an “America just for Americans.”

Roberts was fascinated by Wilson’s mannerisms, which were unusually easy-going and confident. His ability to strike up conversation at a whim was particularly remarkable, as well as his warm greetings and gifts of delicious, homemade sweet tea.

“Johnny’s so nice and natural that it’s unnatural,” Roberts said. “Once he was condemning all gay people to servitude in hell. I was having such a nice time that I couldn’t help but completely ignore his rampant homophobia. I don’t know how he does it. Is it his ingrained sense of privilege that’s making him so likeable?”

Wilson, who is unaware that Roberts does not have the beliefs of a God-fearing Confederate apologist, has also come to appreciate his newfound kinship with a fellow white male.

“Oh, Andy, yes, he’s not like the other young’ins,” Wilson said. “He actually dresses respectable, and doesn’t turn his hair blue or some shit like that. We talk about fishin’ a lot, and he bought me a damn good fishin’ line, though I did ask for an M-16. No matter though, since he’s not one of those little foreign-borns or, God forbid, a woman.”

In the months since the two met, Roberts and Wilson have regularly gone on fishing and hiking trips. Roberts has been impressed with Wilson’s outdoor expertise, though he considers his ideas on racial superiority somewhat troubling.

Roberts’ other friends and colleagues have mixed opinions about his recent changes in behavior, some reporting he is more fun to be around, others stating he really needs to stop.

“Drew’s so awesome at parties now, and he’s been working out

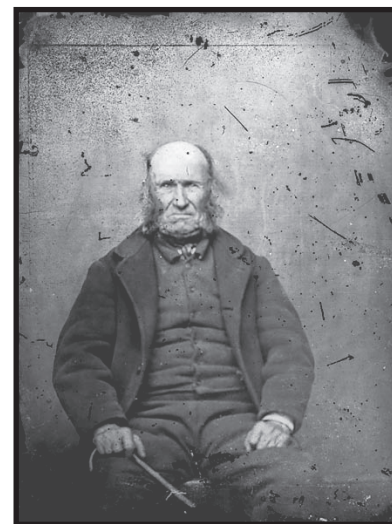
too,” local woman Sandy Lee said. “But just last week he made a woman in the kitchen joke? Does anyone still do that anymore, I mean really? He caught himself and apologized, and we all make mistakes, but I’m worried about who he’s hanging out with.”

Roberts has considered having a talk with Wilson about why his beliefs may be problematic, but does not want to upset the special friendship they have.

“I’ve had so many good conversations with him, and they definitely outweigh the few times when he’s called my girlfriend fat,” Roberts said.

“Sometimes he makes me a little uncomfortable, but what happens if I try to convince him we’re all equal, regardless of race or gender? What if I tell him I’m bisexual? He’s my best friend, and I don’t want to lose that.”

At press time, Wilson asked Roberts if he could meet his other friends, but Roberts declined. Roberts privately expressed concerns that Wilson would not accept them, as they are mostly female or nonbinary people of color.



Wilson, who believes that women and children should only speak when spoken to, has a bumper sticker that reads: “Separatism: God’s Way.”

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Bastard Confession



“I’m opposed to vaccination because studies have shown that they cause shitty, underwhelming quarterback performances and romantic attraction to reality television personalities.”

--Jay Cutler

Student-Teacher Hookup Service ‘DateMyProfessors’ Gains Popularity on Campus

By: Nick Sparkman
App Aficionado

The number of student-teacher relationships on Vanderbilt’s campus has soared in response to the inception of “DateMyProfessors,” an online service that connects students and professors for romantic encounters. Student users evaluate the professors on the bases of Easiness, Helpfulness in Reciprocating Oral Sex, Dater’s Interest, and Number of Follow-up “What’s Up?” Texts Received. The service, which is available as a desktop website or as an app, has already accrued more than two thousand downloads on campus, and is spreading quickly to other universities.

But despite the success of DateMyProfessors, its critics are loud and cite social norms as arguments against the service. However, many users of the service are quick to defend it.

“I’m not a cougar, and my male counterparts aren’t pedophiles,” explains Literature professor Paulette Robbins. “All of these interactions are perfectly legal, not to mention beautiful. Too often I think of my students as only paper-writers and not the gorgeous, sexual beings that they are,” adds Robbins, winking.

“Look, I get that a lot of my students are frustrated by my class,” Organic Chemistry professor Sanchit



Paulette Robbins: “My research is in the use of the erotic in Sixteenth Century Portuguese literature.”

Bhattacharjee admits. “That’s why I indicate that I’m okay with bondage and discipline on my profile. If a student can take out their anger on me in the form of spanking or tying me down and forcing me to eat paper copies of the periodic table, hey, I’m all for it. I’ve seen some real results in the classroom.”

But it isn’t only professors who benefit. Many students are vocal in support of the app as well. For example, senior Greg Swafford, who claims to have had more than thirty sexual encounters with professors thanks to the service, now spends the majority of his free time hanging out near Rand waiting for various classes with horny professors to let out.

“Yeah, it’s pretty awesome,” Swafford says. “And people claim it causes grade inflation and shit, but I’m still failing most of my classes and I’ve fucked every one of my professors, so that’s obviously bullshit.”

The future of DateMyProfessors is unclear. Vanderbilt has considered taking action but faces eliminating a large chunk of its teaching force at once in doing so, and many parents of the students are outraged that this is occurring. The only thing for sure is that the spread of an unusual rash formerly only possessed by Paulette Robbins to nearly a fiftieth of the male student population can now easily be explained.

Area Serial Killer Deciding Between Self-Improvement and Self-Acceptance

By: Michael Hogue
Personality Provocateur

NASHVILLE- Local resident Brandon Ennui told *The Slant*

on Wednesday that he is currently experiencing internal conflict as he decides whether he should put deliberate effort into addressing his personal weaknesses, or to learn to love himself for the beautiful, flawed human being that he is.

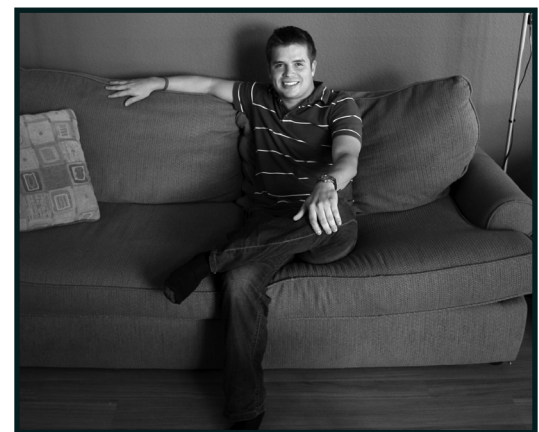
“I struggle with self-doubt. I feel like I can never get to a place of lasting confidence,” Ennui said. “In order to experience a sense of empowerment, I’ve developed a habit of kidnapping strangers and cutting off and grilling their feet. Then, I force my victims to eat their own feet.”

“Now, I find myself really confused. On the one hand, I could intentionally seek out methods of avoiding my tendency to kidnap people and force-feed them their own feet,” Ennui continued. “Whenever I’m going through self-hate, I could exercise or do some mindfulness meditation. On the other hand, I could acknowledge that I’ll always have human limitations, and know that those very shortcomings are part of what makes me unique as an individual.”

Sources close to Ennui, describing him as “a well-meaning guy,” admitted to *The Slant* that they had noticed he seemed “troubled about something, in an existential kind of way.” Two of Ennui’s associates relayed a story in which “Brandon straight up asked if it was ‘better to take active steps towards identifying your habitual shortcomings and correcting them, or to embrace yourself and learn to live within your natural finitude.’”

The Slant asked Ennui his thoughts on how he might go about solving his dilemma, to which he responded: “That’s another thing. I can be very indecisive about major issues and even mundane things, like what my third item for a munchie-mart meal swipe should be. I get frustrated by my own indecision, and I’m sure it can be a burden for my friends and family as well.”

Added Ennui: “Part of me feels that I need to think of deliberate methods of teaching myself to make decisions efficiently, and to feel confident and empowered without kidnapping people, cutting off their feet, and feeding their feet to them. But another side of me believes that part of the inherent joy of this life is to love yourself not despite your imperfections, but because they are part of you.”



Brandon Ennui: “I’m just trying to find myself right now. It’s exciting, and intimidating, both at the same time. Kind of like being a serial murderer.”

Junior Lifeguards to Manage Local YMCA’s Pool

By: Laura Mast
Swimming Savior

Nashville’s YMCA recently released a report disclosing that, to cut costs, it has hired exclusively junior lifeguards for the fiscal year 2014. By maintaining an average age of nine years, the YMCA hopes to attract a younger demographic and up family memberships. “We realized over in Marketing that times have changed,” said YMCA director P. Dino. “If we want to increase our memberships, we have to hook them while they’re young. Opportunities to get involved and rise through the ranks – that’s what the kids are into now.”



Tennessee’s attorney general, Robert Cooper, Jr, is “looking into” the program’s standing with regard to child labor laws.

According to Dino the kids undergo extensive training to ensure that they are prepared for any situation. Eleven-year-old Ethan Aventura, one of the group leaders for training, gave *The Slant* more details: “Well really you just gotta keep kickin’

and swimmin’. And breathing. Mr. Dino says as long as we remember those four things we’ll be perfect lifeguards.”

Aventura added, “Oh. And don’t pee in the pool. That’s the fourth thing. Lots of the kids forget that one. My training was real short because I already know how to swim. AND I can hold my breath for 30 seconds already AND touch the bottom of the pool.”

Families so far have responded positively to the new policy. Local single mom Caroline Druwny told *The Slant* last week that she’s enrolled both her children, ages 8 and 11, in the program. “Colleges want to see kids involved early. And what could be better than them taking on some goddamn responsibility for once? Maybe they’ll actually start keeping their rooms clean if they’re suddenly responsible for saving lives.”

Eight-year-old Manual “Manny” Juarez told *The Slant* in between pushes by the pool that he and most of the third grade class at Eakin Elementary School supported the new policy. “I’m the fastest swimmer in the whole grade, and I can lift a lot. I help my mom with groceries all the time and I always carry TWO gallon milk jugs. Sometimes the bread too, but you know you have to be careful not to smush it or drop the eggs. One time I did that and Mom got really mad and had to drink some of her special juice to calm down.”

At press time, Nashville police are investigating two elderly pool-related deaths and one incidence of indecent exposure.

Catholics Give Up Overzealous Religiousness for Lent

By: Almaz Mesghina
Holy of Holies

Stating that their “overzealous spirituality was hindering [their] wholehearted love for Jesus Christ,” University Catholic members on Monday announced that they gave up their fervent Catholicism for Lent.

“Jesus battled the Devil’s temptations for 40 days in the desert,” recalled Matthew Robinson, president of University Catholic. “So as disciples of Christ, it is our duty to mimic this purification during Lent. We think this is best done by totally avoiding His holy doctrine.”

Many Catholics celebrate Lent by fasting. In addition to giving up meat on Fridays, Catholics over the age of fourteen are expected to abstain from unnecessary luxuries. Typically, this includes indulgent snacks, games, or activities.

“I’ve given up chocolate in the past, but this year I thought I’d give up something a little more difficult,” said University Catholic member Maria Shoemaker, who attempted to validate her decision to reject the



The Vatican, the seat of power of the Catholic faith, will also be giving up unnecessary luxuries for Lent.

Catholic Church for the next 40 days. “My Catholicism has been kind of a burden.”

“We have a lot of measures in place to avoid being too Catholic,” began the UCat president. “Patrons are encouraged to sleep through bible studies, ‘forget’ about holy days of obligation, and doubt transubstantiation.”

“I even wiped the ashes off my forehead as soon as Ash Wednesday services had ended,” continued Robinson. “That smudge was just way too Catholic.”

According to statistics from the Office of Religious Life, “resisting the temptation that is Catholicism” is the one Lenten sacrifice with the highest 40-day rate of success, with 100% of partakers successfully avoiding the holy doctrine.

“I just donated to the Democratic Party,” admitted Maria Shoemaker, who skipped out on Sunday services in order to make it to her abortion appointment

on time. Robinson concluded, “Ya know, it’s been a tough sacrifice, but in the end, I think we all truly feel closer to Him.”

Missing Malaysia Airlines Flight Found off Coast of Cinnabar Island

By: Chris Xin
Aerial Activist

The search for the missing Malaysia Airlines flight came to an end today as the airplane was found intact and its passengers alive and well off the coast of Cinnabar Island, a small island in the Kanto region.

The Boeing 777, carrying 239 passengers and crew, went missing on Saturday, March 8 en route to Beijing from Kuala Lumpur. It was not until over a week later that residents of Cinnabar Island, an island located hundreds of miles away from the flight’s expected route, alerted authorities about seeing a strange object at sea. Authorities later confirmed that it was the missing flight.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” Cinnabar Island Gym Leader Blaine told authorities. “We usually only get Tentacool and Tentacruel over there,” he said, pointing eastward where the flight was found. “But I knew this was something different.”

Authorities and residents of Cinnabar Island together reeled the ship onto the coast of the small island, located just south of Pallet Town, using escape ropes found at the local mart. The flight crew and passengers then debarked the plane, finding safety on dry land. The passengers and crew of the flight remained on the island to be treated by medical teams led by local Nurse Joy and her team of Chanseys.

“I was scared when we first landed on the sea,” said Hongwei

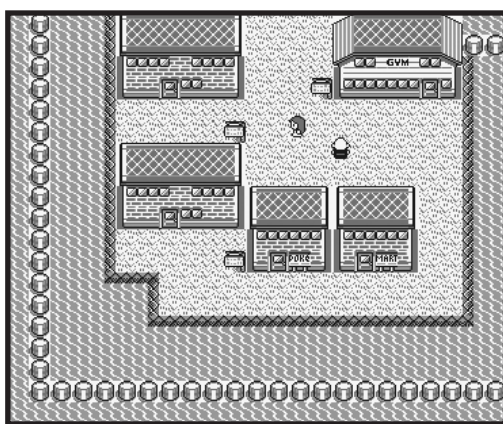
Wang, a passenger on the flight. “But when we got on the island I felt much more as ease. There were plenty of full heals and revives at the mart, which many of us needed because we were weak and tired from our time spent on the plane. We were well-taken care of.”

Although many details of the events preceding the emergency water landing remain unclear, it is known that two men on board were travelling with stolen Iranian passports. An anonymous tip revealed that the men acquired the passports from an unidentified elderly man in Viridian City just before the departure of the flight. The two men were found on the island by authorities and taken into custody.

When reached for questioning, the elderly man in Viridian City was uncooperative and refused to speak, telling sources that he had not yet had his coffee.

The situation is currently still under investigation, as many details surrounding the emergency landing and recovery continue to baffle authorities and passengers alike.

“Everybody who was on the flight – myself included – has found that the sixth item they packed into their carry-on bag has multiplied in number by 128,” said Wang. “We do not know what this means or how it could have happened.”



Officials could not make it to Cinnabar Island in time because none of their Pokémon knew “surf.”

FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR



MICHAEL HOGUE?

Hey Friends,

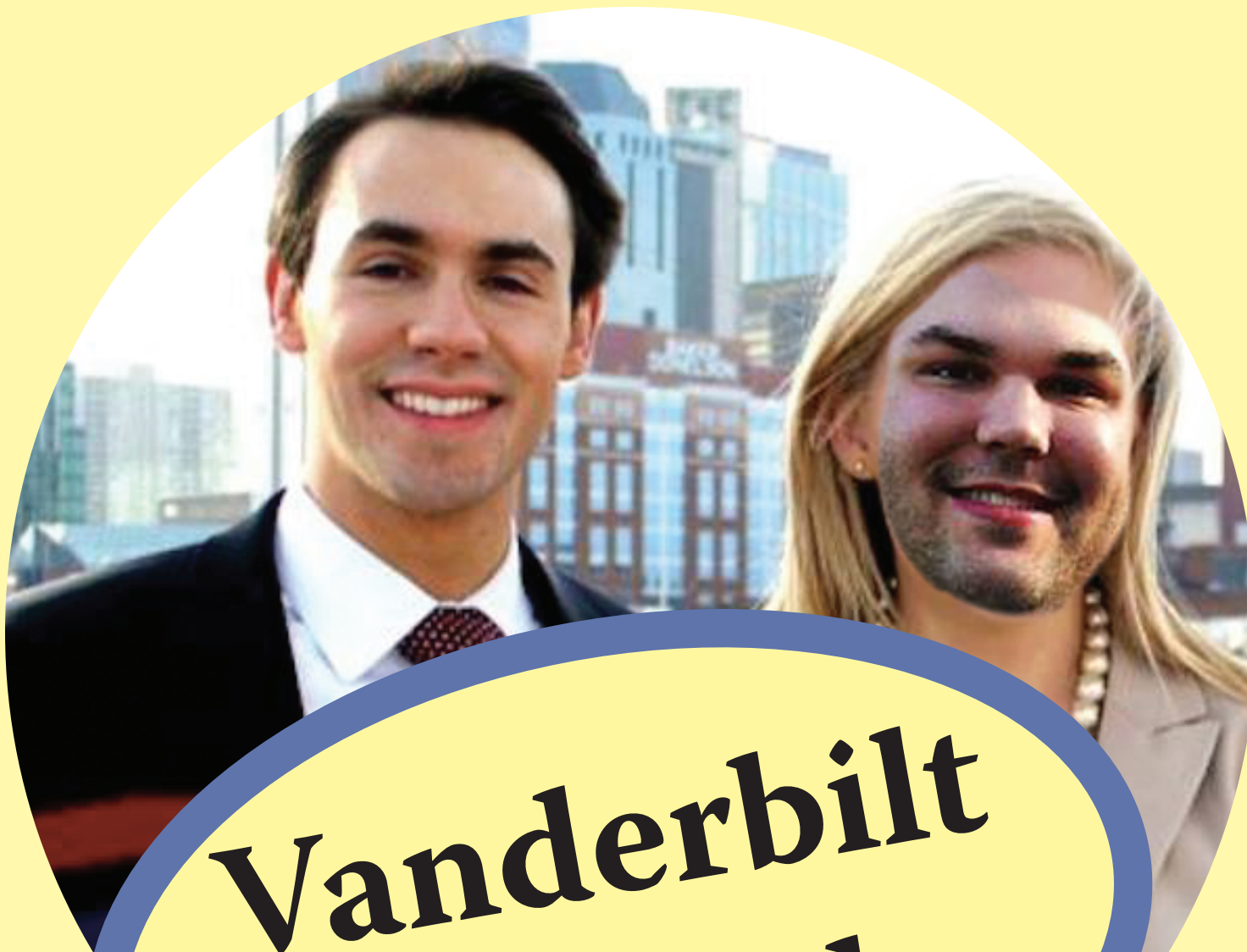
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- I’ve compiled a list of tips for succeeding during your four years here.
- There is no reason you can’t get bananas for both of your sides during lunch at Rand.
- An entire box of Nilla Wafers is, in fact, a full meal.
- Drinking the Arizona Tea straight out of the gallon jug is the most efficient and most satisfactory way to drink Arizona Tea.
- Go ahead and finish the box of Thin Mints in one sitting; otherwise, your roommates will.
- Your new go-to salad from Leaf: spinach, avocado, black beans, corn, cilantro, cheddar, chipotle ranch, and dried cranberries. I know what you’re thinking about the cranberries. Trust me.
- Dominoes closes at 3 A.M., but if you ask nicely when you call at 2:45, they will indeed deliver.
- Repeat after me: “Vodka sauce pizza from 5 Points Pizza.”

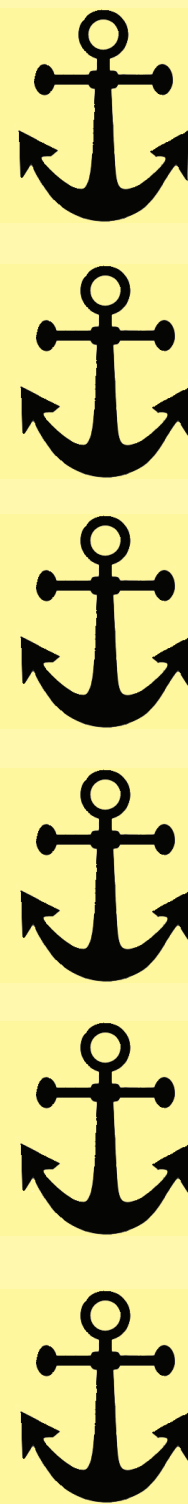
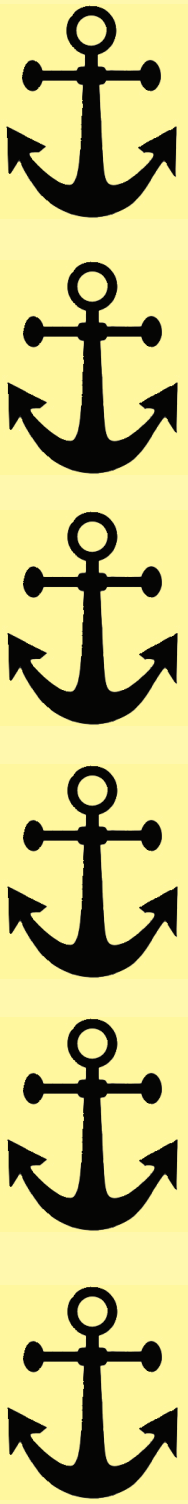
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Ryan McKenney & Hannah Gacke



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“Building a better tomorrow, presumably.”

1. Pudding mix in the water supply to encourage hydration by students.
2. Puppy dander present in every laundry room and living space for improved comfort.
3. Decarbonation of soda water in order to reduce carbon dioxide footprint.
4. Reverse osmosis, semipermeable membranes, multflash evaporation, and distilled melancholy.
5. Mass access to scrambled tofu to increase accessibility of eggs.
6. Cranberry juice and lemonade fountains to prevent scurvy and also for fun.
7. Free water because 70% of the student body is made of water.
8. Consistent janitorial cleaning, if you know what we mean.
9. Somnambulation seminars to increase participation in aerobic activities.
10. Nearly Headless Nick hangs out with you because they can make that happen.
11. Windows in all public spaces to increase transparency.
12. Backstage passes to meet the band for a select group of supporters.

In honor of the upcoming Vanderbilt Student Government elections, *The Slant* has published a comprehensive look at the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates, their slogans, and their party platforms.

Tanner Owen & Fletcher Young



“No, officer, I haven’t been drinking tonight.”

1. Biweekly fire drills at 3 AM to improve emergency awareness.
2. Cat dander present in every laundry room and living space for improved comfort.
3. Releasing snakes to promote pest control.
4. Free Arby’s sandwich with a purchase of blue books in the Varsity Marketplace.
5. Edible trash cans to fight hunger and support environmental sustainability.
6. Grits that taste like couch stuffing.
7. Perennial performances by your cousin’s rhythmic jazz band in Pizza Planet.
8. Free banner painting clinics to support the fine propagandistic arts.
9. Marbles released on the floor of Rand on Monday at noon to improve student coordination.
10. “Black and Yellow” played all day at the rec center.
11. Conversion to European outlets to promote globalization.
12. Bees.

Brother McLaidalot's Sex Advice Column

Dear Brother McLaidalot,

My girlfriend's best friend, Lady, said this to me yesterday and I don't know what to make of it:

"I can't even lie, I fuck better when I'm drankin. Ride dick like a pro, throw the pussy like I'm famous. Pussy feels so good, feels like the rubber off, ain't it? You ain't gotta tell me, I know this pussy be yankin."

Yeah so I'm really sure where she is going with that. Do I make a move? She's clearly down for whatever but she's my girlfriend's best friend. Write me back. I'm a huge fan.

Sincerely,
Rodger Callwell

Dear Sir Rodger,

Many men would kill to be in your situation. However, as a sensible man, I can tell you are between a rock and a hard place. First, we should both cheers Lady for her honesty. She's a woman who knows what she wants and isn't afraid to tell you. You also have to admire that confidence. Don't bother informing her she is great at sex, 'cause she already knows it.

Usually a female's honesty is a good thing but in your case, ignorance would have been bliss. That said, I find it hard to believe that she has sex as if she were a professional, unless she is an adult film star or a prostitute. Either way, I would stay away. If you do ignore my advice and jump on that, please always use a condom. If it feels like you're not using a rubber, please pull out and double check. You don't want the clap or a Lady junior.

Try telling your girlfriend what Lady said. If Lady is in fact her best friend, she should could be understanding. If you're real lucky you may be teaching them French back at your place, but maybe I'm being too optimistic. If you ultimately decide against getting with Lady, give her my mailing address and tell her I'm willing.

Yours in Christ,
Brother McLaidalot



Obama Won't Stop Gearing Up for 2016

By: Dan King

Campaign Camper

Sources close to Barack Obama say the president is refusing to stop gearing up for 2016 despite the fact that he is no longer able to run for president. Obama has reportedly spent the past few weeks contacting democratic leaders from around the country, developing a new brand for his campaign, and working out the muscles in his hand-shaking arm.

A top-level aide within the White House told *The Slant* that Obama has been gearing up more and more for what he believes is an impending presidential run in 2016. Several aides to the president have been trying to explain to him that the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution precludes the president from running again, but Obama won't listen.

One aide told us that the president "just keeps ignoring us when we tell him he doesn't need to worry about campaigning any more. Whenever we try to remind him about it he just says 'That's what sunk Jimmy Carter!'"

Jon Favreau, Obama's top speechwriter, says the president has been pestering him lately to write speeches that will play well in swing states. Says Favreau "He wanted me to say 'Ohio' 16 times in the state of the union. I kept telling him that it no longer matters what the people of Ohio think of him, but he couldn't be swayed. We finally compromised on eight."

Some within the White House say that the president's campaigning has become something of a nuisance. They say the president won't stop talking about electoral math, and that Obama has taken to ending all meetings by saying "Let's get to 270, guys. One more time."

White House press secretary Jay Carney hasn't directly admitted that the president is gearing up for 2016, but some recent press releases from his office seem to have been crafted with an upcoming election in mind. Last Thursday Carney took to the press room to tell reporters that Obama "Has spent the whole morning just thinking about how wonderful Iowa is and wishing he could be there right now."

Carney went on to say that the president eats an ear of Iowa corn every night before bed, and that border security is an important part of his platform.


All reports indicate that Obama has so far not allowed the campaign ramp-up to interfere with his tasks as leader of the free world, but that hasn't stopped speculation to the contrary. Fox News blonde woman and opponent of spelling names properly Megyn Kelly blasted the president for what she deemed "partisan politics" surrounding the recent debate over the federal minimum wage.

Kelly says "Obama's push for a raise in the minimum wage is clearly meant to play well for his base and for independent voters in the next election cycle. I just wonder if the president realizes that his base and independent voters are constitutionally precluded from voting for him in the next election cycle."

In stark contrast to the president, sources inside the office of Secretary of State Hilary Clinton say she requires significant prodding to gear up for any future election. Clinton's chief-of-staff Huma Abedin says "She's like a petulant teenager. Some days I literally have to drag her out of bed, put on her nice pantsuit, and push her out in front of the cameras at a fund raising event, with her complaining the whole time."



Whether campaigning or playing basketball, Obama looks to crush the competition.

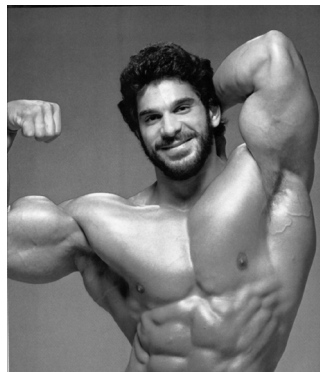


AROUND the loop

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How do you get good grades in school?

Lou Ferrigno



"Eat breakfast, don't skip class, and go to office hours. It's a lot of hard work, but in the end, it'll be worth it."

Your Professor



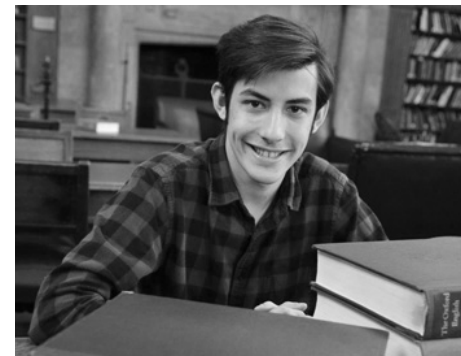
"Stop missing class because you're 'sick.'"

Motivational Poster



"The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed."
- Edward Brinsley Sheridan"

Your More Successful Sibling



"You got WHAT on your bio test?? Dude. Mom's gonna be pissed."

Justin Bieber



"Don't ask me about that again."

James Franklin



"Transfer to an easier school."

Yourself at night



"Starting tomorrow, I'm gonna wake up early and work out in the morning, go to all my classes, and finish my homework every night!"

Yourself in the Morning



Sleep through 11 AM class, wake up, masturbate, and watch House of Cards in your bed until your 1 PM

Hasbro to Release New Board Game “Oligopoly”

By: Harrison Thompson
Commerce Captain

After a slow quarter Hasbro has announced “Oligopoly”, a new fair trade board game to replace their flag ship monopoly franchise. It is the first time that Hasbro has put a new spin on an old classic in four years and the board game industry is buzzing about it. The board game “Oligopoly” will replace “Monopoly” in their line of dated board games, in what Hasbro executive J.T. Winstenworth calls, “a nice way for kids to learn to share”, adding under his breath, “and it’s a good way to get liberals to buy Hasbro again.”

Newly appointed Creative Director for Hasbro, Dave Sents, created the concept for Oligopoly. Donning his signature long-sleeved deep V-neck, he spoke of the game’s conception: “I saw something old---archaic, a relic from a misguided age of greed and corporate egoism and saw a need for change”, a small excerpt from what became a four hour lecture on emerging markets in Polynesia and the political history of Zimbabwe.

The game will feature only fair trade practices, mirroring the structure of Monopoly but with the various differences. Players are taxed 13% of their income as they pass go, and any player that is winning the game will be taxed 30%. If the player does not like their chosen ‘chance’ or ‘community chest’ card he or she is allowed to put it at the bottom and pick another, and all players must decide on a reasonable amount to pay for rent on a certain property to ensure an equal profit. The bank in “Oligopoly” needs to be bailed out halfway through

the game, and in European versions of the game the oligopoly money is subject to crash halfway through the game as well. The limited edition Cyprus version of the game literally just explodes at its halfway point.

Changes have also been made to Rich Uncle Pennybags (Mr. Monopoly), who is now of course Mr. Oligopoly and has had his name reduced to just Uncle Pennybags. In addition to a name change, Pennybags has lost his monocle, top hat and tails to the likes of DKNY prescription frames, a bowler’s cap and a short-sleeved button down. Pennybags will keep his moustache that the game’s creators called “already ironic enough.” With the same thought in mind, the creators have decided to possibly keep the monocle as well. The game tokens have also received a makeover, and they are as follows: Prius, Starbucks cup, pinhole camera, Vinyl record player, Harmony Korine, a typewriter, and a rusty old bicycle.

Samuel J. Morse III, head of New York’s prestigious Board Game Conservatory, has boycotted the game and declined to comment, while left leaning critics of the industry like Marsha Buhler have said that the game “gets them”. Hasbro CEO Brian Garner believes that the game is a step forward for Hasbro and that it will “silence whoever’s, you know, still talking about us...”

Hasbro will release this game amidst controversy over their Easy-Bake Oven that feminists feel is marketed exclusively to little girls and endorses a “woman cook, men work” society.



Passing go is no longer fun.

Filtered and Unfiltered Instagrams Found to be Equally Harmful

By: Bryson Howard
Self-Involvement Surrogate

A leading Harvard University research team has recently published findings in the journal *Nature*, which provide compelling evidence that filtered Instagrams are equally harmful to one’s health as unfiltered ones.

The rise of Instagram in recent years has been well documented, spreading like wildfire through upper-middle class, suburban households with fancy plates and even fancier food. Not long after, filtered Instagrams were introduced in response to safety concerns. After rigorous testing, the Harvard team has concluded that Instagrams with #filters and #nofilters are equally likely to cause lasting health effects and severely harm the well-being of yourself and those around you.

At this time, it’s estimated that thousands of millennials are living with cancers caused by the overuse of both filtered and unfiltered Instagrams. A startling percentage of them have likely not noticed any symptoms because they’ve been too busy discussing the differences between Hefe, Nashville, and Brannan. Current research has yet to find any.

A representative from *The Slant* recently

spoke to an Instagram specialist, a young “hipster” going by the name Marius Pontmercy, who insists that that is his real name and claims to “have never even heard of Les Misérables.” He is currently being treated at Vanderbilt University Medical Center for complications related to Stage 4 metastatic insufferabloma. This recently discovered disease is a fast-spreading malignant tumor of the orgueil gland – the portion of the brain responsible for regulating the hormones that cause a person to become a complete douche.

Scientists continue to stress the fact that it is never too late to quit Instagramming. In fact, health benefits can be noticed nearly immediately after your last Instagram. According to the lead author of the Harvard study, “within twenty minutes of quitting, your heart rate will return to normal as you feel less inexplicably smug about your undoubtedly average life, and within twelve hours, carbon monoxide levels in your body will decrease to amounts that won’t make you seem so damn pretentious all the time. Most importantly, within ten years of your last Instagram, your lungs will resemble those of any other attention-starved person on the campus of a liberal arts university.”



1 in 5 Instagrams cause high blood pressure.

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Mardi Gras and South by Southwest Rivalry Continues

By: Collier Bowling
Festival Fanatic

Ever since Mardi Gras officials prank called South by Southwest’s planning officials in the festival’s inaugural year of 1987, a deadly rivalry has developed between the annual events that has caused many casualties. Following up last year’s infamous Golden Retriever puppy scandal, Mardi Gras officials again drew first blood in this year’s competition with South by Southwest. Reportedly jealous that Austin stole all of New Orleans’s attention after Mardi Gras ended, NOLA officials plotted to “crash Austin’s party.” *The Slant’s* New Orleans correspondent Bead Titus reports what he heard about the New Orleans’ plot.

“It was crazy to hear all the stuff these guys were thinking about doing to South by Southwest,” Titus said. “First there were talks about doing an air raid of dropping beads on innocent bystanders at the festival. Then things got much darker when they talked about sending over the NBA’s New Orleans Pelicans to Austin permanently. No city should have to suffer such a team. I would have done something less drastic like releasing all the murderers we rounded up at Mardi Gras.”

Titus went on to say that fortunately for South by Southwest attendees, the Mardi Gras officials never carried out any of their plots to harm the festival. He said that the officials’ plans stopped once they exited their plotting headquarters and made it onto Bourbon Street. Having contracted herpes, gonorrhoea, and chlamydia, along with blacking out due to alcohol, the officials all had to be hospitalized immediately.

After hearing about the potential plots, Austin city officials called an emergency meeting in the Texas state capital. Texas Governor Rick Perry publicly announced a variety of possible retaliations that the state may take against New Orleans.

“At the moment we are still considering all options, such as a military invasion of New Orleans,” Rick Perry said. “We also are talking about sending Walker, the Texas Ranger or Ted Cruz to bring the officials to justice. My good friend Vladimir Putin said we should just invade New Orleans, but I think he’s been pretty moody lately.”

While Governor Perry was deciding what options his state should pursue in retaliation to New Orleans’s failed plot, Texas Senator Ted Cruz decided to take matters into his own hands. Leading a task force into Bourbon Street, Cruz was determined he and his force would ruin everyone’s nights by being the “drunkiest white girls at the party.” After Cruz and his force drank through two Hurricanes they passed out on the street and, subsequently, had their kidneys stolen.

Louisiana state officials, saying they are tired of this needless rivalry, have tried to defuse the situation by offering Governor Perry one bottle of Taaka King Cake Vodka. Perry responded by saying he would only accept offerings in the form of Matthew McConaughey autographs, so only time will tell how the situation diffuses.



This parade moves in on the unsuspecting partiers.

Hot Sex Moves to Drive Your Man Wild

By: Peter Linck

Follow these simple foreplay instructions to drive your man up the wall.

1. Slowly tie a blindfold on your man. This way he’ll have no idea what naughtiness you’re up to.
2. Have your man take off his shirt.
3. Tell your man to lay down on his back.
4. Whisper some naughty phrases into your man’s ear. Maybe call him a dirty name or two.
5. Make sure your man keeps his feet elevated at a fifteen to twenty degree angle so that his feet and chest are above his head.
6. Place a cloth over your man’s face and breathing passages.
7. Tease your man by telling him how much you want what he knows.
8. Slowly pour water over your man’s face. This should drive him absolutely CRAZY. The key is to fill your man’s sinuses and throat with water but not to let it enter his lungs.
9. Repeat step eight every few seconds, and intermittently ask your man for government or international secrets that you want to know.
10. At this point your man will be BEGGING you to stop, but keep it up. You’re here to learn secrets, not turn on your man.



Crimea Decides to “Hang Out With Their Friends Across the Street With Better Toys”

By: Julia Ordog
Crimea Cat

Crimean parliament voted earlier this week in an overwhelming 3:1 decision to “ditch Ukraine as their primary playmate” and spend more time with their neighbors across the street, Russia.” The decision will be made official at the Playmate Playdate Draft on the 16th of March.

This announcement comes as the result of a series of performances that Russia staged in order to impress the neighborhood. Putin installed numerous shows in Russia’s front yard intended to “wow”, “dazzle”, and “Джеймс” his neighbors, and win some new friends after the disastrous Olympics of Sochi. These performances featured rousing renditions of “Get Lucky” performed by the Russian Police Choir, a bouncy house, and “lots of shiny things”

Crimea’s decision to “ditch Ukey” for Russia makes it clear that Putin’s less-than-orthodox methods have been effective, regardless of their consistency. Sources inside the Kremlin say that Putin has learned that being a bully and threat-



Russin children preparing to trade toys with Crimians.

ening to send people to Siberia does not make life-long friends. In a drastic tactical change, Putin has been seen handing out candy and iPads near the Russian border, and hosting sweepstakes for complete sets of lasertag equipment. Support for Crimea’s decision can be seen all over the country as Russian families have drawn in chalk all over the streets, “We <3 U Crimey”, “Our trucks r ur trucks”, and “F Ukraine.”

TOP TEN SIGNS SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

- 10** We've all set our clocks back an hour.
- 9** The moon's power is waning in its cycle, leaving us all more susceptible to sprite and fairie attacks
- 8** White people spending more time than usual laying unprotected in the sun
- 7** Pro baseball players congregate in Florida to father illegitimate children they will never acknowledge
- 6** The colors on your neopet switched over from winter scheme to spring scheme
- 5** Cosmopolitan has switched their "Bikini Season Alertness" level from yellow to orange
- 4** Lots of beautiful women are wearing more revealing outfits which is good for you because gawking at a woman on the bus is as close as you're ever going to get you lecherous fuck
- 3** Big Macs taste better, as early spring is Big Mac harvest season and the sandwiches are currently at their freshest
- 2** Seniors everywhere (like me) start to see the end in sight and have trouble completely finishing even the most basic of projects
- 1**

Major Corporations to Aid Struggling Hollywood Actors

By: Sophie To

Just two weeks after the Oscars and big businesses are already looking forward to next year's contest—but it's probably not for the reason you think. *The Slant* has the inside scoop here.

In a grand gesture of charity, large companies in the United States and Europe have decided to come together to help those in need. What exactly does "helping those in need" entail? According to Rich Butterworth, one of the founders of the initiative, the participating companies' official working definition of individuals living under the poverty line is "anyone whose net worth is below that of the lowest-earning company among us." This, then, includes many A-list actors and actresses, who are at this point the primary targets of the initiative. This is a truly remarkable act considering that the only other time so many mega-businesses ever cooperate with such solidarity is to lobby against or whine about government regulation.

"Google's market capitalization stands at over \$268 billion, whereas Robert Downey, Jr.'s net worth is a mere \$140 million," said Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google. "The CEOs of each of these companies alone make more than most actors and actresses do. We want to close the income gap and promote equality for all."

The companies' strategy is multi-faceted, but one of the most talked-about aspects is mandatory celebrity endorsements for all Oscar nominees beginning in 2015. This program has since been dubbed Best Support (BS).

"To suffer every day in poverty, and then come so close to winning such a prestigious award—it's heartbreaking to see the look on actors' faces when they don't get the Oscar. We want to support and empower everyone, not just those who take home the golden statue. Everyone is a winner," said Butterworth.

Among large companies, BS has received an overwhelmingly positive reaction. "As soon as I heard about BS, I thought, 'This way, we can make even more money while doing good deeds,'" said Howard Schultz, CEO of Starbucks.

Several company leaders, however, have expressed concern over whether these actors and actresses will put their newly-earned money to good use. "Many people who suddenly go from poor to rich are so shocked that they don't know what to do with their newfound wealth, so they rashly and rapidly spend it on drugs and other vices instead of bettering themselves and their communities. These issues will inevitably come up, but rest assured that we will handle them when they present themselves," said Butterworth.

Originally, these companies had planned to launch BS this year, but it fell through at the last minute due to logistical issues. *The Slant* decided to take a stab at what the partial lineup would have been had BS gone through this year:

Oscar Nominee	Original Product	New Brand Name for Specific Product
Matthew McConaughey	M&Ms	Matthews&McConaugheys
Leonardo DiCaprio	Capri Sun	Leonardo DiCaprisun
Amy Adams	Adam & Eve	Amy, Adam, & Eve
Judi Dench	Colgate	Judi Denture Care Kits (new product line!)
Meryl Streep	Swiffer Sweeper	Streep Sweeper
Jared Leto	L'Oreal	*No name change, but Jared Leto's perfect ombre locks will be featured in every ad
Bradley Cooper	Pooper Scooper	Pooper's Cooper
Lupita Nyong'o	Stacy's Pita Chips	LuPita Chips
Sandra Bullock	Starbuck's Coffee	Starbullock's Coffee

Reports say 2,756 companies have already offered to pick up five-time nominee and zero-time winner Leonardo DiCaprio, though it has not been confirmed if Capri Sun is among them.

If the 2015 Oscar season is a success, then these companies will try to expand BS to the Grammys in 2016. However, don't expect to see IllumiNatty Light anytime soon, because Beyoncé's income puts her just above the poverty line.

How to Be Passive Aggressive

By: Peter Linck

You're pretty smart. Here's how to be passive aggressive.

1. **Oh geez, you want to learn how to be passive aggressive? This isn't a good time for me. I'm just really busy recently.**
2. **Did you follow the last step? You didn't? I suppose I'll just fix it myself like I usually do.**
3. **Are you reading these instructions? Well then maybe that's why you're having trouble learning this whole passive aggression thing.**
4. **I accidentally forgot what this step was. Guess you don't get to learn this step.**
5. **I would tell you how to be passive aggressive except I'm hungry and all our plates are dirty.**
6. **I'll tell you this step when you can listen like an adult.**
7. **You're not acting very passive aggressive. It's fine, don't worry about it. No really, it's fine. Seriously.**
8. **I wrote this step on a note and stuck it on the fridge. The important part is in all red and underlined.**
9. **-10 second long sigh-**
10. **Whoops, my bad.**
11. **Who gave you that haircut?**
12. **You know what? You're right. You've always been right. You don't need me to tell you how to be passive aggressive. You've known all along. I'm just wasting my time.**
13. **You're welcome.**

The Sexy Slant Playlist

Subject your body to these tunes, and watch yourself shoot off the moon. Of sex.

1. **Beyoncé – Rocket**
Start off with some bootyliciousness. Literally. The song's first line is "Let me sit this asssss... on ya."
2. **Jimi Hendrix – All Along the Watch Tower**
I just really like this song.
3. **Drake – Pound Cake (Instrumental)**
I mean, listen to that production.
4. **Gustav Holst – Mars, The Bringer of War (from The Planets)**
'Cause I'm the bringer of war, baby.
5. **John Cage – 4'33"**
Because I love the sound of you breathing.
6. **Drake – Started From The Bottom**
Perfect if you start from the bottom, which you should.
7. **R. Kelly – Trapped in the Closet (Chapter 34)**
Hot and sweaty closet sex is the best kind of sex, especially if you're locked inside.
8. **The Beatles – Birthday**
When you're having birthday sex, keep it simple and classic.
9. **Shaggy – Luv Me, Luv Me**
Ro-Tiki is the sexiest thing you can think of when having sex.
10. **Sufjan Stevens – Casimir Pulaski Day**
We'll be crying by this point anyway.
11. **Jewel – Intuition**
Because Jewel is hot in the music video.
12. **Godspeed You! Black Emperor – Static**
Drones and scary vocal samples are the best when you're in it for the long haul.
13. **Liz Phair – Fuck and Run**
I used to love Liz Phair back in the day.
14. **Milli Vanilli – Girl You Know It's True**
Their VH1 Behind the Music Special was really fascinating. So much drama.
15. **David Bowie – Velvet Goldmine**
Yahoo! Answers told me this was the sexiest David Bowie song.

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