

TGF and Hall Fellow

Nate Pallo

Please avoid saying anything too inappropriate during the feed on Saturday, as the hall fellow (HF) and his family will be in attendance. If you have any questions as to what is an inappropriate comment, Adam's Crossword can be used as a mid-level to upper bound on what not to say.

MIT Concert Band

Sebastian Denault

The MIT Concert Band, featuring our very own Simone Agha on flute, held it's annual fall Concert on Sunday afternoon. The hall filled with a regal swell of beautiful music as the band displayed their versatility, playing such diverse pieces as "Variations On a Korean Folk Song," to "Suite of Old American Dances," which surely would have led to spontaneous dancing had there been a dance floor. My personal favorite, "Fugue and La Gigue," is an adaptation of Bach's Organ Fugue in G Major; the band format complements the timeless majesty of Bach, and this was a real treat for me, as I'm a big fan of organ music. The finale, "Noisy Wheels of Joy," grabs the listener and takes them headlong through a cycle of emotions, providing the perfect conclusion for the evening. I would highly recommend attending one of the Concert Band's performances if the opportunity presents itself.

Word of the Week

Nate Pallo

blithesome: gay, merry

Andrew considers the practice of mathematics to be rather *blithesome*, and enjoys it so.

Boydcraft

Boyd

Starcraft on Athena has been modified so that all athena account members can play. To play, type:

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athena% add slugfest
athena% starcraft-full
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(or just "starcraft" for windowed mode)

Taco Bell Arsonist Caught!

Staff

After the recent string of Taco Bell arsons, police have finally made an arrest. The main suspect, Dick Valentine, has made an official confession and is currently awaiting trial. The Weekly Awesome was able to secure an interview with the madman, in which he also admitted to starting the great Disco Inferno of 1976. Here's the interview:

Weekly Awesome: Where were you born?

Dick Valentine: Don't you want to know how I keep starting fires?

WA: Umm, I guess. How do you keep starting fires?

DV: It's my desire. It's my desire!

WA: OK . . . What about—

DV: Fire in the disco! Fire in the Taco Bell!

WA: Is it true that you're responsible for setting the fire in the disco that claimed 257 lives?

DV: Fire in the disco! Fire in the gates of hell!

WA: Funny you should mention hell, as attorneys are currently pushing to sentence you to death. Looks like you're heading for the electric chair.

DV: Danger, danger! High voltage!

Bemix

Boyd

Apparently some members on hall haven't heard of Bemix. Bemix is the sound system in Bemis bathroom, controlled by hidden sensors in the wall.

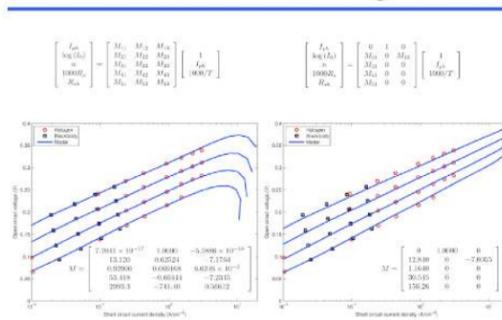
It might have an awesome Web 2.0 Ajax interface at <http://bemix.mit.edu/>. But probably not. Use the regular hall username and password.

Bemix has recently been made significantly more robust – I will offer a prize to the first person to point out any downtime.

Alumni Corner

Guest Author: Nate Pallo

Parameter Fitting



Walker Chan's GPC

Staff

Regular contributor Walker R. Chan, LEES and MIT Lincoln Lab researcher and Cannytrophic Design receptionist, will be spending this week touring the continent. Starting in Palm Springs, California, WR will be presenting Modeling InGaAsSb TPV cells for portable power generation at TPV8. After presenting a deluge of information to fellow researchers, he will continue his misadventures until he finds his way back to the States sometime in December.



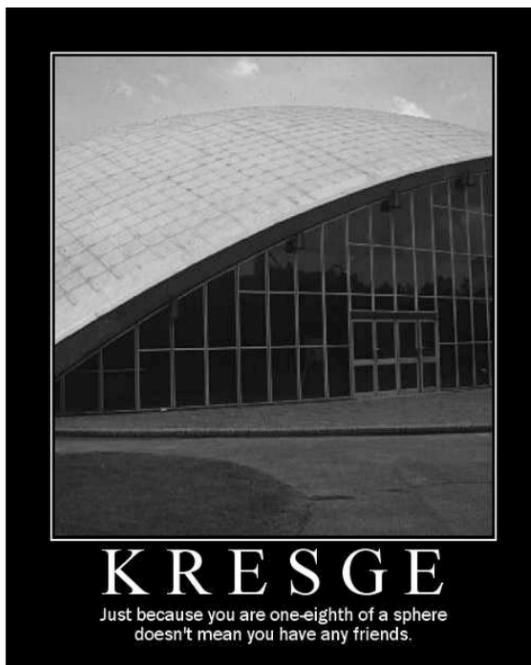
Dr. Dice Revealed

Andrew Westerdale

We have long read his works in this fine publication, but how much do we really know about him? After over a year of reading his takes on conspiracies ranging from black helicopters to mood controlling cranes, can anyone truly answer the question Who is Dr. Dice? Well, this past weekend, the good doctor let his guard down for just a second, but that second was long enough to figure out his true identity: Superman. It makes so much sense. How would Dr. Dice be able to find out the deepest, darkest secrets of the NSA without super human hearing? Why would the giant crane have gone missing if not for Dr. Dice's laser vision? While Dr. Dice's alternative identity is now clear, there are plenty of other questions out there. Who is his Lois Lane? How many flavors is kryptonite? And, Is Aaron Bader, Dr. Dice's recent rival, actually Lex Luthor?

The Daily Blunderbuss

Ben Peters



Ask Dr. Dice

Dr. Dice

Q: What was the Philadelphia Experiment?

A: The Philadelphia experiment was actually several experiments in one. The initial goal is the experiment is not fully known. Wikipedia's synopsis lists the experiments as "bend[ing] light around an object so that it became essentially invisible. Those supporting the theory claim that the Navy regarded this of obvious military value and sponsored the experiment. Another version of this story however says that those researchers were preparing magnetic and gravitational measurements of the sea floor to detect anomalies, supposedly based on Einstein's attempts to understand gravity. They claim that there were also related secret experiments in Nazi Germany to find antigravity, allegedly lead by SS-Obergruppenfhrer Hans Kammler."

Regardless of how the experiment started, the result was a brief moment of invisibility, with the ship disappearing amid green fog and reappearing soon thereafter. The crew, however, experienced severe nausea. Following the test, the Navy decided to shift the goal, to radar invisibility. The reasons for this shift are unknown; perhaps the invisibility was far too brief, or the green fog was still to visible. Going back to Wikipedia, The theory continues that the equipment was not properly re-calibrated, but in spite of this the experiment was performed again on October 28. This time, USS Eldridge not only became entirely invisible, but actually vanished from the area in a flash of blue light. According to some accounts, the U.S. naval base at Norfolk, Virginia, just over 215 miles (346 km) away, reported sighting the Eldridge offshore, whereupon the Eldridge vanished from their sight and reappeared in Philadelphia at the site it had originally occupied, in an apparent case of accidental teleportation.

There were, of course, side effects, including one crew member who was reported to have disappeared in the middle of a bar fight. The office of naval research became interested, bringing in noted conspiracy theorists to look over the works of a Mr. A and Mr. B, whose correspondences seemed to show a fair knowledge of the USS Eldridge. Since then, however, there have been no further reports of teleportation, or evidence of its application. It seems the tests may have died with the Eldridge's crew.

If you have a question for the doctor, email ask-dr-dice@mit.edu.

Sudoku

Staff

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