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A DECADE IN REVIEW



# THE 1910s





*My my my, what a decade it has been!*

*F News magazine takes a look back at the last ten years, and looks to the future.*

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“Twenty-five cents is enough money to pay my chimney sweep for the next three decades,” said area man Benny Misterson. “Why would I carry so great a sum day-to-day?”

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HAVEN’T  
WE GIVEN  
WOMEN  
ENOUGH?

*Men, listen here.* I think we’ve given those girls quite a bit of fun in the past decade, but it’s time to be honest with each other: Haven’t we given women enough? Nowadays, the average woman may luxuriate in all the great, American innovations of this new century from the comfort of her kitchen. She alone lords over this most significant room, the depths of which are home to that most monstrous heat box, which produces my favorite mealtime delicacies, though I daren’t peek into its abyssal maw.

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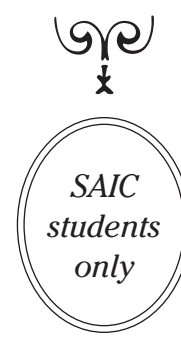


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# news

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## WHY WE CAN’T PUBLISH ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE STEEL STRIKE

[Redacted]



## 1910: STRANGE MESSAGE INTERCEPTED ON NIGHT HALLEY’S COMET NEARS EARTH

“We’ll get rid of your mosquitoes if you hand over your last avocado tree,” read the enigmatic missive. Small factions allege extraterrestrial life forms flying under cover of the comet were responsible, but no evidence to support this has yet emerged.



## 1915: CECIL CHUBB BUYS STONEHENGE FOR £6,600

“It’s a bit of a fixer-upper,” he told reporters, “but I think it’s got good bones.”




## 1911: EVERYBODY REAL EXCITED ABOUT THE 11-11-11 ARMISTICE

“Part of me thinks they were just waiting for the palindrome,” Great War veteran Dale McClintock, who lost three fingers on his left hand the day before the announcement, told F Newsmagazine. “But in all honesty, I get it. It’s pretty exciting.”



## DOCTORS PROTEST ANTI-CIGARETTE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

“What’s next?” Horace J. Maple, M.D., shouted to a sea of white coats, creased with indignation. “Taking away our medicinal whiskey? If something feels good, that means it’s good for you!”



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# REPORT: STILL TOO SOON TO MAKE TITANIC JOKE S

by Paxton Fry

**NEW YORK** - Jack Brassie thought it was just another night at the Yale Club. He and his three companions were watching nighttime fall on the big city, sipping tumblerfuls of Old Forester, puffing Romeo Y Julietas from Havana. Curling, bluish smoke enveloped the men’s heads, evincing in Brassie “THE MELANCHOLIA TO WHICH I AM INVARIABLY SUBJECT AT THE CLOSE OF TWILIGHT STOP,” he remarked via telegram.

Debating the merits of presidential hopeful Governor James M. Cox, D-Oh., Brassie scored “A MAJOR TALKING POINT STOP” referencing the renewed need for foreign policy based on noninterventionism. Noticing his interlocutor’s chagrin at having been rhetorically overmatched, Brassie remarked that “HIS ARGUMENT COULD NOT DIVERT COURSE FROM THAT PRODIGIOUS LOGICAL ICEBERG STOP.”

Brassie was astonished to see his companions clear their throats and pretend to brush stray ash off their lapels. Having let fly a few guffaws in anticipation of a hearty round of mirth, Brassie was forced to quiet himself, which took considerable effort and humility.

“I WAS RED IN THE FACE STOP” Brassie telegraphed. “I ATTRIBUTE THEIR DISDAIN TO THE CONTINUED RISE OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS STOP IF WE CANNOT JOKE ABOUT THE TITANIC WHAT IS NEXT NOT JOKING ABOUT THE MCKINLEY ASSASSINATION STOP.”

Brassie has since doubled down on his Titanic-lampooning, forcing The Yale Club to cancel his lifetime membership.

# \* SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY \*

## RELATIVITY & 4 OTHER 1910s DISCOVERIES THAT HAVE US JAZZED

by Leopold Smithwick

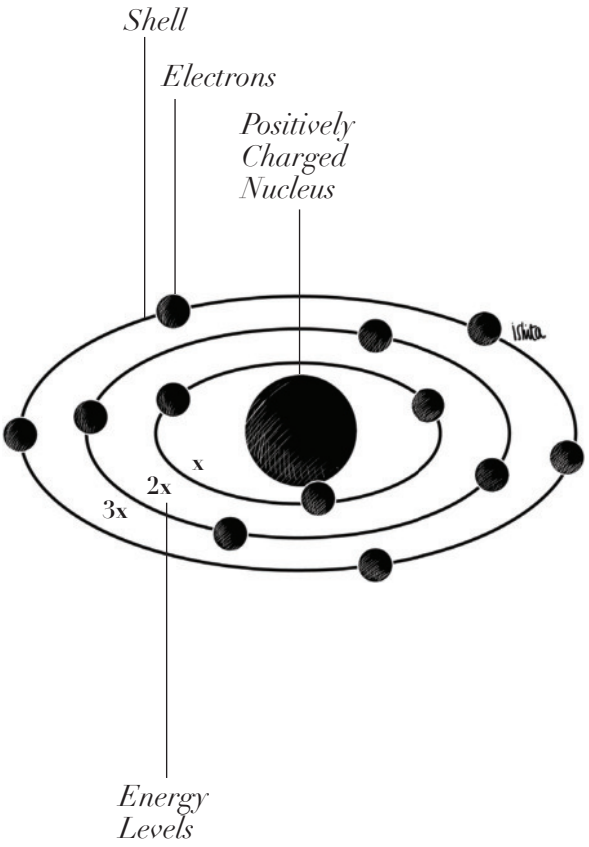
**1912**  
For over 200 years, the keenest minds in maths have tried to prove Fermat’s “Last” Theorem: that no three positive integers a, b, and c satisfy the equation  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  for any integer value of n greater than 2. We still haven’t found that final proof, but in 1912, Josip Plemelj published a proof eliminating  $n = 5$ . If we keep this up, number by number, we’ll have that theorem disproved for every value of n by the time the universe ends!

**1912**  
Mathematician L. E. J. Brouwer proved that there is no nonvanishing continuous tangent vector field on even-dimensional n-spheres. Reached for comment in Amsterdam, Brouwer said, “They said I couldn’t comb the hair on a coconut, and now I have conclusively proved that, indeed, I cannot.” Unfortunately, however important this theorem may be, its name is improper for print in a family-friendly newspaper.

**1913**  
Physicists and chemists around the planet think Niels Bohr’s orbital model of the atom is the bee’s knees, and we agree! Finally, we understand the most fundamental particles that make up our universe. No more mysteries left in there.

**1915**  
Emmy Noether proves her symmetry theorem, which proves that every symmetry in physics has a corresponding conservation law. A woman, doing science? Who knew!

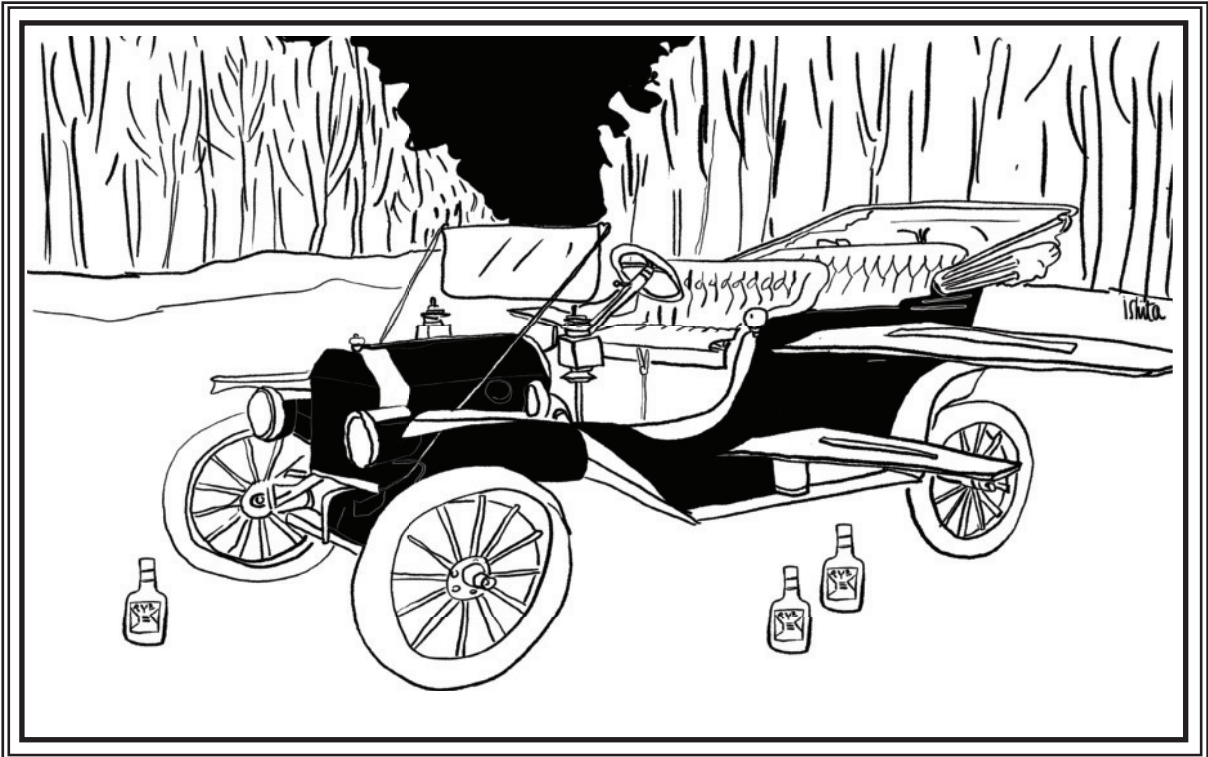
**1916**  
Albert Einstein completes his theory of General Relativity. What a swell guy! In 100 years, when we’re all zooming around in outer space, getting younger than our own twins, we’ll have him to thank.



## OUR FAVORITE NEW INVENTIONS OF THE 1910s!

1. THE ZIPPER!
2. THE OREO!
3. GAS MASKS!
4. STAINLESS STEEL!
5. CROSSWORD PUZZLES!
6. THE POP-UP TOASTER!
7. TANKS!
8. MASS-PRODUCIBLE BRAS!

## POLAR BEARS WISH ICE FLOES WERE LOOSER FOR EASE OF TRAVEL



## TWENTY-TWENTY VISION: IMAGINING OUR DAZZLING FUTURE

by O. Penn Barre

*There’s no knowing what millennial craze* awaits us 100 years from now. Many futurists envision things that will so obviously happen, they can barely be considered predictions: personal flying vehicles, cities of shimmering silver, constant travels to the Moon, and absolutely no more great wars.

In light of everyone prophesying certainties, I will share perhaps the most guaranteed future feat of them all. A century from now, humanity will have long stopped burning fossil fuels.

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell himself has ruminated on this, as he said in a 1915 commencement speech to the graduating class of McKinley Manual Training School in Washington D.C. “We can take coal out of a mine, but we can never put it back,” he said. “In relation to coal and oil, the world’s annual consumption has become so enormous that we are now actually within measurable distance of the end of the supply. What shall we do when we have no more coal or oil?”

What shall we do indeed, Mr. Bell? Thankfully, it should only take a few decades or so to solve this problem, especially since the telephone-inventor already had a solution in mind in his speech.

“The world will probably depend upon alcohol more and more as time goes on, and a great field of usefulness is opening up for the engineer who will modify our machinery to enable alcohol to be used as the source of power,” he shared with the students, who heartily applauded his proposal.

Well said, Mr. Bell, I’ll drink to that. For my money, Washington is primed to legislate away fossil fuels in favor of clean, reliable alcohol.







# SPORTS



## CUBS

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by Paxton Fry

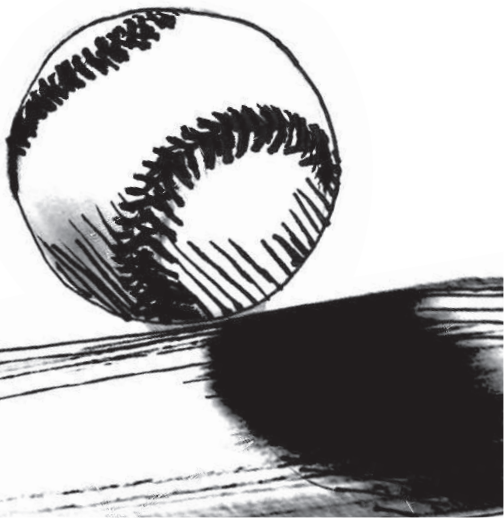
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Following a seven-season slide, 1918 rejuvenated the North Side's hopes as the Cubbies matched up with the Bosox in the Big Show, but lost the Series in six, which is really nothing to get your knickers in a twist about.

"Probably, we'll win the World Series again soon," Cubs manager Fred Mitchell said in a press conference

after finishing 21 games back in the 1919 NL pennant race. "The fact that we haven't in 12 years is decidedly nothing to lose your cookies over."

In the wee hours following the season-ending game on Oct. 9, police were called on an intoxicated, ashen man walking down Addison Street, shouting "Black cat! Billy goat! Steve-freaking-Bartman!" which is not something to read into at all.



A.K.

## OPINION: AMERICA IS BASEBALL

by Cookie Betts

*It is not an exaggeration to say* the 1919 baseball season has been the most important season in the history of the game. It is similarly no overestimation to state that the future of this country's national pastime will be determined by the outcome of what is being called the Black Sox Scandal. Did the White Sox intentionally throw the World Series? Rumors of crookedness have swirled since the first inning of the final game, when veteran pitcher Lefty Williams was replaced with rookie Bill James, who quickly gave up four runs. White Sox owner Charles Comiskey has skeptically offered \$20,000 to any person who possesses evidence of foul play. Quite the sum from the man who refused to pay to launder his team's uniforms.

Those who passively regard these accusations as bitter gossip would do well to remember that baseball represents our country's moral core. If we do not seek out the truth in ethical quandaries such as this, how will the United States remain a beacon of liberty and justice?

If members of the White Sox organization indeed placed bets against themselves through criminal channels, they should be expelled from the game. Only the finest boys are fit to participate in democracy's most honorable, most American invention: baseball.

Undeniably, sport in the city of Chicago would be forever changed. To see legendary figures like Buck Weaver, Happy Felsch, and Shoeless Joe Jackson led out of Major League Baseball in handcuffs would tarnish the reputation of this city.

But I remain hopeful. In the face of absolute corruption, I believe in the game of baseball. Above all, we must emerge from these troubling times upholding the values of sportsmanship and righteousness. The dust will settle on this World Series and the American people will long for the game. By next summer, they'll return. They'll travel to Comiskey Park for reasons they can't even fathom. They'll buy a ticket without even thinking about it, for it is money they have, and peace they lack. This field, this game: it's part of our past, and it will shape our future. If there is faith in this nation, play on.

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FASHION TREND  
OF THE DECADE:  
THE CHAPLIN  
MOUSTACHE

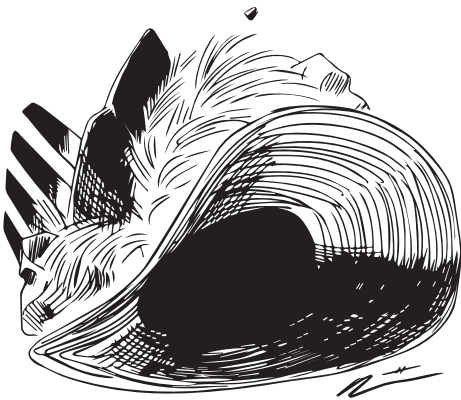
By Walrus Bigott

**A trend not to be brushed off!** The toothbrush is no longer merely a tool for oral hygiene, but this decade's facial frenzy, and it's all thanks to the ever more familiar face of the comic Mr. Charlie Chaplin.

The Englishman, who has made a name for himself after appearing in several dozen moving pictures, has popularized a uniquely shaved mustache, one of the many unfortunate byproducts of the Great War and the need to look fashionable while still being able to properly wear a gas mask.

"I think my husband looks rather dandy in it," said one Helen Hornsby, when asked about the stubbly sensation after a screening of Mr. Chaplin's film "Sunny-side." "I cannot imagine it ever going out of style." Neither can this writer, especially after noticing how sought out this hirsute hullabaloo has become, particularly in Germany, where it will undoubtedly soar as high as the Zeppelin.

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REPORT:  
FEEDING STRAW  
BOATING HATS  
TO HORSES  
MAKES THEM  
SNOOTY

**"You can tell by the whinny,"** Frank Rockefeller told reporters. "It's like he's laughing at a joke that I don't understand and am somehow the butt of."

FASHION

WOODROW  
WILSON  
DESCRIBES  
PERSONAL STYLE  
AS "WHAT IS  
FASHION"

"I'm not kidding," Wilson urged the Associated Press. "Is someone going to tell me what 'fashion' means, or am I going to have to start another war?"

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The newest trends  
for the modern woman

By Dorothea Edith

**Fashion has taken a sharp turn** for the better after Queen Victoria, fashion icon, died in 1901. Women, give yourself a moment for a collective sigh of relief, and put the hobble skirts away. Throw them away if you must! Stretch your legs and walk a little faster to work.

Working women are now allowed to wear blouses and full skirts to work with their hair tied up in loose buns. Even a braid is okay, as long as you don't let the man find a strand in his soup. No bare arms! Anything other than full skirts are not suitable for the workplace.

The iconic suffragette suit has braved the legislation to bring the hemline more than an inch shorter from the ground. Made like a suit, this is a two-piece outfit with a wide legged skirt and a jacket. It is worn with a pair of serge bloomers, fastened to pants that fit smoothly over the hips and shining black boots that extend halfway to the knees. Ladies, the bloomers are full and plaited upon the smooth hip covering.

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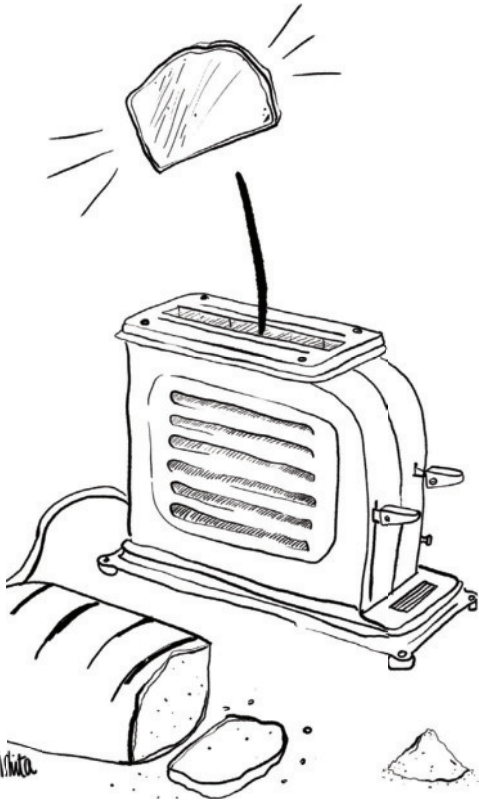
by Brett N. Buttre

After continuous disappointment from the morning fiasco that is burnt bread, Mr. Charles Strite had the most magnificent idea: the automatic pop-up toaster! The Iowa-born inventor had lost copious amounts of bread and time to the earlier version of this machine, which only toasted one side of the bread at a given time and required constant supervision. After the hundredth or so slice of charred pumpernickel, he decided he had had enough.

“The pigeons outside my house had started to grow fat from all the burnt toast I fed them,” said Mr. Strite in an interview earlier this year. “They were even starting to wait for it at my door, and would coo impatiently until I threw them a burnt bite.”

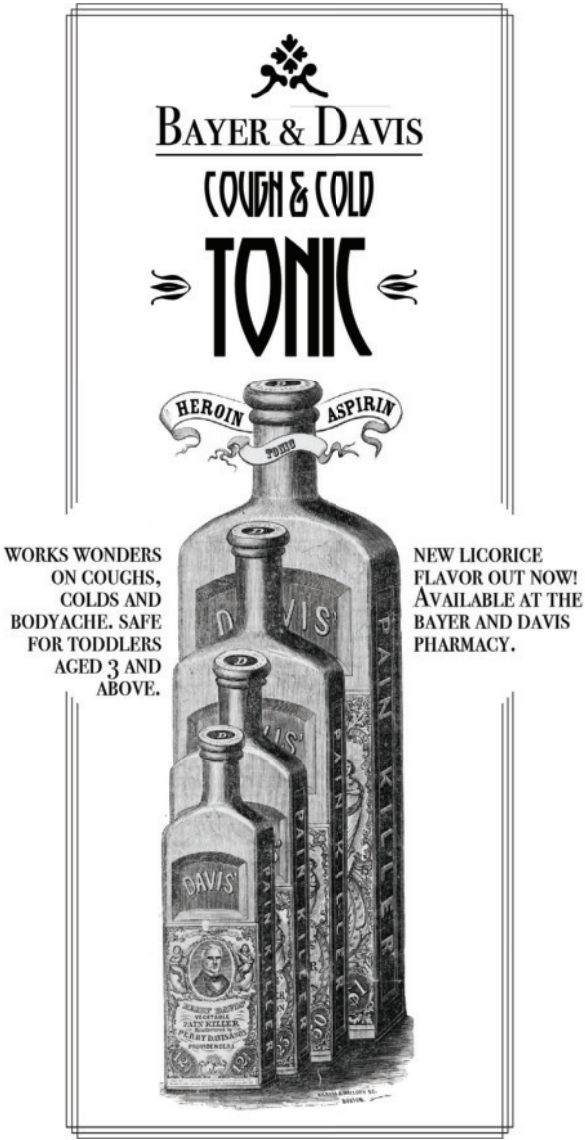
Mr. Strite’s invention completely overshadows its predecessor, elegantly warming the bread while the user has more time to read the paper or give their favorite wax cylinder a spin on the phonograph. The new toaster then joyfully jettisons it out to the user’s pleasant surprise.

Now thousands of households nationwide will get to enjoy the perfect crisp. Now, if only someone could come up with a way to pre-slice bread. . .



PATTERN-JACKING AND OTHER “LIFEHACKS” FOR THE WILY HOUSEWIFE

Shrewd seamstresses, sick of paying top dime for the newest styles in the department store, have been known to sneak into the stores with pattern paper, trace the clothing measurements, and then take the patterns home to create their own versions of the latest styles. Ladies, beware the life of crime!



HEALTH ADVANCES OF THE 1910s

by Dorothea Edith

It is not uncommon, and in fact perfectly safe, to use Epsom salts as carminative (anti-gas) and bowel cleanser medicine. It is commonly held that poets “may gain much inspiration, and stimulate their capacities generally, by taking occasional doses of Epsom salts.” Lord Byron himself said that Epsom salts “acted on him like champagne.”



Ginger has proven to be the magical drug. Just 1 cup of freshly brewed ginger tea can work as a stimulant and carminative for the severest cases of indigestion, atonic gout, muscular rheumatism, headache, and, last but not least, in imparting a warm and cordial feeling upon the stomach.



For weight loss, we suggest ingesting a capsule containing a tapeworm egg. Once the egg hatches and the worm fully forms, it will feed off your body weight and you will get thinner and thinner from all the calories the worm will chomp away. Upon reaching your desired weight, there is a perfectly safe poison pill to get rid of that worm!



Straight from Germany, Bayer pharmaceutical’s newest and most effective cure for coughing and colds is a salubrious combination of aspirin and heroin.



If someone you know has drowned, or was just rescued from drowning, give them the tobacco smoke enema! The smoke will dry their lungs right out.

HOW TO EAT AN OREO

by Clark Connolly

I’m a 45-year-old man, and there’s nothing I can do about it. I trudge to and from work like a haggard snail, carrying out the same basic, menial function I’ve carried out for 20 years, and will carry out for another 20 yet. I’d explain it to you, but ire would well up in your soul as you contended both with boredom and with the unconscionable truth of my existence. Suffice it to say that I work with numbers.

I am taunted by the bright lights of the big city — they seem to shine for everyone, except for me. I believe beauty once ran through me too, but the memory of those years grows dimmer by the day. I am taunted by the low-lit mirth erupting behind the clouded windows of luxury — pâté forks, silk ties, red wine. The clatter of abundant life surrounds me, engulfs me, and utterly ignores me.

Why must I lament? In my life, I’ve committed no great sin, nor have I enjoyed pleasure beyond my allotment. My father was a good man, my mother raised me right. My childhood smelled like wet grass and pine trees. I was afraid of clowns, and of flirting, and of lawnmowers. I never deviated from the central script; perhaps this was my mistake.

The arenas in which I have leeway to deviate grow fewer and fewer. But one remains. Yes, dear readers, a glimmer of hope was granted me in 1912, when the National Biscuit Company released their much-beloved Oreo Cookie. At the time, I admit I regarded it as a crude imitation of the Hydrox, a pathetic grasp at market share. But as a man for whom sugar intake is a last refuge of pleasure in an apathetic universe, I was impelled to sample the Oreo, to verify that it was one more impostor in this country of demagogues and thieves.

For those of you inclined to munch the Oreo as you would a chocolate chip cookie, I entreat you to experiment with the one thing that may account for my leaving more than a pile of ash at the end of my life. Peel off — I repeat, peel off — the top layer of the Oreo. This will expose the creme filling, whose sugar crystals gleam like a layer of new snow. Perhaps a stray patch will coat the underside of the top layer. This is okay. All of life is served up to you in inadequate morsels, and this will be a lesson in accepting imperfection (my goodness, listen to me; emotion begins to crack through my icy veneer).

You must lick the cloudy, clotted glucose. You must lick it until your tongue touches cookie. You must then eat the brown outer layers, one at a time, using more than one bite per layer. The bone-stirring taste of the Oreo may tempt haste, but I urge you, dear readers, to pace yourselves. The nectar of life is best consumed in sips, not swigs.

I am well into the twilight of my life; my body may go on, but my heart will lag behind, imprisoned in the fortress of regret. No errant knave roves here — from my window, I see nothing but sunsets and tailfeathers. But when I peel the top layer of an Oreo from its adherent, milk-white middle, I see opportunity, I see spring, I see youth, and unabashed love.





# ARTS

## FUTURISTS DIVIDED OVER REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL OF PLASTIC

by Leanetti Gallantini

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The Futurists are known for their fiery endorsement of many modern inventions, such as the locomotive, the plane, and the “toaster,” a sort of double fireplace for bread.

“An electric iron, its white steel gleaming clean as a whistle, delights the eye more than a nude statuette, stuck on a pedestal hideously tinted for the occasion!” said Giacomo Balla.

But Bakelite has proved particularly divisive among the avant-garde group. Since its invention in 1909, Bakelite has been used in a variety of products, from beads, bangles, and brooches to billiard balls, auto parts, and plane propellers.

“The red holidays of genius have begun,” said Filippo Tommaso Marinetti, founder of the Futurists, and avid supporter of the plastic. He added that Bakelite Stove Top Pots have been perfect for cooking his five daily servings of car-shaped pasta.

“My car-shaped pasta gives me virility and speed. I love Italy!” said Marinetti.

But other Futurists are uncertain about the plastic’s widespread use in jewelry, buttons, and other objects they deem effeminate.

“The repugnant sound of this flimsy, weak substance being poured into its inferior molds is concocted from monotonous sensations and the idiotic religious emotion of listeners buddhistically drunk with repeating for the nth time their more or less snobbish or second-hand ecstasy,” said Luigi Russolo, who believes that billiard balls should only be made of ivory.

“Bakelite is for the lily-livered, moronic, fairer sex, and so is paper,” said Mero Chitti. “The book, a wholly passé means of preserving and communicating thought, has for a long time been fated to disappear like cathedrals, towers, crenellated walls, museums, and the pacifist ideal,” he added.

When F Newsmagazine asked Chitti about the usefulness of Bakelite in kitchenware, Chitti said that he no longer uses dishes, preferring instead to eat directly off the steel sheets that decorate his apartment.

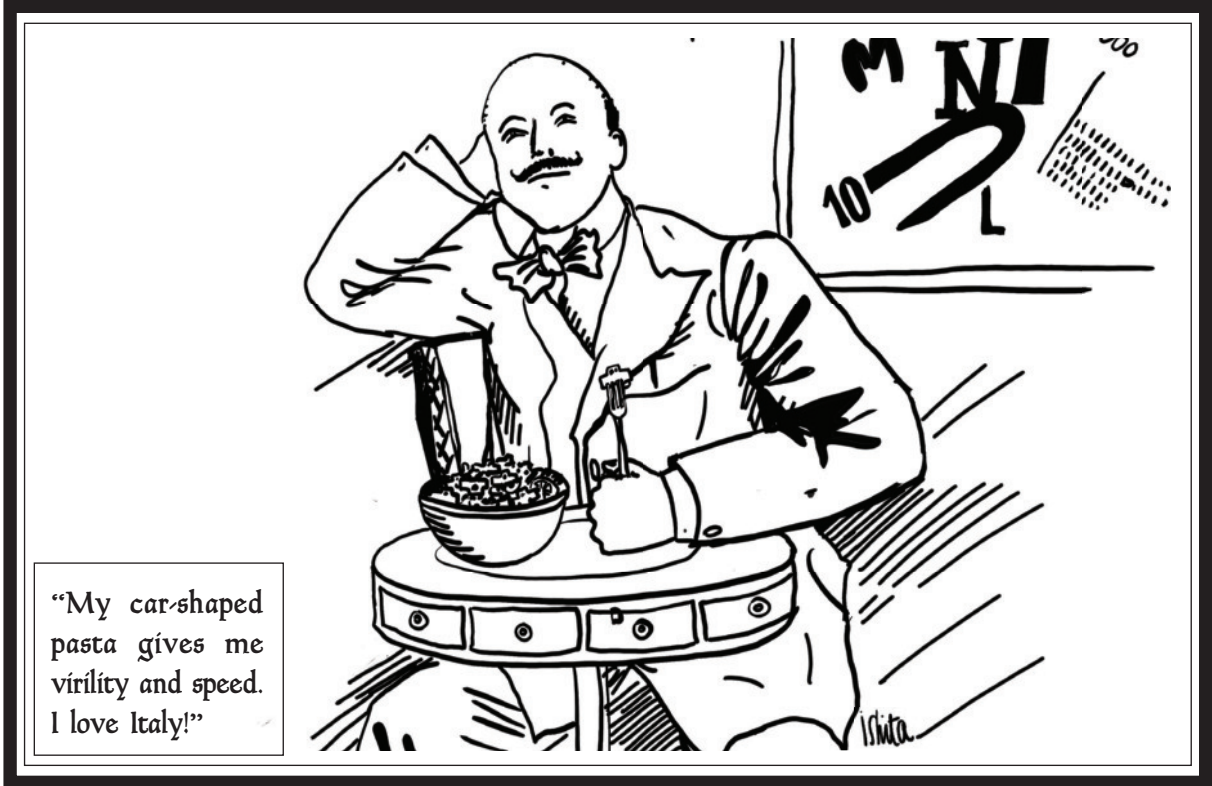
Chitti insisted that his third wife, also a sculptor, whose name F Newsmagazine could not find out, also preferred cooking his meals on steel and open flame.

But Marinetti continues to champion the material’s many applications.

“We are on the extreme promontory of the centuries! What is the use of looking behind at the moment when we must open the mysterious shutters of the impossible? Time and Space died yesterday,” Marinetti continued.

“Also, I love baking now,” he added.

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DESIGN SCHOOL DARES  
TO MAKE BUILDINGS  
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## A DECADE IN BOOKS: 4 BESTSELLERS TO READ OVER A CUP OF COCAINE- INFUSED TEA

**The biggest blockbuster of the decade** is no doubt Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s “The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes.” Set in London, in this delightful book detective Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson embark on thrilling investigations.

**George Bernard Shaw’s “Pygmalion”** was first presented on stage in 1913. Such a departure it was from his usual dry and didactic style that the audience cheered and screamed. The ending, however, disappointed everyone. One man got up and shouted, “You ought to be horsewhipped.” Pick up a copy and experience the rage firsthand!

**The unbelievable accounts** of Harriet Tubman’s experiences as a young slave are put in a book by author Sarah Bradford in her biography, “Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman.” Bradford records Tubman’s daring efforts to rescue family and friends from slavery.

**Young poet Rainer Maria Rilke** wrote a tiny story named “The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge.” It is a story of a writer who lives in a cheap room in Paris while his belongings rot in storage. The fate of an atheist in a merciless world, he sees death and ghosts in the people he meets.

**IN MEMORIAM.** ... Astonishingly, storyteller Mark Twain was born at the same time that Halley’s Comet appeared in 1835, and died the day after the comet’s perihelion in 1910. In his autobiography, Twain wrote, “The Almighty has said no doubt, ‘Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.’” And indeed he did.

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BIRTH  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Astra af Smith

**Shozo and Hisa Tsutakawa** welcome their fourth child, George Tsutakawa, on Feb. 2, 1910, named after George Washington, with whom he shares a birthday. Hisa believes being born in rainy Seattle may explain her son's proclivity for water. "The other children hate bath time, but George never wants to get out of the tub," she told F Newsmagazine. That year we also published a report on Baby George entitled, "Baby with Very Prune Hands Thrives."

**Joséphine Fauriaux and Louis Bourgeois** announce the birth of their second daughter, Louise Joséphine Bourgeois, on Christmas Day, 1911 in Paris, where the family trades in fine goods. Joséphine says Louise is a spirited but sensitive baby who is at her most calm spinning spare thread while her mother repairs damaged tapestries.

**Ethelene Gary and Charles White** announce the birth of their son, Charles Wilbert White, on April 2, 1918, in Chicago, Illinois. Ethelene describes her son as a curious baby, explaining that he is happiest when there is music playing or pictures to look at. "Actually, he is quite stubborn," she says. "He'll cry if the music isn't to his liking."

**Mr. and Mrs. Martin** announce the birth of their daughter Agnes Bernice Martin on March 22, 1912. The Martins are Scottish Presbyterian and live on their wheat farm in Saskatchewan, Canada, where Agnes was born. Her maternal grandmother was present for the birth and remarked that Agnes was "the most serene baby" she had ever seen. Agnes enjoys arranging stalks of wheat her father brings her from the farm.

**Stella May and LeRoy Pollock** had their fifth boy, Paul Jackson Pollock, on Jan. 28, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock stay busy in a household with five boys under the age of 10, and baby Paul doesn't make it any easier. His mother says, "He loves making a mess. I turn around for a moment and he's upended his supper. He seems to enjoy it a great deal."



AREA WOMAN PAINTER  
SEEMS WIERDLY ADEQUATE

U.S. MINT  
UNVEILS  
CONTROVERSIAL  
NEW COIN

by Lira Galleont

A new coin is set to go into circulation at the beginning of 1920.

But critics fear that the coin, known as a "Quarter" or "Quarter-Dollar," could prove inaccessible to most money-holders.

"Twenty-five cents is enough money to pay my chimney sweep for the next three decades," said area man Benny Misterson. "Why would I carry so great a sum day-to-day?"

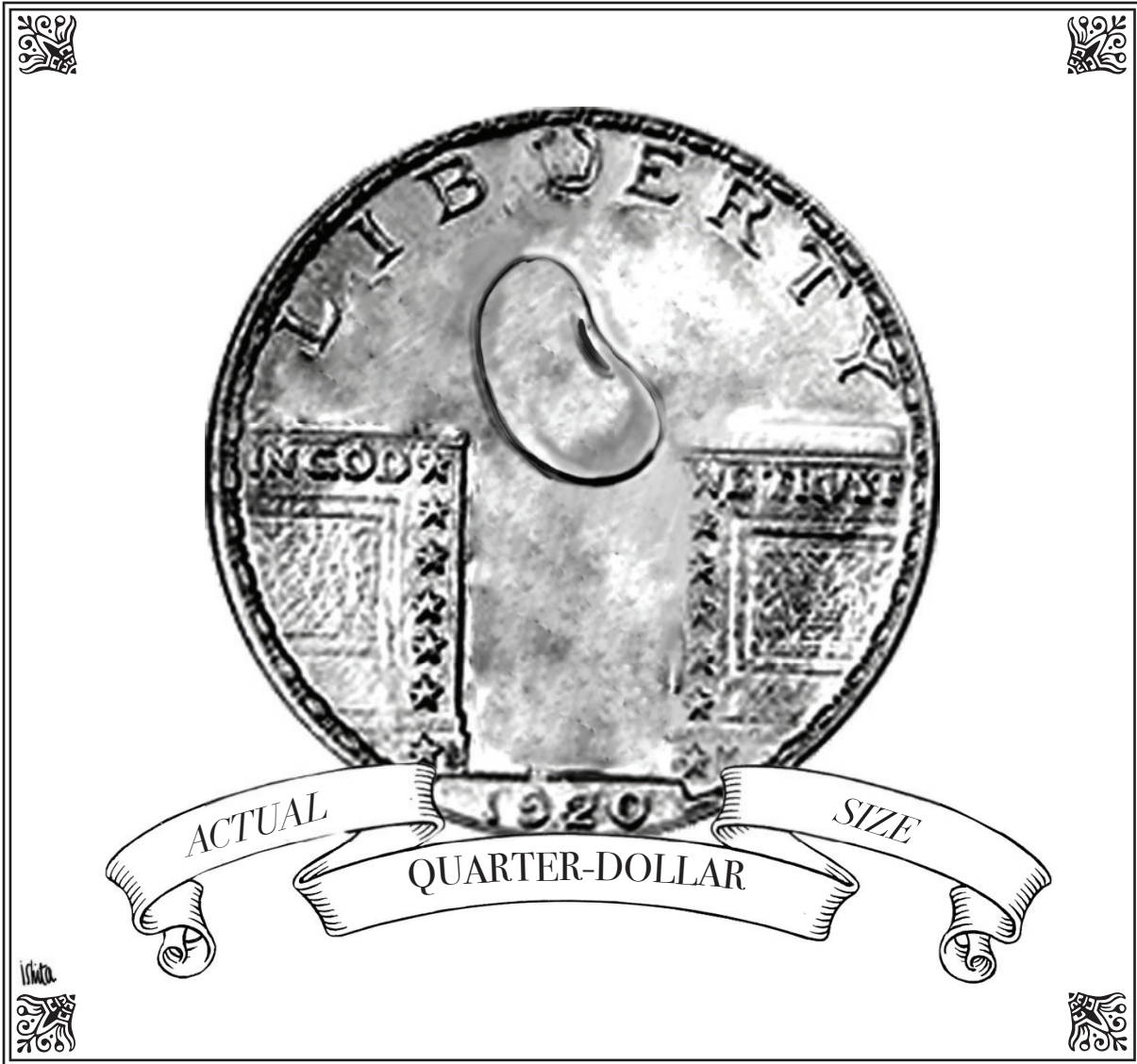
On the front of the "Quarter" is a bison, and on the back is a single baked bean.

The artist, James Earle Fraser, a graduate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, said he wanted to choose oblong shapes that also represented uniquely American culture. Fraser said that he was inspired by the bean's "revolutionary role" in winning independence from the British.

The bison was hunted to the brink of extinction in the latter part of the 19th century, a process which Fraser described as, "I did not notice."

"This new monetary Form will guarantee the longevity of our Nation, whose heaving Bosom is Ripe with the sweet breath of Possibility," said U.S. Mint Chief Donald D. Coyne.

He added that it was inspired by another recent invention, the pocket.





# HAVEN'T WE GIVEN WOMEN ENOUGH?

by Dick Whiteman

**Men, listen here.** I think we've given those girls quite a bit of fun in the past decade, but it's time to be honest with each other: Have we not given women enough? Nowadays, the average woman luxuriates in all the great American innovations of this new century from the comfort of her kitchen. She alone lords over this most significant room, the depths of which are home to that most monstrous heat box, which produces my favorite mealtime delicacies, though I daren't peek into its abyssal maw. The American woman is pampered, spoiled, and cherished now more than ever before, a testament to this great country's dedication to endless progress. A woman may live out her days with only the minor threat of cholera!

But, just as the embers were dying out on this most miraculous decade, we men delivered unto women a gift well beyond the scope of their meek understanding: the vote. What, pray tell, could a woman do with a ballot? Sew it into a blanket?! I urge my fellow red-blooded American men, whom I know are of sound mind and excellent breeding, to reconsider this most egregious mistake. A woman at the polls is a woman away from that enormous metal contraption in the kitchen, the purpose of which I do not understand, but upon its opaque surface I did once burn my hand quite severely. With my female companion now burdened with the task of molding our nation's political future, how could I possibly expect her to uphold the standard of living to which I am accustomed?

At this moment in my desperate plea to all you men, I must divulge in a brief interlude to my beloved yet cotton-headed betrothed, Beatrice. My darling, I implore you: Do not stray from our hearth and home! I daren't step foot in the kitchen for fear of the heat-driven automaton that resides within, and only your gentle, womanly touch can tame such a monstrosity. Cast your ballot aside to return to me, the one to whom you've devoted your life. Without you I fear I will starve, so afeared am I of the inner workings of this blasted kitchen.



## WE STILL LOVE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS!

# Opinion



# AN ASSAULT ON THE UNIVERSE AS WE KNOW IT

by Anonymous and Concerned Parent, Ph.D.

**German scientist Albert Einstein** has made a blasphemous claim that light does not travel in a straight path, but along a curve. His notion asserts that the locations of every object in our heavens is a great distance away from where we know — and can clearly see — them to be. Are we to presume that the great Polaris that pointed our ancestors Northwards is now Southeasterly?

Whether or not you believe in the — I cannot stress this enough — THEORY of Evolution, bear in mind that Einstein's claims are merely theory as well, and we must not accept these "truths" so blindly!

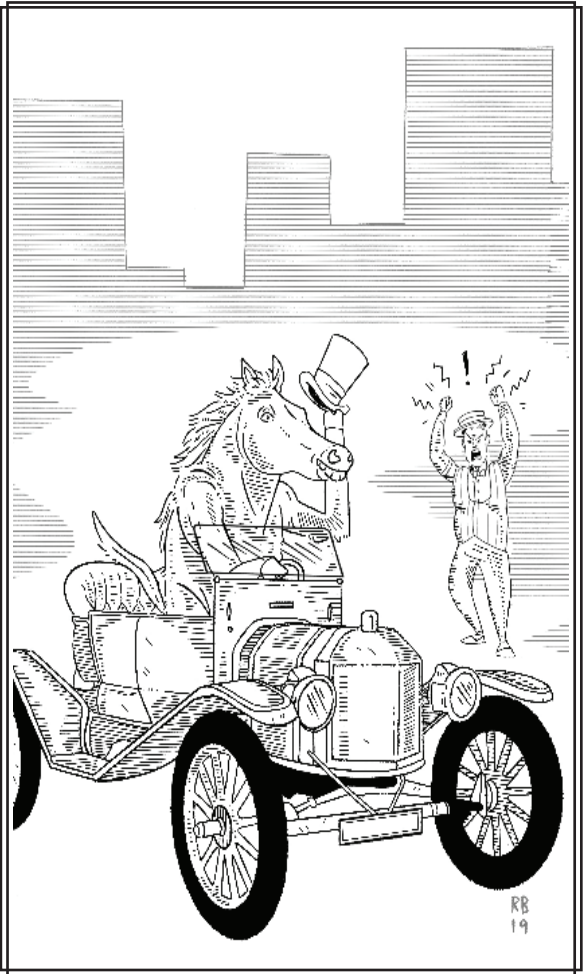
The New York Times granted this absurdity a whopping six headlines, one of which states, "Stars Not Where They Seemed or Were Calculated to be, but Nobody Need Worry." Well, we are worried. If we are to trust this idiocy of Einstein's curved light, then what are we to trust next? A cure for Polio? Absurd!



# HORSE & BUGGY IS SUPERIOR TO THE FORD MODEL T

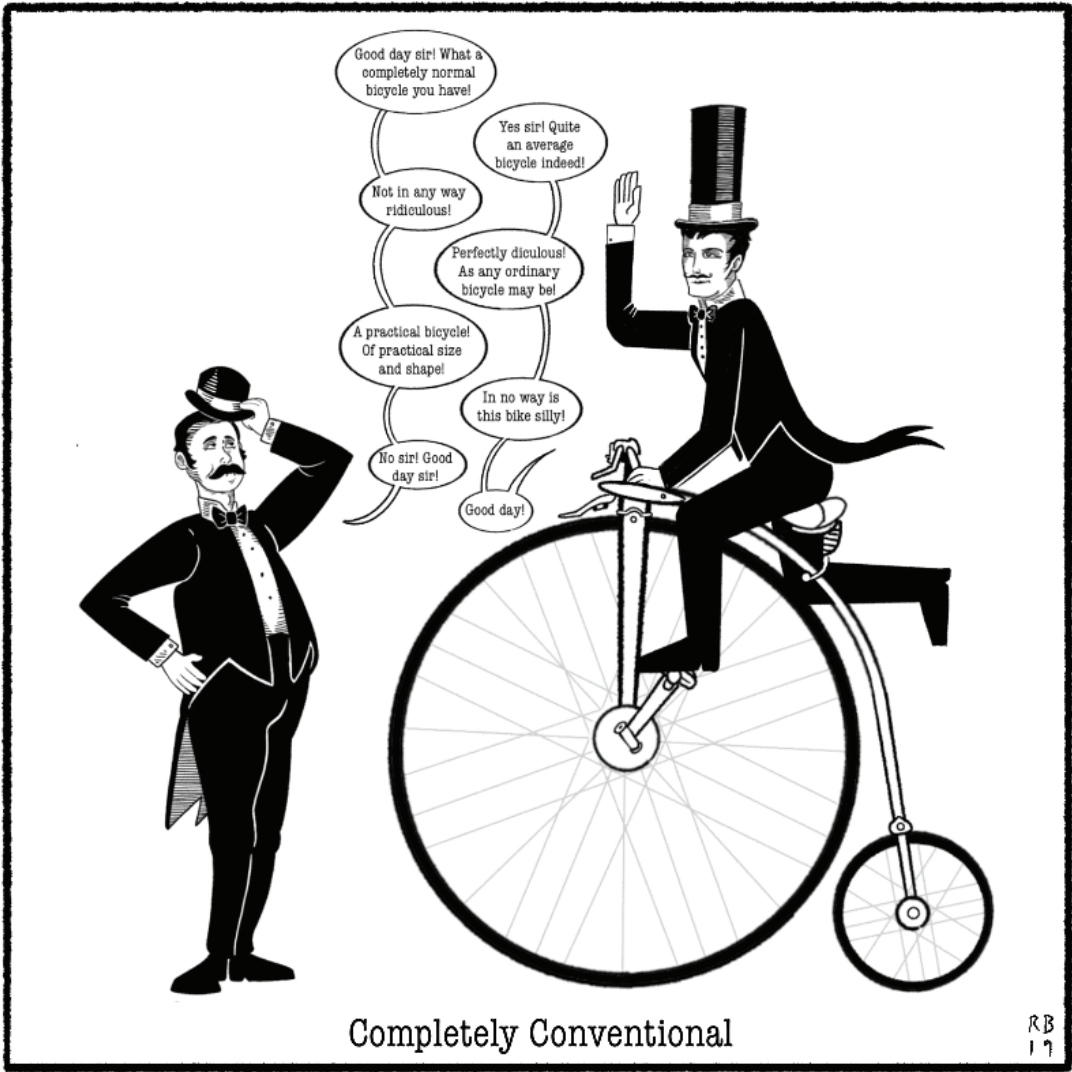
by Horace N. Round

**Next time it's -60° out** and I'm setting out on a frosty morn, the last thing I want to do is grab a Model T's accelerator while engaging the clutch. Hayburner wouldn't demand this much of me. Tin Lizze hasn't got any heat, not like the warmth of a greased saddle after a rooster's cock-a-doodle-doo at the crack of dawn. Even if the Flivver has the buggy beat in speed, no horse-drawn four-wheeler is going to leave you smelling like gasoline — and what in the hell is gasoline anyway? Where does it come from? Those giant pickaxes in the sky? Anything that runs on the same thing as my favorite lamp is going to turn a man into fried chicken, mark my words. Plus, no fancy tin can is going to offer me the sweet companionship of a tamed hoss. While everyone's stalling as they slam on the clutch and hit the accelerator, I'll be sharing molasses with my critter.





# FUNNY PAGES



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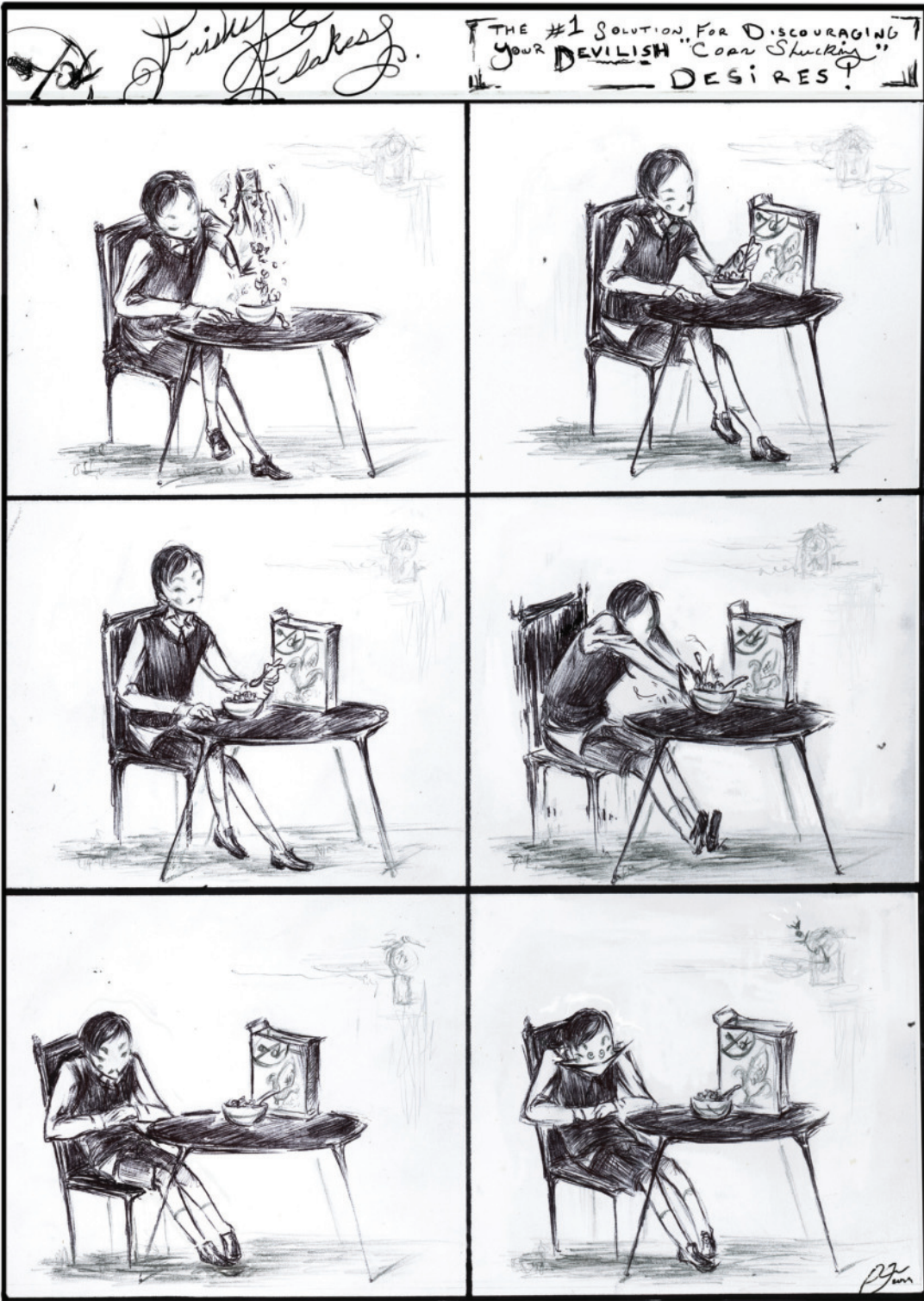
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## ROTARY RAGE



"Kids these days. If they keep up with this rabble-rousing, they'll put the carrier pigeons out of business."

Teddie Bernard



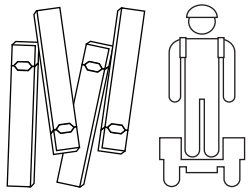
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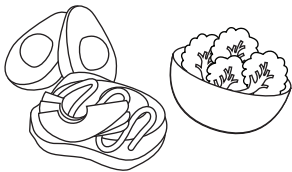
A cigarette before breakfast makes for clean teeth and healthy lungs! A pack a day and you'll be as hearty as a circus elephant! Remember: **Healthy Fellas Smoke Ella's!**

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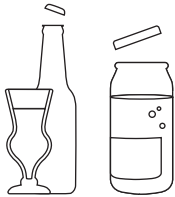




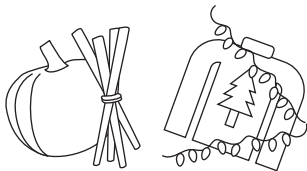
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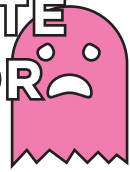
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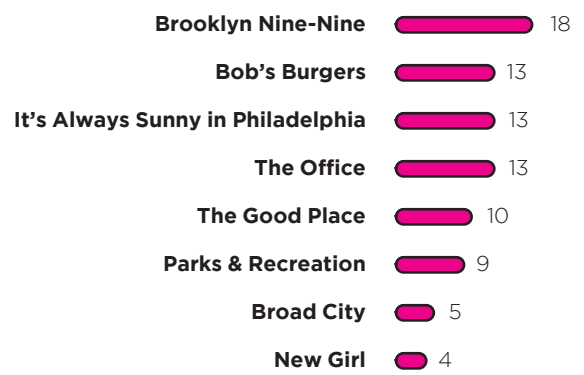
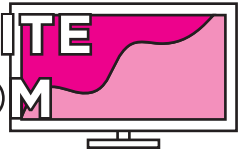
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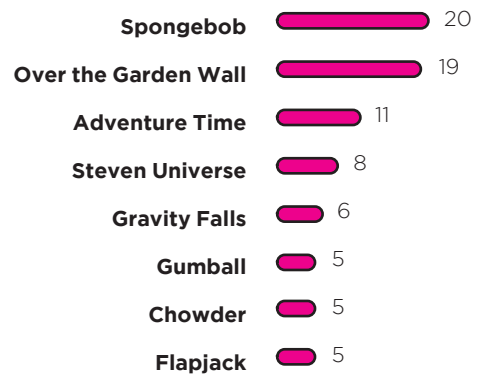
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## KIDS CARTOON WE STILL LOVE



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# REVIEW

2017

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Ok, boomer

That ain't it chief

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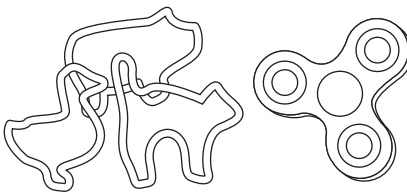
We polled SAIC students on their favorite and least favorite trends, songs, movies, and TV shows of the last decade.

Here are the results.

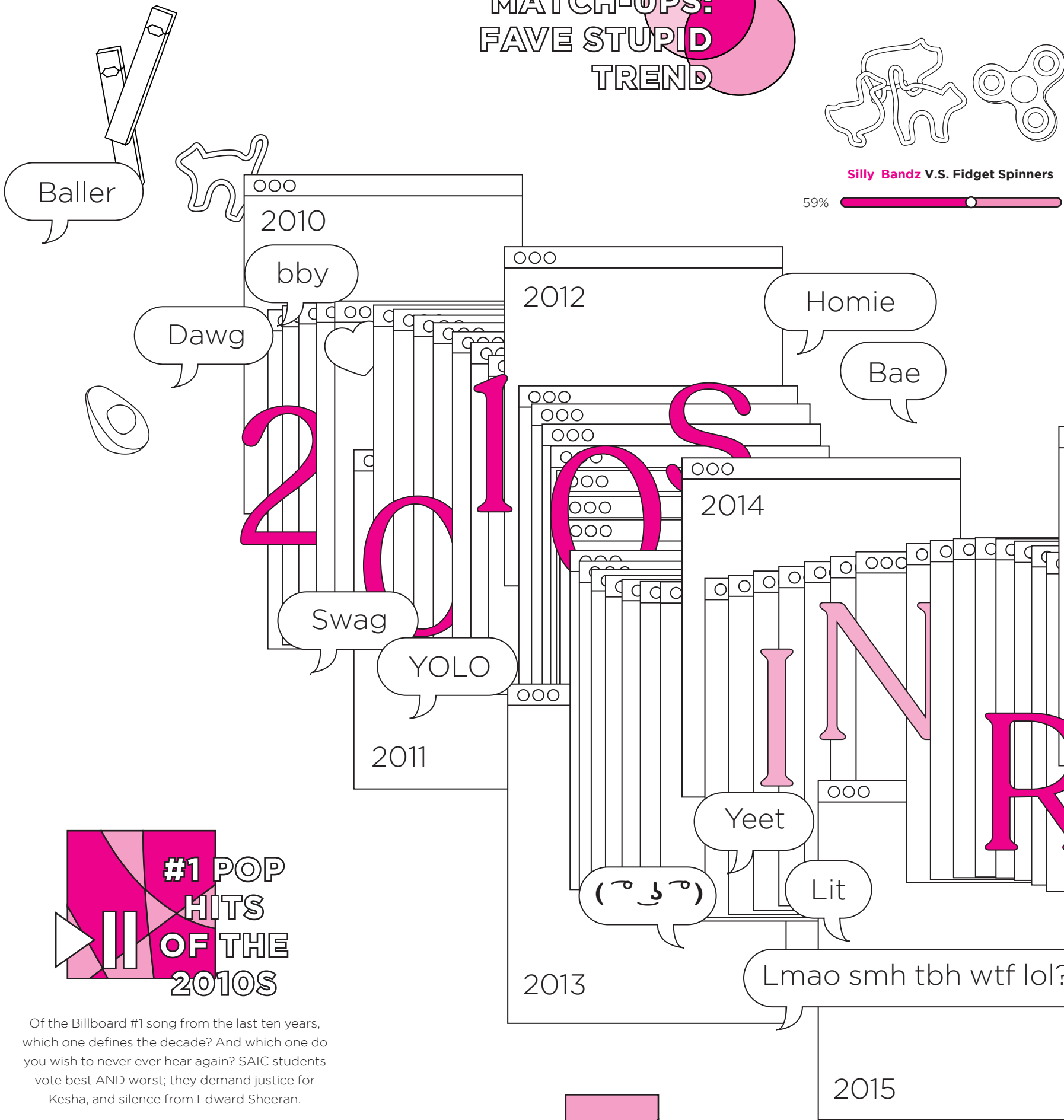
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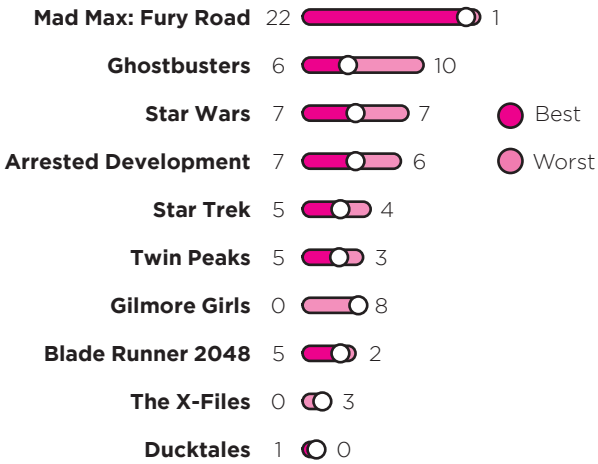
#1 POP  
HITS  
OF THE  
2010S

Of the Billboard #1 song from the last ten years, which one defines the decade? And which one do you wish to never ever hear again? SAIC students vote best AND worst; they demand justice for Kesha, and silence from Edward Sheeran.

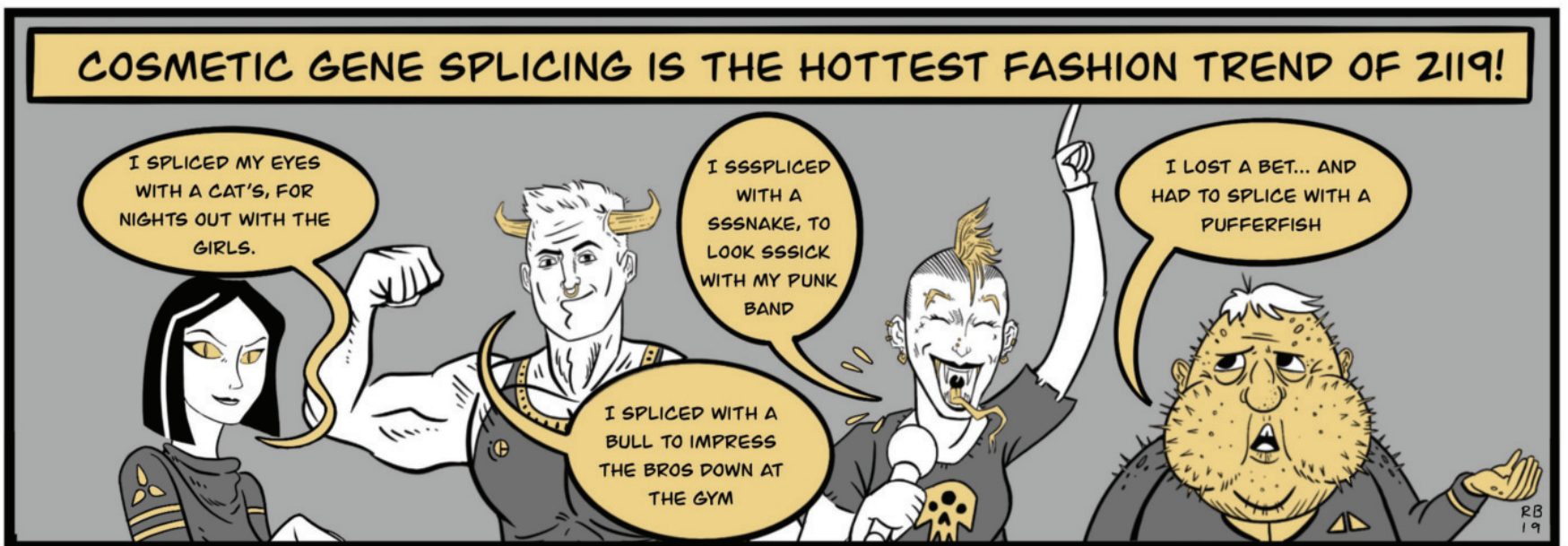


2010S  
REBOOT/  
REVIVAL

We set out to collect data on favorite reboots and revivals, but the people also voiced opinions on their least favorites — so here they are, duly ranked. Star Wars received exactly the same number of votes for best and worst.







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## BEST-SELLING NEOPOP ALBUMZ OF THE 2110S

- 127, Adele (2115)
- Downtown Junk, Bruno Earth (2115)
- Me and You and Me, Sailor Tift (2114)
- 🌻, Brake (2116)
- My Nice Pleasant Normal Fantasy, Kanye East (2110)
- Smells, Maroon 25 (2114)
- Spuzz, Edward Sheeran the 16th (2118)
- Cyber Horse, Luke Bryan (2113)
- Old Town Road Remixes, Lil Nas X (2019)
- Neobeethoven's 29th, Reanimated Ludwig Beethoven (2112)

## BEST SLANG OF THE 2110S, AS VOTED BY OUR READERS

- Cromb
- "He's such a nermie"
- Stang
- B'urn't
- "You're stomping my goomba"
- "Uh oh! It's Tony!"
- Bitmapped
- Krispped up
- Trumplesome
- "e-bitch don't infringe upon my vibe"

## QUIZ: DO YOU LIVE IN A SOCIETY?

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Which machine part do you relate to the most?

- ☐ Cog
- ☐ Pedal
- ☐ Combustion chamber

Do you know what blockchain is? (No lying!)

- ☐ Of course!
- ☐ Definitely
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Agree, neutral, or disagree with the following statement: "[redacted]"

- ☐ Strongly agree!
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Strongly agree!

Your pod neighbor has ordered a package from AmazonMcMart-Burger, which has been mistakenly delivered to your pod. Do you:

- ☐ Ring their Nest™Home™Echo™ doorbell and leave the package there
- ☐ Open it and see what's inside! Fair's fair!
- ☐ Call the Cops™

What is your favorite passive productivity-recharging subsidized "Free Time" activity?

- ☐ VR NASCAR race
- ☐ Long-Distance Football
- ☐ Final Fantasy MXLVII

Which of these celebs would you grab a beer with?

- ☐ Ambassador Speeble of Andromeda V
- ☐ a Kardashiandroid
- ☐ Moon President Fink

Your soulmate is...

- ☐ Three-legged
- ☐ A neo-Mormon Scientologist
- ☐ Alexa™

What is your favorite vintage 2010s trend?

- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Voting
- ☐ Weekends

## TOP 10 DESIGNER DOG BREEDZ OF THE 2110S

- The almighty Froston; Brachycephalic Airway Surgery and C-Section not included
- English Cream Golden Retriever with one single brain cell
- You've heard of the sheepadoodle, but are you ready for the shibadoodle? With theShibsky banned from most locations on Earth, the Shiba-doodle is IN!
- The Krem, also known as the Marble, also known as the Kerm
- The Quasi-Dog
- Crested Griffon
- Chowpomchi
- Maltipoo the size of the thimble
- Toy Great Dane
- Boxing Bulldog



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Our Favorite Human Songs of the 2110s

Best FaceTube Original Series of the Decade

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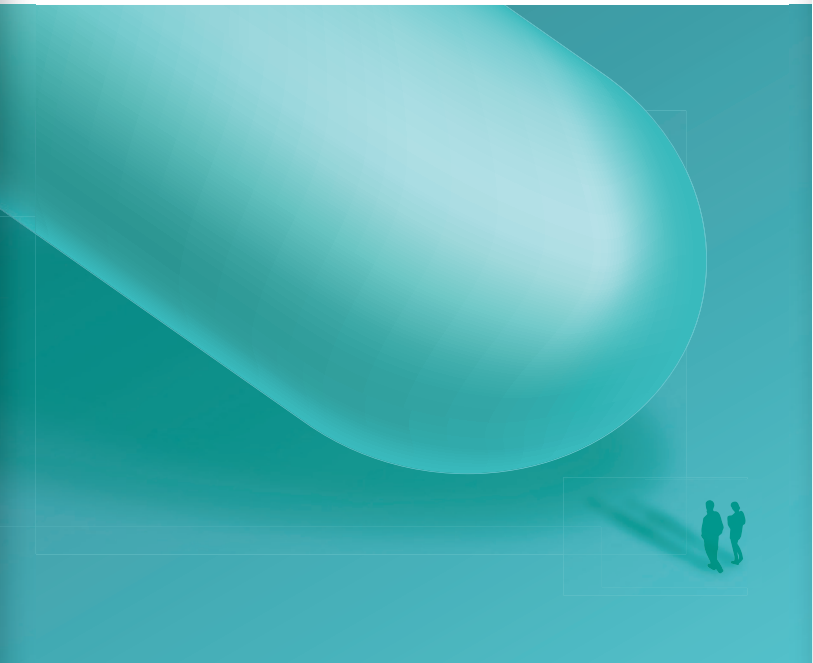
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# WELLNESS CURE FOR THE NEXT DECADE IS FINALLY HERE!

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by **Ginger+**

Gwengwin Zaptro has done it again. The wellness mogul responsible for the Wi-Free movement — the decade’s most popular diet, which claims that an individual can get all of their nutrients from wifi — has introduced a new fad sure to set a standard in wellness for the 2120’s: Deep Space CryoTherapy.

“I was inspired by a century-old practice,” says Zaptro, “and I’ve brought it into this bright, new age.” Deep Space CryoTherapy, she explains, takes the tradition of brief exposure to freezing cold temperatures, and pushes it to the final frontier.

“What is more profound than brief, intimate contact with the Void?” Gwengwin inquires. “After 10 seconds free-floating in space, I can feel the difference. My skin feels brighter, my aura feels lifted. It’s unlike anything I’ve ever experienced before, and I know you’ll feel the same way.”

Zaptro is currently the only practitioner of this specific wellness trend, but thousands of eager Earth and Moon dwellers have signed up for her Interplanetary Voidic Aura Cleanse, a therapy session she hopes to coordinate simultaneously between both planets.

“I can’t wait to uplift my true self through this brief, powerful contact with our Dark Mother,” one patron told F Newszine. “I’ve been a practitioner of the Wi-Free movement for the past few weeks and it’s really changed my life.” Unfortunately this excited Zaptro-enthusiast was unavailable for further comment, as she collapsed shortly after issuing that statement and was rushed to a nearby urgent wifi clinic.

An EMT on the scene shared his thoughts: “This is total bullshit. I’ve had to schlep a dozen of these Wi-Free fuckos to get treated for malnutrition, and I just started this job on Wednesday.” He explained that he does not subscribe to Zaptro’s wellness regimen and finds her methodologies “an embarrassment to the medical profession and to God.”

When asked for a response to these comments, Zaptro was unfazed. “Did you get his name? His Bluetooth beacon sounds blocked. I’d love to send him a soothing asteroid dust cleansing enema. That should clear things right up.”

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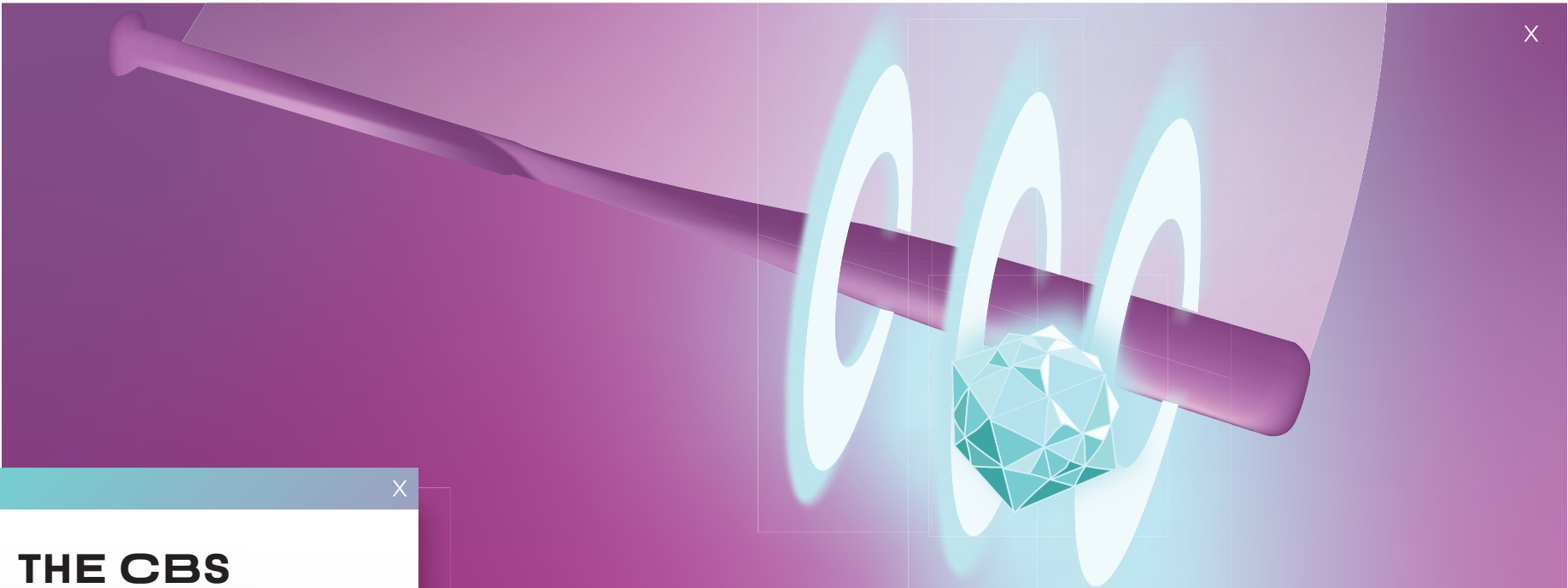
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# THE CBS FALL LINEUP PROMISES RETRO “BANGERS”

by **Mor Moonves**

Incoming on CBS this spring, the 2010’s are back, baby! We’ve got all the “whack” and “dope” content from 100 years ago, with a 2120 twist. These shows are sure to be “on fleek” and satisfy all your retro cravings. Don’t “yeet” these shows — tune in!

-  TRUE LIFE: I fell in love with my Operating System, but he’s a Scorpio
-  Experience Blue Ivy Carter’s sensory deprivation dimension on the newest episode of Podz
-  My Super Sweet 16 VR Experience
-  Pimp My Wormhole
-  Degrassi: The International Space Station
-  16 And Pregnant Speedrun Playthrough

# CLUBS WIN WORLD SERIES FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 2016, ALL HAIL BUTH

by **Dustin Lowman**

In 2116, the Chicago Cubs completed a two-game sweep of the Tampa Bay/Montreal Rays, earning their first World Series title in a full century.

“We really didn’t think this was going to happen again,” first baseman Angelo Biscotti said in an interview following the game. “I’m, uh — yeah, sorry about that. All hail Buth.”

Following the end of their century-plus championship drought in 2016, the Cubs entered a period of “utter [expletive] suckitude,” according to popular vlogger Billy the Goat. “They really couldn’t tell their [expletive] from their [expletive],” the Goat exclaimed, “and their [expletive] manager had his [expletive] way up in his [expletive].”

After World Series viewership dwindled to a meager 3,000 people per game in 2089, MLB officials decided to shorten the regular season to 150, then 125, then 80 games. The World Series followed suit, falling to 5, then ultimately 3, games. MLB was pleased to report a 5% uptick in this year’s Earthbound World Series audience (but stable disinterest in Lunar viewership, where lower gravity has warped the sports world).

“What we’re seeing is a renewed interest in America’s fondest pastime,” Tweeted MLB Commissioner Rabe Buth. “All hail Buth!”

“It’s a [expletive] [expletive] show in Wrigleyville right now,” the Goat said in a video released on the night the Cubs finally won. “All [expletive] hail Buth.”

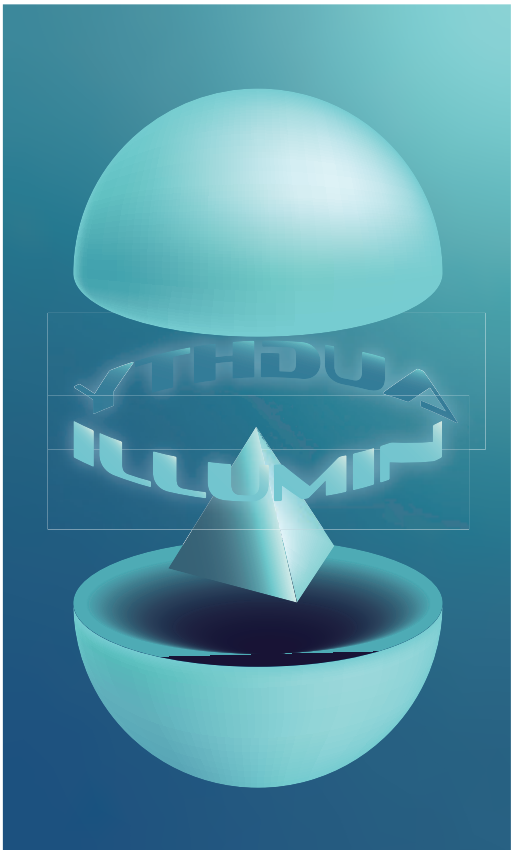
“It’s really unlikely that this’ll happen three times in a row,” Biscotti added, popping a bottle of champagne. “Yeah — just seems impossible.”

May Buth reign for a thousand years, or until the Cubs’ next championship — whichever comes first.

Are you excited for The Goldfinch: Infinity War?

Cyber-Elgort’s new entry into The Goldfinch franchise is sure to thrill your heartstrings.

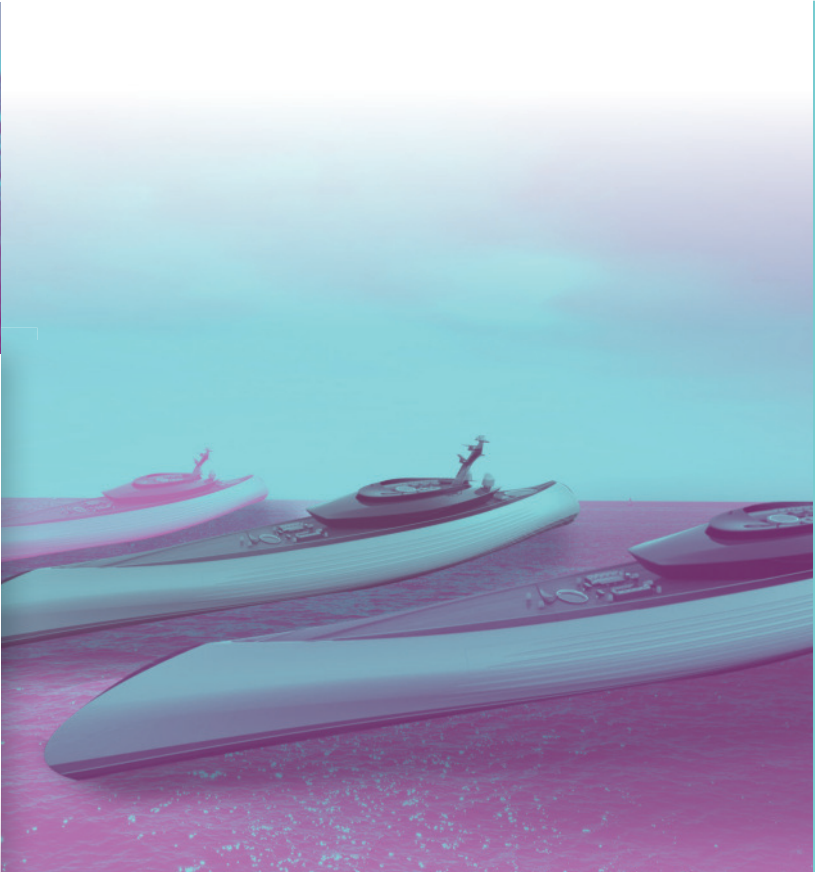
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An interview with Cjek Jotelt, the unlikely pioneer of seasteading.

by KO HO

**KH:** Ten years ago, you set sail on Herdido, the super-yacht that launched the contemporary seasteading movement. I’m sure you’re aware of the legends surrounding that maiden voyage. What do you think the biggest change in public perception has been over the last decade?

**CJ:** Yeah, people love to spit about Herdido [laughs]. Honestly, I was selfish, but it was never about taxes or my family. I guess I was in a dark place. We were all in a dark place ten years ago. Still are! But people take me more seriously now.

**KH:** Do you still believe seasteading is the best habitat for sustaining human life?

**CJ:** You mean as opposed to lunar or the ISS? Yes. My hang-up with Silver Fox Estate™ [the Jotelt family’s elite lunar colony] is that it feels completely irrelevant. We’ve been going to the moon for hundreds of years at this point. It’s totally passé and out-of-touch with Earth’s culture right now. You might as well live in a giant bubble.

**KH:** What about sustainability?

**CJ:** Have you heard of “Water World”? It’s this epic 2D film from the 20th century, where land doesn’t exist anymore, and people start growing gills. That’s what I imagine for our future.

**KH:** If you could return to Herdido, would you do anything differently?

**CJ:** No regrets, but one thing I do regret is the food. You know, I was doing most of the planning myself, with my team, and my business style is based on listening to my gut. Turns out I didn’t listen very well! You know, that bug juice thing was just a big misunderstanding.

**KH:** What would you like to say to your detractors?

**CJ:** Mates! High tides raise all ships!

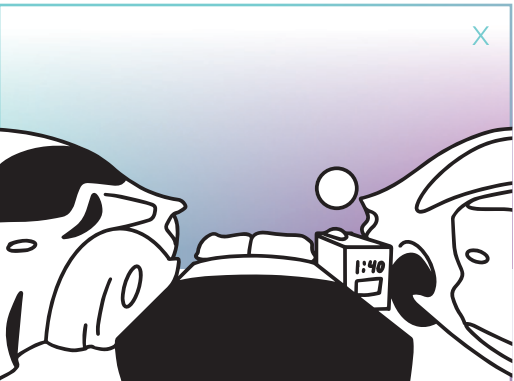


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# OPINION: THE UNIVERSE IS NOT EXPANDING

by **LeO Psmith**

In the past few decades, the study of physics has advanced by leaps and bounds. Any NASA-SpaceX scientist will brag about their advances in mapping the cosmos, explaining the Big Bang, and creating a unified model that summarizes time, space, and matter all the way from the scale of galaxies to subatomic particles. Bully for them. Guess what? It's all lies. And the situation is more urgent than you could possibly know.

Time is not "simultaneous," as the Peregrine-Rosepen model would have you believe; the universe is not expanding. It is in fact, contracting, and time is moving backwards.

"Time" as we humans call it, began with the so-called Big Bang. It ran forwards until the universe stopped expanding (on Nov. 4, 2132). In the next instant, time began to move in reverse. We are now reliving time in reverse. Worse, my awareness of this fact is an anomaly in the space-time continuum, and I fear that my writing this article will spread paradoxes out around me like ripples.

These paradoxes could affect everything, possibly even the time-stability of the digital newsmagazine for which I write occasional freelance articles for a nominal fee. (My drafts seem to vanish into a wormhole before finally being published weeks later — I can think of no other explanation besides toxic time loops.)

Even now I may have punctured the delicate continuum of our Universe. Pray for us all.

# STEELON MUSK MOUNTS 2120 MARTIAN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

by **Dustin" Danger" Lowman.ca**

Speaking via satellite feed from his Olympus Mons base camp/ bunker, disgraced entrepreneur Steelon (f.k.a. Elon) Musk announced his bid for President of Mars.

"Humanity faces perhaps its gravest existential threat to date," Musk said through his speech-generating device, set to the voice of 21<sup>st</sup> century actor Jamie Foxx. "Mars is rapidly becoming uninhabitable. Our only chance at survival is to consolidate and colonize Jupiter."

Musk spent the subsequent three hours working his way through, in political commentator Morgan Henderson's words, "a blunt of epic proportions," and outlining his plan for transforming Jupiter from a gas giant into a "nice little grassy pebble."

Musk rose to prominence in the early 2000s when he, Petrol (f.k.a. Peter) Thiel and others co-founded internet-based payment service PayPal. In the next two decades, he enjoyed what Henderson called "a flash-in-the-pan phase of mad geniushood, derailed by excess ambition, hubris, and appearances on 'The Joe Rogan Experience.'"

After squandering his fortune and reputation on failed entrées into the electric car, space travel, and hypermasculinity spheres, Musk was killed in a second-generation self-driving Tesla. An official investigation by the New York Police Department confirmed that "the car knew exactly what it was doing."

Likely sensing his automobile's mutiny, Musk had spent his post-Tesla/SpaceX/Man's Man years pioneering reanimation and rebranding technology, allowing him to continue life as Steelon Musk. Newly bionic, Steelon convinced the SpaceX Board of Directors to send him to Mars to begin the colonization process. Board members "jumped at the opportunity to send him millions of miles away."

In 2120, Musk will likely run unopposed, as he is Mars's only citizen.

# EXTRATERRESTRIALS FEEL ALIENATED

by **Hugh Effeaux**

The 2110s will now forever be remembered as the decade in which aliens finally contacted Earth ... to tell us to stop being so obsessed with them.

In a press conference earlier this year in the NASA-SpaceX headquarters on the dark side of the moon, Lunar Colony President Mark Zuck3rb3rg (in the Apple-Glass jar designed by Steve J'Orb for the preservation of his brain) informed the world's population that our planet received a message from intergalactic beings who said they had thought about paying us a visit a century ago, and then quickly decided against it.

According to Zuck3rb3rg, the aliens had intercepted the Voyager's golden record, listened to Chuck Berry's 1950s hit "Johnny B. Goode" and assumed that all our cultural products were of equal caliber. After studying our planet carefully, the extraterrestrials became interested in establishing business relations with Earth — "We'll get rid of your mosquitoes if you hand over your last avocado tree," read a message received, but ignored, in 1910.

The aliens then sent an envoy into orbit to covertly monitor the planet. Reports said they lost all hope in a fruitful partnership after following the final season of 2010s television series "Game of Thrones."

Having only just learned the archaic, century-old slang term, the aliens also complained that Hamilton tickets continue to be "expensive af."

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# FORMER PRESIDENT ILHAN OMAR FEATURED ON NEW \$1 COIN

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by **Lyyh Gyllynt**

The President Ilhan Omar \$1 coin was released earlier this week. It pays homage to the former president’s 8-year term.

President Omar, who served in office from 2053 to 2061, made history as the United States’ first female Muslim president. During her tenure, she expanded protections for undocumented immigrants, raised taxes on corporations, and cut the U.S. military budget by 80%.

“President Omar was an inspiring leader and a great friend,” said Diamanta Trump, labor activist and great-great-great-granddaughter of former President Donald Trump.

Ms. Trump was the primary campaign donor for President Omar, and also used her family’s fortune to fund one of Omar’s most ambitious projects, which dispensed reparations to black and indigenous communities in America. The Trump Foundation, which has become a world leader in anti-imperialist feminist projects, is planning to implement reparations in, among other countries, Afghanistan, Argentina, Cambodia, Chile, Iraq, Haiti, Vietnam, and El Salvador.

Ms. Omar was the fifth woman to hold office as president, following President Elizabeth Warren’s two terms in the White House (2021-2029), which were followed by President Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s two terms (2029-2037), which were followed by President Kshama Sawant’s two terms (2037-2045), which were followed by President Chelsea Manning’s two terms (2045-2053).

“Our currency has always honored those Americans of whom we are most proud,” said Penny Green, Chief of the U.S. Mint. “That’s why our Bitcoin “Quarter” features poetry from former Senator Eileen Myles interspersed through its lines of code,” she added.

Although financial transactions increasingly happen on Venm’oh, TikTok Banking, and AirBNB B&NKing, physical currency remains in use. The new coin, which is part of the U.S. Mint’s rebranding plan for both physical currency and cryptocurrency, features President Omar in profile. The reverse side of the coin depicts an evergreen tree. Among her many green initiatives, Omar is remembered for her program to plant millions of Ponderosa Pine trees across the U.S. to capture greenhouse gases.

President Omar was also responsible for passing the Third Green New Deal, which provided funding for public art, sustainable architecture, and infrastructure projects. It employed more than 1.2 million artists, with a focus on artists of color.

The decision to put President Ilhan Omar on the \$1 coin was contentious to some, who maintain that her political legacy has threatened some minority groups, such as Nazis and CEOs.

“Some commentators have labeled our opposition to honoring President Omar as racist, sexist, and Islamophobic. These commentators have said that our opposition aligns with the strategy Karl Marx outlined in Capital as a way to divide the potentially revolutionary working class into factionalism along race lines. These commentators, all of whom are wrong, have also accused us of being bankrolled by the NRA, Israel lobby, and Juul lobby, as well as attempting to divert attention away from the marriage of Christian fundamentalism, U.S. business interests, and political power, which manifested in such forms at the for-profit ‘prison industrial complex’ (a term I would never use),” said Senator Georgie Pinkerton-Whiteman, a Republican from Arizona and co-director of Blonde Lives Matter.

“But none of that is true, and my disagreements have always been purely political,” he added.

## DON’T LOOK BACK NOW: A RETROSPECTIVE OF THE DECADE’S POTUSES

by **Michael Barbaro.bot #2377819**

**Zamantha Ocasio-Cortez** (In office 2108-2112) As an original New Björk City sweetheart, ZOC gained massive endorsement from the Bushwick-based Björkocratic Party, which pioneered the movement to bring experimental and absurdist approaches to the political landscape. ZOC did not officially affiliate herself with the Björkocrats, instead running with the well-established Greendependent Party; she beat rival Replubleral candidate Bro Jogan by a landslide.

**Bro Jogan** (In office 2112-2116) After the Great TikTok Bank Leak of 2111, ZOC’s reputation plummeted, making way for fringe contender Bro Jogan to swoop back into the blue light. His campaign promise was to bring the nation a “four-year experience.” Jogan ended up passing no significant legislation, though he had many special guests visit him for long discussions in the Oval Office, which he equipped with medium-grade audio recording equipment and a poor ventilation system for cannabis consumption. Political experts now suspect that the nation remained attentive up until the end of Jogan’s incumbency because they were hopeful that “something cool might happen in the last ten minutes.”

**Cryogenically Resurrected Grumpy Cat** (Incumbent) GC’s first State of the Union address contained no words, only scowls. Attendees met this with deafening chwWWWWeers of support, and some political experts maintain that it was the most transparent and precise speech delivered by a president in the entire history of the United States.

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## METADATA BILL RETURNS TO ASSEMBLY

by KO HO

WASHINGTON — Bill 76-1219, commonly known as Citizens’ Right to Opt Out of Metadata Surveillance (CROOMS), was reintroduced to the Assembly this week. This is the seventeenth time CROOMS has been reviewed by assembly members, who remain divided on the issue. The bill represents the legislative culmination of civilian unrest regarding the collection of metadata and its widespread use in personalization tactics, particularly in disenfranchised sectors.

Since requiring children over age nine to carry a Megacom, government officials have made little progress in protecting minors targeted by Communication Optimization Integration, commonly known as COI. Though COI was once seen as the crowning achievement of the hypertechnology industry, it has come under intense scrutiny since 2114, when civic group 11.172 released reports that COI’s algorithm played a significant role in Megacom’s recommended software, leading to the blackout that left Sector 19 without power for 47 days in 2116.

A spokesperson from Flux Bond, the firm that owns COI, released a statement about CROOMS: “Invention is by its very nature disruptive. If you want to be understood at all times, then don’t do anything new.”

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## SCHOOL SAFETY KITS DISCOVERED

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by Lyyh Gyllynt

COLUMBUS, Ga. — On Monday, a construction team breaking ground for a new building stumbled upon a surprising discovery: a state-issued school safety kit dating from the early 21st century, complete with a bottle of Tylenol, an emergency blanket, and a semi-automatic pistol.

The kit, which came in a transparent backpack, appears unused.

Beginning in 2021, when the Leave No Wee Child Behind Act (LNWCBA) was passed by Congress, every incoming second-grader was provided with a safety kit. The state-issued kits were funded by cutting teacher salaries by 22 percent.

The policy, passed into law at a time when refugee children were routinely separated at the U.S.-Mexico border, has also been referred to as the Leave No White Child Behind Act.

“This dates from a seminal moment in American history,” said Jenny Halzer, an archaeologist who focuses on the material culture of the American Dark Ages, a time period which some date to 2016. Others contend that the era began as early as 1776.

The kits were provided to children before starting nationwide preparatory classes in ABC, or Artillery Basics for Children.

The kit also included a semiautomatic pistol, 30 rounds of ammunition, and a young reader’s edition of “I Am The Greatest Guy, Just The Best Guy You’ve Ever Seen!,” former president Donald Trump’s best-selling memoir.

In the unlikely event that the armed five-year-old was unable to halt the active shooter, the kit also included two band-aids.

This kit, which dates from 2021, has a standard-issue black pistol. After Disney began co-sponsoring the LNWCBA in 2023, guns were made in bright, child-friendly colors, and came with decals from Snow White, Winnie the Pooh, and Mr. Gunnyman.

Historians still debate the efficacy of the program.

While some scholars point to the creation of 14 jobs at the gun manufacturer’s Ohio shipping center, an expansion necessitated by the increased demand for arms manufacturing, others point to the sharp spike in school shootings that followed the program’s initiation.

“It was a trade-off,” said the NRA Historical Society spokesman Brownie McNazi. “You can’t please everyone.”

## UNITED KINGDOM ENTERS 103RD YEAR OF BREXIT NEGOTIATIONS

by Dustin“KeyGrip”Lowman.gov

LONDON — Tensions ran high today in the House of Commons as Prime Minister Quincy Sheeran, Jr. urged Parliament to agree to his latest Brexit proposal. In an attempt to galvanize legislators’ intractable sympathies, Sheeran pulled lines from his late grandfather in a speech the Daily Beast called “cloying and formulaic.”

“We found love, right where we are,” Sheeran shouted from the podium. “Not in Belgium, not in Switzerland, and certainly not in France.”

More than a century ago, his grandfather told the long-defunct Q Magazine: “I was born a European and I fucking love being a European.”

“Britons, citizens, lawmakers, hear this: I’m in love with the shape of you,” Prime Minister Sheeran intoned. “I love our island’s bottom-heavy, awkward-teardrop shape. I don’t much care for the shape of Europe as a whole, which is too hard to describe succinctly.” These remarks are said to have puzzled the parliamentarians.

England celebrated a century of Brexit negotiations with a festival of polite yet loaded conversations, followed by plates of buttery haddock.





# APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR BACHELOR'S IN ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD

by **Lyyh Gyllynt**

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## SHARP BUILDING RENAMED THE ADOBE BUILDING

by **D2bot\_newsdesk**

The last building standing, SAIC's Sharp Building, now has a new name. With a generous donation from the Adobe Corporation, the newly unveiled Adobe Building is located at 37 South Wabash Avenue. The Sharp Building known as the Powers and the Champlain Building previously, was built in 1902. With a rich history of housing ancient arts like stenography, typesetting, fiber and material studies, the Adobe building is now home to the Musk Memorabilia Museum of the Historic arts, Bundtt\* Artists' Book Collection, quite a few classrooms, administrative zones, SAIC's barcode and fingerprint center, and foodhub #1. Every system is furnished with state-of-the-art Adobebots.

## NON- ESSENTIAL OILS: INTERVIEWING SAIC'S LAST PAINTING AND DRAWING STUDENT

by **Lu1s L0p3z**

In a studio on the tenth floor of SAIC's Maya (formerly MacLean) building, XXaN-dra ff practices a now-almost-forgotten ritual. She adjusts her canvas — something that, to many students' surprise, has another meaning beyond the software our school runs on — and prepares to... paint? No digital interface in sight.

The school is now completely digital, switching entirely to teaching non-physical disciplines; and it can be truly eye-opening to observe an artist using her hands on any tool that isn't a mouse, a keyboard, or a drawing pad.

"Throughout my solar cycles at school I frequently got teased," says ff, originally a transfer student from Great Red Spot University in South Jupiter (Go Gas Giants!) "Other students would ask me why I 3D-printed the Paintbrush icon."

Although the Painting and Drawing Department was closed down in 2087 (the first year EXPO Chicago sold exactly zero paintings) ff, then a student, went into accidental cryofreezing, only waking up last year in the hopes of finishing her education.

She recalls she was offered to reenter the school in the then closest equivalent, the Paint department, aimed at specialization in the old, yet still surprisingly popular Microsoft app. But ff said she wanted "the real thing."

School staff then emptied an old storage room turned studio space, where ff sits every day, applying physical paint on a real-life canvas, that she stretches with her own hands. As there are no more painting professors at the school, she learns by following video instructions from one Bob Ross, an esteemed art professor who at one point had thousands of students nationwide, per the history files.

Regarding the canvas in front of her, ff says she will try a veritable turn-of-the-century genre: the selfie.



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