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## IRAQI INSURGENTS TRADE CAR BOMBS FOR STINK BOMBS

By Mr. Lazemby '09

*TRAGICOMEDY DEPT.*

(BAGHDAD, IRAQ) As the war in Iraq continues, Iraqi insurgents have begun a major shift in tactics that has left some members of the United States Armed Forces struggling to cope. American soldiers who have been trained to deal with snipers, car bombs, and riots have now found the insurgents using more extreme measures which they don't know how to handle.

Soldiers on patrol have come back only to find someone has put "KICK ME" signs on their backs. Sentries are often harassed by far off voices demanding to know for what reason the poultry chooses to cross the causeway. Officers have been woken in the middle of the night by heavily accented phone calls inquiring into the location of Prince Albert and the operational efficiency of various appliances. Some insurgents have even gone so far as to steal lawn paraphernalia from U.S. Army encampments, leading to a city-wide hunt for Percival Parnswaggle, the Third Armored Battalion's lucky fishing gnome figurine.

"It's a harrowing time to be in the Middle East," PFC Jeremy Stevens said, speaking on condition of anonymity, as he stared stoically across the streets of Fallujah. "I mean, car bombs, okay that's all in good fun, but taking Percival? That's low."

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## TURKEY MIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES DRAMATICALLY

By Mr. Millhauser '08

*GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE, EH? DEPT.*

(MONTREAL, QC) A startlingly large increase in turkey migrations to Canada occurred in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, as many distraught Montreal residents have reported.



*This turkey expatriate had large, stubby fingers grafted on to his wings, courtesy of Canada's public healthcare system.*

According to physics professor Jean-Jacques-Pierre Escargot, the influx of turkeys over the American-Canadian border is "très grand" which, by the principle of induction, ought to cause an electric current, but doesn't.

There has been wide speculation about the cause of what's being called The Great Turkey Exodus of 2004. Many of Vermont's citizens believe that the turkeys are trying to escape the "awful tyranny of President Assface." The rest of the country claims that the turkeys are hitting the road early to avoid the inevitable Thanksgiving traffic.

The disembodied spirit of Sigmund Freud, however, theorizes that the turkeys are

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This isn't the first time that humor has been used as guerilla warfare. It was originally developed by Bulgarian monks in 1532, who developed the knock-knock joke and used it to catastrophic effect against the invading Dutch Halberdiers. Although the Knock-Knock Joke was only a prototype for future comedic defense maneuvers, it reduced the invading Dutchmen into pants-wetting, thigh-slapping, dike-building, red-faced laughter.

However, experts in the field of Laughometric Attack Tactics say that the techniques being used in Iraq may only be the tip of the iceberg. Intelligence sources suggest that Saddam Hussein had several mobile whoopee cushion factories, which could be used to create large quantities of the Weapons of Mass Embarrassment, or WMEs.

By request of the Pentagon, Dr. Filmore Smith of the Maine Institute for Comedic Studies and his team of graduate researchers have begun to investigate countermeasures that soldiers could use in the field to mitigate the damage done by rogue comedians.

These countermeasures can't develop too soon for men like Private Stevens, who still wishes to remain anonymous. Word has spread that the terrorists have begun a nocturnal Triple D campaign.

"Basically a Ding Dong Ditch, or Triple D as we prefer to call it, involves the freedom haters running up to the base's doorbell and pressing it in rapid succession" Private Stevens explained. "This maneuver wakes everyone up. One time, and this might just be rumor, the ringing lasted until the base commander had to go to the door himself in his slippers. However, when he got there a flaming bag was on the doorstep. Of course, he couldn't allow the base to catch on fire so he stomped it out."

Private Stevens's voice dropped at this point as he looked around furtively. "But it was horrible what happened! The bag was full of poop! The poor commander got it all over his slippers, it was horrible. We still can't get the stains out."

"Comedy in the hands of an untrained man is a dangerous weapon," Dr. Smith warned during a rare interview. "But what we are seeing in Iraq is an organized assault on the funny bones of American peace keepers, or nation builders, whatever. This behavior shows all the signs of escalating into the more dangerous areas of comedy.

"We can only hope that they have not begun research into the advanced Pie sciences. Truly, if that kind of power was unleashed by lesser men, all hope would be lost."

The Dutch Halberdiers could not be reached for comment because Dutch people are weird. Also, they're all dead.

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migrating to express sexual tension. Freud's ghost also cited sexual tension as the explanation for A Capella music, cooking shows, Ultimate Frisbee, and the State Department.

Professor Escargot could not be reached for further comment because he has been institutionalized into the Montreal Asylum for the Mathematically Deranged, where he will remain for  $n(A-B) \cdot 10^{34}$  years.

## RITZ PUT ON

By Mr. Millhauser '08

*SUPER DUPER DEPT.*

(SYRACUSE, NY) Alexander Hummel III of Syracuse, NY was seen last Tuesday putting on the ritz.

Duel Observer field reporter Jason Knowles observed Mr. Hummel on that famous thoroughfare Park Avenue with his nose in the air.

Hummel was reportedly wearing a high hat, striped pants, and a cutaway coat with and narrow collar that seemed to fit him perfectly. Knowles also remarked that Mr. Hummel bore a striking resemblance to Gary Cooper.

Mr. Hummel was allegedly engaged in conversation with the daughter of his wealthy neighbors the Rockefellers, who were seen earlier to be carrying walking sticks and umbrellas in their mitts.

Upon greeting Ms. Rockefeller, Mr. Hummel tipped his hat much in the manner of an Englishman, which Knowles described as "very snappy." When the two swapped smart tidbits, Knowles could not refrain from declaring their actions "simply topping."

Mr. Knowles could not be reached for further comment because he was blue and did not know where to go to.

## ADMINISTRATION SEEKS TO C\*\*\*BLOCK THAT F\*\*\*ING CAT

By Mr. Orlando '08

*ALLITERATION AND SEX DEPT.*

(CLINTON, NY) After years of tolerating the frequent f\*\*\*ing of the feral feline fornicator, also known as the Martin's Way Cat, administration officials have ordered the clearing of the wooded area surrounding Martin's Way.

"All that cat ever does is f\*\*\*," Joseph Josephson, the assistant director of Physical Plant, said. "I swear, I can hear it from my house some nights. That cat's a screamer, I tell ya. That's why we're clearing the woods. That cat must be stopped. It can f\*\*\* but it can't hide!"

Mr. Josephson, who is spearheading the project, intends to use several canisters of Vietnam-era defoliants he purchased from an army surplus store. "Agent Orange. Orange cat. It just makes sense, people."

Hamilton's student chapter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Horny Animals (a spinoff of PETA) held a rally in support of the cat last Tuesday.

Speakers included noted animal rights and f\*\*\*ing activist Pamela Anderson, who stated, "This cat has as much right to f\*\*\* when, where, and what it wants as you or me or my ex-husband. That f\*\*\*er."

PETHA's protest was met with resistance by members of the newly-formed Hamilton Students for Responsible Animal F\*\*\*ing. They drowned out PETHA's speakers with chants of "Two legs or four, keep it behind closed doors!"

The feral cat's amorous adventures have led to, among other things: half-bred squirrels, Commons hamburgers, and the entire Philosophy Department.

The Martin's Way cat could not be reached for comment because it finally froze to death.

# SECURITY COUNCIL TO NORTH KOREA: “WTF :(”

## United Nations unveils e-Sanctions

By Mr. Clark '06

*SEED OF CREATIVE DIPLOMACY DEPT.*

(NEW YORK, NY) In an effort to streamline the sanction process, the United Nations Security Council has decided to deliver notification of sanctions over the internet.

The idea for electronic sanctions, or e-Sanctions, came about when UN Secretary General Kofi Annan disowned his son Kojo during an AOL Instant Messenger conversation.

Kim Jong Il, the North Korean dictator with ambitions of a nuclear arsenal, was the first to receive one of the new e-Sanctions. Kim was reportedly discussing the artistic merits of the new film *Christmas with the Kranks* with fellow dictator Gen. Than Shwe of Burma when he received the e-Sanction of his country.

The Security Council hopes the e-Sanction will allow the UN to quickly and clearly censure reclusive and stubborn leaders such as Kim.

Kim Jong-Il could not be reached for comment because he was too busy writing about the e-Sanction in his LiveJournal.

The Duel Observer was able to attain a transcript of the historic first e-Sanction:

**UNSC33:** WTF Kim Jong Il y do u want nukes?

**SoRonery2:** cuz u suck real bad

**UNSC33:** y r u such a jerk :(

**UNSC33:** u r so sanctioned lol <3 The UN

**UNSC33:** The United Nations Security Council hereby resolves to impose a general embargo on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. :P :P :P

**UNSC33:** haha sux 4 u :)

**SoRonery2:** OMG! WTF UN

**4 SoRonery2:** ur not invited to my party

# LOCAL MAN VIOLATES “MAN CODE”, FRIEND’S SISTER

## “In my defense, she was so hot,” says accused

By Mr. Lee '07

*DUDE, THAT'S NOT COOL DEPT.*

(UTICA, NY) Jury deliberations have closed in the MacArthur vs. Hershing trial, widely considered by legal experts to be a landmark case in nailing friend's sisters. If the accused Mr. Hershing is acquitted, it will set a precedent that would render all friends' sisters fair game.

Ike Portimer, Mr. MacArthur's lawyer, remains confident in victory. “The Man Code is very clear on this point,” Mr. Portimer explained. “And I quote, ‘Of Friend's Sisters: Don't go there.’ Ladies and gentlemen, he went there. For that reason I have moved for the ass-beating penalty.”

Mr. Hershing has argued that the “Man Code” does not apply in this case because of mitigating circumstances.

“My case rests on two points. First, 36, 24, 36? 5'3, and 18? Numbers are on my side. How can I *not* hit that?” Mr. Hershing argued. “Second, a little blond bombshell like that is bound to go off somewhere...better with me, someone her brother knows and trusts, than some random dude with the Clap.”

After two days of deliberation and heavy drinking, Ludacris, the rap artist and jury foreman, read the verdict before the court: “We, da jury, find John Hershing guilty on two counts of first degree tappin' dat ass. DIRTY SOUTH!”

The judge was lenient in his sentencing because that girl was smoking hot, and “someone had to put out that fire”. Mr. Hershing was fined one apology and two thirty racks as punitive damages.

Ms. MacArthur was “reached for comment”, if you know what we mean.

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