Happy April Fools' Day! If you don't know, this publication has a decades-long tradition of publishing prank issues on April 1st under the pseudonym, *The Hot Rivet*. Other pseudonyms from years past include *The Hot and Throbbing Rivet*, *The Cold Screw*, *The Tepid Tack*, *The Massachusetts Tech*, *Hcet Ainrofilac*, *California Twitch*, *California Retch*, *Throop Tech*, and occassionally *The California Tech*. "But Guutz," I hear you cringing, "doesn't telling people it's a joke ruin the satire?" To which my response is, you'd be surprised how many people would think the content was unironic otherwise! So, from the bottom of my heart... **Unless otherwise noted**, **nothing in this issue should be construed as factual reporting or taken to represent the views of the** *Tech* **or its editors. Enjoy! <3 –The Tech Editors**

THE HOT RIVE

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The Housing Office Accidentally Texted Me Their Spring Cleaning Plans

I didn't think it could be real. Then our lounge furniture started disappearing.



Michael Gutierrez Editorial

From erasing murals, dumpstering life-size Anakin Skywalker figurines, to replacing couches in the student houses with felt-covered blocks of concrete, Caltech's Housing Office has a well-known track record of frivolity. But one of their more sinister tactics is threatening to charge the houses thousands of dollars for the labor costs of enacting their often-unjustified whims, in the case that the students don't comply.

students Caltech known for their creativity in self-expression. The houses are the one space on campus where we can make a comforting home for ourselves. The lounges and common spaces are where students spend a substantial number of hours per week working, locking in, socializing, decompressing, and community-building. So when we find a free couch on Marketplace and spend hours of backbreaking labor to clean and transport it, you can imagine how demoralizing it is to immediately be told by Housing that we must either throw it in the dumpster by the end of the week or pay

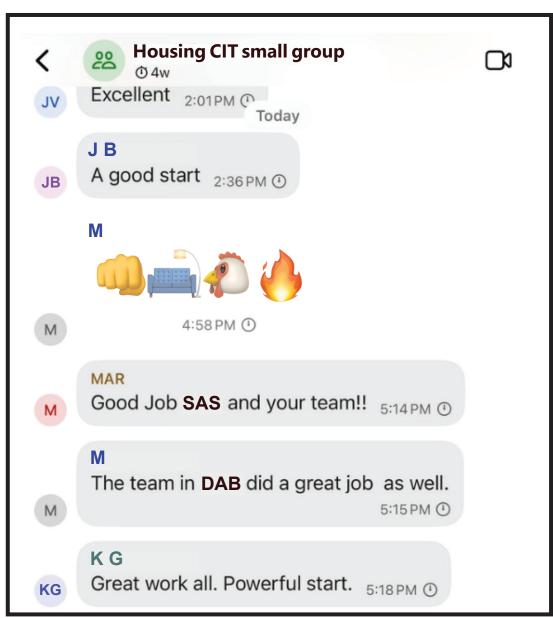
for Housing to do it them-

It's more than just couches, though. Oftentimes they target anything that could possibly make the Institute look bad. It seems as if their only objective is to eliminate liabilities at any cost.

This has manifested as Housing asking students with street-facing windows to remove flags and posters they have on display, for example. Most recently, Dabney House's DEI Pollo Loco signs have come under attack. Rescued from waste after being blown down during the January windstorms, these signs now hang in the Dabney House lounge as a memorial for all that which was lost in the fires, but also as a symbol of hope. The Housing Office gave Dabney House Excomm the familiar ultimatum: dumpster it yourselves, or we'll do it for you and charge you.

I'm too tired to make any kind of freedom of speech appeal, satirical or not, but here is what I know:

- 1) Democracy dies in darkness
- 2) Stories reveal what reality obscures
- 3) This is not the last you've heard from *DEI Pollo Loco...*



An Ode to Red Door's Glory Holes

Sascha Goldsmith The Inside World

Ah yes, a Red Door Run (RDRŇ?? Perhaps?).

You hungrily scoot into line at 10am just in time for the mythical Breakfast Menu, you order your Overnight Oats and Eggs and Avocado (tbh the Eggs Mornay looks rly good).

It comes! Hoorah! You grab your food, you excitedly flip open your laptop to get started on some work before class.

All of your devices are dead because you are uncoordinated and didn't plug your devices in over night

"Okay okay," you tell your-self. "Where's the nearest Red Door Glory Hole" (to plug your charging chords into an outlet, of course).

Ah! There's one under your seat, so with your clean hands you reach down to pry open a grimey dirty floor plate, to expose hairy, dusty, crumbly dark

abyss in which you need to feel around in order to find the orientation of the outlet.

You insert your hand, enjoying the feeling of the metallic rim scraping on your skin as you orient your normal-sized hand into the cavity, while the plastic hairs and mystery pathogens brush over your hands joyfully as you insert your chord into the outlet.

Hazzah! Your devices are charged, and with your Plague Stricken Hands, you consume your poached egg, trying not to imagine the microscopic germy dust particles dropping down onto your consumables.

Oh Red Door, first thing in the morning, you never cease

Glory Hole with Cord Plugged into Outlet, Red Door, Circa 2/26/25 10:11am. Credit: Sascha Goldsmith.

5 Best Places to

Weara Red Dress

Miles Stone

Category

The frosted glass eastside wall

makes this a spot to remember.

4: Atheneum lawn: A central location

with plush lawns and some shrubbery.

3: ASCIT Screening room: A tried and

true classic—what more is there to say?

2: Kerckhoff B112: The uniform

1: Beckman Lawn: The most popular

spot on campus to wear a red dress to

by far, especially at midnight, eom.

on Gampus 🐺



An Introduction to Maxwell

Maxwell Knowner Category

An IntroIt is truly tragic to me that some members of the Caltech community may not know the 19th-century physicist and mathematician James Clerk Maxwell. As a student adjacent to the field of physics, I cannot let this stand. As an upstanding member of the physics-adjacent communi-5: Chen 1st floor men's restroom: ty, I will go above and beyond to educate physicists, mathematicians, chemists, biologists, zoologists, and even geologists about the man that was James Clerk Maxwell.

> Though there are innumerable discoveries owing to Maxwell,

the most famous is the discov-ery of the equations governing field devices by the speed of electromagnetism. These equations unified the electric and magnetic forces, and have naturally embedded in them the speed of light. These laws are:

1. Gauss' law: The divergence of the electric field is the charge density divided by the electric permittivity.

Magnetic mono**poles**: The divergence of the magnetic field is zero. 3. Faraday's law: The

curl of the electric field is negative the time derivative of the Ampère-Maxwell law: The curl of the magnetic learn of his contributions to the

field is the permeability times

the current density plus the

In a region with no charge

density of current density, the equations of laws 3 and 4 can be joined together to produce the wave equations of electromagnetic radiation.

In addition to the discovery of

Maxwell's Equations, Maxwell

is well known for his discoveries in fields from thermodynamics to optics to geometry. He is truly one of the greatest scientific minds, and it is a shame that any student at this great institution has yet to

A Review of PE5: Beginner Running it hard to find a suitable PE ning is particularly fantastic in

Anonymous Runner Category

The California Institute of Technology (Caltech) requires Undergraduates to complete three classes (9 units) of a Physical Education (PE) class. white background from years of con-stant use really makes this place shine While many CalTech students excel in their mental faculties, they are generally lacking in physical attributes such as

class, but look no further.

new and interesting exercises! Each day you will be taught the perfect running form for comfort and speed. The coach is particularly motivating. In the best feelings you will ever this class all you will feel is feel at Cal-Tech. The CIT masrunner's high. You will never this stinking tail, I would be strength, dexterity, and general eye-hand coordination. For this reason, students may find

miss a sunny morning because you will be getting up bright and early. PE5: Beginner Run-

the beautiful city of Pasadena, PE5: Beginner Running is an California, where the weather exhilarating class chock-full of is always clear. You will experience such streets as: Arden Road, Cameron Drive, and Oak Grove Avenue. Running past motivated! You will never feel cot is cheering you on as if to down because of your constant say "Boy I wish I didn't have



An Important Guide to Cookware

Miles Stone Category

It is truly tragic to me that some members of the Caltech community may not know the difference between the various types of cookware. As a TA for SA17: Cooking Basics, I will not stand for this. I am an upstanding citizen who will go above and beyond to educate my fellow students, teachers, friends, enemies, lovers, haters, and anyone else who wants to learn some new things today.

Skillet/ Fry pan: The quintessential flat pan. If you buy one shallow pan, it should be one of these. The skillet has curved walls to facilitate stirring, flipping, and sliding objects out of the pan. A slightly more rare variant is the cast iron skillet. This type can be a very great addition to any kitchen but the seasoning process can make the learning curve a bit steep, especially consider-ing the cost hike for cast iron.

Saute pan/Sauteuse: Also often confused with skillets

and fry pans, the sauté pan is also a distinct type. It has tall straight sides and a wide flat bottom. It works best for braising or for cooking a dish that will otherwise contain a lot of liquid or sauce. One should use a saute pan over one of the other flat pan options if the dish must be stirred without spilling over. Perfect for dishes like meatballs in sauce, risotto, or braised pork.

Saucepan: This pan is for when you start to be cooking more liquid than solid. Its high edges make it perfect for preparing sauces and soups. This is the second necessary pot in any kitchen. This plus a fry pan can do 90% of what you'd need to.

Sauce pot: Similar to the sauce-

pan, but larger, and often with two loop handles instead of one long one. Perfect for making larger volumes of soups or sauces. Its large size and thus smaller surface area to volume ratio means the liquid inside cooks slower, meaning it's best for slow-cooking, simmering-type foods.

Stock pot: The big daddy of the pot world. This thing could fit a whole turkey. It is best used for doing pretty much exactly that. Adding a carcass and/or vegetables and water to a large pot like this and setting to simmer is the best way to prepare a stock. While technically possible in the smaller pots, you will have a much easier time and can leave far more ingredients whole if you use a stock pot.

Dutch(/French) Oven: The cast iron skillet of the pot world. These large pots are also oven-safe and can be seasoned to be non-stick, just as the skillet can. For the French oven variant, the inside is covered in a layer of enamel, removing the need for crazy seasoning or worry of rust

There exist more specialty-type pots (wok, satoir, saucier, brasier, double boiler), but these are not nearly as necessary to be familiar with as fry/saucepans. Hopefully ,you learned something today and feel ready to go forth, cook, and experience **pot**!

Fizzy Update **QOMU OUQ**ek: \forall

Diego Barcenas

News

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Letters to the Editor

When Science and History, diverge: Whose sciences matters?

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So, is it widely known in historical and astronomy circles that the Dogon Peoples had meticulously studied astronomy and that their astronomical lore goes back thousands of years - to 3200 BC.





The facts and findings of their stellar accomplishments are documented in scores of astronomy journals and books, although neatly buried and understated, in most.

Yet when I look at the various lists of names and project names given to the multitudes of space oriented ventures going forth from NASA, named from everything short of your "Aunt's Hat".

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https://en.wikipedia.org/ wiki/List_of_NASA_missions

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I find biblical names and ref-

erences, I find names of Greek and Roman gods and goddesses as well as mythical heroes, I find names of Greek and Roman named constellations and stellar bodies, I find names of pertinent and important figures to the world and history of Astronomy, I find names of famed terriestal explorers and minus the individuals I find names glorifying those specific movements (Pioneer - Explorer - Surveyor), I find names that acronyms towards the specific missions , acronyms of what the vehicles or probes are meant to accomplish, I find simple nouns identifying the craft or mission (wind - mes-

I find names with no flair at all, as it were (Commercial Crew Program - Living with a Star - Large Strategic Science Missions); I find adjectives and adverbs (Curiosity - Perseverance - Opportunity); and I could go on and on in this same

What I do not find, is any indication of the presence of The Dogon and their relationship to astronomy, arts and sciences.

I was thinking about just newly posting this as separate a non-connective post. However in doing so I would more or less be seen, in the eyes and minds of many, of just promoting a DEI agenda, of sorts. I

have trolls aplenty in regards

to my political postings so, no

need to engage with even more. I will however, email those

associated with NASA regarding this blatant oversight of the Dogon peoples, perhaps y'all should do the same.

Therefore, I thought it best to attach it as a comment to someone and post, who and which, are already cognizant and fully abreast of the historical mate-

> figures for you. On the subject of the newly popularized dis-phrase of year and perhaps the rest of decade to come: DEI (Diversity, equity, and inclusion), allow me to coin an appropriate response. Next time they shout DEI at

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tion. Now there's some hidden

you, you shout back: E/ESX (Eurocentrism/Eth-

nocentrism - Segregation and Exclusion)

pronounce the slash

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Our Solar System orbits the star Sirius. Sirius orbits Alcyo-

ne in the Pleiades. There are 7 types of substance. Each has 7 sub-states (solid, liquid, gas and the 4

If this caught your attention then please read on.

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thropology, Paleontology and

I'll then contact those men-

I also look for research pa-

multiple times a day.

Geomorphology.

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I go out to the CNN website I look for articles dealing

3). Give the material a chance to prove itself.

In the 1st case you have arrogance, in the 2nd cowardice

and in the 3rd wisdom. Your research is interesting, and needed, but not nearly

mine the 6 other systems! The implications, along a number of lines, would be sig-

nificant.

Is it this which is causing problems, rocking the boat? If so then you need to set better

Especially if you can deter-

Astrologically a lot of attention is given to the Infrared Spectrum, 1,000-700nm.

The Visible Spectrum is approximately 700-400nm.

This spectrum allows the seeing of DENSE physical objects composed of solids, liquids and many gases.
Conventional eyesight cov-

ers this spectrum, these forms, types of matter.

I highly recommend more attention be given to the Ultraviolet Spectrum, 400-10nm.

Frequent reference is made to "the Ethers" in certain literature, the 4 sub-gaseous states. There are many who can naturally see ETHERIC physical

on the web will be wholly inad-Forms that may, or may not, See "For Our Scientists" and have a DENSE physical coun-

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blacklisted it as well. mpia.de overestimates its understanding, it's being arrogant, OR it's afraid of the possi-

bilities should what I'm presenting be honestly and objectively exam-ined. It's forcing its limitations upon its people

Prove the Sirian connection folks!!! Find the 6 other systems. This one act will accomas important as verifying the plish MUCH!



The Nerds of Caltech: A Deep Dive Into the Geekiest Ecosystem on Earth

Camilla Fezzi The Inside World

Ah, Caltech—the mythical land of equations, algorithms, and caffeine-fueled demic marathons. If Hogwarts is for aspiring wizards, Caltech is for aspiring rocket scientists, cancer healers and people who think solving a 12-dimensional Rubik's Cube is a "fun weekend project." Let me take you on a journey through the unique species known as Caltech Nerds (me definitely included, as I prefer talking to horses than people and being in a lab working with tumor cells).

1. The "Problem Set Gladiator"

individuals don't just do their homework—they wage war against it. A problem set at Caltech isn't your av-erage "find x" nonsense. It's more like: "Assume the existence of parallel universes. Derive the speed of light in Universe B given that Universe A is shaped like a Klein bottle. SHOW YOUR WORK.'

Example 1: You'll find the Problem Set Gladiator in the library at 3 a.m., surrounded by empty Red Bull cans, scribbling equations that look like they were written by an alien civilization.

Example 2: During

thought it was due at hole. (Buy milk?)" ated a meme of Einstein "Caltech." I 11:59 p.m... in Pacific **Favorite Phrase:** crying and captioned it: nerd things. Mars Time"

This nerd has taken them!!!) the idea of "hands-on learning" to a new level. They practically live in the lab. Their dorm

4. The Oversing Overlord
This nerd is in EVERY room is just a place to in keep their spare lab Clubs, research, interncoats and ramen noo- ships, and somehow dles or riding boots.

Example 2: They've named their lab equipment. "This is Oscilloment. "This is Oscilloment and this is Beakie, my favorite beaker."

Example 2: They've members breakfast (ok people who know me might see me in this... it is hard I am really honest).

Example 1: They once fell asleep in class once ended a first date with the words, "This was fun. Do you want to see my MATLAB code?"

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nobody understands **Favorite Phrase:** 'talking' thing. But did are a unique breed. (not even them). Their "Oh, I only got 99% on you know black holes They're brilliant, hilaridream is to unlock the that exam. I'm slip- can theoretically evapo- ous, and just a little bit mysteries of the uni- ping." Oh, the professor rate?" verse, but right now, is insane! I did it right they're just trying to because... pass quantum mechanics and maybe have a

else is just trying to fig-dorm room walls are into everything (Dab-tain water with Jell-O. go viral. ure out how to peel their covered in whiteboards ney people).

Favorite Phrase: filled with equations. Example 1: When Example 1: In 1984, "Wait... was this due One of them is labeled the Wi-Fi went down they changed the Holvesterday? Oh no, I "TO DO: Build a Worm- for two hours, they cre-

"Have you read Feyn- "Relative man's lectures? No? ternet." **2.** The Lab Hermit Then I can't explain it

This nerd is involved EVERYTHING. lles or riding boots. still has time to play the **Example 1:** They violin at a professional once stayed in the lab for 72 hours straight because "the bacteria colony was finally cooperating."

Example 1: They within at a professional level. They're the type of person who shows up to a 9 a.m. lecture looking like they've already ating."

Example 2: They've breakfast (ok people past 20 years.

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Favorite Phrase: student organizations, "Don't touch that! It's the lead in the school calibrated to within play, and still manage small talk" more times low. "It's ergonomic,"

You know this nerd. summer internship at something). They wear T-shirts with equations on them that sation about bagels.

"Relatively Unstable In-

everyone during finals week. It was oddly inspiring.

Favorite Phrase: engineering.' "I made a meme about this. Check Discord."

ept Genius

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Favorite Phrase: "Sorry, I'm bad at this

spend hours debating Caltech's Meme Lord elaborate pranks in ac- Caltech is never boring. whether time is real or takes it to another lev- ademia. These folks So, here's to the Caltech just an elaborate human el. They're the person will rewire an elevator nerds. May your equalunch, they casually discuss Hamiltonian own lecture because own lecture because quirk into a viral joke. Hamiltonian own lecture because of the person with their own lecture because quirk into a viral joke. Hamiltonian own lecture because quirk into a viral joke. mechanics with their "time isn't real, man." They know how to Pho- ers with ketchup, or re- er explode (too much), friends, while everyone **Example 2:** Their toshop the Among Us place the campus foun- and your memes forever

lywood sign to read "Caltech." Just casual

Example 2: A group of pranksters once built Then I can't explain it to you." (I have read them!!!)

Example 2: They a robot that roamed the campus, delivering bad pus website to Rickroll puns to unsuspecting students.

Favorite Phrase: "It's not 'vandalism.' It's

6. The Sleep-Deprived Zombie

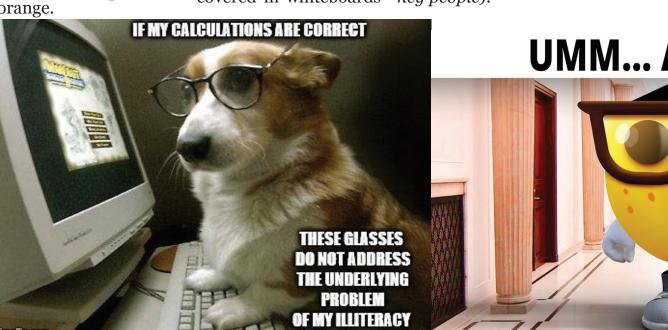
You can identify this **6. The Socially In-** nerd by their bloodshot eyes, messy hair, and

Favorite Phrase: Or... someday.'

A Beautiful Chaos

The nerds of Caltech insane—but in the best way possible. Whether 7. The Prankster they're solving unsolvable equations multics and maybe have a blower.

5. The Meme Lord Caltech's nerds have off pranks, or debating a rich history of pulling the nature of reality, one thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain: life at the control of the most thing is certain.







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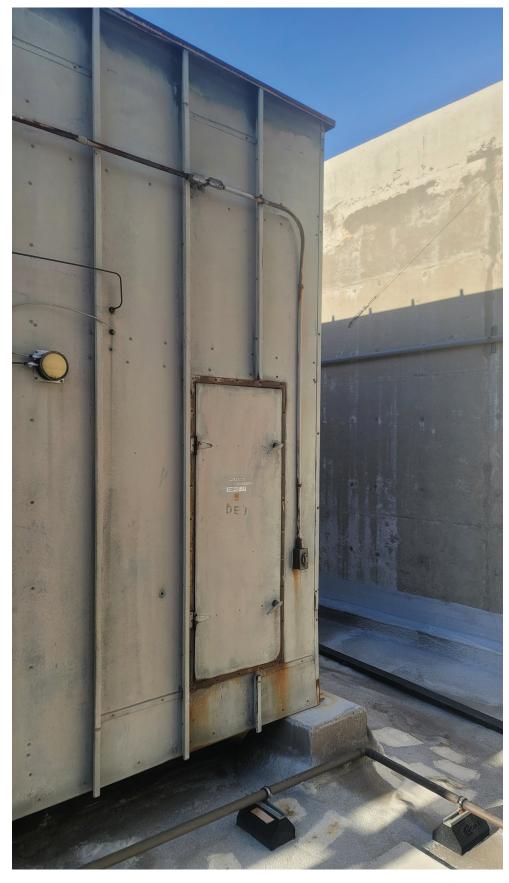
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The QR code will be hidden somewhere within the pictured area.

TECH EDITOR'S CORNER

Backdrop addresses cowboy

By Margaret Atwood

Starspangled cowboy sauntering out of the almostsilly West, on your face a porcelain grin, tugging a papier-mâché cactus on wheels behind you with a string,

you are innocent as a bathtub full of bullets.

Your righteous eyes, your laconic trigger-fingers people the streets with villains: as you move, the air in front of you blossoms with targets

and you leave behind you a heroic trail of desolation: beer bottles slaughtered by the side of the road, birdskulls bleaching in the sunset.

A lovely little poem not remotely relevant to any current events. From your favorite Tech editors <3

I ought to be watching from behind a cliff or a cardboard when the shooting starts, hands clasped in admiration,

Then what about me

but I am elsewhere.

what about the I confronting you on that border, you are always trying to cross?

I am the horizon you ride towards, the thing you can never lasso

I am also what surrounds you: my brain scattered with your tincans, bones, empty shells, the litter of your invasions.

I am the space you desecrate as you pass through.