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Gerhart Revealed as Avatar from Alien Race

STANFORD, CA — Scandal has rocked the Stanford football universe after Toby Gerhart revealed himself as an avatar for an advanced alien race. As an avatar, Gerhart possesses a mixture of human and alien DNA.

This mixture has given him extraordinary strength and endurance, far beyond what human physiology can normally achieve. The alien DNA imbues Toby's human analogue with increased lung capacity, muscle density and bone strength. It also explains the blue prehensile tail that he occasionally uses to straight-arm additional defenders.

Genetic testing conducted by NFL scouts led to a confrontation last week when Gerhart announced he was an avatar and explained that his alien body was hidden in a remote corner of the Stanford steam tunnel network.

Jim Harbaugh immediately attempted to subdue the controversy by claiming that "Nothing in the NCAA rules says that players have to be completely human," and that regardless of the origin of his genetic advantages, "Toby is doing a great service to the Stanford community and the human race."

Gerhart's curiously high GPA, which has won him accolades and awards, has also come into question. Asked how he maintains his GPA given his commitments on both the football and baseball



Gerhart's mix of human and alien DNA allowed him to dominate college football.

teams, Toby replied, "My actual job involves servicing starship antiproton drives, so calculus and elementary physics are not really a problem." (Sam D'Amico)

'Avatar' Graphics Deemed Superior To Those of Reality

Upon emerging from the 7:30 pm 3D showing of James Cameron's "Avatar," Palo Alto resident Dwayne Schmitt stared up at the night sky with a somewhat disappointed expression. "Where's the innovation?" he asked of no one in particular. "Where's the perfectly-rendered spherical gas giant? Where is the sunset whose swirling purple and orange hues defy categorization? I mean the moon is okay but it's..." he seemed at a bit of a loss for words. "A bit out of date."

Millions of Americans around the country are echoing Schmitt's sentiments. "I can deal with it for the most part," Shirley Jacobson, 27, admits. "Sometimes I'll even forget that I'm not actually watching a 3D blockbuster and get really into it and then...I'll see some person who just sort of ruins the illusion."

As the 2010 midterm elections approach, politicians have been under ever-increasing pressure to address and remedy the situation. "We are seriously considering replacing birds



and horses with their bizarre, scaly Pandoran counterparts as a first step," head EPA administrator Lisa Jackson assured a throng of reporters. "In the meantime, we beseech Americans to be patient and to recognize that, well, things just look crappy in real life."

"This is something we're going to have to work on together as a people, whether the government is on board or not," Schmitt asserted. "And," he added as an afterthought, "if my wife doesn't get tall and blue soon I think I'm going to divorce her." (Bill Driscoll)

TSA TRAVEL UPDATE

Important notice to all travelers in the United States: In light of the recent terrorist attack, the TSA has made several important changes to make air travel much more difficult for everyone and therefore, safer. We have raised the Annoyance Level from orange to total pain in the ass. The Threat Level has been raised from orange to orange. The Security Wait Time has been raised from 1 hour to at least 10 hours. Since 9/11, we have made traveling significantly more annoying, but clearly we haven't made it enough of a total fucking impossibility.

We want to protect our nation, and we want to protect you, and we'll do whatever it takes to annoy the terrorists out of our airports, or, barring that, we'll do what we can to stop Americans from flying--the terrorists can't blow up people on airplanes if there are no people on airplanes. Effective immediately, individuals will be required to pass through all security checkpoints twice, "random" screening will increase in frequency by 47% and underwear will be forbidden on all commercial flights. We hope these new regulations will make you absolutely resent flying, and we look forward to annoying you in the future.

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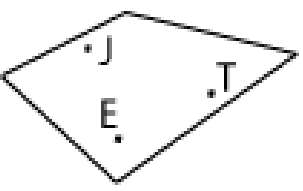

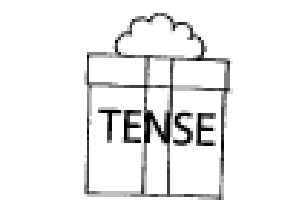

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Last Weeks Winners: Puzzle Challenge: Matthew Alexander

QUOTE: "PLEASE ARRIVE 5 HOURS EARLY TO GIVE TIME FOR AIRPORT SECURITY." - TSA UPDATE

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

last weeks answers: AVERAGE JOE, DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH, FORCE FIELD, TOP HAT

NUMBERS

2.3e-4 oz.

The new limit on the amount of liquids you can bring onto planes. Previously you could bring 3.4 ounces of liquid as a carry on onto a plane. Unfortunately, this rule led to countless toothpaste and Diet-Coke attacks. To prevent these in the future, the TSA has announced that the amount of liquid you can bring on planes can be no larger than the amount of liquid that may spontaneously condense out of slightly moist air. It's a good thing everyone is safe now.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. HINT D = A

NE DH OUVOJUM PBC VNXCNHYBNXGOV XKNOHCNXC XDMX CGDC XZAOCGNHY NX
 RZXXNPUO, GO NX DUAZXC KOJCDNHUM JNYGC; PBC NE GO XDMX CGDC NC NX
 NARZXXNPUO, GO NX QOJM RJZPDPUM IJZHY. - DJCGBJ K. KUDJTO

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: ONLY THOSE WHO ATTEMPT THE ABSURD WILL ACHIEVE THE IMPOSSIBLE. I THINK IT'S IN MY BASEMENT... LET ME GO UPSTAIRS AND CHECK. - M. C. ESCHER

SUDOKU

Level: You Know, For Kids

Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.


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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



HOW THEY DESCRIBED THE PERFECTLY COOKED STEAK

TELNK

LUDOW

NOBODY

LOVERT

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: DONUT CLIMB MOTION WIRING how the candy connoisseur liked his altoids IN MINT CONDITION

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