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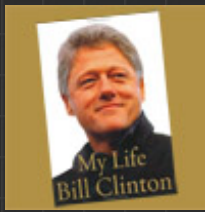
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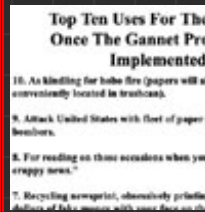
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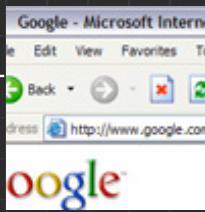
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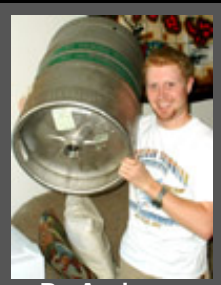
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By Andrew Banecker
All-Star Alumni

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Jun 30, 2004

Though both sides gave heartfelt pleas, international courts have awarded primary custody of Saddam Hussein to Iraq. The judges said they were acting in the best interests of Hussein, though some question the decision. The United States, who feels they have contributed more to Saddam's well-being, was also awarded regular visitation rights, though the concession was a far cry from the full custody it sought.

Since citing irreconcilable differences last November, Iraq and the US have been involved in a long and emotional property battle to divide up the wealth and resources of the middle eastern nation. Caught in the middle of the rift has been beleaguered young Saddam, forced to watch idly as the two nations that have for all his life been his providers carry out their bitter fight. One major part of the proceedings, however, has finally been completed as of last Tuesday.

"It's been a hard time for the whole family, really," said Saddam. "America has given me so much in my life--and yet, I somehow feel that my home is with Iraq." He then added, "I'm just glad the decision has finally been made so I can move on. I feel like I've been imprisoned behind bars of emotion the last few months."

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Though Saddam may seem complacent now, things were different when he was first realizing the implications of the fighting between the US and Iraq. In fact, his initial reaction was to run away from home because of anger against both the US and Iraq. He lived in a hole for several days, but eventually was persuaded in a joint US-Iraq effort to come out and face what's happening in his life.

Perhaps most surprising are the reasons courts gave for awarding custody to Iraq. "The United States," wrote Arbiter Landon C. Fielding, "though enthusiastic about giving Saddam the sort of life he is due, and diligent in its responsibilities to take care of him, is simply unfit to retain custody over someone with such far-reaching emotional and political consequences."

Another judge, Abn il-Hawar, put things more bluntly. "America was clearly the aggressor in the relationship, and as such, it is unfit to have custody over someone so impressionable and helpless. It can barely keep the freedoms of its own people right now, how can it also ensure stability and opportunity for Saddam?"

But America's leaders are quick to point out that the US would have access to Saddam. He will still live one small military operation away, and he will spend half the holidays with the US, as well as every other weekend, so it's not like he's really being cut off.

But analysts say the optimistic front is being put on by the US just in order to appear strong in front of Iraq, trying not to cry, and trying to assert its ability to go on without full custody of little Hussein. Time will tell how the US will truly deal with the split.



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The Kobe Bryant rape trial has been a constant feature on Sports Center and throughout the nation's sports pages. But nobody is following the story more closely than the members the Centennial Correctional Facility/ Colorado State Penitentiary's basketball team.

That is because the maximum security prison will become Bryant's home if convicted on the rape charges levied against him by a 19-year-old hotel employee.

Once a power, CCF's team fell on hard times when the state stepped up its death sentences beginning in 2001, costing the team its center and leading rebounder, James "Hate" Williamson (double-homicide). Also, former leading scorer Dontrelle "D-dog" Jamison (armed robbery, rape) was shivved in 2002.

"That really broke the team's spirit," said point guard Vernon Fielder (possession with intent to distribute). The team dropped to a dismal 4-11 record in the six-team prison league.

However, the prospect of adding Bryant, who faces 25 years to life in prison, promises long-term success for the squad, brightening the day of

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"I really hope this will lead to a book deal for me, maybe a movie like 'The Longest Yard' or 'Stir Crazy,'" said warden Larry Reid. "Denzel Washington is a natural to play me."

"I was born to dish the rock, whether it's crack or roundball, you know what I'm saying," said Fielder. "I'm looking forward to having him fill the lane on the break. Nobody lays the 'oops likes I does."

The squad nearly had a bonanza on its hands after University of Colorado football players were accused of rape. However no charges were filed. "We could have used some size and bench depth," said Reid.

The team may have to wait awhile for Bryant, too. The Lakers guard's trial is not scheduled to start until August and may take several months, meaning he could miss several months of training camp and the first part of the prison's regular season. Even worse, he might cop a plea or be found not guilty, thereby avoiding prison time altogether.

Still, the team is willing to accomodate him if and when he is transferred to custody. "His presence might disrupt our rotation and lead to some jealousies on and off the court," said coach and head of the prison's solitary confinement divison J. Lloyd Greaves. "But we'll work him in as best we can. This kind of talent only comes along once in a lifetime."

Bryant by contrast has been quiet about his role on the team. In a statement through his lawyers, Bryant said, "Where I play next year is still up in the air. I will play wherever I'm treated right and with the respect I deserve. As long as it's not the Clippers, I'm willing to play for anyone, in any league. I just want to fit in, like with that white girl at the hotel."

Current Starting Lineup

Pos	Name	Crime
PG	Vernon Fielder	Poss., intent to distrib.
SG	Moe Turner	Armed Robbery
C	Isaiah Johnson	Aggr. Sexual Battery, Grand Theft Auto
PF	Ike Hooper	Arson
SF	Michael Smith	Breaking and Entering, Assault



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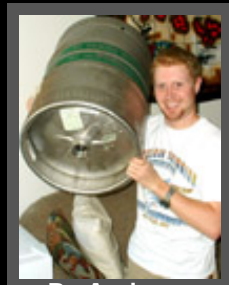
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Washington, D.C.- Citing his utmost respect for the office of the Vice Presidency, Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy went and fucked himself Tuesday, June 22 in the public restroom just outside the senate floor.

Sources who informed *The Slant* of the incident stated that during this year's Senate class photo, Vice President Cheney had either told Sen. Leahy to "go fuck yourself" or "fuck off" after the Senator questioned his integrity, demanded to sit next to the teacher, and repeatedly said the word "Haliburton."

It then seems that the distinguished Vermont Senator realized the inappropriateness of his behavior, told Cheney, "My bad," grabbed the latest issue of *Barely Legal*, and removed himself from the senate floor.

Stated a overly gruff Cheney when asked whether it was Leahy's infinite repetition of the word "Haliburton" that brought forth his profane remark, "It was partly that, it was partly also...it had to do with...he is the kind of individual who will make those kinds of charges and then come act as though he's your best friend."

Cheney then mumbled something under his breath, which sounded as

though he referred to *The Slant's* reporter as a "douche bag."

He then raised his voice and gruffly stated, "Part of the problem here is that instead of having a substantive debate over important substantive policy issues, he had challenged my integrity, and I didn't like that. But most of all I didn't like the fact that after he'd done so, then he wanted to act like everything was peaches and cream."

When informed of the senator's act of contrition following his profane remark, Cheney replied, "Ok then. Everything's peaches and cream."

When asked if, in retrospect, he believed his original comment to be too harsh, Cheney replied that he and several of his colleagues "felt that what I'd said badly needed to be said; that it was long overdue."

Responded Sen. Leahy, "Whether or not the fucking of myself was long overdue, which it was, is not the issue here. For too long, there has been nothing in Washington but bipartisan bickering. I had merely had enough of it, decided to wash my hands of it all, and swallow my... Hey! What are you giggling at? I was going to say pride! Swallow my PRIDE!"

Added Sen. Leahy, "Real mature."



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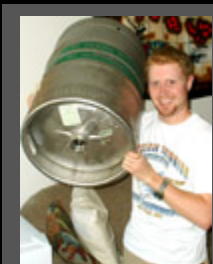
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The Slant's Man Of The Issue: Richard Riordan

Narrowly edges out that dude who's been doing all that AIDS research.

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The votes are in and with a late surge in the polls, the winner of *The Slant's* inaugural "Man of the Issue" award goes to... drumroll please... California State Education Secretary Richard Riordan!

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The Slant's Man of the Year with an intelligent, rather clean young boy.

Although fellow nominees Pat Tillman, Pope John Paul II, and that guy who's been doing all that AIDS research were deserving candidates for the award, Riordan blew them all right out of the water when on July 1, at a promotional event for summer reading at a library in Santa Barbara, he did what Americans have wanted to do for ages; Riordan mocked a preschooler.

The preschooler in question, Isis D'Luciano, asked the former Los Angeles Mayor and current State Education Secretary if he was aware that her name, Isis, meant "Egyptian goddess."

Riordan curtly replied, while in the frame of a local news crew's camera, "It means stupid dirty girl."

Perhaps dumbstruck by the Education Secretary's response, the little girl immediately reinforced her claim that her name, in fact, meant Egyptian goddess, to which Riordan blew her off with the response, "That's nifty."



Stupid dirty girl (Isis) and her stupid dirty mother (Trinity).

But I must implore you, who amongst you has not wanted to inform an Iris, Trinity, Laquanda, or Epucirustopher that they possess a ridiculous name? Richard Riordan made that dream a reality. He called a spade a spade - or an Isis a stupid

dirty girl in this instance - at a promotional event for literacy, no less. Consequences be damned! Richard Riordan, in the opinion of this paper, is a true American hero.

However, not all people agree with *The Slant's* opinion. An editorial recently printed in *The Sacramento Bee* stated that California "shouldn't have an education secretary who makes offensive, damaging remarks to young children for no apparent reason."

But he had a reason: the girl had a ridiculous name!

Either way, it is not just for calling a 6 year-old child a "stupid dirty girl" that brought Riordan this prestigious award. One does not win the Man of the Issue award by insulting small children alone. In addition, Riordan unwittingly drew the ire of the NAACP, who called for him to resign from his position. Apparently, the NAACP is now willing to fight not only for the advancement of African-Americans, but for all Americans with ridiculous names, regardless of race.

Furthermore, Democratic state Assemblyman Mervyn Dymally scheduled a civil rights protest and posed this question to the media, "Would he have done that to a white girl?" Upon being informed that Isis D'Luciano is a white girl - blonde, no less - Dymally immediately cancelled the protest.

It is due to all of these reasons that Richard Riordan, a man who once dealt with hunger strikers outside his office while eating a hamburger, is *The Slant's* Man of the Issue.



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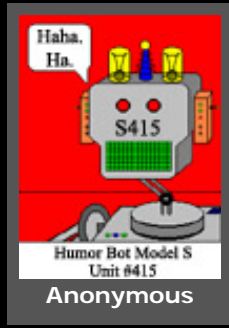
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A Message from the National Park Service



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Jun 20, 2004



Fran P. Mainella, Parks Director

Most people think all the National Park Service does is care for national parks. Nothing could be further from the truth! We help to preserve local treasures as well, and thus it is with a heavy heart that today I write to you, my fellow Americans. Florida and California, among other states, derive a lot of revenue from their beaches; however, the governors of said states, Jeb Bush and Arnold Schwarzenegger, respectively, have requested that you not bring your small children along on your summer holidays.

Why not bring your children to the beach, you ask? The answer is simple. Hordes of screaming little shits are overrunning America's coastlines, building sand castles that display little or no architectural talent, pestering marine life, screaming while people who actually matter are trying to enjoy the summer, and "accidentally" getting eaten by sharks so nobody else can get in the water. Dicks.

And while we are at it, let us discuss the aesthetic question of allowing

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American youth to congregate on our valuable sand. It would not be as bad if they were cute and angelic, but these kids are bad-tempered, overweight and just totally fucking ugly. They are no less than a disgrace to the country they embody, and as such, you are nothing less than a traitor to our great Republic if you bring anyone between the ages of 0 and 17 to any of our fine shorelines.

Why even bring them to the beach in the first place? Can you not leave them at the local Wal-Mart? Most red-blooded Americans have had to deal with screaming little kids and their fat grandmothers blocking entire aisles with their noisy bulk. I do not think I presume overmuch when I say that the average adult American would rather deal with such irritations while grocery shopping than they would on their vacations.

And the problem is not a minor one! One would think that after dark the small children would be tired of pissing off everyone in a ten-mile radius with their shouting and their digging. But that's not the case! Their parents buy them flashlights and they are wandering the shore as late as midnight, poking hermit crabs with sticks and eating handfuls of sand! You'd think consuming the sand would poison them, but for every one that leaves or dies, ten more take his place!

In conclusion, it is up to each and every citizen to call his Congressional representative and ask him to pass HR 4818, which will allow passing ships to shanghai unattended children. Oh, and visit Yellowstone.

Sincerely,
Fran P. Mainella
National Park Service Director



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By David Barzelay
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Hello, there. Me and the boys are getting together tonight at Ben's place. Care to join us for a rousing game of Texas Hold 'Em? You don't know how much fun it is till you've tried it. Buy-in minimum is \$20 and max is \$40, but you if you run out, we're happy to allow you to buy back in. That way, you can play this outstanding sport all night long.



What? You don't know how to play? Even better! It's so easy. You just put down the blind and then bet what you think your hand is worth! It's

so exciting when you know you've got pocket jacks, or a pair of spades,

and then you get a nice hand from the flop.

You just sit there showing pocket deuces and give subtle raises to keep the other guys in while, in reality, you've got the nuts in your hand. Then the turn comes and you get trip jacks, or fifth spade, and you know you've got it made.

But wait! There's now a possible straight flush on the table! Have you been played by the "friend" to your right? Can he make the straight? Oh no. The small blind could be Ace-high! Shit, shit, shit! Why didn't you see it before? Should you stay in? If you check, he's gonna know you're worried and put you all in. But you can't raise knowing he could have you. The frown on his face says low pair, but the gleam in his eye is showing the shit. Damn! Oh, well, you've gotta do something. Check! He raises. You've got no choice but to go all in, knowing you've got a week's paycheck on the line.

The dealer burns one and then deals. Jack on the river! You've got four of a kind! You've got it made! You throw down your cards with a big smile and start pulling in the pot. But wait! He slowly puts down his cards, one at a time...

Ten of spades.

Ace of spades.

With the Queen, King, and Jack in the pot, he's got it! He's got the royal flush. Aw, man, you got fucked on that hand! Damn, he played you so well. No worries, man. It was only a couple hundred bucks. Hey, we just play for the fun of it anyway, and you can't tell me you didn't have a hell of a lot of time losing that money.

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By Ceaf Lewis
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I hate you all, hunched over your greasy cards and your Cheetos, saying nothing, but twitching furiously for hours as you attempt to win a few dollars at the cost of your souls. You all and your damned cards; why must this be the fad which grips the nation? I don't care about your royal flushes and your full houses; I just hope I don't find your corpses hunched over the same table, skeletons exposed and covered in insects.

Needless to say, I hate poker and everything associated with it. Oh, and I find your gall in calling this travesty a sport nothing less than amazing. Have you no soul? Is there no level to which you will not stoop in order to make recreation in this great republic even worse? Shame on you. Shame.

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it's worth. It is worth nothing. That's right; it's worthless, just like everything else associated with this game of hobos and serial killers. You heard me.

And while we're on the subject, what sort of deviant game are you playing, what with your "pocket deuces" and nuts in your hands. Back home, people do that behind closed doors, buddy; they certainly don't with three friends in close proximity to snack foods. You and your ilk disgust me and your depravity could power a small city.



I don't want to hear about your "friend" "having you" with a "gleam in his eye," either. The less said about that, the better. That mental image will come back to haunt me. I just know it. Needless to say, I won't be contributing twenty of my hard-earned dollars to your little orgy.

People always say I hate the game because I haven't played it. Nothing could be farther from the truth. One time, when I was younger and didn't know any better, my friends back home invited me to play poker. Most boring evening of my life; I was forced to peel off strips of my own flesh with a rusty Swiss Army Knife to keep the sheer mind-numbing dullness of the evening from destroying my sanity. True story.

So, if I haven't made myself quite clear, I'm sure poker is the most cunning invention of Satan to drive mankind to despair and the very thought of playing that game for ten minutes, let alone an hour, makes my eyes glaze over and my pulse turn sluggish. Even POGs were a better fad. I rue the day I discovered the shit-tastic game called poker. Sure beats golfing though.



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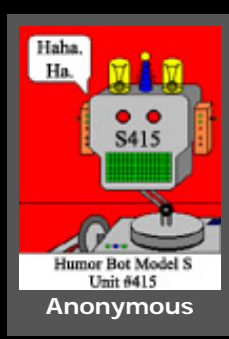
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You will go see *White Chicks*. You will find it surprisingly entertaining and thus become history's greatest monster.

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Your life will change forever when you realize that there is no rule prohibiting you from ordering more than one McDonald's value meal per sitting.

Virgo: (Aug. 23—Sept. 22)

You'll finally gather enough courage to get that name change you've always wanted, but you lack the funds to get the sex change that goes with it.

Libra: (Sept. 23—Oct. 23)

The stars refuse to tell you your future...because you're gay.

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Sagittarius: (Nov. 22—Dec. 21)

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You will take in an old gentleman off the street who will later kill you. But don't worry, you won't see it coming...

Pisces: (Feb. 19—March 20)

Your mother loves you...but she's the only one.

Aries: (March 21—April 19)

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Taurus: (April. 20—May 20)

You will spend your life searching for the Preciousss...then you remember it was in your back pocket all along.

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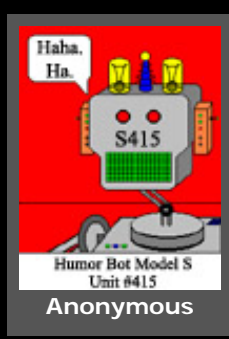
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"After seeing the movie, this is one vote George W. Bush will not be getting!"
-Sen. John Kerry, D-MA

"I was disappointed that the movie fails to respond to detractors who criticize Moore's slovenly appearance, preferring to stick to facts and opinions about boring politics and completely ignoring exciting ad hominem arguments."
- Jeremy Sutton, High School Teacher

"They took too many liberties with Ray Bradbury's novel."
-Joe Henderson, Man on the street

"This movie was an often funny, always touching documentary that follows eight remarkable children on their way to the 1999 National Spelling Bee! Each is engaging, all are talented, and one might win it all."
-Jane Mueller, Architect

"It's the feel good movie of the summer."
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-Kathryn Phillips, Receptionist

"The movie's broad message successfully outrages people from all parties and walks of life."

-Joe Phelps, Market Analyst



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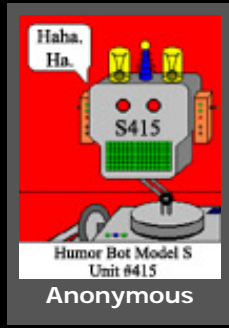
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White House Awards Major Contract To KY Warming Lube

In the latest of a series of politically charged bidless contracts, the Bush administration has awarded a lucrative deal to KY Warming Lube, former company of a top-ranking Bush administration official. "KY was the natural choice," explained Press Secretary Scott McClellan. "They come highly recommended from some of our top people. We expect that their services will ease partisan and international relations, and will eventually make fucking the American people a much more pleasant experience for all involved."

Abu Ghraib Prison Torturess Awaits Court-martial Hearing



Lynndie England, pointing at genitals.

Private First Class Lynndie England, charged with thirteen counts of prisoner abuse, was read her rights Monday in a preliminary hearing for the court-martial trial to take place on August 3, 2004. When asked if she understood her rights, England replied, "Yes, sir," and pointed at the judge's genitals while flashing the court a thumbs up sign.

England's main defense, allegedly, is that she was "just following orders" and that the prosecuting attorney could not handle the truth. England, who is currently pregnant, also claimed that she "can't get enough naked man action."

Ashley Olsen Donates Liposuctioned Fat to Ailing Twin

After the announcements of Mary Kate Olsen's struggle with anorexia and twin Ashley's decision to forgo a movie opening to stay by her sister's side, Ashley, aka, "Chubby," has taken her devotion to her fraternal twin one step further. In a press conference held in the post-op wing of Cedars-Sinai hospital today, Ashley Olsen revealed her heroic move to have fat removed from her own body in order to be transplanted to her twin. Though doctors concede that this may be a risky operation, due to the fact that the fat DNA is not perfectly identical, the twins have been given a preliminary thumbs up in their recovery. "She's my twin, so it's the least I could do," said Ashley Olsen, post-surgery. "Plus, we needed to look more identical in case we ever need to play twin toddlers again. I am so not going to be the chubby one this time."

Trebek to Face Jennings in Jeopardy Battle Royale

Alex Trebek, host of the critically acclaimed gameshow Jeopardy has announced his intention to face contestant Ken Jennings for the position of host of the show. Mr. Jennings has remained champion on the show for a month, winning for an unprecedented 31 days and accumulating prize money of over \$1,000,000. Trebek and Jennings will face each other in a special episode of Jeopardy an hour long. If Mr. Jennings wins, the current host will be forced to cede his position as host to Jennings, as well all of his earthly belongings, and be removed from the studio in disgrace. If Mr. Trebek wins, he retains his title as host and Jennings must forgo all his winnings. As an added measure of dishonor, he will be forced to imbibe alcohol, an act forbidden by his Mormon religion. The show will be moderated by creator Merv Griffith and is set to air next week.



Bush Twins Join Father's Campaign

In a move that has taken many in the political world, including the president himself, by surprise, the president's twin daughters, Jenna and Barbara, have decided to help with their father's re-election campaign. The usually apolitical girls believe they can help George Bush hold on to the presidency, despite having very little experience in politics. Karl Rove is optimistic, citing the twins' participation as a must in order to wrangle in both the "horney 18-year-old" and key "dirty old man" demographics. Support for the president is already on the rise as rumors of nude Bush twin photos circulate the internet on the condition that the president is re-elected.



Sheryl Crow Ready To Be Next Yoko

Grammy winning singer-songwriter Sheryl Crow says she is ready to become the next Yoko Ono when her boyfriend, Lance Armstrong, loses this year's Tour de France. "I've been steeling myself for this time by writing crappy tunes like 'Soak Up the Sun'," said Crow. "Now I will be able to bring misery into the hearts of sports fans who want to see a beloved hero succeed again." Armstrong said nailing the 44-year-old songstress was "a risk I was willing to take after being married for so long."

Child's Name Fates Her to Sex Industry

Margaret and Geoffry Winslow guaranteed their newborn daughter will work in the adult sex industry by naming her Destiny Sierra Winslow. The parents sealed her fate upon signing the infant's birth certificate at Baptist Hospital in Nashville. Jane Aggesti, a friend of the family, wonders what the hell the couple was thinking. "We thought the worst that could happen was that they'd name her 'Harriet' or 'Laura' -something forever linking her with that god-awful Urkle show. But this really couldn't get worse. What 'Pinkie Stackedwell' wasn't available?" The parents claim the name symbolizes their Christian faith that their child will be as prominent and wealthy as the Sierra mountain range. Nevertheless, doctors and nurses have already begun stuffing dollar bills in the baby's diapers to help her earn enough money for college or a lawyer to emancipate herself from the family.



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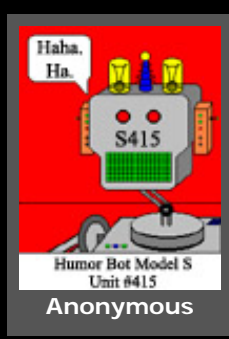
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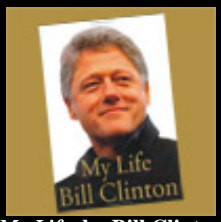
It's not like you've got anything better to do with Daddy's money.




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My Life, by Bill Clinton

Dear Bill Clinton's Memoirs,
I wrote a song called *My Life* years ago. And unlike yourself, the song only took three minutes and left people entertained. Oh yeah, you'll be hearing from my lawyers.
-Billy Joel in Barnard

Dear Mr. Joel,
This reminds me of the time I was subpoenaed by Kenneth Starr and dragged into an ugly, lasting legal battle. The parallels are quite striking, that is, me being under attack from an ugly man I don't like. However, I am sorry to tell you that it is far too late to change my title, perhaps driving drunk and crashing into someone's garage will be a way to cope with your problem.
-Bill Clinton's Memoirs

Dear Bill Clinton's Memoirs,
I have trouble meeting girls, do you have any advice?
-Lonely in Lupton

Dear Lonely,
When I was a young lad, growing up in Arkansas, I often confronted a similar problem. I remember pining after the elusive Suzy Jenkins. She

lived just down the road from myself, in a quaint, white-washed ranch-style home which had seen better days. She would often ride her bicycle, streamers fluttering from the handle bars, past my house and back. Although she was always within reach, I never could gain enough courage to talk to her. But to answer your question, being president helps.
-Bill Clinton's Memoirs

Dear Bill Clinton's Memoirs,
Is it all right if I hollow you out and keep a gun and a flask of whiskey inside in case of the Apocalypse?
-Prepared at Peabody

Dear Prepared,
I remember a time, late in my presidency, that I feared the Apocalypse was upon us. It was the 31st of December, 1999, and my thoughts had turned away from the fuzzy, eggnog filled memories of the just passed Christmas and towards the impending doom of Y2K. I was positive the rapture was due at the stroke of midnight and that I would not be chosen to enter heaven. I locked myself in a bunker with several bottles of the finest brandy and an inexhaustible (or so I thought) supply of twinkies. Needless to say the end of the world did not occur, but if it had I would have at least been rid of that ice-queen Hillary.
-Bill Clinton's Memoirs

Dear Bill Clinton's Memoirs,
I am currently president of the United States, but I don't think much of Congress likes me very much right now. How did you cope when Congress didn't like you?
-George Bush in Gillette

Dear George,
I tossed and turned many a sleepless night on the couch outside my bedroom, wondering how I could get the members of Congress to hold me in higher esteem, perhaps even call me friend. I tried sending them flowers, little notes, you know, the type of thing that normally makes *all* elected representatives swoon, but it just had little effect (except for the love letter I recieved in return from Ted Kennedy, that was just creepy). In the end I learned it's damn near impossible to change Congress' impression of you. So how did I cope, you ask? Probing my fat intern with a stoagie proved *very* satisfying.
-Bill Clinton's Memoirs

Dear Enormous Book,
What the fuck is wrong with you? You are so fucking incredibly long. 1008 pages of crap. I mean, if it was actually filled with content I could understand. But you probably only have 100 pages of actual information and the rest is you prattling on about nothing anyone gives a rat's ass about. I'm using you as a doorstop.
-Livid in Lewis

Dear Hillary,
I know it's you. You're the only one who speaks to me that way. It seems you're disappointed that my book was longer than yours and will probably sell more copies as well. But that is something you are just going to have to live with. Just like that time I got head from Monica. You handled that like a champ. See you tonight.
-Bill Clinton's Memoirs



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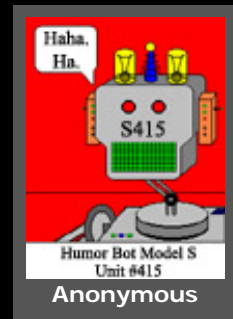
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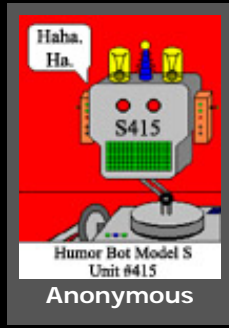
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9. Eorgegay Enettay (Eerie resemblance to current C.I.A. Director)
8. The Verizon "Can You Hear Me Now" Guy (Couldn't be reached to schedule an interview)
7. A Trained Monkey (Threatened to outperform 95% of current civil servants)
6. John Grisham (Replaced on the list by J.K. Rowling to get kids interested in the international espionage process)
5. Michael Moore (Couldn't fit in office door)
4. Liberace (Is actually dead)
3. Saddam Hussein (Has to go back and prepare for first Iraqi elections)

2. Mel Gibson (Declined due to upcoming movie about wicked British *Slant* editor Tim Boyd oppressing ragtag band of American satirists)

1. President Bush (Got sidetracked by shiny piece of foil on way to interview)



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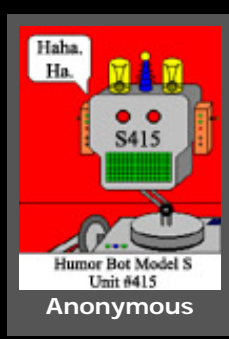


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As the incredibly astute among you have probably noticed, I am not Meredith Gray. She, like many great people and a great many more mediocre people, has graduated college and moved on to bigger and better things. Her tasks of staying up until all hours of the morning every other Sunday, smashing the hopes and dreams of aspiring young satirists, and writing this column now fall to me.

This particular column, I realize, is my introduction to the literally tens of readers who manage to keep up with us during the summer. I feel just like a debutante, carefully yet awkwardly making my formal debut into society. No, the comparison isn't perfect in that I lack the dress and in the next few hours I won't be drunk and felt up, but it's accurate in that I am now on display for all to see and judge. That being said I'll try not to make a (total) ass out of myself.

If you'd like to know a little bit about me, I'm a sophomore.

This issue represents the culmination of well over one-hundred man-hours (I'd put that at about 173 kJ) of work. If you finish reading it, first of all congratulations, and secondly, though I hate to tell you this, there will not

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be another issue until late August. I do, however, encourage you to read through the archives and explore the great articles that have appeared in the *Slant's* past. And, if you look hard enough, you might just find that sweet sweet hidden Asian porn. (Am I kidding? You'll just have to read through the archives to find out.)

In the future I and my crack team of Vanderbilt undergrads, a grad student, alumni, and Saunders look forward to bringing you even more hilarious and offensive material for your intellectual consumption. Enjoy the issue, enjoy the summer, and now I'm off to continue to summer (ha! used it as a verb) in the hot, humid, slow yet delightfully satisfying city of Omaha, Nebraska. See you all in the Fall.



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