

FIZZ ASSERTS CONTROL

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Since the very first day I stepped foot on campus for winter term, I knew Fizz was going to be nothing but trouble. No worthwhile product has ever been advertised with colorful cardstock flyers delivered to doorsteps. They were already trying way too hard, even before the offers of \$15 and free Krispy Kreme donuts if you re-shared their ads on Instagram. I felt invaded — capitalism was literally trying to force this down my throat.

Worse, it was yet another social media app. Look, I get it — our chronically online generation is always chomping at the bit for the next morsel of brain stimulation to distract us from the miserable mundanity of merely maintaining homeostasis in today's relentlessly productivity-oriented American hellscape. I, too, have the attention span of a goldfish, and #relatable memes are one of the few things that can even briefly satiate the gaping hole

of self-doubt that society has instilled in me.

And to be honest, if the average Fizz post was even 10% less mind-rotting, I might have a different tune about this. However it turns out the majority of the posts on Fizz are made by moderators who are paid up to \$500/month to generate 30-40 of them per day. The rest are mainly deranged ravings that have leaked out from the Hobbesian state of nature within the walls of Fleming House (and derivatives).

In fact, the mind-blowing awfulness of most Fizz content has led many, including myself, to question the legitimacy of

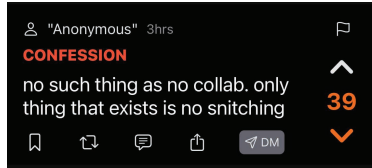


Fig. 1: And now we're shitting on the honor code! Wow guys, look at us and our clever, funny, relatable, cool, and good content! Hey, psst, what if... we collaborated on the 1 (one) non-collab problem on this set...? Haha, jk... unless?



some of these posts that garner more than 300 likes and interactions (that's 1/3 of Caltech's undergrad population) within mere hours.

On top of that, Fizz is not available for web or Android, which means these numbers only include iPhone users. This makes me extremely suspicious of Fizz founders' claim that "95% of Stanford undergraduates have downloaded the app."

Indeed, something about the idea of this completely anonymized, university-specific

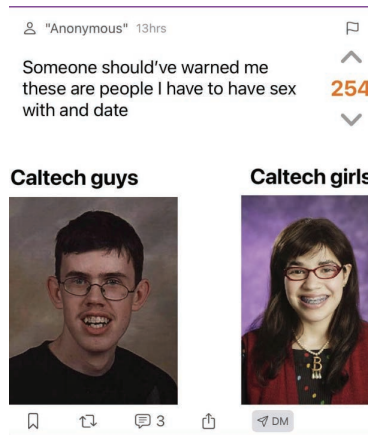


Fig. 2: Do I even have to explain how toxic this is?

platform rubbed me the wrong way from the beginning. But the Caltech Confessions Facebook group has already showed us the soul-corroding behavior of Techers when they lack any fear of accountability (see Caltech Confession #3728). And we think Fizz is going to be better, how?

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TRANSCRIPT OF ADMISSIONS TOUR LEAKED

CHI CAP | NEWS

Are you a REAL CALTECH STUDENT if you have never attended one of the Undergraduate Admission Office's HOT, FACTUALLY-CORRECT, and VERY FUN tours lead by the current generation of Caltech students themselves??? Well, don't worry if you haven't gone to one yet! Because this VERY ARTICLE will tell you all the HOT, NEW, and FACTUALLY-CORRECT deeds of the admission tour!!!!

Tour Guide: "Hi, welcome to Caltech!"

Leek: This is true; we are at Caltech.

TG: "Students typically hang out at the boba shops, coffee shops, and restaurants on Lake Avenue..."

L: Unfortunately, Winchell's is the only one open at 4:20am.

TG: "There are a lot of places to explore around campus, for example, the LA area, the Huntington Museums—"

L: There are also a lot of places to explore on campus! For example, [redacted], which is located on [redacted]. There is also [redacted].

where students go to [redacted], and [redacted]. Be sure not to miss the [redacted]

[redacted] which happens at [redacted] every [redacted]. This is absolute [redacted] information!

TG: "Now, the House system is one of the most unique parts of an undergraduate experience, and each student get to choose the Houses that they want to be in, following rotation. It is very likely that you will get in within the top 3 of your choices—"

L: #rankDabney4th, frosh

TG: "In the Houses, you get to meet very cool people! The Houses are co-ed, mixed-grades, and mixed-majors — the only thing you are bound together with is your interest in the House that you are in. These might be among the most important people you will meet in your life — they are your housemate, your mentors, your collaborators, and most of all — your dearest friends."

L: :)

TG: "Now moving on to food. We have Red Door cafe, which serves your usual coffee-and-sandwich shop menu, and Browne Door, which serves your typical cafeteria food—"

L: Remember to BYOS (bring your own seasoning)! Also if

you are vegetarian, vegan, have any kind of dietary restriction — BYOF (bring your own food)!

TG: [INSERT JPL LORE AT GUGGENHEIM HERE]

L: Well I do hope everybody knows that story, because I'm not about to type all of that out.

TG: "— That's why at Caltech, it's so easy to find a research project for programs like SURF! All you need to do is email any professors that you want to work with, write a research proposal, and click submit!"

L: Well, uh, about that. They didn't reply to your email? Have you tried follow-up? Oh, still no reply? Okay, how about the other thirty professors in the department? Still nothing? If you are a CS major, you can work in any department, you know, they need coders anywhere— Oh, even the Geology projects are out? Heck. Uhm, have you tried the graduate students? No? Hey, keep emailing, maybe they will reply to your email, you can totally finish the proposal in, like, a day, right?

TG: "Now, onto the arguably most beautiful location on campus — the Turtle Pond! Here, we will see our most beautiful wildlife on campus — our turtles. They're very cute and small — be careful not to step on them!"

L: You know what we don't

talk about enough? Squirrels. Beware of the squirrels. They tried to steal my nuts once. Do not look into their eyes as they come flitting past — but know their shapes of their shadow, as they tower over your great false sense of freedom. Do you hear it? Their whisper in your ears? Beckoning you to free the vicious beast chained but untamed by your every breath? Are you avoiding its eyes the same way you avoid the truth staring at the back of your head like the settling sun, like those great animals that swallow up the land before you could comprehend your own gravity? Look away from the squirrel. Look away. Don't let them do this. Look away from that monster your heart failed to subdue. Run.

TG: "Caltech is a NCAA Division III school, which means that we have a perfect mixture between athletes who want to continue playing after high school, or athletes who just started out. The facilities are also open for anybody to use!"

L: Yeah, yeah, do some exercise, kids. Make sure not to miss your recitations— Oh, they're during practice time? Oops.

TG: Frosh core

TG: Bechtel joke

TG: Avery piss printer joke

TG: something something frosh

L: you CALL first-year frosh?? you CALL first-year frosh as in the not-gender-neutral-term-that-the-word-frosh-is-trying-to-avoid freshman? Oh! Oh! JAIL FOR TOUR GUIDE!! JAIL FOR TOUR GUIDE FOR ONE THOUSAND YEAR!!!!

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The Outside World

Un Lettre de Rupture

Cher Caltech,
 Je ne peux pas continuer comme ça. J'ai essayé très fort de faire cette relation travailler entre nous, mais ce n'est plus possible. J'espère que tu le vois aussi. Si tu ne comprends pas, permets-moi de l'explique.

Quand je suis avec toi, il semble que tu consommes tous mon temps, toute ma vie ! J'aimais lire les livres ; je les aime encore, mais avec toi, ce n'est plus jamais possible. Je dois compléter mes devoirs et écrire mes essais. C'est pareil en ce qui concerne aller à la plage ou à un concert, ou même simplement jouer les jeux vidéo. Je ne vois pas mes amis autant que je voudrais, et presque tous mes amis sont à Caltech aussi ! J'ai besoin d'un endroit qui ne dévore pas ma vie entière.

De plus, rester avec toi, c'est trop cher. Simple-ment, tu prends beaucoup d'argent. D'abord, tu demandes les frais de scolarité chaque trimestre. Tu veux aussi de l'argent pour la résidence universitaire, et quand je paye, tu prends plus d'argent pour le plan de repas ! La charge pour la résidence universitaire est raisonnable ; mais le

plan de repas et trop cher (vingt-neuf dollars par jour !), et les frais de scolarité sont absurde ! Je ne roule pas sur l'or. Je ne peux pas rester ici. Je vais aller à un lieu où je vais recevoir de l'argent, pas le perdre.

Je vais partir demain. J'espère que vous comprenez. S'il vous plait, n'essayez pas de m'arrêter.
 -Anonyme

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THE MAGIC OF AUSTRALIA

Upside-down perspective. When viewed from an angle, the contrast to a very boring contrast to U.S. Kmart is awful. It's The color scheme at a bies and kangaroos. ing well in the land of walla- right! Yet, Kmart is still do- bankrupt? You would be thinking, "Didn't they go Australia. Perhaps you're Kmart is a hallmark of able to walk upside down. dents are known for being side down and that its resi- firmed that Australia is up- Australian person, con- Frosh Mark Chergheeta, an including platypi. Venerable tionally diverse wildlife, in- is well-known for its excep- the southern hemisphere, glish-speaking country in an En-

THE CRITTER CORNER: ANALYSIS OF THE iPad KID SPECIES

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The Caltech undergraduate population has, despite its small size, a diverse variety of species that make up the techer population. This week we'll embark on an in-depth analysis of a peculiar invasive species of Techer that has emerged in the Caltech ecosystem: the iPad Kid. We will examine the case study of the *Bitchicus Matticus* genus and species.

You may be asking, why are we examining the *B. Matticus*? The *B. Matticus* is the most prolific subspecies of iPad Kid, amassing to what can only be referred to as a cult following.



In order to call upon his followers he shouts "¡Hola Niños!" in a manner that can only be described as Dick Cheney getting kicked in the balls. The *B. Matticus* has exhibited a prolific desire to increase its sphere of influence amongst Techers at the school. An example of this behavior has been presented by researcher Reeya Chenanda (EE '23). The artifact pictured below appears to be a covfefe mug with the face of the *B. Matticus* which other spe-



cies refer to as "based" despite a small portion of the Techer population regarding the mug as "cringe".

Despite its ability to amass a cult following, the *B. Matticus* has a few flaws that have proven to be near fatal and has almost led to the extinction of the iPad Kid species as a whole. One behavior that has resulted in several close calls is the tendency the *B. Matticus* to remain in the middle of Purple Alley watching "good" content on his phone - similar manner as one holds an iPad - leaving the *B. Matticus* vulnerable to NERF gun assaults by the predatory Lloyd frosh. The other observed fatal behavior observed is the tendency to

This will prompt the *R. Kavya* - from which the *B. Matticus* has form a symbiotic relationship - to further contemplate the manner in which she will hunt the *B. Matticus* to extinction.



This has been Critter Corner. Next, time on Critter Corner: the subspecies of Skurves - do they all have a screw loose? I am Jonathan Booker. Until next time.

DABNEY LIES AT A DANGEROUS CROSSROADS

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What do you do when the cure is worse than the disease? Last term, Dabney Hovse was plagued by a series of perturbing terrorist attacks on its sacred bathrooms. A still-unknown individual or group of individuals, known by the general public as the "Toilet Bomber(s)", has on multiple occasions put obscene amounts of toilet paper into toilets in order to clog them. This is an attack on Dabney's peace of mind, her health, and even her treasury due to the fines threatened (EDITOR'S NOTE: COLLECTED) by Caltech Housing.



Like most Darbs, I am an honest, God-fearing man, and I think I speak for the moral majority when I say that these attacks are despicable, unforgivable, and all other such superlatives. I am not some bleeding heart who believes that the perpetrator(s) deserves anything less than the fullest punishment available under the law. At the same time, I cannot in good conscience condone the unprecedented expansion in executive power that these atrocities have been used to justify. President Wexler's proposal to install a combination

of biometric "ass scanners" on Dabney toilets with weight monitors in the bowls to signal a toilet bombing. This is a gross violation of Darbs' civil liberties besides being gross in general, and Wexler's response when pressed by Hovse media that "College students don't have rights" is grossly insufficient.

This is not to mention Prexy Wexy's further proposals to establish a standing armed police force to arrest and punish suspects. I am certainly not against punishment for violators -- I even support capital punishment for such heinous crimes -- but this expansion of Hovse police power is trou-

bling. What is to prevent the president from turning these squads on dissidents to his administration?

This to me is the main issue: accountability. Who shall hold our leaders accountable? Can we go turn to the Caltech administration that cares little for us? Unlikely. No, the resistance must come from the people, the body that makes Caltech great/bearable (or so I have been told).

I will be defecating in front of President Wexler's room on April 13th to protest these disgusting overreaches of power. I encourage other concerned citizens to do the same. (EDITOR'S NOTE: DEFECATING IN PUBLIC PLACES IS A VIOLATION OF THE CALTECH HOUSING POLICY AND IS NOT CONDONED BY THE CALIFORNIA TECH. VIOLATORS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CRC.) Remember that democracy dies in darkness and vote with your sphincters.

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oh god how did i get here i am not good at computer



are you good at computer? join the tech!

*Unless your name is Kenny Thai

THE YAM CONTROVERSY

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November 2021 – I was but a young naïve frosh, getting my dinner from open kitchen. I sighted orange disks of vegetables and was full of hope, sweet potatoes iare some of my favorite foods. However, my hope quickly turned to confusion when the person in front of me ordered “yams” and was served what I had assumed was sweet potatoes. Reluctantly, I ordered the “yams” and bit into them. My confusion doubled when I realized what had been labeled yams were in fact sweet potatoes. Over the course of the next year my confusion grew as CDS repeatedly labeled sweet potatoes yams. I did hours of research and gave a presentation about this topic, as it is very dear to my heart. This year however, I redoubled my hunt for answers and took the problem right to CDS.

I spoke with a representative of CDS, who asked to remain anonymous about this situation. “We actually get fresh yams every week. We have someone whose job it is to fly to Africa or Asia to pick out the best yams and bring them back.”

“That’s actually a decent part of our budget, but we know how important yams are to the Caltech community.”

“Once the yams get here, we move them to a special room and lock them up to be used throughout the week. But when we go back later to use them, they’re always all gone, and nobody knows why”. “The cameras cut out for around 30 minutes and when they turn back on the yams are all gone”.

“So, we go to use the yams but there are none there. But we already put yams on the menu, so what are we to do? We have no choice but to go buy sweet potatoes and hope the students don’t notice.”

I was given a tour of the confidential facility in which they keep the yams, and afterward I came up with a hypothesis. The storage room for the yams was lacking in proper gremlin defenses, there were ramps and elevators, and you could get in and out of the room without taking any right turns. I decided to try to confirm my suspicions by conducting a stakeout the next time they got a shipment of yams.

Monday, after the new shipment of yams got in, I prepared myself. The yams usually disappeared between midnight and 2 AM according to CDS, so at 11 PM I found a nice bush that offered a view of the entrance and waited. For the first hour I saw a couple students walking around campus, but nothing out of the ordinary. Then, at around 12:15 I saw something shiny out of the corner of my eye. It was incredibly alluring, and I confess, I deserted my post to go chase after it. I woke up the next day clutching a shiny new quarter with no recollection of the previous night.

With the first stakeout a failure, I was even more determined the second week, I practiced avoiding getting distracted by shiny things and I was ready.

11:18 I got into location in a new bush with a green jacket to camouflage myself.

11:49 2 students pass by my hiding spot; they do not notice me.

12:23 I see something shiny, how - ever I resist the

temptation and stay in place.

12:56 I hear a rustling across the path and see what looks like 2 large ears sticking out of a bush.

01:01 A creature emerges from the bush and runs to the door. It enters the combo and opens the door.

01:02 Several other creatures emerge from the same bush and follow the first inside.

01:13 The creatures emerge with a cart full of yams. I can hear quiet cackling laughter.

01:14 The creatures all return to the bush they came from with the yams. The night goes still again.

01:45 I emerge from my hiding spot and search the area where the creatures disappeared into. I find nothing.

The stakeout confirmed my suspicions that it was gremlins stealing the yams. It did leave me with a new question though, how did the gremlins know the combination to the yam cellar? And why does CDS keep buying yams even though they predictably go missing every week. CDS claims that they “really want the students to have yams” and that they have been trying to increase security measures, including installing the new locking door the gremlins seemed to know the answer to.

This explanation did not satisfy me, why couldn’t they just hire a guard, or change the combo? I began to suspect something more nefarious was going on. I believe CDS is colluding with the gremlins to let the gremlins steal the fresh yams they get. This would explain why CDS keeps getting yams even though they are being stolen by gremlins and why the gremlins knew the combination to the door.

While this theory does explain some things, it raises the question of why would CDS make this deal, what’s in it for them? Is it possible the CDS workers are being paid by the gremlins? Or maybe the gremlins have threatened to wreak havoc if not given the sacrifice of yams. Or even more unlikely, the CDS workers are gremlins. The world may never know, because I am too much of a coward to investigate more.

up with ingredients, and be prepared to share with hungry classmates. Keep this up and you might end up hosting your own Midnight Madness (and getting sponsored by Red Bull??).

2. Channel your inner iPad kid. As revealed to student leadership by Kevin Gilmarin, Caltech gave tablets to us solely so we could play games in classes. This initiative was meant as a last-ditch effort to boost students’ opinion of admin before the C3 report came out. Swipe away on Candy Crush, splurge on Minecraft, live out your relationship fantasies through Episode, or, if you really run out of shit to do, scroll through F*zz.

3. Do a bit of online research on your professor. No, don’t open up Google Scholar, go for social media instead.

From public apologies to lawsuits to disgruntled tweets, Caltech professors are responsible for a never ending stream of exciting online content.

Who knows, you might even find your prof’s house on Zillow! Worst case, the research skills you develop while inquiring

into your professor’s personal life will help

avorite and can easily be disguised as a (long) bathroom break. Bonus points if you get food as well! A word of advice from the experienced: make sure you actually come back to class. You don’t want to be the idiot breaking into Baxter at midnight to get your backpack.

6. Draw the cool S.

GIFT SHOPS

SHOPAHOLIC | EDITORIAL

I love the little shops they have in museums and places. They’re the best thing in the whole world. Every time I go into a new place I look and see if there are any little shops. Most times my efforts go unrewarded. The disappointment I feel walking to my classes with the knowledge that there is no little shop in Bridge or Linde is immense and uncalculable. Sometimes however, I get to feel the elation of walking into a new building and finding a little shop. Meatman is my favorite building on campus, not because of the free food available until 2 in the morning, but because of the little shop. I love looking at all the tiny little branded merch that’s way overpriced and I would never buy. I get such a rush of joy looking at 20 dollar pens and 30 dollar notebooks that I can’t imagine anyone actually using. I love museums, not because of the art or science inside, which frankly I couldn’t care less about, but because they always have a little shop. I see it on my way in then for my whole visit I just fantasize about the little shop. Maybe they’ll have tiny little prints of the art or 30 dollar tiny soaps that have nothing to do with the content of the museum. And then at last, at the end of my visit my patience is rewarded and I can go look at the little shop. It’s like heaven, they have tiny little trinkets and fun candles and overpriced everything. Sometimes they have little stuffed animals sitting in a tree shaped thing and that’s amazing. Or even better, they’ll have a tray of shiny little rocks I can look at. If someone ever wanted to trap me, they could just set up a fake little shop somewhere and I would walk right in. I could walk into the lounge one day and see a little shop and not question it at all. I would walk right in and immediately be trapped by the giant cage hanging over the door. More buildings need to have little shops. Maybe if all the buildings on campus had little shops I would go to lecture more. Caltech needs more little shops.



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WHAT TO DO DURING YOUR POWER HUM

(#8 WILL SHOCK YOU!)

SOUTH HOUSE MEMBER | ADVICE

Last time I took a power hum, I divided my time nicely between napping and surreptitiously playing League of Legends in the back of the class. When I opened up my schedule for this term, I was saddened to see that my Tuesday nights were occupied once again :(

Just kidding! At Caltech, you have so few opportunities to mess around for 3 hours without feeling guilty about not working. Take advantage of your power hums by trying out some of the ideas on this list.

1. Make a snack. Buy a blender, waffle maker, or even a camping stove, forgo the textbooks and fill your backpack

with those last-minute hum papers.

4. Develop a nicotine addiction. Hide your vape in your sleeve, hit, and blow the smoke out into your shirt. Or, pretend you’ve dropped your Apple Pencil and smoke while you’re “looking” for it on the floor. Not only does sneaky vaping help you develop valuable life skills, such as breath control and deviousness, you can also enjoy fun, fruity flavors such as “Blue Razz Ice” and “Watermelon Cantaloupe Honeydew”. Remember not to vape too much! You could damage your lungs or, worse, get caught by the prof.

5. Leave and go to Red Door. This strategy is a personal fa-

INVESTIGATIONS INTO CRIMES AGAINST THE CALIFORNIA TECH

NORMAN CHUNG | SPECIAL REPORT

Recently, criminal investigations have begun into the individual known as Kenny Thai for crimes against the California Tech. His felonies include the illegal propagation of spam, negligence allowing for unfair representation of all of the Houses in the California Tech, the violation of numerous labor and embezzlement laws, and resisting arrest by fleeing from the area. Here, I aim to keep the general public informed about this dangerous individual as well as garner information which will help lead to his capture.

The first of Thai's crimes involves the illegal propagation of spam through unsanctioned Caltech channels, causing undue stress in the general population. In the most recent elections for Tech Editor, Thai ran a total of 54 times, bringing his total number of runs to 69. Investigators are currently unsure why he would stop here and are proceeding to determine the significance of the number 69 as a whole. Regardless of the number's hidden meanings, Thai's actions are in violation of the Snoogums Containment Act. Under Section 12c of this act, spam is only authorized in a form under sections of the form which are distinctly marked for spam. A working expert on this act provided reasoning for why this particular violation is so appalling:

"[Thai] has recklessly run for editor of The California Tech, otherwise known as the "Tech," 54 times. This brings the total number of times he has run to 69 (the significance of this number is unknown). So you ask "what is the problem with running 54 times?" Well, dear reader, I have the answer. The 54 candidacies require 540 candidate statements, each to be distributed to each of the students, professors and staff of Caltech, [of which there are] about 5,000, and their families for a total of 200,000 issues. This means that in total 1,080,000,000 pages must be printed. If each page is 1 gram, this is 10,800,000 kg of paper or 108,000 metric tons of paper. The city of Pasadena emits 1.9 million metric tons of CO₂ per year (Pasadena Star News). This means that [Thai]'s little "joke" will comprise over 10% of the total CO₂ emissions of the city of Pasadena from the inevitable decomposition of paper, not to mention the carbon dioxide emitted from the transportation and manufacture of the Techs. [Thai] has without a doubt violated multiple local statutes, and possibly the 2015 Paris Climate accords. He should be investigated, and above all de-rotated."

For more information, see the following: <https://www.pasadenastarnews.com/2018/01/07/pasadena-wants-to-cut-its-greenhouse-gas-emissions-by-83-percent-find-out-how/>

He, as the ringleader of the invaders of the ASCIT nominations form, egregiously violated this act in that his spam was located in the primary parts of the form (which I will note had no designated spam section to

begin with, but that is another issue which is not discussed today). Such actions would have been permissible had his spam been contained to the write-in portions of the elections ballot (Ordinance of Unwillful Enfranchisement, Section 3), but alas, this was not the case for Thai's actions. We SUSpect that managing to win one election for the Tech Editor position emboldened him to abuse his power, but this is a conclusion we cannot confirm until a psychiatric evaluation is made following his capture. His conspirators are guilty of violating these laws as well, but as the ringleader of his crew of impostors, he is by far the most dangerous individual of the group.

Thai has also taken the California Tech, a publication meant to represent all of the Houses, and allowed Dabney House to establish its dominance over it in a "corrupt bargain" of sorts. Under Article VI of the All Houses Get Hazed Act, the express purpose of the California Tech is to be a publication equally representative of and impartial to all of the Houses. Moreover, the Meme Anti-Trust Law prevents any one House from exerting monopolistic control over any publication delivered to the population at-large - an extension of the freedom of speech granted to all individuals. Finally, the Propagandistic Distribution Law establishes a quota for the Tech, mandating the creation and collection of articles either made by individuals throughout the Houses or cover subjects relevant to the student body. Thai has failed on all of these accounts. By abusing his power and working with a House that has everything to gain in a position of power, Thai has destroyed the equal representation of the Houses within the California Tech and has allowed Dabney House to "T-pose" over all of the other Houses with monopolistic control over the California Tech, if you will. The thing Thai gains from all of this is content which would normally and legally be collected by him from students of all backgrounds. In gross abuses of power and self-serving nefariousness, Thai has exercised illegal control over the California Tech for personal motives using uncondoned methods of generating content for the publication. Such an individual cannot be allowed to run free under current legal jurisdictions.

Even disregarding the fact that Thai has over-relied on Dabney House for his personal gain, the circumstances under which Darbs had to work to create content for the California Tech violates multiple labor and tax laws. Inside sources say that though the California Tech has generated revenue from its (declining) viewership, the SUSpect has withheld all wages from the Dabney workers, forcing them to create more and more content in a never-ending cycle of pain. It is currently unknown where, exactly, this revenue is going - leading theories are that the money is being reinvested into the baked bean industry for Thai's personal gain, since Thai is known to have had connections with said industry in the past. Moreover, inside sources have also conjectured that Thai is employing minors to illegally write for the California Tech, violating multiple

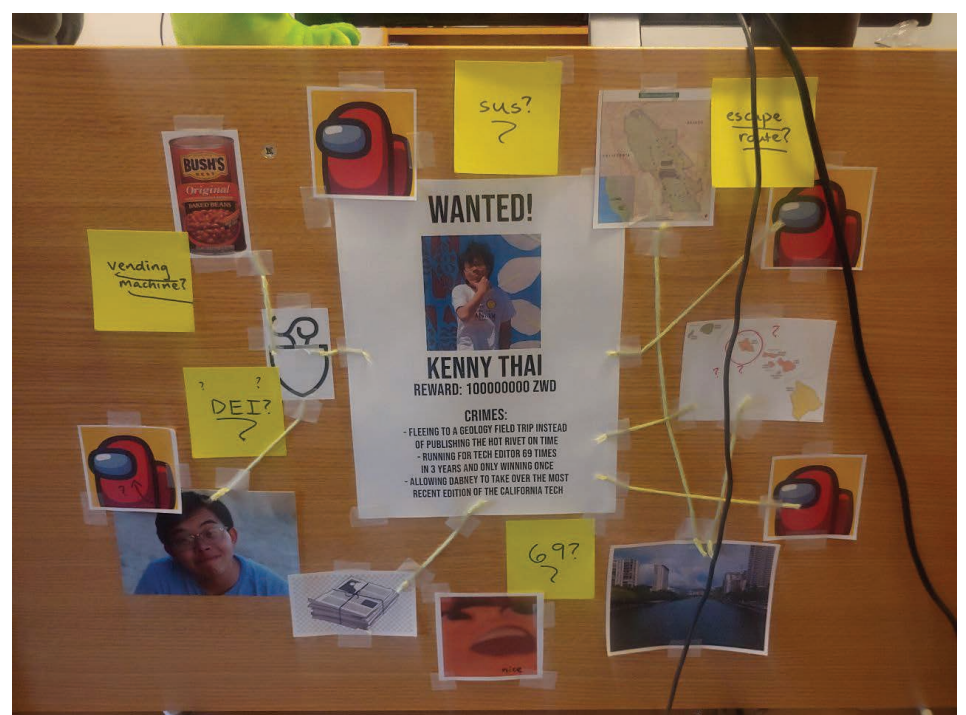
child labor laws in the process. On their own, unpaid labor, child labor, and embezzlement of revenue are serious enough crimes. However, much like two imposters are much more effective than one in the hit mobile game "Among Us," the combination of these crimes exacerbates the negative consequences of all three crimes. A figure as cunning as Thai must be stopped before he causes more harm (physical and psychic) to the people he has taken advantage of in the name of the California Tech.

The cherry on top of these crimes is that Thai is well aware of the illegality of his actions. In an attempt to escape the consequences of his actions, Thai has chosen to flee the area, unsurprisingly violating the Editor Accountability Act. Thai is known to be well-versed on rivers, being a geologist - experts SUSpect that this is the most likely means of escape which would have been taken by Thai. Thai was last seen heading westwards of campus under the guise of performing geology field work. Such a guise provided the perfect opportunity to amass the necessary equipment needed to go on the run without arousing too much SUSpicion. Thai is wanted in multiple states and has successfully made use of rivers to escape capture in the past. Analysis of the Californian geography suggests that Thai is currently beelining towards Death Valley in an attempt to use that river system as an escape route. However, investigators of crimes against school newspapers were able to think ahead, drying out any water in the area some 10,000 years before Thai's escape attempt. With limited resources and the pressure of having authorities pursue him into Death Valley, Thai is expected to make a return to campus, where the police will be waiting with open arms to capture this dangerous and elusive individual.

In the meantime, information which may help lead to the demise

of Thai's corrupt practices is currently being collected. Authorities have already pieced together portions of Thai's past using the small bits of information provided to them. Thai has not been known to work alone - reports suggest that Thai prefers to work with individuals that seem to wear hazmat suits with no arm holes and a single visor meant to mask the identities of those committing crimes with Thai. His crew of SUS imposters (or amogi), if you will. (For all we know, Thai himself may also own a hazmat suit with no leg holes and a visor.) Furthermore, as mentioned before, Thai has links to both Dabney House and the baked bean industry. Thai seems to have somehow known that various members of Dabney House would desperately leap at any opportunity to earn wages by writing for a medium as creatively liberating as the Tech, but it is unclear how he was able to gather enough information to come to that conclusion. It is also unclear why Thai might choose to reinvest his embezzled revenue in the baked bean industry of all industries - perhaps, as a cunning individual, he noted its growth potential while building connections with the industry. It may also be the industry that provided him with the initial capital necessary to begin his empire over the California Tech.

If you or anyone you know has any information which may lead to Thai's capture, please report it to Dabney Esquire and Investigators, an agency dedicated to the apprehension of this malicious individual. The agency can be contacted through an anonymous phone line at 420-420-6969 or over email at dei@sussy.com. Various resources are also provided on the Dabney Esquire and Investigators website to help individuals cope with the psychic damage dealt by Thai's actions. Together, we can work towards capturing Kenny Thai and fixing the destruction wrought by his actions. Thank you for reading.



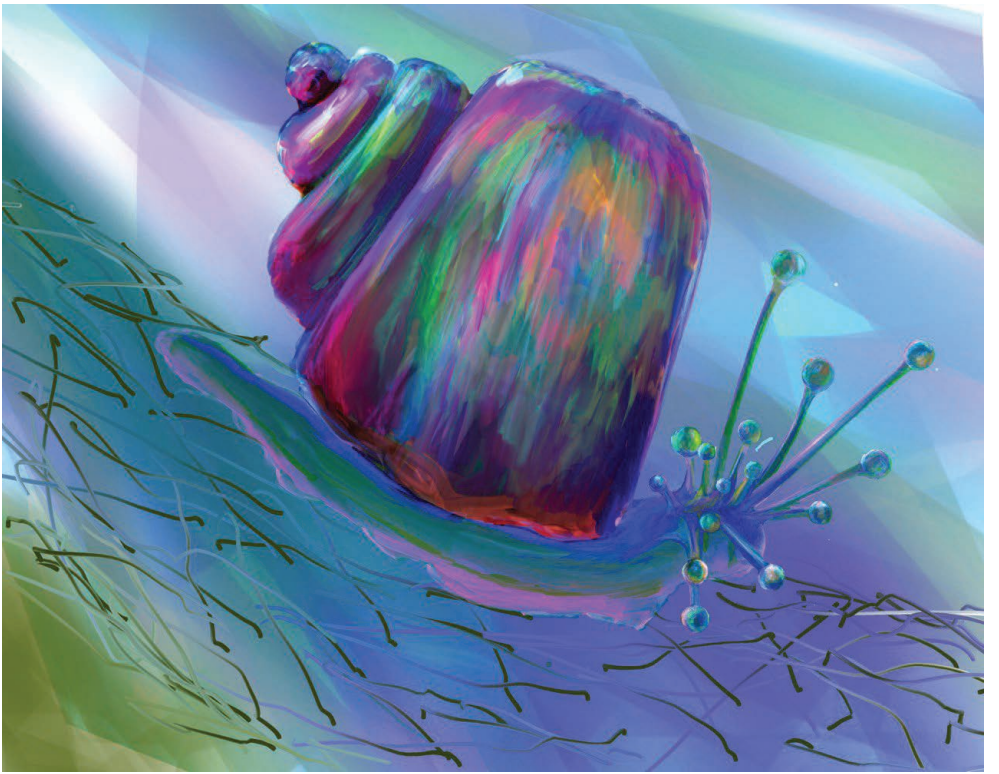
A collection of potential leads for finding Thai's whereabouts

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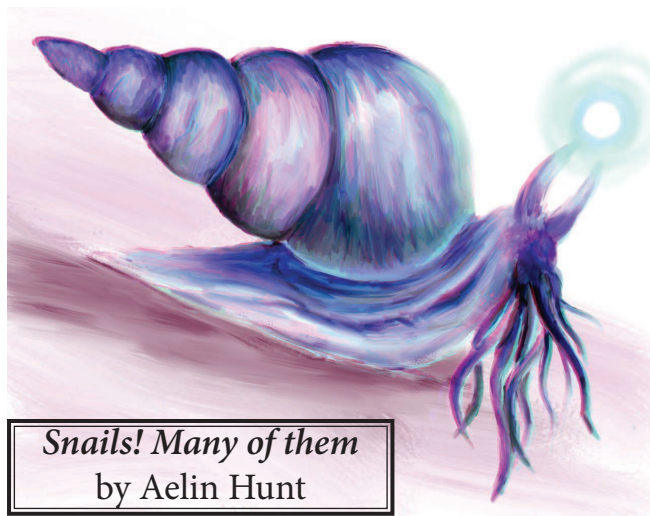
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WHO WILL SONIC END UP WITH IN THE NEXT MOVIE?

SNOOGUMS FINALIST II | CULTURE

In the leadup to the third feature film in the Sonic the Hedgehog cinematic universe, the Sonic fandom eagerly awaits the answer to one of gaming's most prominent questions: who will be Sonic's relationship partner? Today, we attempt to answer this question by examining ships between Sonic and every prominently featured character in the films *Sonic the Hedgehog* and *Sonic the Hedgehog 2*. Sorry comic book fans, we will not be examining the characters exclusive to comic book specials by IBW publishing.

Longclaw

While we cannot rule out that Sonic had an Oedipus complex that would lead him to feel attraction to his childhood maternal figure, getting Longclaw to move from a maternal relationship with Sonic to a romantic one is not the largest obstacle preventing this ship from coming into canon, and neither is the rather extreme species and size discrepancy. According to the prequel comic to the second film, Longclaw is dead. As the Sonic films up to this point have been rated PG, adding necrophilia as a prominent factor in the relationship in addition to the aforementioned factors would likely force a higher rating, leading us to rule this one out.

Tom Wachowski

The subject of the largest number of Sonic-related ships within AO3's Sonic the Hedgehog (2020) category and the subject of Sonic's longing during his time living in secrecy after first arriving at Green Hills, Tom was able to mitigate Sonic's greatest problem in his life, his loneliness. While this would be a prime candidate for a friends to lovers dynamic as they continue to grow close after their countless adventures and fishing trips together, the issue of marital infidelity would become more problematic, as Tom choosing Sonic over his wife Maddie would leave Sonic in a broken home, with Sonic himself being the cause of the rift, a great tragedy that we do not foresee being included in the films.

Maddie Wachowski

This ship faces similar problems as Sonic x Tom, in that the advancement of the ship would negatively impact the Wachowski household as a whole, leading me to rule this out for the same reasons listed above.

Tom Wachowski + Maddie Wachowski

This ship, however, avoids the problem of breaking up the Wachowski household, creating a far more stable intergenerational found family of lovers dynamic completely divorced from the incest implications the dynamic can have in other media. This is arguably the most conventional and family-friendly of the Sonic x Human ships, making it fairly safe to depict on screen.

Ozzie Wachowski

The compatibility in this relationship is obvious; affection between the Wachowski family's dog and Sonic is frequent and often physical, but unfortunately, there are signif-

icant issues with consent that act as obstacles in depicting relationships between non-human real world animals on screen that will likely prevent this ship from coming to fruition on the big screen.

Dr. Robotnik

While Sonic was the primary object of Robotnik's desire during the course of the first film, Robotnik has unfortunately moved on towards pursuing the Master Emerald and dispassionately casting aside anything that does not advance him towards this goal. While there may still be hope that Sonic can be the one to get him to take his mind off his goals momentarily to pursue a passionate romantic affair on the side just as Amy was able to romance Sheldon Cooper in *The Big Bang Theory*, the chances of Sonic filling this role over Agent Stone, the subject of AO3's most popular ship in the cinematic universe by far, are rather slim, unfortunately.

Agent Stone

While Sonic and Stone have had minor interactions over the course of the films, their attention during these instances was primarily directed towards Robotnik, not exactly conducive to developing a romantic connection. As Stone continues to devote his live towards serving Robotnik and Sonic continues to oppose his schemes for world domination, they are likely to spend a fair amount of time together, but them spending this time meaningfully interacting on a personal level will likely hinge on whether their relations with Robotnik remain as they are or if the status quo changes, turning them from enemies to allies to lovers.

Rachel

Rachel's first impression of Sonic was overwhelmingly negative, with her having to be physically restrained to prevent her from exercising the full extent of her wrath on Sonic. After crashing her wedding and ruining the most important day of her life, by turning it into a military operation, Sonic is arguably her greatest enemy with a personal vendetta against him arguably greater than anyone else in the main cast. Them to put aside their past grievances with each other to become romantic partners seems unlikely at this point.

Jojo

This ship forces us to ask an uncomfortable question: is Sonic minor-coded? And if so, is even considering ships between Sonic and adult humans problematic? Additionally, Sonic being considered minor-coded may still leave the relationship with a significant relative age gap due to the difference in species aging and power dynamic due to Sonic's superior physical abilities. And how would Sonic and Jojo's relative aging impact a potential age gap as time passes? It's probably best that this ship is never addressed.

Wade Whipple

Despite being one of Sonic's many subjects of observation before meeting the Wachowskis, Sonic did not express any feelings of longing for Wade like he did with other humans.



With a cast as large as *Sonic the Hedgehog's*, Sonic has no shortage of potential romantic partners.

Wade as a character is for the most part defined by his incompetence. His involvement in the plots of both films are purely by accident and circumstance. He would likely feel in over his head during any of Sonic's endeavors to save the world and would likely work towards reducing Sonic's ambitions if he was in a relationship with Sonic, working against the film industry's push towards grander and more exciting adventures, making this pairing unlikely to be made official.

Randall Handel

Randall x Sonic would be a rather problematic ship to include from a plot perspective, as up to this point, Randall's character is defined solely by his relationships with both Rachel and G.U.N., both enemies of Sonic to varying degrees, which would make a relationship between the two something that Sonic would likely rather avoid to maintain a comfortable distance from his enemies. If Randall was to approach Sonic unprompted seeking a relationship, Sonic would likely suspect that it was another G.U.N. ploy to capture him in the same vein as Operation: Catfish. However, if a relationship was to emerge between the two as fugitives on the run from two common enemies, there remains great potential that will likely remain untapped by any official works.

Commander Walters

Commander Walters of G.U.N. objectifies Sonic more than anyone else in the film series. After all, capturing Sonic has been his primary mission ever since the US government became aware of his existence. Unlike Dr. Robotnik, however, his interactions with Sonic are minimal, leading him to continue to treat Sonic as nothing more than an object. If this dynamic is explored, it will likely be a result of Sonic being captured and interrogated. While to advance the plot, Sonic will likely end up escaping from G.U.N. custody rather quickly, this doesn't mean that Sonic won't enjoy his time being objectified by a powerful man in uniform~.

Miles "Tails" Prower

We again return to the question of whether or not the members of our otherworldly animal cast are minor-coded. Of the four confirmed to be on Earth, Tails is depicted as the least mature, with his most prom-

inent goal in life being supporting Sonic in his endeavors. While this does create a relationship dynamic similar to Robotnik and Stone, the looming interpretation of the obedient follower being an immature and vulnerable child (or even that the Sonic is also an immature child) creates some issues when trying to put this ship in practice.

Knuckles the Echidna

The Sonic x Knuckles ship appears to fit the platonic ideal of a relationship as depicted in the defining work of our generation, *MIT x Caltech*. Sonic, much like MIT, is a bad boy with a reputation to maintain, and is confronted for the first time with a rival that equals him in ability for the first time. The early days of their rivalry reaches a climax as Sonic makes the most romantic of impressions on Knuckles after saving him from drowning, an act Knuckles takes as an attack in his hour of sorrow. If this isn't the setup for passionate love, I don't know what is.

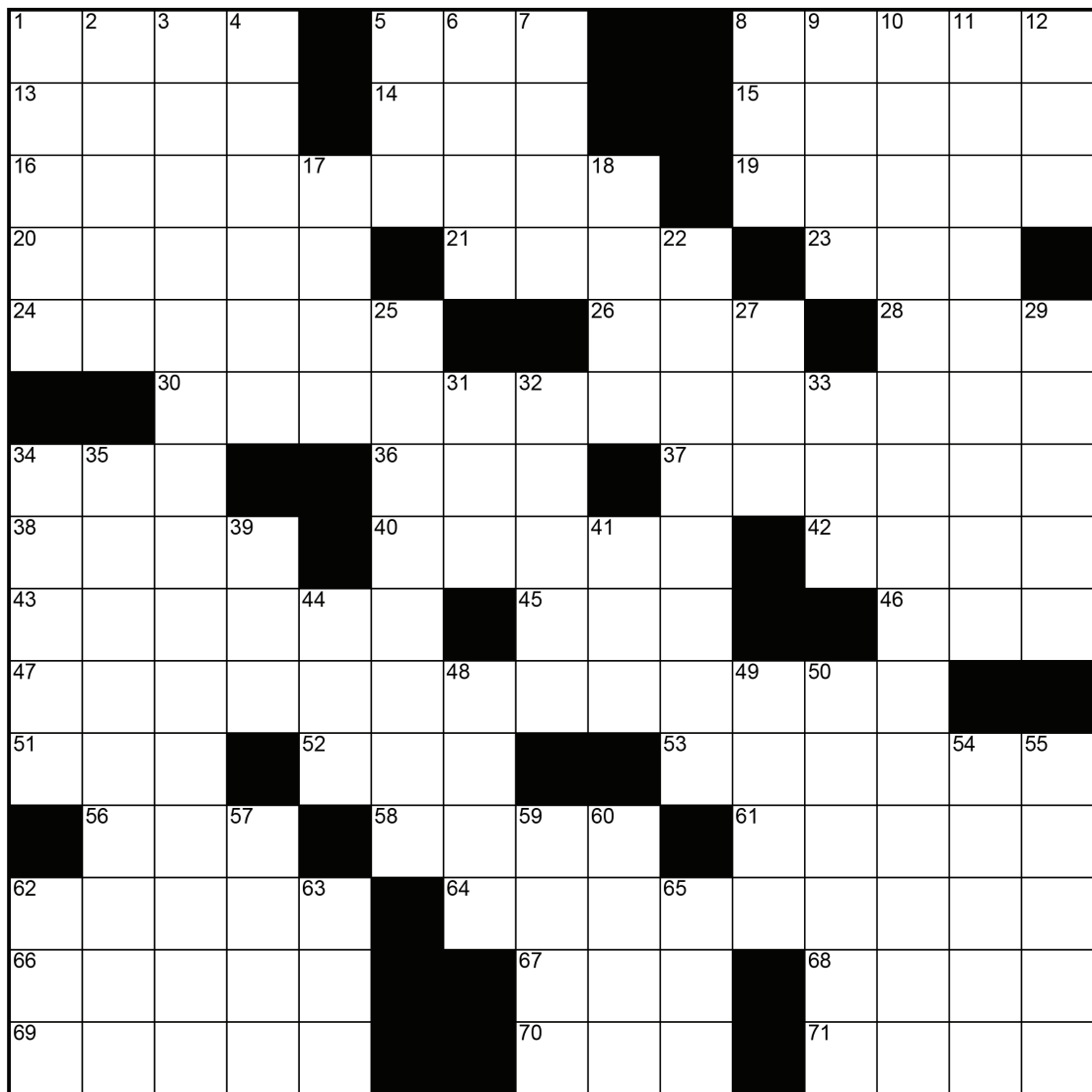
However, Sonic x Knuckles has no chance of lasting long-term. It lacks the all-important X factor present in every interaction, intensifying the bad boy's attraction and desire for his partner. The big dealbreaker in this relationship are Knuckles' eyes - they're purple, so unprovocative, unmysterious, and unmaroon. Not representative of the desire Sonic wants reflected back at him. While we have been shown that Knuckles is more than capable of turning into a maroon orb by curling into a ball, this state of being is temporary, and as the last of the echidnas, he will only remain a single maroon orb.

While this distinction would make him the most attractive member of the main cast to Sonic in its current state as no one else embodies "maroon orb" like Knuckles can, that will change in the next movie, where Sonic will finally meet someone that will fulfill his unquenchable thirst for maroon orbs.

Shadow the Hedgehog

Once Shadow emerges from stasis to reveal his funky fresh maroon orbs, glistening with desire and mystery, marvelous and marble-like, looking at him with a mix of curiosity, bliss, and desire, Sonic will not be able to look at other romantic partners in the same way ever again. There's no doubt about it; Sonic will end up with Shadow by the end of the next movie.

THE CALIFORNIA TECH CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Spanish fact
- 5 A Darbs favorite 3 letters
- 8 Great muslim leader
- 13 What you might call a Caltech prank in Spanish
- 14 Exp. reproduction method
- 15 The best way to see Caltech is from _____
- 16 CS prof's favorite piece of paper
- 19 Thick or stupid
- 20 Mortise's partner
- 21 What a catgirl might say
- 23 Small potato or child
- 24 Like operating or storm
- 26 Mens ____ (latin)
- 28 Grad overseers of Residences
- 30 Chem prof adventuring with a buddy
- 34 Swerving Crime abbr.
- 36 Tiny fellow with a green diamond hat
- 37 Star Trek engineer
- 38 Enter
- 40 Common theme
- 42 Titular character of 2022 movie with a crocodile
- 43 Tectonic shake
- 45 US well being organization
- 46 Bad prefix
- 47 Inquisitive EE prof
- 51 Human leukocyte antigen abbr.
- 52 Small measurement spoon
- 53 Very large number
- 56 "Who am ___ trust" (2 words)
- 58 Slang for our institute
- 61 Trunk, but not of a tree
- 62 Abnormal
- 64 Musical [math prof] instruments
- 66 Sicilia and Sardegna
- 67 Microsoft video file format
- 68 Two residents of Moore subbasement
- 69 Veruca Salt - "I want _____"

- 70 Southernmost host of the next World Cup, abbr.
 - 71 Stars early in their evolutionary sequence
- DOWN**
- 1 Money owed
 - 2 Like heaven or hell
 - 3 Translating alphabetically
 - 4 Something of interest
 - 5 Like guacamole or salsa
 - 6 Titular character from a dear 2021 musical film
 - 7 Pop singer Pop
 - 8 Comic magazine
 - 9 A wager
 - 10 What universities give to famous people
 - 11 Comically evil
 - 12 Citizen: suffix
 - 17 Had learned
 - 18 Make money
 - 22 Speedy protein
 - 25 Be suspicious of
 - 27 Part of a deck
 - 29 Can be blue
 - 31 Honorific
 - 32 Us
 - 33 Humorous abbr.
 - 34 Tomorrow's day
 - 35 Most unmanageable
 - 39 German grandmother
 - 41 Edible number
 - 44 Zelda game abbr.
 - 48 Design deets
 - 49 Indian flatbread
 - 50 Foolish black footed bird
 - 54 Of bones
 - 55 Has the highest score in golf
 - 57 Flat plinth
 - 59 Marine bivalve
 - 60 To own
 - 62 Fit game console
 - 63 Code red on a mountain
 - 65 One of the South Hovses abbr.

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Consider a missile which knows where it isn't at all times, i.e. $\vec{x}(t) \neq \text{isn't}(t)$. The missile's guidance subsystem is capable of generating corrective commands to drive the missile from the position where it is, $\vec{x}(t) = \vec{is}(t)$, to the position where it isn't, $\text{isn't}(t)$. The net force applied from the correction is proportional to the deviation $\vec{\Delta}(t) = \text{isn't}(t + dt) - \vec{is}(t)$, where $\frac{1}{dt}$ is the clock speed of the missile guidance computer.

QUESTION 1. Show that in the ideal case, $\lim_{dt \rightarrow 0} |\text{isn't}(t + dt) - \vec{is}(t + dt)| = 0$.

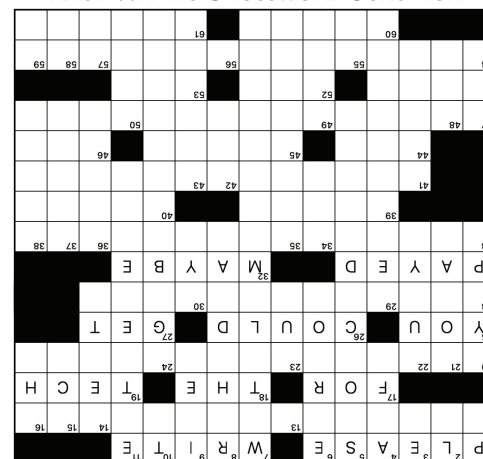
Use induction to prove that if $\vec{is}(0)$ is known, then the missile can know where it is at all times.

QUESTION 2. Realistically, with a finite clock speed, the system will accrue a variation σ over time between where the missile is and where it wasn't, meaning that the missile is now unsure just where it is. Express σ in terms of where the missile should be, where it wasn't, and where it was.

QUESTION 3. Find the maximum dt such that $\sigma/|\vec{x}| < 0.1\%$. State your assumptions.

QUESTION 4. Find the minimum possible value for $\sigma/|\vec{x}|$ given the temperature of the hot rivet is 5000 K.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTION



BONUS QUESTION

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FIZZ ASSERTS CONTROL

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Surely, Fizz co-founders and Stanford dropouts Teddy Solomon and Ashton Cofer (and their investors of over \$12 million total to date) must have seen how quickly YikYak, another anonymous location-specific platform, turned into a cesspool of hate speech and incitements to violence, causing it to be shut down in 2017. (If only Facebook were that responsible. Actually, scratch that, apparently YikYak came back online in 2021.) Then again, maybe Solomon and Cofer's goal was to create an app with content so vile and attention-grabbing that no one could help but continue to engage with it forever and ever. After all, TechCrunch's article did introduce Solomon as "the next Mark Zuckerberg."

It's a fitting comparison, especially in light of Fizz's apparent affinity for the legal nuclear option when it comes to covering up any responsibility for the shortcomings of their platform. In late 2021, Fizz threatened (to use a technical term) to sue the pants off of three fellow Stanford students after they (the students) discovered a major vulnerability in Fizz's database. This vulnerability compromised personally identifying information about any user behind any post, since the database did not store posts anonymously.

Fizz did not notify its users of the fact that this vulnerability was discovered, and it's not clear if they've completely fixed it. Having worked at early-stage startup companies before, this looks to me like a classic case of code-now-think-later. This is very cool and good, since this app aims to have the emails, phone numbers, and sensitive info of students at >1,000 institutions by the end of 2023.

"But Guutz," I hear you saying, "TikTok already gives away my location, IP address, search history, contact information, private messages, personal interests, device identifiers, sleep habits, shameful secrets, psychological profile, political affiliation, medical information, and desires to purchase a new hat to the Chinese government. How much more data could Fizz possibly take from

me?" To which I am forced to cede my point. But there's more at stake here than the secret of how many hours of lesbian thirst-traps you watch per day.

To be fair, Fizz does have some redeeming features that might help prevent it from going the way of YikYak. Particularly, Caltech's Fizz feed is moderated only by Caltech students, and a valid caltech.edu email address is required to make an account.

Both of those features have their shortcomings though. For starters, by paying Caltech students to do the dirty work for them, Fizz's business model literally becomes convincing broke college kids to sell their souls out to a toxic social app. (And from what some of Caltech's moderators told me, it didn't take much convincing.) Students at other universities that have been invaded by Fizz have had very similar experiences as well.

More practically, since Caltech students are canonically incredibly busy, a lot of problematic content tends to slip under the radar. A few weeks ago, one of my close friends opened Fizz one day, and was presented with at least 5 (five) posts spreading false rumors and mean-spirited jokes about them. They immediately reported these posts, which obviously violated Fizz's community guidelines, but they remained up for at least 12 hours before the moderators took action.

Another concern that has been raised is related to the only signup requirements for Fizz being a caltech.edu email. Particularly, the incoming class of 2026 will be receiving their access. caltech credentials soon, giving the pre-frosh access to Fizz months before rotation begins. Needless to say, Fizz does not and cannot enforce Caltech's rotation rules. I would say that the Honor Code is the most viable solution to this, but then again, the Fizz user base shows very consistent disregard for honor under anonymity. This might warrant further conversation.

Finally, given that I am an Astrophysics major, I should note that I have no conflicts of interest to declare. In fact, despite of the similarity in pronunciation to "Fizz-ics", these are two completely unrelated fields of study. It's called a homophone. Look it up.

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BANANA 99

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Ah, bananas, the fruit that comes in its own convenient packaging. It's nature's way of saying, "Here, have a snack on the go." But have you ever stopped to think about the humble banana and all the things it can do? It's not just a fruit, it's a multitasking wonder.

For starters, bananas are an excellent source of potassium, which is crucial for healthy nerve and muscle function. They're also a great source of fiber, vitamin C, and vitamin B6. And if you're feeling down, a banana can help boost your mood thanks to its high levels of tryptophan, which gets converted into serotonin, the feel-good hormone.

But let's get back to the real reason we're here - Banana 99. What is it? Is it a truth or a dare? Well, it's both. Banana 99 is not for the faint of heart. It's like someone took a banana, liquefied it, and then added a shot of gasoline for good measure. But despite its questionable flavor, it's gained a bit of a cult following. Some people swear by it, saying that it has the perfect mouthfeel for a night out with friends. Others say it's a one-way ticket to a splitting headache and terrible breath.

Regardless of your opinion on Banana 99, there's no denying that it's an experience that's hard to forget. Just one whiff of that stuff, and you'll be peeling out of your mind. And if you happen to find yourself on the receiving end of a dare involving Banana 99, you'd better be prepared for anything. It's like a game of Russian roulette, except instead of bullets, you're spinning 99 Bananas.

One thing we should clarify, however, is that Banana 99 is not responsible for any stolen couches in trees. Yes, you read that right. Apparently, there's a phenomenon where people steal couches and then hoist them up into trees for no apparent reason. And for some reason, Banana 99 has been linked to this bizarre trend.

Let's be clear - there is no evidence to suggest that Banana 99 causes people to steal couches and put them in trees. Sure, it's strong, but it's not mind-altering to that extent. So if you happen to come across a couch in a tree, don't blame the Banana 99. Blame the person who put it there.

All in all, bananas and Banana 99 are two things that are sure to leave an impression. Whether you're snacking on a banana as a healthy treat or downing a load of Banana 99 with your friends, one thing is for sure - you won't forget your experience anytime soon.



Fig. 1: Right after "no more Banana 99", right before couch in tree. (Yellow homunculus is screaming "I love Bowser!!!! He's so sexy!!!!")