Earlier Wednesday, trying to cast the plan in terms of real jobs, Obama announced that machinery giant Caterpillar Inc. plans to rehire some of its laid-off workers if Congress approves a sweeping stimulus bill.

That Obama statement came just one day before he was heading to Peoria, Ill., to visit the company’s workers and keep pushing his plan. The heavy-equipment maker has announced more than 20,000 job cuts as shrinking credit and construction demands hurt orders for tractors and other machines.

Said Obama: “Today, the chairman and CEO of Caterpillar said that if the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan] passes, his company would be able to rehire some of those employees.” He did not specify to whom the company chairman and CEO, Jim Owens, made such a pledge.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090211/ap_on_go_pr_wh/obama_stimulus

Bush in Illinois to tout policies: Caterpillar benefited…

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[TRANSLATED] Re: Cat Talking, Translation
And here's what it sounds like if you have your babel fish in your ear translating…

1 year ago 9,089,861 views klaatu42

there are some cute “Hungry Little Caterpillar” videos at youtube.

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[TRANSLATED] The Tale of an Obese Hungry Little Caterpillar
This is the true story behind the childrens book, “the hungry little caterpillar”…

no rating 11 months ago 276 views guitarmaniac327
The Dolly Suite, op. 56, is a collection of pieces for piano four-hands by Gabriel Fauré. The only piano duet in Fauré’s oeuvre (and also the only work containing pieces bearing titles other than those of a musical form), the suite was written between 1894 and 1897. Its six pieces take a total of fifteen minutes to perform.


AP – In this photo provided by Chris Nakashima-Brown, an electronic road sign is seen in Austin, Texas on …

COLLINSVILLE, Ill. – Pranksters in at least three states are messing with electronic road signs meant to warn motorists of possible traffic problems by putting drivers on notice about Nazi zombies and raptors. And highway safety officials aren’t amused.

The latest breach came Tuesday during the morning rush hour near Collinsville, Ill., where hackers changed a sign along southbound Interstate 255 to read, “DAILY LANE CLOSURES DUE TO ZOMBIES.”

A day earlier in Indiana’s Hamilton County, the electronic message on a board in Carmel’s construction zone warned drivers of “RAPTORS AHEAD — CAUTION.”

And signs in Austin, Texas, recently flashed: “NAZI ZOMBIES! RUN!!!” and “ZOMBIES IN AREA!”
RUN.

Officials in Illinois are concerned the rewritten signs distract motorists from heeding legitimate hazards down the road. The hacked sign on Tuesday originally warned drivers of crews replacing guardrails.

"We understood it was a hoax, but at the same time those boards are there for a reason," said Joe Gasaway, an Illinois Department of Transportation supervisory field engineer. "We don't want (drivers) being distracted by a funny sign."

Authorities haven’t figured out how pranksters access the signs. Gasaway believes the Illinois sign was changed remotely, and Austin Public Works spokeswoman Sara Hartley suspected the hackers there cut a padlock to get into the signs’ computers.

Some Web sites, such as Jalopnik.com, have published tutorials titled “How to Hack an Electronic Road Sign” as a way to alert security holes to traffic-safety officials. Jalopnik urges its readership of 2.6 million a month not to put its lesson to practice.

"Hacking generally is about showing where there are holes in security systems, and I think this is a great example of that," the site’s editor-in-chief, Ray Wert, told The Associated Press by telephone Wednesday. "I’m sure there are all sorts of ways to use that information in a way that’s inappropriate, but we’re trying to make clear this is an issue that needs to be confronted by traffic safety and transportation officials."

Wert said he had no immediate plans to take down Jalopnik’s how-to guide.

In Illinois, tampering with an official traffic control device is a misdemeanor punishable by up to a $250 fine — half what a culprit might have to pay in Texas if caught. If convicted in Indiana, a culprit faces up to a year in jail and $5,000 in fines.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20090204/ap_on_re_us/highway_signs_zombies

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a note to IDIOTS:
when i stub my toe
get hacked inot
or get my head beaten
my brain scans go hay-wire. period.
an intrnal cuss word looks like, what?
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About Cernium

Cernium Corporation is the leading developer and provider of real-time video analytics and behavior recognition software for the security industry. Cernium’s unique software employs a patented technique that analyzes multiple, concurrent behavioral criteria in real time with order-of-magnitude greater efficiency than previous approaches. Cernium has been meeting its clients’ ever-changing security needs since 1996. The company’s best-in-class, field-hardened solutions have logged over two million hours of documented service in more than 100 locations throughout North America, safeguarding people and facilities in a range of industry sectors that include government, critical infrastructure, healthcare, transportation, hospitality, education and cultural institutions.

Cernium’s powerful, patented solutions include Perceptrak® and ExitSentry®. Perceptrak mimics the human visual process to analyze video from security cameras 10 times more efficiently than comparable solutions. ExitSentry is a highly reliable intelligent video system that maximizes security in airport exit lanes.

2007 Behavioral Recognition Systems

The Government Is Trying to Wrap Its Mind Around Yours

By Nita Farahany
Sunday, April 13, 2008; B03

Consider Cernium Corp.’s “Perceptrak” video surveillance and monitoring system, recently installed by Johns Hopkins University, among others. This technology grew out of a project funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency — the central research and development organization for the Department of Defense — to develop intelligent video analytics systems. Unlike simple video cameras monitored by security guards, Perceptrak integrates video cameras with an intelligent computer system. It uses algorithms to analyze streaming video and detect suspicious activities, such as people loitering in a secure area, a group converging or someone leaving a package unattended. Since installing Perceptrak, Johns Hopkins has reported a 25 percent reduction in crime.

Evidence for a distributed hierarchy of action representation in the brain

Abstract

Complex human behavior is organized around temporally distal outcomes. Behavioral studies based
on tasks such as normal prehension, multi-step object use and imitation establish the existence of relative hierarchies of motor control. The retrieval errors in apraxia also support the notion of a hierarchical model for representing action in the brain. In this review, three functional brain imaging studies of action observation using the method of repetition suppression are used to identify a putative neural architecture that supports action understanding at the level of kinematics, object centered goals and ultimately, motor outcomes. These results, based on observation, may match a similar functional-anatomic hierarchy for action planning and execution. If this is true, then the findings support a functional-anatomic model that is distributed across a set of interconnected brain areas that are differentially recruited for different aspects of goal-oriented behavior, rather than a homogeneous mirror neuron system for organizing and understanding all behavior.

Keywords: Action representation; Hierarchy; Mirror neuron system; Parietal cortex; Apraxia

Mathematical subject codes: 2330; 2520

... Military scientists involved with the project already acknowledge that each person has a unique pattern of brainwaves that must be individually calibrate

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ei6wFJ9kCo
The Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience of Categorization, Novelty-Detec... fire hose on U.S. Navy ships:

[alt: Doors]

why doesn't 'the navy' & gates & rumsfeld, pull their useless, lazy thumbs out of everyones ass?

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There are solutions to the problem of stock options and double book-keeping. The first is simple. Require every corporation, and its accountants, to publish the income accounting it provides the IRS alongside the accounting it has traditionally provided in the company’s annual report to stockholders. If there are going to be two sets of books, at least let everyone know this is the case, and open any fancy bookkeeping to the light and fresh air of public scrutiny.

http://www.commondreams.org/views03/0228-10.htm

Rumsfeld’s growing stake in Tamiflu
Defense Secretary, ex-chairman of flu treatment rights holder, sees portfolio value growing.
October 31, 2005, 10:55 AM EST
By Nelson D. Schwartz, Fortune senior writer

NEW YORK (Fortune) – The prospect of a bird flu outbreak may be panicking people around the globe, but it’s proving to be very good news for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other politically connected investors in Gilead Sciences, the California biotech company that owns the rights to Tamiflu, the influenza remedy that’s now the most-sought after drug in the world.

Rumsfeld served as Gilead (Research)’s chairman from 1997 until he joined the Bush administration in 2001, and he still holds a Gilead stake valued at between $5 million and $25 million, according to federal financial disclosures filed by Rumsfeld.

The forms don’t reveal the exact number of shares Rumsfeld owns, but in the past six months fears of a pandemic and the ensuing scramble for Tamiflu have sent Gilead’s stock from $35 to $47. That’s made the Pentagon chief, already one of the wealthiest members of the Bush cabinet, at least $1 million richer.

Rumsfeld isn’t the only political heavyweight benefiting from demand for Tamiflu, which is manufactured and marketed by Swiss pharma giant Roche. (Gilead receives a royalty from Roche equaling about 10% of sales.) Former Secretary of State George Shultz, who is on Gilead’s board, has sold more than $7 million worth of Gilead since the beginning of 2005.

Another board member is the wife of former California Gov. Pete Wilson.

“I don’t know of any biotech company that’s so politically well-connected,” says analyst Andrew McDonald of Think Equity Partners in San Francisco.

What’s more, the federal government is emerging as one of the world’s biggest customers for Tamiflu. In July, the Pentagon ordered $58 million worth of the treatment for U.S. troops around the world, and Congress is considering a multi-billion dollar purchase. Roche expects 2005 sales for Tamiflu to be about $1 billion, compared with $258 million in 2004.

Rumsfeld recused himself from any decisions involving Gilead when he left Gilead and became Secretary of Defense in early 2001. And late last month, notes a senior Pentagon official, Rumsfeld went even further and had the Pentagon’s general counsel issue additional instructions outlining what he could and could not be involved in if there were an avian flu pandemic and the Pentagon had to respond.

As the flu issue heated up early this year, according to the Pentagon official, Rumsfeld considered unloading his entire Gilead stake and sought the advice of the Department of Justice, the SEC and the federal Office of Government Ethics.

Those agencies didn’t offer an opinion so Rumsfeld consulted a private securities lawyer, who advised him that it was safer to hold on to the stock and be quite public about his recusal rather than sell and run the risk of being accused of trading on insider information, something Rumsfeld doesn’t believe he possesses. So he’s keeping his shares for the time being.


Date updated:01-28-2007

This portfolio consists of many of the public stock holdings of Donald Rumsfeld. The information is based on mid-2006 filings.

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. . . dirty dozen (1967) – . . .
. . . donald duck . . .

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[TRANSLATED] Dirty Dozen (1967) – Donald Duck
And where is Donald Duck? The operation count-off is as follows: One; down to…
Obama told NBC “I’m frustrated with myself” for unintentionally sending a message that there are “two sets of rules” for paying taxes, “one for prominent people and one for ordinary folks.”

President Barack Obama is taking responsibility for mistakes in the handling of the tax controversy that led to Tom Daschle’s withdrawal as President Barack Obama’s nominee to be health and human services secretary, saying: “I screwed up.”

Family’s painful layoff tale
A New Jersey couple copes with a layoff and learns that finding work is only half the battle. The other half

from ‘camp billionaire&pro war, any war as long as ‘it’s a war’

The Liberal Agenda Disguised As “Stimulus” Spending

Rahm Emanuel, the new White House Chief of Staff, was quoted as saying “Never allow a crisis to go to waste...They are opportunities to do big things.” The leftists in Washington are using our economic recession as their opportunity to grow government and fund all their liberal projects—at the expense of the American taxpayer.

The so-called “stimulus” bill, more aptly referred to as the Trillion Dollar Spending Bill, has liberal education, healthcare, and environmental policies in it. It had family planning funding in it too, before it was taken out due to public outcry.

Here are the facts:

• The bill gives the Department of Education an extra $142 billion this year. This is an unprecedented increase in federal power, designed to make Congress a national school board. Who do we want making decisions about our children’s future—Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid or parents, teachers, and principals?

• The bill does create minimal “green jobs”, but only at the expense of other jobs. Instead of having coal plant workers, the Left would prefer there to be windmill builders—it is a zero sum game. Plus, the jobs in wind farms produce a less reliable output at a higher cost than jobs in coal or nuclear power. Additionally, the “stimulus” has over $35 billion for the Department of Energy, more than doubling their budget (their current budget is $23.8 billion).

• Lastly, the bill spends $87 billion to bail out states that have overrun their Medicaid budgets (while at the same time expanding this welfare program for the poor to the unemployed, regardless of income). The addition of billions of dollars for comparative effectiveness research and Health IT sets up a federal infrastructure for health care rationing. These provisions are an incremental strategy to have government control more and more of the health care sector—leaving individuals and families with less and less control over their personal health care decisions.

What are the consequences of this sort of proposal?

UGLY

two children

UGLIER

Rush has no children.

friends of the Duck?

http://www.askheritage.org/

read space.org ?

http://www.premotionpictures.com/competition.htm

The annual NYU Stern ProMotion Pictures Film Competition seeks to provide NYU Stern and NYU Kanbar students with the opportunity to collaborate on a series of innovative short films for a sponsoring brand. Following a creative briefing by the corporate sponsor’s marketing team, teams of NYU Stern and Tisch Kanbar graduate students and alumni develop short films that seek to achieve the communication objectives identified by the sponsor. A judging panel comprised of distinguished industry executives and accomplished directors select the winning screenplays based on the following three criteria: originality, content/entertainment value and appropriateness to brand strategy. In addition to access to the resources at NYU Stern and NYU Kanbar, the winning teams are given access to partnering agencies within the media, entertainment and communication industries and most importantly, a grant to produce their screenplay. The finished films debut at a gala screening and may be featured as part of the sponsoring brand’s advertising or promotional campaigns.

1. Earn the chance to win cash prizes and national exposure for their work.
2. Gain hands-on experience in interpreting a brand strategy to meet a client brief.
3. Learn to budget, schedule and manage a production.
4. See their work featured as part of a nationally promoted marketing campaign.
5. Learn how to distribute and market their work to reach as wide an audience as possible.

In return we ask that students create their own version of Digital Cribs that:

1. Explores the intersection of lifestyle and home technology with a focus on interesting consumer uses of video.
2. Is memorable and entertaining.
3. Generates buzz and inspires the audience to submit user generated content.

Creative Considerations:

Who you profile is often as critical as how they use technology. Documentary subjects should talk fluently about technology and describe the benefits in human terms. Above all we want to focus on people who are passionate about their pastimes and technology. We're particularly interested in personalities and/or groups who create and/or use a lot of media and video.

Three important things — when you submit your film to us, it must be no longer than 3 minutes, in 16:9 aspect ratio (wide screen) and in High Definition Video.

Stylistically, we want to encourage diversity; therefore students are free to make a funny film or a poignant film, shoot in a variety of visual styles, etc.

It's okay to feature Cisco products (e.g. Linksys, Scientific Atlanta cable boxes), but Cisco is looking to show a breadth of different experiences provided by a variety of companies.

Competition Description:

The Digital Cribs competition will generate a total of (8) finished films from NYU. One finalist will emerge from this field of (8) and will go forward to represent their university in a head to head competition with the finalist from the USC Film School.

Competition Timing:

09/10/08 – Cisco/Ogilvy brief NYU students on project (need venue details)
10/10/08 – Script treatments due
10/15/08 – Top 8 finalists selected
12/16/08 – Voting at DigitalCribs.com begins to determine NYU finalist for national competition
01/23/08 – Voting closes
01/31/09 – Screening gala/prizes awarded (need venue details)
02/05/09 – NYU v. USC National Competition voting opens
02/20/09 – National Competition closes, Winner notified

Rules of the Contest:

The top 8 finalists will be selected by a 3-person panel comprised of representatives from Cisco, Ogilvy and the entertainment industry.

Each finalist will receive $5,000 to create their final episode submission. Students are competing for (2) different prizes. “The Brand Prize” for $5K selected by a panel of judges and “The People’s Choice Prize” for $10K selected by community voting.

Once the final episodes are submitted to Cisco they will be uploaded to the DigitalCribs competition site for community voting to determine the winner of the People’s Choice Award. The (8) finalists will share from a total prize pool of $10K. Money will be awarded based upon the overall % of views that a video gets on the DigitalCribs competition site. For example, if your video receives 80% of the total views, you receive $8K.

A panel of 3 judges comprised of representatives from Cisco, Ogilvy and the entertainment industry will determine the Brand Award winner.

Email questions or treatment submissions to promotion.pictures@gmail.com.

dilemma?
you might end up dead?

[as long as rush says there’s an invisible god in love with you, what would it matter?]

Hannity has hosted country music-themed Freedom Concerts since 2003, billed to help benefit the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, a charity created by Oliver North to provide college scholarships to children with a parent severely disabled or killed in military action.

Speakers at the September 11, 2007 concert included Oliver North, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani and several conservative talk show hosts from WABC Radio.[42]

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The Cognitive and Computational Neuroscience of Categorization, Novelty-Detection

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OBJECTIVE: Develop software tools that allow users to define critics that adapt existing software to meet changing internal and environmental situations.

DESCRIPTION: The need for software that can adapt itself to changing situations based on user-defined criteria represents the next great challenge in software development. Existing software tends to be brittle and inflexible, requiring the coordinated efforts of usability experts, knowledge engineers, and software engineers to update programs. These updates are usually in the form of new product releases or patches. Software that allows users to define their needs and updates itself to meet those needs could substantially reduce the coding efforts required in rapidly evolving environments. One approach to solving the software adaptation problem is to endow software with the knowledge of its own inner-workings. Potentially, this "meta" or "reflective" knowledge would allow software to analyze and adapt itself as new situations are encountered. To capitalize on meta-knowledge, however, requires additional knowledge in the form of critics. Ideally, adaptation should correspond to a user's needs, which means that critics will need to understand and incorporate these needs. There is currently no effective way for users to define unforeseen situation-specific needs, nor is there a way to apply that information to adapt existing or future software. The development of tools that allow users to define critics would go a long way towards the goal of flexible software.

PHASE I: Design software technology for defining critics that demonstrates the use of meta-knowledge and the ability to adapt software based on user needs.

PHASE II: Implement a prototype system that allows users from different domains to adapt software through user-defined critics.

PHASE III DUAL USE APPLICATIONS: This technology has potential uses in a wide range of military and commercial products. The technology could enhance any software system that requires frequent updates or varied specializations, e.g., military software systems (logistics, planning, or simulation) or commercial software (pharmaceutical R&D software, CAD/CAM, or Business Simulation).

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attacks, assassinations and coups" in a selection of Middle East countries.

Once the Times, aided by a pair of Democratic senators, had lifted the rock of secrecy under which the program had been hiding, the Pentagon quickly killed the project. But morbid commodities traders and dead pool participants would have grasped the idea immediately.

NY Times:

The Pentagon called its latest idea a new way of predicting events and part of its search for the "broadest possible set of new ways to prevent terrorist attacks." Two Democratic senators who reported the plan called it morally repugnant and grotesque. The senators said the program fell under the control of Adm. John M. Poindexter*, President Ronald Reagan’s national security adviser.

*TIA & DARPA and tried to get citizens to look at the sky and yell: UFO!

[don’t forget to have the mortuary go wallstreet!]

[“nice guy”…play tickle me with an invention]

[nasa astronaut yells at Poindexter’s son:

KEEP YOUR F*CKING HANDS OFF THE GYROSCOPE!]

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DARPA develops zap-bomb electropulse countermeasures

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Whitepaper: Rethink Virtualization in Business Terms

US military boffins are preparing highly sophisticated technical defences against the dreaded electromagnetic pulse bomb, a weapon which has long been anticipated but never successfully built.

We know about the counter-electropulse defence technology because the company which will develop it – HRL Labs of Malibu, California – announced their contract win yesterday. The programme is referred to by the Pentagon as Electromagnetic Pulse-tolerant Microwave Receiver Front-end, or EMPiRe*.

The idea of the attacking e-weapon is that it would release a hugely powerful radio-frequency or microwave pulse. In the same way that a normal, very weak emission is picked up by a radio or radar antenna to produce a measurable current, the weapons-grade pulse would induce a vicious surge in exposed electronic equipment – potentially frying it for good, or at least shutting it down for a bit.

Such weapons, it’s often thought, might be driven by explosions or other rapid processes rather than normal batteries or generators, because of the need to release large amounts of power very fast: hence pulse bomb rather than pulse raygun etc.

Normally, the defence against this sort of thing is simple. You merely enclose your electronics in a conductive metallic Faraday cage, perhaps fashioned of trusty tinfoil if nothing better comes to hand. The problems of generating and focusing powerful electropulses are already enormous – so enormous, in fact, that decades of secretive US effort have failed to produce any working EMP weapons**. Producing an EMP which has range, focus and power sufficient to sizzle its way through a decent Faraday cage is just not on.

But there are problems here. Some kinds of electronics are no use if you wrap them up in a radio-proof box. In particular, a microwave receiver in a communications or radar set needs to pick up RF radiation – but if you let it, an EMP bomb or whatever might fry the electronics of the connected system.

HRL’s proposed solution is to isolate the “front end” of the receiver, which will “sense incoming electrical fields through a high-performance microwave photonic link”. The new HRL front end will pass information to the signal processors optically, meaning that no electric surge through into the protected back end is possible.

“The thermal effects of a high-energy attack will be insignificant because our sensor head absorbs negligible radio-frequency power,” says HRL Senior Scientist Dr James Schaffner.

HRL’s research is funded by DARPA, the Pentagon’s elite group of paradigm-punishing, technonoclastic nerd-wranglers. DARPA’s goal often appears to the outsider to be that of rendering America’s latest military tech obsolete well before it actually comes into service. In this case the Pentagon brainboxes have well excelled themselves, as even the more ambitious ongoing US pulse-bomb efforts only see themselves starting a useful weapons programme from 2012. (To be fair, DARPA might be more worried about EMPs from nukes.)

Needless to say, some who already prefer to be on the safe side regarding Faraday Cage protective headgear will see this instead as solid evidence that the dreaded, functional pulse bomb – or even EMP ray-cannon – is already out there. ®

Bootnotes

*This breaks every rule of Acronym Club. We suggest Barrier Interposed Terawatt Countermeasures against High-powered Specialist Lightning Attack Pulses.

**Other than nuclear bombs, which produce a substantial EMP as a side effect when they go off. It has been suggested that if you wanted to EMP an enemy city – so knocking out all its comms and...
electronics, as opposed to leaving it a glowing glassy crater – you might touch off a suitable nuke above it in the extreme upper reaches of the atmosphere. Evil Sean Bean was fixing to do this to London in the Bond flick Goldeneye, using an eponymous Russkie space nuke pulse device hacked by Bean’s henchmen from their thirty-disguised shopping centre base, apparently situated beneath the Arecibo radar telescope.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/08/28/darpa_pulse_weapon_countermeasure/

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mitch mcconnell
[a turncoat republican & poindexter buddy]
has a snit at the hill
[-more bombs, more spyware, less food]
Top Republican:
Scrap 'buy American' stimulus clause
"I don’t think we ought to use a measure that is supposed to be timely, temporary, and targeted to set off trade wars when the entire world is experiencing a downturn in the economy," said
Senator Mitch McConnell

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Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky:
His net worth is estimated at between $15.1 million and $42.3 million.

Asked whether he would support trying to strip the measure from what is now roughly an 888-billion-dollar economic stimulus package, the Republican minority leader told reporters: “I think it’s a bad idea to put it in a bill like this, which is supposed to be about jump starting the economy, yes.”

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Later, other famous inventors, like Thomas A. Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, would follow in Ben’s footsteps by trying to find ways to help people live better. Today’s curious thinkers are keeping Ben’s traditions alive by inventing new and improved ways to make things work.

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The 13th Amendment

This documentary short follows a 90 year old great-great grandmother on her trek to vote for Barack Obama in the 2008 Pennsylvania Primary

269,231 views

[TRANSLATED] Maglev Car
Holy shi, something worked in Kibby’s class

1 year ago 3,739 views imatreedllife

i did my taxes 3 nights ago!!!
almost
one year later !
WOW!
[sarcasm]
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and cashes my pay checks regardless,
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Daschle apologizes for failing to pay taxes
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"He's as dirty as they come"
It looks very bad that McConnell was caught earmarking $25 million for a British armsmaker, BAE, "that is under criminal investigation by the U.S. Justice Department and suspected by American diplomats of a "long-standing, widespread pattern of bribery allegations."
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Chairman, Foreign Operations
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WASHINGTON (CNN) — Can the cute, popular toy Furby be a threat to national security? The government thinks so, and has banned it from National Security Agency premises in Maryland.

Furby is embedded with a computer chip that allows it to record words. Because of that ability, NSA officials were worried "that people would take them home and they’d start talking classified," one Capitol Hill source told The Washington Post.

In a warning to employees, the NSA said, "Personally owned photographic, video and audio recording equipment are prohibited items. This includes toys, such as "Furbys," with built-in recorders that repeat the audio with synthesized sound to mimic the original signal."

"We are prohibited from introducing these items into NSA spaces. Those who have should contact their Staff Security Office for guidance," a memo said.

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GOP leaders doubt economic stimulus bill will pass Senate

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates (C) walks with Minister of State for Defense Shaykh Muhammad bin Abdulla al-Khalifa (R) on December 13, 2008 as he prepares to depart Manama, Bahrain. Gates was arriving from Kandahar, Afghanistan where he met with General David McKiernan (L), commander International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images) *** Local Caption *** Shaykh Muhammad bin Abdulla al-Khalifa;Robert Gates

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Anthony J. Tether was appointed as Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on June 18, 2001. DARPA is the principal Agency within the Department of Defense for research, development, and demonstration of concepts, devices, and systems that provide highly advanced military capabilities. As Director, Tether is responsible for management of the Agency’s projects for high-payoff, innovative research and development. Until his appointment as Director, DARPA, Tether held the position of Chief Executive Officer and President of The Sequoia Group, which he founded in 1996. The Sequoia Group provided program management and strategy development services to government and industry. From 1994 to 1996, Tether served as Chief Executive Officer for Dynamics Technology Inc. From 1992 to 1994, he was Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation’s (SAIC) Advanced Technology Sector, and then Vice President and General Manager for Range Systems at SAIC. Prior to this, he spent six years as Vice President for Technology and Advanced Development at Ford Aerospace, which was acquired by Loral Corporation during that period. He has also held positions in the Department of Defense, serving as Director of DARPA’s Strategic Technology Office in 1982 through 1986, and as Director of the National Intelligence Office in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1978 to 1979. Prior to entering government service, he served as Executive Vice President of Systems Control Inc. from 1969 to 1978, where he applied estimation and control theory to military and commercial problems with particular concentration on development and specification of algorithms to perform real-time resource allocation and control. Tether has served on Army and Defense Science Boards and on the Office of National Drug Control Policy Research and Development Committee. He is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and is listed in several Who’s Who publications. In 1986, he was honored with both the National Intelligence Medal and the Department of Defense Civilian Meritorious Service Medal. Tether received his Bachelor’s of Electrical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1964, and his Master of Science (1965) and Ph.D. (1969) in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

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false color images:

More generally, false-color images can be generated by digital image processing techniques to represent up to three independent measurements over a two-dimensional map or image. For example, a satellite might capture average intensities in short ranges of the ultraviolet spectrum and the near infrared spectrum. These measurements can be combined with altitude information in such a way that blue represents ultraviolet, green represents altitude, and red represents infrared. Then a bright yellow pixel indicates a high-altitude object that emits or reflects only ultraviolet light; a magenta pixel indicates a low-altitude object that emits or reflects both infrared and ultraviolet light; etc. Because human visual perception is limited to three independent coordinates (Combination of Red, Green and Blue), at most three measurements can be depicted in such a way.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False-color

Theory of operation

Infrared energy is just one part of the electromagnetic spectrum that encompasses radiation from gamma rays, x-rays, ultra violet, a thin region of visible light, infrared, microwaves, and radio waves. These are all related and differentiated in the length of their wave (wavelength). All objects emit a certain amount of black body radiation as a function of their temperatures. Generally speaking, the higher an object’s temperature is, the more infrared radiation as black-body radiation it emits. A special camera can detect this radiation in a way similar to an ordinary camera does visible light. It works even in total darkness because ambient light level do not matter. This makes it useful for rescue operations in smoke-filled buildings and underground.

http://www.answers.com/topic/thermographic-camera

w band

The W band of the microwave part of the electromagnetic spectrum ranges from 75 to 111 GHz. It sits above the IEEE designated V band (50–75 GHz) in frequency, yet overlaps the NATO designated M band (60–100 GHz). The W band is used for millimeter wave radar research, military radar targeting and tracking applications, and some non-military applications.

A number of passive millimetre-wave cameras for concealed weapons detection operate at 94 GHz. A frequency around 77 GHz is used for automotive cruise control radar. The atmospheric radio window at 94 GHz is used for imaging millimetre-wave radar applications in astronomy, defense, and security applications.

Less-than-lethal weaponry exists that uses millimeter waves to heat a thin layer of human skin to an intolerable temperature so as to make the targeted person move away. A two-second burst of the 95 GHz focused beam heats the skin to a temperature of 130 °F (54 °C) at a depth of 1/64th of an inch (0.4 mm). The United States Air Force and Marines are currently using this type of Active Denial System.[1]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W_band

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Pink – So What (I’m Still a Rockstar) + Lyrics!!!
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Na na na na na na
Na na na na na
Na na na na na na
Na na na na na
I guess I just lost my husband
I don't know where he went
So I'm gonna drink my money
I'm not gonna pay his rent (nope)
I've got a brand new attitude,
And I'm gonna wear it tonight
I'm gonna get in trouble
I wanna start a fight
Na na na na na
I wanna start a fight
Na na na na na
I wanna start a fight [Chorus]
So
So what I'm still a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't need you
And guess what
I'm havin more fun
And now that were done
I'm gonna show you tonight
I'm alright
I'm just fine
And you're a tool so
So what
I am a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't want you tonight
Unt! Check my flow Uoohh
The waiter just took my table
And gave it to Jessica Simpsons
(Shit)
I guess I'll go sit with drum boy
At least he'll know how to hit
(Oops)
What if this song's on the radio,
Then somebody's gonna die! haha
I'm going to get in trouble,
My ex will start a fight
Na na na na na
He's gonna to start a fight
Na na na na
We're all gonna
To get into a fight [Chorus]
So
So what I'm still a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't need you
And guess what
I'm havin more fun
And now that were done
I'm gonna show you tonight
I'm alright
I'm just fine
And you're a tool so
So what
I am a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't want you tonight
You weren't fair
You never were
You want it all but that's not fair
I gave you love
I gave my all
You weren't there, you let me fall
[Chorus]
So, so what I'm still a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't need you
And guess what
I'm havin more fun
And now that were done
I'm gonna show you tonight
I'm alright
I'm just fine
And you're a tool so
So what
I am a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't want you tonight
No no
No no, I don't want you tonight
You weren't there
I'm gonna show you tonight
I'm alright
I'm just fine
And you're a tool so
So what
I am a rock star
I got my rock moves
And I don't want you tonight
Ba da da da pffft

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i have a headache • January 30, 2009 • Leave a Comment
Electromagnetic weapons—also known as E-bombs—are designed to release a high-power flash of radio waves or microwaves. Depending on the energy of the electromagnetic pulse, effects can range from the disabling of electronic circuits to physiological effects in those exposed to the electromagnetic pulse.

Electronic stimulation can have other, nonlethal effects on humans. Secret research conducted in the United States following World War II demonstrated that electronic stimulation of different regions of the brain of test subjects could produce extreme emotions of rage, lust*, and fatigue. Another research program, dubbed "Operation Knockout," operated at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montreal, Canada, with funding from the Central Intelligence Agency. The study's director, Dr. Ewen Cameron, discovered that electroshock treatments caused amnesia. Memories could be erased, and the subjects became psychologically affected by it. They have trouble sleeping at night.

Low frequency electromagnetic waves, also known as acoustic waves, have been commonly used for decades in functions such as ultrasound machines. However, acoustic waves can also cause internal organs of humans to vibrate. The result can be nausea, diarrhea, earache, and mental confusion. The discomfort increases as one gets closer to the source.

Shorter wavelength electromagnetic radiation produces different effects. A common example is microwave radiation, which in a microwave oven can be used to heat up foods and liquids. When directed at humans, a microwave weapon causes atoms to vibrate, which in turn generates heat. At 200 yards away, body temperature increases from the normal 98.6°F to 107°F. At closer range, the temperature increase can be even higher, and is lethal.

Microwave electromagnetic weapons can also stun a victim. This is the result of the stimulation of peripheral nerves. The simultaneous activity of many nerves over-whelms the capacity of the brain to process the incoming information, and can induce unconsciousness.

The biochemical effect of microwave exposure is dependent on the distance from the source, as electromagnetic fields become much weaker as the distance from the source increases. Experiments with very low frequency electromagnetic radiation have demonstrated that the radiation can induce the brain to release chemicals that induce slumber, or to release a chemical called histamine. In human volunteers, the histamine release produces flu-like symptoms, which dissipate when the radiation stops.

Not all electromagnetic weapons are cloaked in military secrecy. A device called the Pulse Wave Myotron is commercially available. The Myotron emits rapid pulses of electromagnetic radiation. The pulses incapacitate the movement of voluntary muscles by over riding the electrical pulse that normally flows from nerve to nerve within the muscles. Involuntary muscles, such as the heart and muscles that operate the lungs, are unaffected. Thus, a victim is rendered incapable of movement or speech. The effect lasts until the muscles can repolarize, approximately 30 minutes.

Further Reading

Books
http://www.answers.com/topic/electromagnetic-weapons-biochemical-effects

And the users of some sites have found the support of Jim Guest, a Republican state representative in Missouri, who wrote last year to his fellow legislators calling for an investigation into the claims of those who say they are being tortured by mind control.

"I've had enough calls, some from credible people — professors — being targeted by nonlethal weapons," Mr. Guest said in a telephone interview, adding that nothing came of his request for a legislative investigation. "They become psychologically affected by it. They have trouble sleeping at night."

He added: "I believe there are people who have been targeted by this. With this equipment, you have to test it on somebody to see if it works."


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**What is a con-centric government v. a bi-partisan one?**

Most widely accepted definitions of torture encompass both physical and mental pain and suffering, according to background information in the article. "After reports of human rights abuses by the U.S. military in Guantanamo Bay, Iraq and Afghanistan, a U.S. Defense Department working group report on detainee interrogations and a U.S. Justice Department memorandum on U.S. torture policy argued for a fairly narrow definition of torture that excludes mental pain and suffering caused by various acts that do not cause severe physical pain," the study authors write. The detention and interrogation procedures that are excluded from this definition include blindfolding and hooding, forced nudity, isolation and psychological manipulations.

Metin Basoglu, M.D., Ph.D., King’s College, University of London, and colleagues interviewed 279 survivors of torture from Sarajevo in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Luka in Republica Srpska, Rijeka in Croatia and Belgrade in Serbia between 2000 and 2002. The survivors (average age 44.4, 86.4 percent men) were asked which of 54 war-related stressors and 46 different forms of torture they had experienced. Each participant then rated each event on scales of zero to four for distress (where zero was not at all distressing and four was extremely distressing) and loss of control (where zero was completely in control and four was not at all in control or completely helpless). Then, they reported how distressed or out of control they felt overall during the torture. Clinicians also assessed the survivors for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTS D) and other psychiatric conditions.

http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/03/070305202811.htm

Torture is often sponsored by governments. In addition, individuals or groups may inflict torture on others for the same reasons as those acting in an official capacity. Torture is prohibited under international law and the domestic laws of most countries, however, Amnesty International estimates that at least 81 world governments currently practice torture, some openly.[2]
No power until mid-February

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CLPX-Ground: Ground-Based Frequency Modulated Continuous Wave (FMCW) Radar
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Summary
This data set is comprised of FMCW radar measurements, which are sensitive to electromagnetic discontinuities in the snowpack, made during the 2002 and 2003 Cold Land Processes Field Experiment (CLPX). The microwave interaction with a snow pack was measured using broadband frequency modulated continuous wave (FMCW) radar operating at between 2 and 18 GHz, incorporating the following frequencies: C-Band (2-6 GHz), X-Band (8-12 GHz), and Ku-Band (14-18 GHz). Measurements were made at the Local Scale Observation Site (LSOS) near Fraser, Colorado, during Intensive Observation Periods (IOP) 1 and 2 (February and March, 2002), and at four different sites covering each of the three Mesocell Study Areas (MSAs) during IOP 3 and 4 (February and March, 2003). Active microwave radar signals are reflected and scattered by electromagnetic discontinuities that affect radar backscatter signatures. The location and magnitude of these discontinuities in a snow pack must be identified as a function of microwave frequency in order to accurately invert snow cover properties from active and passive microwave remote sensing systems. Consequently, in conjunction with the radar measurements, detailed snow pit measurements were taken at a nearby site in order to correlate the radar profile with the snow pit records.

This investigation found that radar operating at 14-18 GHz contains the most information about the internal features of a dry snow pack. However, the high-frequency radar is of limited use in wet snow due to the high absorption loss in water. For a wet snowpack, radar operating at lower frequencies (2-6 GHz) was necessary for penetrating to the snow-ground interface. These findings suggest that a dual-frequency approach for radar remote sensing may be necessary to retrieve snow pack parameters such as density, depth, and wetness.

The NASA CLPX is a multi-sensor, multi-scale experiment that focuses on extending a local-scale understanding of water fluxes, storage, and transformations to regional and global scales. Within a framework of nested study areas in the central Rocky Mountains of the western United States, ranging from 1-ha to 160,000 km2, intensive ground, airborne, and spaceborne observations are collected. Data collection focuses on two seasons: mid-winter, when conditions are generally frozen and dry, and early spring, a transitional period when both frozen and thawed, dry and wet conditions are widespread.
Websites and Blogs Are Different

What is the difference between a blog and a website? "Blog" and "website" are sometimes used interchangeably. They are not, but we wouldn't be as static in our definition as the "Apples vs. Oranges" image above. Blogs and websites have important roles to play in successful content and social marketing.


I know my blog has been rather boring because of all those posts about Metaphysical and supernatural mumbo jumbo. So I thought it would be nice to post about some fun stuff. Ok there's gonna be a series for the flash movie Super Hero Clock.