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### WORLD BRIEFS

#### E-mail Lost For 24 Milliseconds Reappears, Reunites Old Friends

Thought to have irretrievably vanished, a long-lost e-mail message emerged from the ether after an interminable 96 thousand cycles and was delivered to Linda Brown Cervantes, rekindling an old correspondence with sender Terri Tackaberry Ewin.

#### ReSurFacebook IPO

Riding a wave of success over the recent USDHS 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, the team of Zorn & Schanberger have announced an IPO for their joint venture, ReSurFacebook. The website provides reunion services (contact searches, event planning, collection agent and bail bonds) once each decade. The first client is rumored to be long-time Uni rival, Saint Augustine High.

#### Ewin To Host Oscars

After his acclaimed appearance as emcee of the widely-viewed UNI '72 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Lee Ewin has been tapped to host the 2014 Academy Awards. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has been searching for a popular host replacement since Billy Crystal last appeared. Said AMPAS president Mary Jo Campbell Lau, 'Ewin should be the perfect replacement for Billy, he's almost as tall and his jokes are just as bad!'

#### Mars Rover 'Curiosity' On Errant Mission

Larry Boggeln, Project Director of the Mars rover Curiosity, admitted today that the exploratory vehicle had touched down just a bit off its planned course. After three months of sending stunningly detailed images of a vast, barren wasteland in its unsuccessful search for intelligent life, it was discovered that the lander had not settled near

### APPLE INTRODUCES NEW iBRO

Apple CEO Veronica Valdisera Meyers today introduced the iBro2, the long-awaited upgrade to its popular tablet computer. Internally code-named 'iMplant' for the manner in which it is attached to users, the miniaturized iBro taps directly into the user's central nervous system, giving the device clairvoyant-like properties. The iBro2 is equipped with Eerie, the descendent of the anthropomorphic assistant Siri. Eerie gathers data from the user's unconscious thought processes and, akin to the Genius functions in the companion product iTunes, sends subliminal messages through the nervous system designed to satisfy the user's personal tastes in entertainment, dining and travel.



During the last economic downturn, Apple was seized and placed under federal control, drained of cash resources and renamed ObamApple. Under the direction of government regulators, the iBro was given a ground-up technology refresh "to better meet public needs". Chief among those improvements is an upgraded operating system dubbed 'Orwell'. At first a voluntary purchase by consumers, the Affordable Care Act now requires each person to undergo the iBro implant at birth in compliance with the recent Supreme Court decision which determined that the government could compel such a purchase, justified by federally-sponsored studies which concluded that 'everyone needs one'.

This ultimate marriage of the digital and biological network has rendered the need for federal programs such as TARP unnecessary, as the administration can now simply redirect consumer behavior to target particular products, investments or political candidates. A minority of vocal opponents cynically point out that it has given the term 'Federal Stimulus' an entirely new meaning.

Continuing its long-standing policy of corporate secrecy about new product releases, ObamApple Chief of Product Development Steve Meyers is silent on the rumors of a 'BigBro'.

its intended site, but had in fact touched down in Sacramento. Embarrassed mission controllers also have belatedly confessed that the Mars vehicle has apparently been stripped.

pension obligations which have finally exceeded all forms of revenue, adopted their own local income taxes averaging this past year at 12%. Apparently, no one is doing the math.

scientists, however, was the appearance of the Twilight novels during the first week.

#### IRS Needs Calculator



The Buffett Rule, introduced in 2012 as an election-year ploy, has during the last twenty years become a popular IRS revenue stream.

While once billed as a tax on millionaires at 30%, the tax rate has since been raised to 61%, while the minimum income has also been dropped to \$10,000, meaning that even those once classified as 'poverty level' now retain just over a third of their income.

Not to be outdone, within a year of the passage of the Buffett Rule, California instituted its own version in what rapidly became called the 'Moonbeam' tax, which is now at 37%. As businesses continue to flee the Golden State and reduce its tax base, individual cities, faced with

#### World's Smallest Tsunami Strikes Fiesta Island, No One Notices

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#### A Million Monkeys

Testing the old adage that a million monkeys at a million typewriters would eventually turn out the works of Shakespeare, scientists at IBM programmed 1024 installations of the supercomputer Watson to simulate just such a scenario. Lead researchers Dennis Wickham and Terri Ewin reveal the conclusion of the test showed that the first sonnet would appear after approximately 426 thousand years, meaning that normal evolutionary processes would overtake the test and further demonstrated that Shakespearean literature, even for intellectual and self-aware beings, is intricate and masterful. A great surprise to the

#### Where Are They Now? A look at once-famous faces

**Dave Lau**, famed paparazzi of the rich and famous, last seen on quest to photograph the rare and elusive California Conservative.

**Jon Prsha**, former head of Solyndra, receives a \$6 billion federal grant for patent of 'green' electrons, retires to Monaco.

**Larry Mulvaney**, recently released from house arrest at his Bel Air mansion after fixing the California State Lottery.

**Mike Ripley**, invents eBuy-the-Bay, a website intended to market bankrupt California cities. Starting with Mammoth Lakes, Stockton and San Bernardino, the site eventually included San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland, but recently folded after failing to attract any bidders.

#### This Day In The Future

**April 1, 2015:** San Diego's last remaining civic employee retires, bankrupts pension system.

**August 4, 2020:** First-ever Jamaican Olympic Water Polo team misreads rulebook, four ponies drowned.

**June 22, 2051:** YouTube acquires California Assembly, draws no viewers, closes government. Subscribers rejoice.

**Commentary Ad Nauseam** will return next week. *Pete Girard* is on vacation.

