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Facebook Nightmares

Social networking site raises questions for BCIT students.

By Brent Shearer
Link Staff

“How can you be so stupid to put that stuff up on the Internet? Were they not aware that someone is going to be able to find that?”

BCITSA's Apple Computer Campus Rep. Derek Atkinson is incredulous. He can't believe several Canadian Border Service Agency (CBSA) recruits were foolish enough to post compromising images and questionable statements on the social networking site Facebook, sparking the launch of an investigation this month by Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day.

“If you're going to put it on the Internet then you might as well be okay with being able to yell it in front of a group of people that you don't know,” Atkinson said as he packed up his Apple information table in the Great Hall of BCIT's Burnaby Campus.

Since it became available to anyone with an email account, Facebook has threaded its way into the fabric of academic life. The site now appears to be an indispensable part of the post-secondary experience.

Link staff writer Len Catling says he's been asked to become a member of at least eight different Facebook groups directly related to his first year studies in the Broadcast Journalism Program.

“BCIT has its own Facebook network, Broadcast Journalism has its own Facebook network. They break the classes into sets – each set has its own Facebook network. Every time we're put into a group project, members of the group want to start a Facebook group or a thread . . . it's just that every time I turn around I'm asked to join another Facebook group.”

Catling says he's thinking about quitting the site not only because he finds it distracting while trying to study, but also because he's concerned about embarrassing photos of him surfacing on the site.

“I go out and have a few drinks with my friends and the next day my antics are posted on the Internet for almost anyone to see. I'm

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starting to find it scary . . . I feel almost like I'm being watched all the time by Facebook."

Facebook, or those who are on Facebook like friends and classmates as well as coworkers, employers and instructors can all access your profile.

The material which has caused such an uproar at the CBSA are profiles depicting recruits at a training facility in Quebec drinking and partying in addition to postings referring to Prime Minister Stephen Harper as a serial killer and insulting French Canadians.

Second Year Journalism student Mike Small says stories like the recruits at the CBSA serve as a reminder of the public nature of social networking websites.

"It is a concern with sites like [Facebook]. It's so easy for something to end up on the internet that you don't want there and there is[sic] so many people on those sites that eventually I'm sure there's going to be a picture of me doing something that I shouldn't be doing and someone seeing it that shouldn't be seeing it."

Like most Facebook users, Small uses the site often to stay in touch with

friends from his home town and to network with classmates.

But when it comes to adding employers and instructors as 'friends' on Facebook, Small is cautious.

"I haven't really added anyone who isn't a close friend but I am careful to avoid adding teachers or bosses or anything like that unless I know them really well and they know my kind of humour."

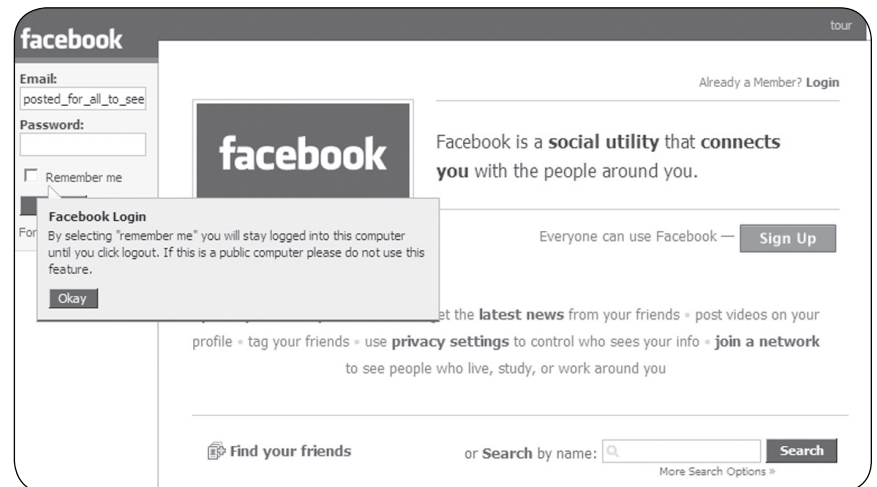
Karin DuBois, who is in her second year of BCIT's Television Program, doesn't use her real name on her Facebook page and is selective about who she allows to be her friends.

"I do have a couple of instructors that I've added on my friends list, but I'm also conscious of what I post publicly. I don't post things that might get me into trouble."

DuBois feels privacy on social networking sites should be a high priority for users.

"The Internet is public, it's accessible to anyone and it's pretty common knowledge that employers will use the Internet and Facebook to try and find out about their employees."

Instructor and head of the Broadcast



Journalism Program Connie Monk has made it clear to her students she has no intention of using Facebook to keep an eye on them.

Monk says Facebook has been a good way to keep in touch with grads and counts many current students as 'friends' on the website.

But in a recently emailed "friendly reminder," Monk warned students to be careful about what goes on to the site, saying "you might think 'only my friends get to see that,' but your friends may share that with someone else,

even as a joke, and then it becomes known."

In other words, don't be surprised if photos from a rowdy Saturday night flicker across the computer screen of an instructor or employer Monday morning.

One can imagine those CBSA recruits had no idea what they posted on Facebook would eventually be a topic of discussion on the national stage. But then again, they serve as examples of how accessible information can be on the Internet.

Medical moved

Flood uncovers asbestos in SE16

By Len Catling
Link Staff

Although the flood of BCIT's Burnaby location happened over two weeks ago, repercussions are still being felt throughout the campus.

The Medical Services Department is facing temporary relocation as the east wing of the SE16 building will be closed for repairs. The repairs are expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks and are centered on evidence of asbestos uncovered during cleanup from the flood.

During the removal of carpets ruined in the flood, workers uncovered damaged ceramic tiles which contained traces of asbestos. Although the Medical Services' staff assures there is no danger to students or workers the east wing of SE16, it remains closed

to all students and staff in order to comply with WorkSafeBC regulations. Quantum Environmental has been contracted to conduct the repairs with oversight consulting being provided by Pacific Environmental.

In a press release issued on October 4, BCIT Safety and Security Director Glen Magel said, "We (Safety and Security) recognize displacement from the normal working area is always difficult and ask for your tolerance to ensure we return a safe working environment to the worker and the community."

Parking Lot 2 will also be closed for assigned parking as Quantum Environmental will be using the lot for necessary work practices. Areas along the east and south sides of SE16, which is close to "The Fit Pit" will also be taped off to prevent pedestrian practice.



Trailers in the courtyard house the displaced med services crew.
- David K. Lai, Link Staff

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News in brief

The scoop at BCIT

River Film Premier

Students interested in adventure travel and the outdoors are being encouraged to join BCIT instructor Mark Angelo for the premier of *Wild Water, Wild Earth*, the sequel to 2003's *Riverworld*.

Angelo runs BCIT's Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Program and is the founder of BC Rivers Day.

He says the film "travels by both land and river to many of the world's most beautiful and remote locations" and focuses on protecting the Earth's remaining wild spaces.

The premier showing of *Wild Water, Wild Earth* takes place at the Shadbolt Centre for the Performing Arts in Burnaby on Thursday October 11 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets cost \$15 with proceeds going towards BC Rivers Day.

Brent Shearer

Parking Rules Clarified

At several parking lots at BCIT's Burnaby campus, students pay \$3.50 for a numbered stall to park their cars for the day.

Since Impark, the company contracted to monitor parking, uses the stall number to check for payment, students do not have to display the parking receipt on their dash (at some parking areas where there are no stalls, such as the dirt lots on the south part of the campus, a valid receipt does have to be displayed).

BCIT student Liza Yuzda has wondered what happens when she leaves campus to have lunch at Metrotown and then returns. Would Yuzda have to buy a new parking spot?

Parking Controller Lisa Pringle explains the rules.

"If you go into lot C and you purchase a stall, and then leave

[the campus] and come back, the chances of that stall being there is probably pretty slim. You are always advised to keep the receipt and if you end up in a different student lot, put the receipt on the dash and it's still valid until 6:00am the next day."

When students are asked whether they want a receipt after paying for their stall, Pringle says get the receipt. If students decide to leave and come back unexpectedly, then paying for another stall isn't necessary.

If you decide to chance it, a parking ticket issued by Impark will run you \$47.10 if paid within seven days and \$57.70 thereafter.

Pringle adds, if students arrive at school and find a parking machine is out of order, they are advised to call Impark and get instructions on what to do.

Brent Shearer



Coming back later? Keep your receipt to avoid a ticket.

- David K. Lai, Link Staff



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By David Suzuki,
with Faisal Moola

Recently a column appeared in my local Vancouver Sun newspaper about the trend of eating locally grown food. The author began by describing some municipal initiatives to encourage growing local food and then arrived at the thesis of his article: “The eat-locally, grow-your-own phenomenon isn’t about access to affordable food, it’s about smashing the capitalist system.”

At first, I thought it was some kind of joke. But the author went on to describe basic theories from Economics 101 like “comparative advantage” to show how nations that specialize in what they make most efficiently and

then trade with other nations that also specialize in what they make most efficiently, end up with more stuff than if they each made those same things on their own.

His point relating to local food was that most of us don’t grow our own food because it’s cheaper (or maybe he means easier, since theoretically you could grow food for close to free) to buy it from someone who can do it more efficiently than you. Thus, he concludes, “Buy local campaigns are attempts to disrupt international trade.”

If this sounds nuts, that’s because it is. I’m sure the nice elderly lady down the street isn’t thinking, “Screw the Chinese!” as she harvests fresh, tasty snap peas from her community garden, there’s a bigger issue here: Our current economic system by and large completely ignores important facets of life that are worth a great deal, but have never been assigned a monetary value.

Consider this sentence from the column: “The tomato you grow yourself may seem to taste better than store-bought but it won’t be cheaper.” Note the word “seem”, as though the tomato doesn’t actually taste better, it only seems to – presumably because of the

satisfaction you received from growing it. But even if that is the case, then you still enjoyed growing the tomato in the first place – and isn’t that worth something? Why is it okay to put a dollar value on our labour, but not our pleasure?

And this is the problem. Only things that you can actually buy have a monetary value. So the value of a tomato is only what someone will pay for it. Not in the satisfaction of watching it grow, or the feel of the earth between your fingers when you plant it, or the warmth of the juice from the summer-ripened fruit when you bite down on it. None of these things have value because you can’t buy them.

Another thing that isn’t valued in our economic system is nature. More specifically, natural services like cleaning our air and water and providing a stable climate. Things grown halfway around the world and flown to our doorsteps get a lot more expensive if you actually include the cost of the damage this does to our atmosphere. So we cannot know the real price of our food unless we do full-cost accounting, which considers all of these factors that traditional economics considers “externalities.” Even

then, we still haven’t factored in the value of community, of spending time outdoors with friends and family, and so on, that you might get from growing your own food. What are these things worth?

Needless to say, the article had me pretty depressed. Is this how people think? But then an amazing thing happened. I picked up the newspaper a couple of days later and there they were – letters. A whole page of them, in fact, from people who thought the original column was off-base, too. Each of them pointed out various flaws, but all got at the same thing: our economy is a social construct that depends on the environment and our values, not the other way around.

Reading those letters gave me hope. People get it. And more and more of them are getting it every day. Obviously, we still have a long way to go as a society, but simplistic economics that devalue some of the most important things in life are finally going the way of the dinosaur. And that’s as it should be, because human life does not begin and end with a dollar sign.

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Wallowing in our own filth

Slop in the trough; it's a disgusting place to be at times



By Brent Shearer
Link Staff

The same scene plays out any given weekday through the lunch hour in the Great Hall and cafeteria at BCIT's Burnaby Campus.

Students chatting away in groups – some in coveralls, others in suits, most casually dressed – munching food before an afternoon of more school.

Discarded plates splattered with ketchup fill randomly scattered garbage bins, and blue recycling containers groan with plastic bottles as the afternoon rush wears on.

Some, but certainly not all, make an attempt to get rid of their garbage this way. They take part in a system that has been constructed to keep this part of the school where food is consumed en masse reasonably clean. For those who don't, staff in blue uniforms scurry from table to table sliding wretched half-eaten meals into black garbage bags.

Walking through this area, one is usually hard-pressed to find a clean table to sit and have a coffee.

It's a disgusting place to be at times.

Clearly this system of waste disposal, largely based on whether a student feels like throwing their garbage away, isn't working.

Chartwells, the company contracted to provide food, has likely decided to serve their food in disposable containers because it's cheaper than using plates, cutlery and glasses – which have to be washed and replaced when they break.

On the environmental side of things, it's also probably better to use disposable plasticware because it's inexpensive and uses less energy than running industrial-strength dishwashers, which also deposit soap into the water system killing off fish habitat.

No, it's arguably better to simply pack off the waste, crush it into cubes and then bury it in a giant hole designed so the waste is safely contained, where it can sit until the end of time.

The system is set up to be deliberately wasteful. In addition to plates and utensils, condiments are in tiny plastic packages and stir sticks for coffee are use-once-and-destroy objects.

But it's not the system stopping some from depositing their waste in



One of many typical messy tables in the SE2 cafeteria.
- David K. Lai, Link Staff

the appropriate containers – whether that be a garbage bin or recycling box.

No, it's a trait inherent in every one of us.

We are all, without a doubt, lazy, and getting more so.

The western world caters to our laziness. Everything seems to be getting easier because that's the way we want it. For this convenience we typically pay a surcharge. Prepackaged meals ready-to-go are more expensive than doing it yourself because one doesn't have to peel the vegetables, boil the water, or do any of the cooking at all. Just into the microwave and beep, it's done.

This inherent laziness is on display through the lunch hour in the Great Hall.

There is no cost associated with leaving garbage on the table or throwing it away. The system is designed to leave that decision up to the user – it's a honour system. There may be some element of social pressure to take the time to appropriately dispose of garbage, but it's evident walking through the area in question, this kind of social pressure is minimal at best.

The staff in blue uniforms are run off their feet trying to clean tables. They simply can't keep up with the garbage left behind by students wolfing down meals and then running to class.

Basic economics tells us the best way to influence behaviour is to impose a cost.

The cost here then could be a surcharge on every meal going directly towards hiring more staff to clean the cafeteria and Great Hall during lunch time. Think of it – every time a group of students departs, a team of people in blue uniforms would descend on the

tables like a rabid pack of dogs, furiously cleaning the area with an assortment of brushes and detergents, making it shine for the next group.

Students wouldn't be burdened with that laborious walk to the garbage bin or bothered to sort items for recycling.

No we could save time, precious time, for more useful pursuits like

studying.

It would be perfect.

Or, instead of raising the cost of the food, we could all just do the honourable thing and take part in this inherently flawed system and throw our garbage into the bins after lunch.

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By Dhiren Mahiban
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With a few games left in the season and their roster finally looking like a football team rather than a hospital ward, the BC Lions are hoping the best is yet to come.

These days, with the exception of quarterback Dave Dickenson and kicker Paul McCallum, the Lions are a healthy bunch. Cornerback Dante Marsh has returned to the line up after

missing nine weeks with a knee injury and second-string QB Buck Pierce is all but ready to go.

It's looking more and more like Dave Dickenson's illustrious career is nearing its end. The veteran quarterback has spent the better part of the last two months on the Lions sideline helping out quarterback Jarious Jackson. Though he has been cleared to play, Dickenson will be in the back up spot until the next hit wipes him indefinitely.

The biggest hurdle currently facing the Lions is to somehow hold off the Saskatchewan Roughriders, who have moved closer to BC in the Western Division standings after a win against the injury-riddled Calgary Stampeders last week.

Saskatchewan's final four games of the season include a pair against the Hamilton Tiger-cats and a game against the Edmonton Eskimos before

closing out the season against the Toronto Argonauts.

One could argue the Riders will win those four remaining games, leaving BC needing to win at least two of their games and tying one in order to secure top spot in the west.

BC's bid to secure their fifth consec-



By Josh Tawse
Link Staff

The NHL season is finally underway. It kicked off with a pair of games in London between the Kings and the Ducks, and the rest of the league dropped the puck October 3rd. Canucks fans expected a bang, but the team started off with a whimper, losing to the Sharks on opening night. But fans took their collective hands off the panic button when the Canucks managed to scrape by a feisty Calgary Flames team the next night.

There was a lot of movement over the off-season and you can expect to see some surprises from a number of teams. Here's a look at the teams to watch out for.

On The Rise

Philadelphia Flyers – Look for the Flyers to play more like the Broadstreet Bullies of the 70's fame with mean, hard hitting, aggressive players like Derian Hatcher, Jason Smith and Denis Gauthier on defense and Mike Knuble, Scottie Upshall, and Scott Hartnell up front. Throw in D-man Kimmo Timonen and Daniel Briere, to play alongside Simon Gagne to score

the goals, and you got a scary team.

Chicago Blackhawks – NHL laughing stock no more. The Blackhawks have the talent to score more goals than you have fingers. They are overloaded with young offensive talent. Jonathan Towes and Patrick Kane, both top three picks in the past two years, Martin Havlat, and Tuomo Ruutu are all under the age of 26. Throw in Robert Lang and Sergei Samsonov and the Blackhawks will most likely have very few scoring droughts. Only problem this season will be in their own end with the departure of Adrian Aucoin to the Flames.

Los Angeles Kings – It finally happened. Head Coach and goalie Dan Cloutier have parted ways. Its time for the Kings to now get serious, and serious they are this season. This is another team with young superstars who are stupidly good. Mike Cammalleri, Dustin Brown, Patrick O'Sullivan, will all most likely be in the top six. Oh and Alexander Frolov and 19-year old franchise sensation Anze Kopitar to fill out the top six with a little help from Michal Handzus, Ladislav Nagy, and Kyle Calder. Throw in a strong defensive unit with Rob Blake, Tom Preissing, Brad Stuart, Lubomir Visnovsky, and Jack Johnson and you have a formidable team.

On The Decline

Nashville Predators – They had a fire sale in the off-season thinking they would be leaving town - but unfortunately for the team and fans, they didn't.. Forsberg, Hartnell, Kariya, Timonen, Vitaly Vishnevski, and Tomas Vokoun have vanished from the

world's country music capital. Bringing in Radek Bonk, Greg DeVries, and Martin Gelinas may help, but will not nearly replace what that the Preds lost. Yes, they do have J.P. Dumont and Alexander Radulov (if he lives up to his expectations), but with the loss of half their core, they'll have to work hard - and goalie Chris Mason has to be much better than last year.

New Jersey Devils – While the Devils are still a good team, don't look for them to be nearly as strong as last year, or the year before, or well, you get the picture. In the off-season New Jersey lost their best player when New York Rangers signed free agent Scott Gomez. They also lost D-man Brian Rafalski, and depth players like back-up goalie Scott Clemmensen, blue liner Brad Lukowich, as well as forwards Jim Dowd and Erik Rasmussen. But the devils also made some additions during the summer, acquiring goalie Kevin Weekes, D-men Vitaly Vishnevski and Karel Rachunek, and attempting to replace the loss of Gomez by picking up Darius Zubrus and Arron Asham. For the Devils to do better this season, young guns Travis Zajac and Zach Parise as well as veteran Brian Gionta, must all step up and produce. Oh, and don't forget their goalie too. Some guy named Martin Brodeur.

New York Islanders – Everybody have fun tonight, everybody Charles Wang tonight. Thank you Wang Chung for that "awesome" song from the 80's and thank you Charles Wang for replacing that General Manager you had for 40 days with Garth Snow. It actually turned out to be a good move, unlike Wang Chung's hit from 1986. Although the Isles pretty much lost

all of their point producers in the off-season, Snow didn't sit and twiddle his thumbs. Acquiring forwards Josef Vasicek, Bill Guerin, Mike Comrie (fifth team in seven NHL seasons), and Ruslan Fedotenko might not totally replace scoring sensations Ryan Smyth, Richard Zednik, Alexei Yashin, Jason Blake, and Viktor Kozlov, but they will help the Isles avoid last place in the Eastern Conference. And don't forget, they still have the Slovakian Hell-Raiser Miroslav Satan (Shah-tahn) to help with the point production. Not helping though, is their lack of depth on D. Their top four consists of Brendan Witt, Radek Martinek, Marc-Andre Bergeron, and Andy Sutton - the only thing scary about this crew is Witt's tenaciousness and Sutton's imposing 6'6 245lb frame.

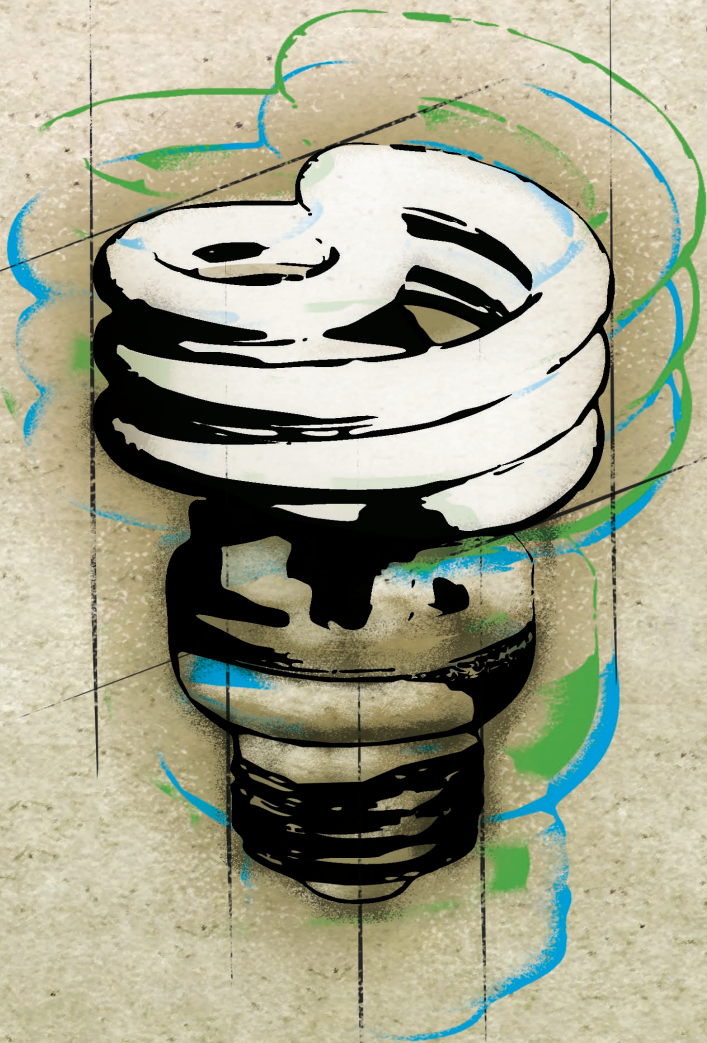
We Are All Canucks

The Canucks are ready to make it past the second round for the first time since 1994. The off-season didn't see any major moves – goalie Dany Sabourin was replaced by former Canuck-killer Curtis Sanford and Aaron Miller made his way north from LA to help bolster the team's defense. No one significant was lost either – unless you count Bryan Smolinski, Jan Bulis and Brent Sopel as significant. The Canucks built this year's team with speed in mind. They held on to rookie Mason Raymond and acquired Ryan Shannon from the Ducks in June for Jason King and a 3rd round pick in '09. On paper, the Canucks have the most solid back-end in the NHL and with Luongo between the pipes, Canucks fans should be hoping the team will go further than last year's second round exit from the playoffs.

utive home western final date begins Saturday with the first of a home and home against the Edmonton Eskimos.

The Lions will also meet former starting quarterback Casey Printers in Hamilton before closing out the season at BC Place against the Stampeders on November 3rd.

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Dear Sex Doc;

I am a student at Grant MacEwan and I really enjoy your column. However, I'm not sure if you will answer my not so much sex question. How come in the competition between nice guys and jerks the last ones always seem to win the affection of the females?

*Horny Nice Guy @
Grant MacEwan College*

Dear Horny Nice Guy @ Grant MacEwan College;

I hear a lot of dudes complaining that 'nice guys always finish last.' And, for a young college bloke like yourself this might be true. You see Horny Nice Guy, some girls (especially the young ones) just wanna have fun.

College is the time to meet new people, date, experience, and explore. Most girls aren't looking for Mr. Right, they're looking for Mr. Right Now.

You've probably noticed that lots of girls go after guys who fit the 'bad boy' image. And why shouldn't they? Boys with attitudes can definitely spice up your life.

I've also heard that girls date Fonzie to try and convert them into Richie Cunningham. Good luck ladies. You don't have much of a chance until a guy's testosterone drops after thirty.

People also assume that dirty boys are terrific lovers, whereas purists are dead lays. This may be true for some, but everyone is different in the sack regardless of their personality. In fact, a lot of shy people are porn stars in the bedroom.

Though most girls definitely don't want to date dicks, they like guys with balls. Girls want to date guys who have a mind of their own, someone who can make decisions, and can stand up for what they believe in.

Quite often, nice guys put everybody in front of themselves. Though this may be nice once in a while, it gets pretty annoying as time goes on. Women do not want to date a doormat.

There may even be biological reasons why women are attracted to big, strong, assholes. Studies have shown that women who are ovulating are more attracted to dominant men. After ovulation, the same women are attracted to submissive homebodies.

Now Horny Nice Guy, even though I'm explaining why some girls like assholes, I'm not telling you to drop your sweet ways and go ballistic on the babes. If the girls aren't stuck on you yet, they will be in the near future.

Lots of gals are looking for a Mr. Nice Guy. It's best not to compromise who you are (even for a piece of tail). Just be yourself, whoever you truly are, and you'll meet your perfect match some day.

Dear Sex Doc;

I read somewhere that guys think about sex over thirty times per day and women only think about it once per day. Is this really true? Are guys really that much hornier than girls?

Thinkin' Bout Sex @ SAIT

Dear Thinkin' Bout Sex @ SAIT;

I get this question a lot. And, if we're talking about a 14 year-old boy, chances are he's thinking about scoring or rubbing his stick up against something every few minutes.

However, for adults this couldn't be further from the truth. Guys do think about doing the deed more than women, but not by much.

One study asked guys and girls how often they think about doing the horizontal tango. Fifty-five percent of males and 42% of females said more than ten percent of the time. Pretty impressive. I wonder if that study was conducted at Horndog University?

Another study asked 4,420 individuals if they had a sexual thought in the past five minutes. Of the people aged 14 to 25, 52% of the guys and 39% of the gals said 'yes.'

So it seems like guys think about jigglin' the genitals about ten percent more than women, not the whopping 3000% you suggested.

An individual's sex drive is determined by the amount of testosterone in their body. The more testosterone they have, the hornier they are.

Many women do suffer from low testosterone levels, especially as they age. In fact, the most common female sexual dysfunction is lack of desire. Almost one in three adult women suffer from it. And testosterone starts to drop for boys after the age of thirty.

So Thinkin' Bout Sex, you and your buddies might be thinkin' bout dining at the Y for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. But, most of your gal friends want hot beef injections for at least two of those meals.

Most people think there are huge differences between men and women sexually. In fact, we are much more alike in the sexual realm than most people realize.

Dr. Brian Parker is a clinical sexologist and sex educator and the co-creator of two sexual intimacy board games "Embrace" and "Pillow Talk." The games are available on his website, www.foreverpleasure.com which features original erotic art, high-end sensual products and adult sex education.



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Screamo still alive; on life support

Drop Dead, Gorgeous may have been run over by a bus

Drop Dead, Gorgeous
Worse Than a Fairy Tale
Universal

By Jeff Low

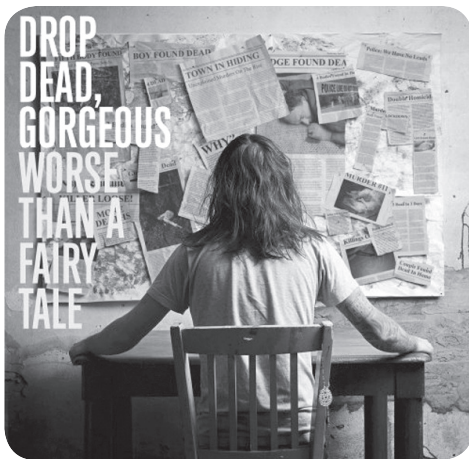
I would have thought by now that someone would've pushed the screamo genre under a bus, or at least trampled it in a mosh pit. Apparently the genre is still alive, albeit on life support. I will admit that there are several "screamo" bands that I do enjoy listening too, but what draws me to those albums is the juxtaposition of the screeching vocals with a gentler, more melodic singing style.

Drop Dead, Gorgeous' album *Worse than a Fairy Tale* does not fall into the latter category. It is a straight up attack on the ears from start to finish. The album almost refuses to take any kind of melodic break amidst the barrage of heavy guitars, pounding drums and screaming. The only escape is on a handful of tracks where lead singer Daniel Stillman whispers or perhaps more accurately, sobs into the mic.

Some quick history; **Drop Dead, Gorgeous** is a five piece outfit from Denver. They are a very young band; the oldest member is only 21, so there is time for progression on future records. You can't really expect to have any kind of longevity if all you do is scream for hours on end every day, eventually your vocal chords will snap.

If you recognize the name of the band but can't quite place it; it is borrowed from a 1999 movie about a beauty pageant starring Kirsten Dunst and Denise Richards called **Drop Dead Gorgeous**. The band separates itself from the film with a well placed comma giving it that emo touch I'm sure they were striving for.

This recording is designed to be a concept album following a serial killer through a small town and documenting the chaos that ensues. I can't decide if *Worse Than a Fairy Tale* lives up to its name or not. It



lacks the predictability of a standard fairy tale plot, but is so erratic both musically and content wise that perhaps some certainty as to where the album is headed next would be welcomed.

Like most of the music in this genre it is clearly inspired by broken hearts and this is their outlet for venting. However they seem to need to vent a little too much. There are some incredibly graphic images created with the lyrics, and the album artwork is far from rainbows and fuzzy bunnies. This is one of the first albums that I have come across in a long time that I can honestly say deserves the Parental Advisory that is slapped on it. The themes of most songs seem to be about murdering a woman who has done the character wrong. And as this serial killer character has been wronged, the murders are not quick and painless to say the least.

I really wouldn't recommend this album to anyone other than a fan of the post-hard-core or screamo genre, and even then it is a little bit over the top. If you are interested in exploring the emotionally damaged psyche of young men through quasi-heavy metal then by all means pick up a copy of this disc. But it has little mass appeal and most of the album would be lost on the average listener. Somebody should have pushed a bit harder when they saw the bus coming.

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The Link asked:

"What is your fantastic, amazing Halloween costume going to be this year?"

David K. Lai and Paul Willinsky
Link Staff



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"Medusa."

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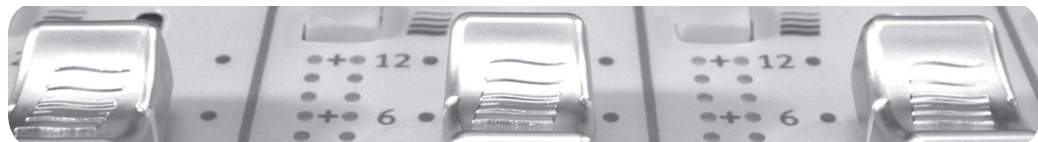


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The Heartbreak Kid

... more like the Mediocre Kid



By Tom Laird
Link Staff

Ben Stiller's new movie, *The Heartbreak Kid*, follows Eddie, a guy who hasn't been able to pull the trigger and settle down yet.

He was engaged for five years, and after attending his previous fiancée's wedding, he is down in the dumps. He meets a new girl, Lila, and after 6 weeks of dating, Eddie marries her after being spurned on by his already-married friend (Rob Corddry) and his

father (played by Jerry Stiller).

Lila seems pretty great. She likes Eddie, Eddie likes her. She's an environmental researcher, and she's smokin' hot. Eddie seems to have struck gold here. 'Seems to' being the key words.

She's more than meets the eye. Eddie quickly finds out how annoying she is – the scene where she's singing along to every single song imaginable is pretty funny. She's a loose cannon in the sack, Eddie's a little freaked out. And they start getting into petty arguments about minute things... minute

things in Lila's mind.

Like how she's a volunteer, she doesn't actually get paid for her research. How she used to have a cocaine problem and now has a deviated septum.

You know what though? Eddie's no saint himself. Granted, Lila's messed right up, but Eddie doesn't make himself out to be much better. He starts to court a new lady while on his honeymoon, played by Michelle Monaghan (who looked weirdly young in this movie).

He lies constantly to Lila – which actually involved a really funny lie that was very, very elaborate and complex. On the whole, he's pretty annoying as well. But you feel for him, because he's a little more normal than Lila.

Of course, it all blows up in Eddie's face, and hilarity was supposed to ensue. But it didn't really.

The movie was pretty funny, but it certainly wasn't anything too special. It really seemed like a hybrid between *Meet the Parents* and *50 First Dates*. I know Stiller wasn't in *50*, but it just reminded me of that movie for some reason.

The highlights of the movie were Corddry and the Elder Stiller; they had the funny lines. Anyways, if you're a

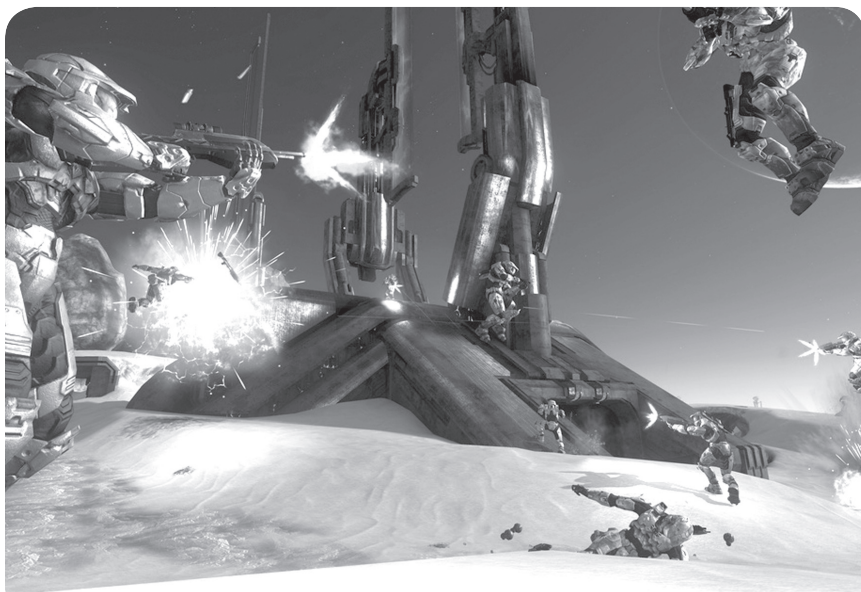


fan of Stiller, and the Farrelly brothers, who directed it, then you'll probably enjoy it enough to feel justified spending the cash.

If you're on the fence about this one, remain home and find something else to do.

Living up to the hype

Halo 3 takes high honours



By Michael Small
Link Staff

Has it really been three years? Three years since we saw Master Chief board a ship heading back to earth before the credits rolled and players around the world cried out in shock and horror at the cliffhanger ending?

The wait is over and now millions of Halo players can finish the fight. I

guess the biggest question most gamers have is whether or not Halo 3 lives up to the hype – a nearly impossible achievement considering the extreme expectations of even the most casual fan.

The answer is yes, for the most part.

The story picks up directly where Halo 2 finished off. Master Chief has landed on earth and teamed up with his

co-star, the Arbiter, to take down the combined forces of the Covenant and the Flood. Players will run, gun, toss grenades, and drive vehicles through ten stages before ending with a satisfying finish.

Players are treated to an array of new weapons including my personal favorite – the gravity hammer, a brute weapon that sends enemies flying. Of course, players could get through the game using the same assault and battle rifle they have been using for years. And really, that's the game's biggest flaw. Yes, there are new weapons, vehicles and equipment, but there is a sense of familiarity with the game that never really leaves. Same goes for the graphics. The game looks awesome, but like most other aspects, the graphics are similar to previous games, yet incredibly polished.

On the other hand, that's not such a bad thing. The Halo series has really perfected 'run and gun' game play – and there isn't a dull moment in the game. Once the signature music starts building, and Master Chief starts shooting, players will forget all about any slight flaws the game might have.

Simply put, you'll be hard pressed

to have more fun playing any other game this year.

Halo 3 set the standard for multiplayer combat 3 years ago, and fans can breathe a sigh of relief, because it's back and better than ever. Brand new maps feature all the weapons, vehicles and equipment, and there is no better feeling in any game than scoring a kill-tacular. All of the weapons and levels feel very balanced, and players will lose countless hours sniping and sticking players from around the world.

At any given time, over a million players worldwide are online, waiting for the next chance to pOwn some noobs. New features for multiplayer include 4-player online Co-op and the Forge, which allows players to play god and change map options on the fly during gameplay.

So in the end, it is safe to say that Halo 3 has lived up to the hype. Yes there hasn't been a great jump from the last game, but I don't think one was necessary. There is something to say for perfection, and Halo 3 comes damn close to it.

Score 9/10

Point

By Len Catling

I remember not so long ago when the border between Canada and the US was equivalent to a participation trophy. Maybe that one you received for finishing the race, even though you didn't place in the top three. It was a perfect egalitarian world where everyone who participated was a winner and we all shared in success.

The border between Canada and the US, the longest in the world, was a collective North American piece of gold painted plastic. No matter how badly we neglected our gamesmanship, shoddily trained, or meekly competed it would always be ours because we paid taxes and deserved it for showing up to the race.

Then a group of angry men hijacked a few large airplanes and flew them into a couple of enormous buildings. Now the trophies only go to the winners.

It's not as nice a policy as previous, but that is what post 911 realities dictate. Whether we agree with the motive or not, Canada is engaged in a combat mission in Afghanistan, while the US continues its war in Iraq.

There lies another cold reality.

These developments have given both countries covert enemies that work in the shadows of society. Often the only way to track these enemies without the over-use of surveillance and racial profiling is to monitor that one moment when they are most vulnerable – as they are crossing the border.

The Canada-US border is a great privilege Americans and Canadians mutually possess. It is safe and simple to move across, and also easy to obtain a passport, which by 2008 you will need to cross the border. It is a basic human right to move and live freely within the state you call home. It is not, and should not be, a human right to move freely between states unless granted so by the channels of government bureaucracy that dictates you are not a threat to the state you wish to enter.

The border between Canada and the US should be monitored strictly and security should be beefed up. Passports should be mandatory, border guards should be armed and never work alone. If you wiretap my phone or monitor the words I punch into a Google search engine, I feel violated. If you check my passport or my clean criminal record when I cross the 49th parallel as I head to a Seahawks game, I feel safe. Strong border security eases the need for C.S.I.S. and federal and municipal police agencies to monitor citizens within their daily lives. Again, crossing a border is a privilege not a right.

There are 135 land border points along the Canada-US border, 203 airports (including 13 international air-

ports), 187 commercial vessel clearance points and 313 small marine points. These crossing points are vital organs in establishing efficient trade and adequate levels of security between the two countries. If they are not safe and efficient both business and citizens suffer.

The federal Conservatives have announced \$430 million in border upgrades and security measures. They have also promised to add 400 additional border staff to prevent the border guards from working alone. This is not a bad thing; in fact it is creating well paying jobs along with serving the public good. It will empower our

and border guards do their jobs. We will all be safer because of it.

Counterpoint

By Shane Woodford

I find the "War on Terror" to be an amusing piece of US Government manufactured tripe.

I am always entertained when people point at the Canadian-US border and say it's *the* problem. In the context of terrorism the border is not a problem, solution or even relevant.

The "enemy" as defined by the US Government is Terrorists or to be more precise Islamic Extremists. In order

the Republicans, who use and wield fear among the masses as a weapon, resort to scaring the weak minded with empty threats. Rumours of Al Qaeda terrorist cells flourishing in Canada are spoken like gospel fact among the less intelligent of our US neighbours.

While I can't confirm or deny that Al Qaeda does or does not operate in Canada. I can make an educated guess *if* they operate here, they must operate in the US.

Bush has bobbled his self styled "War on Terror" in many ways; among them is his alienating of Muslims.

In today's information age 'terror' is no longer something that one must fly to the Middle East to train for. A properly motivated individual can simply utilize email, internet, long distance phone calling, a visit to an extremist mosque, MSN, Skype or Peer to Peer file sharing to acquire all the information he needs to be a terrorist. This was nevermore clear than when recently an Extremist Muslim was denied entry to Canada where he was supposed to talk in front of members of the local Islamic community. Turned away at the border for his extremist past, he simply vaulted around the situation and did his speech via satellite straight to the event.

In the name of security we are asked to give up our freedoms in order to be safer. This is crap pure and simple. The US requirement to have a Passport to cross the border is stunning in its stupidity. We have Identification! Drivers Licence, Birth Certificates, BC ID, Insurance papers, Student ID cards and Licence plate numbers - why the need for a Passport? It's a reflection of how badly the idea was thought out that the deadline for compliance keeps getting pushed back. Never mind the stupidity that you can drive across the border without a passport and then take a flight in the States to anywhere else in the States. There by getting around the required Passport in order to fly rules.

Now we are hearing about walls and fences being built, to which after laughing long and hard I say good luck. Quite frankly as a Canadian I am more worried about the US staging a terrorist attack in Canada in order to create fear than I am worried about an actual one. As far as border concerns terrorism doesn't rank either. I am too worried about getting gunned down eating dinner by some young punk who bought one of the thousands of guns smuggled up from the US. The policies of the Bush administration and the idea of Fortress America are being reflected in the troubled US economy right now.

So while you all are drinking Bush's kool aid and being worried about terrorism, I'm going to grab my passport and go buy some cheap American merchandise.



government not only to stem the tide of terrorist cells, attempting to move freely between Canada and the US, but also help muzzle the constant flow of drugs, firearms and human trafficking.

Let them strictly patrol the border, because ultimately it will keep the government out of your backyard, and off of your computer and telephone. I completely understand that in Canada's present climate intellectual bastions, such as universities, are deeming themselves the protectors of civil liberties. They are playing devil's advocate to the security measures that the "War on Terror" has thrust upon us; this is also a good thing. Canada cannot fight for other countries freedoms by denying freedoms to its own citizens. However, borders are not free entities. Borders are boundaries set to determine the unilateralism of states.

Secure the border with all resources possible. In given time the new systems created to let goods and people across the border will become more efficient. Let the government, police agencies

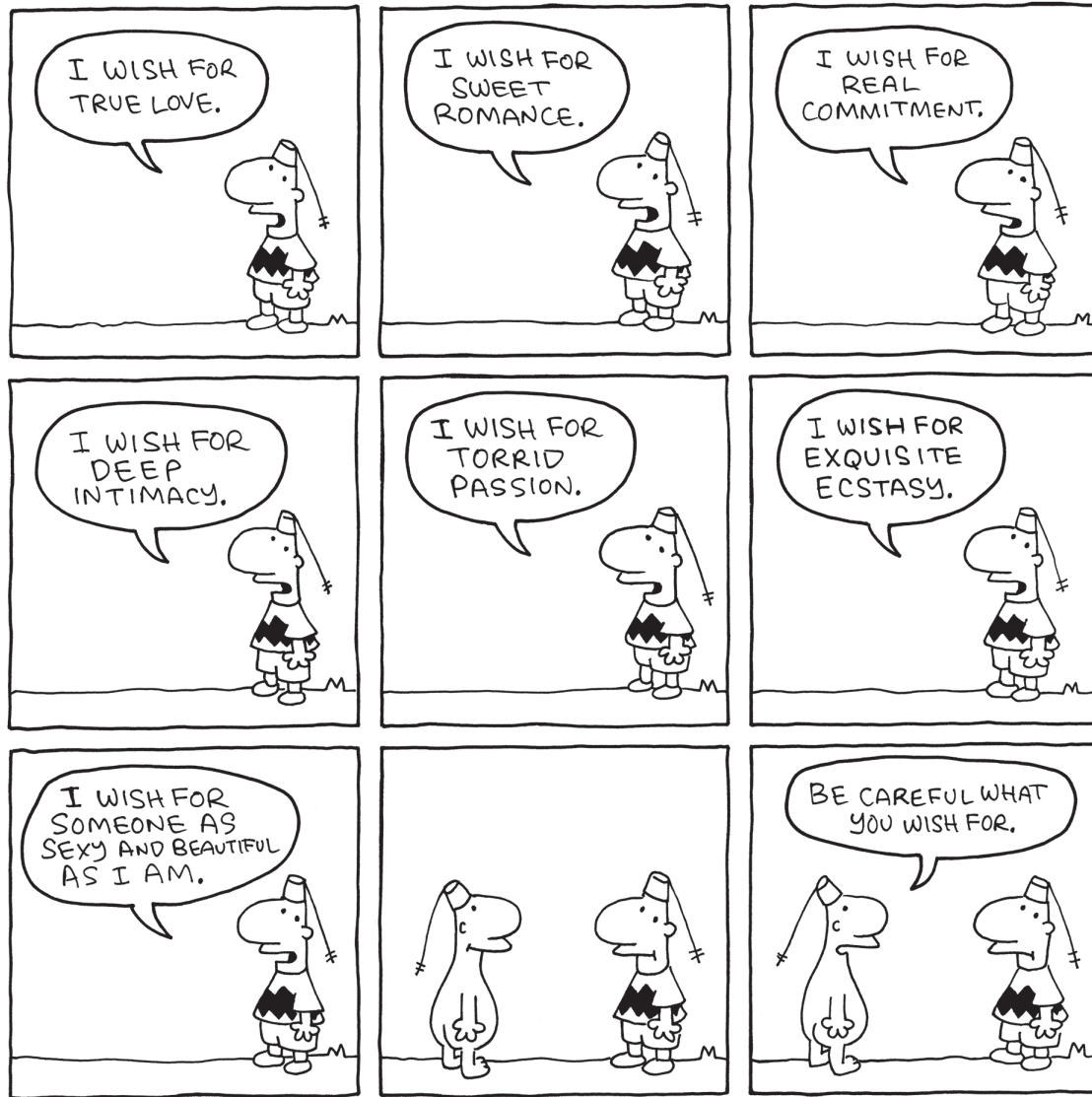
to beat your enemy you must first understand him and that is where the US falls woefully short. Islamic extremists don't come from a single country, they don't congregate at a defined geographic location and most importantly they aren't inspired by "patriotism". Their loyalties are one of religious nature and religious loyalty, especially extremist, is not contained by State lines, borders or country of birth.

If you examine the recent terrorist attacks in London and Scotland and the foiled plots busted in the UK, Australia, Canada and the US you will notice that they were being carried out by residents of each of those countries. This is a dramatic and worrisome development and one that relates directly to the so called solution of Border Security.

George Bush and his cronies invaded Iraq on a lie predicated with years of bad US foreign policy. Virtually everything we see happening today is directly a result of the US messing with other countries in some way, shape or form during the last several decades. So now

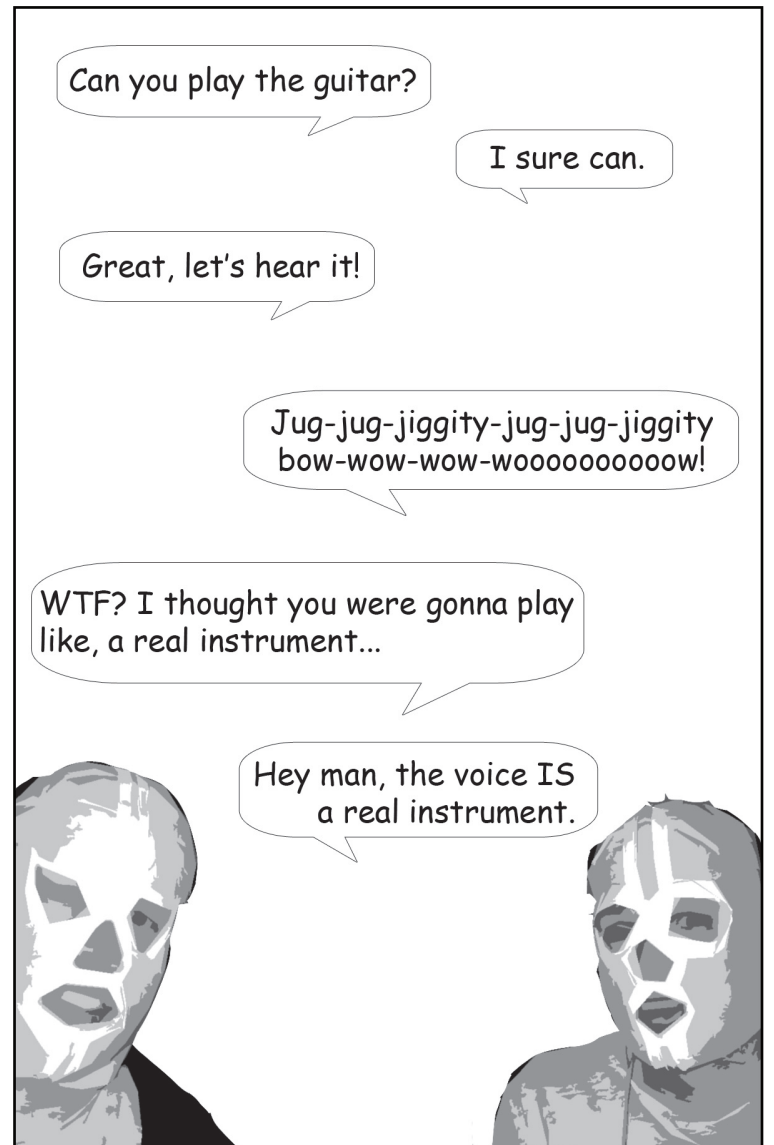
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Brushing up

When your toothbrush is stuck at home; rub your teeth



By Len Catling
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We've all been there. Waking up early to beat the traffic makes your eyelids feel like lead waterfalls. Maybe you crammed all night or burnt a little midnight oil to get your assignment done. You're tired and a little deprived,

but it's nothing a strong cup of coffee won't solve. After you finish your morning classes you need some non-cafeinated sustenance.

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