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Mental Retardation up 3000% among Death Row Inmates

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Mental Retardation among death row inmates has skyrocketed over summer months, according to a report published on Friday by the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP). The report offers no explanation for the large increase, but many speculate that it may be a result of a vague Supreme Court ruling that declared the execution of the mentally retarded unconstitutional.

The BOP report places America's death row population at 3,753. Of these, 164 were considered to be mentally retarded before June. At the end of June that number had grown to over 2,129 and continues to rise every day. Mental retardation generally means that a person's intelligence quotient (IQ) is below 75, with 100 being aver-

age. However, IQ tests vary greatly and are widely considered unreliable in diagnosing mental retardation. Certain other subjective observational tests are sometimes used.

Prison wardens across the country have reported "unorthodox behavior" among their death row inmates, according to the report. Behavior cited includes a sudden onslaught of slurred speech, an increase of inmates "trying to touch their ear with their tongue," and a sharp rise in inmates attempting to touch elbows behind their backs. The report also revealed that of the roughly 3,000 IQ tests given to death row inmates: 93% scored below 75, 45% scored below 25 (someone scoring 30 or below is generally considered "dead or sleeping"), 29% insisted on taking

the test with a crayon, and 81% misspelled their names.

On June 20 the Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional to execute the mentally retarded. Critics of the ruling point to the BOP study as proof that the ruling will lead to numerous costly appeals among convicts sentenced to the death penalty. When asked if the Supreme Court ruling had an effect on his IQ score of 7, Texas death row inmate Javier Rodriguez began mumbling, "I'm an excellent driver...Dad let's me drive slow on the driveway...We're counting cards...I wear boxer shorts...These are Hanes thirty-fours...K-Mart!...Oak Street...I am Sam." Rodriguez scored a 109 last February.

Priestley Loses Sideburn Due to Crash

LEXINGTON, KY—Actor Jason Priestley, former star of the "Beverly Hills 90210" or whatever television series, was seriously injured on August 11 when his race car crashed head-on into a wall during a practice run at the Kentucky Speedway.

In the weeks since the accident Priestley has been able to overcome most of the serious injuries, with one exception: doctors were forced to amputate his left sideburn.

Priestley had reached speeds of over 175 mph in the eight laps before he crashed coming out of a turn in the final practice for an Infiniti Pro Series

race. The violent crash resulted in a broken back, serious concussion, and two broken feet. Remarkably Priestley is expected to make a full recovery from all of these injuries. But doctors were unable to save his left sideburn, which was severely damaged during the crash.

"We're optimistic that he'll recover fully from most of the injuries, but it's my sad duty to inform you that Mr. Priestley lost his left sideburn," said Dr. Henry Bock, a specialist in pro racing injuries. "There was a lot of trauma to the left side of his face...and when it's crunch time in the O.R. you're sometimes forced to make tough choices...we had no choice. We were forced to amputate his sideburn in order to save the rest of his pretty face," explained a distraught Bock during Monday's press conference.

Priestley, along with long-time inane television producer Aaron Spelling, are assembling a team of plastic surgeons who specialize in sideburn repair. "We are looking at all possible remedies right now," said Dr. Fred White, the nation's leading sideburn expert. The possibilities include:

aggressive hair replacement therapy, hair transplants from his extant sideburn, waiting for a sideburn donor to die, and a new type of sideburn prosthesis not yet approved by the FDA.

Priestley became a teen heartthrob playing Brandon Walsh on "90465" or whatever. The under-achieving actor left the series in 1998 to pursue such blockbuster hits as "Eye of the Beholder," "Calendar Girl," and "Love and Death on Long Island."



Sideburn of "90210" star, Jason Priestley

Mr. Trite

Conversation-Starter-of-the-Week

Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first Impression

"Man, the summer really (went by fast/dragged on). I sure am (bummed/happy) to be (back at school/done with work).

How 'bout you?"

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MLC Graduation a “Fein” Affair

1000th Graduate celebrates onstage with Schulz

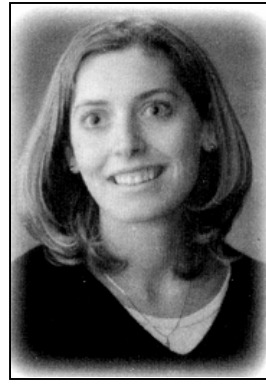
MLC—Sarah Fein has the distinct honor of being the 1000th graduate of Martin Luther College. When Fein, now Mrs. John Bortulin (the couple married in June), took the historic walk across the makeshift stage in the MLC gymnasium on May 18, 2002, the typically unexpressive German congregation erupted into cheers. The celebration was complete with a balloon drop and onstage dancing led by Dean Art Schulz.

Sarah Bortulin, who grew up in rural Michigan, never imagined that she would become part of MLC history. “I had no idea that I was the 1000th graduate,” said Bortulin. “I was just happy to graduate, but then when they said ‘number one-thousand,’ I couldn’t believe it. When the balloons started falling all around me and Profes-

sor Schulz started dancing with me, I felt like I was queen of the world.”

Despite Bortulin herself not being aware of the milestone beforehand, college officials began planning for the event months in advance. The planning certainly paid off. As soon as Dean Art Schulz announced “Sarah Elizabeth Fein, the one-thousandth graduate of Martin Luther College,” it all happened right on cue...

First the canons fired three rounds of celebratory shots. Then the band began to rock the gymnasium with an ear-bleeding version of Fleetwood Mac’s “Don’t Stop Thinking About Tomorrow.” Schulz embraced the star struck graduate and began to dance across the stage as the choir sang: “Why not think about times to come / And not



Sarah Fein, #1000

Bortulin. We can safely add that it will be something that *nobody* on MLC’s campus that historic day will soon forget.

about the things that you’ve done.” That’s when the balloons began to fall onto the stage, that’s right, all one-thousand of them. By that time the congregation had joined in the celebration, with everyone dancing and singing along.

“Onstage dancing with the coolest guy at MLC...it will be something I’ll not soon forget,” said

Editorial: “I’m feigning mental retardation in order to escape the death penalty.”

By Tim Clark, third grader



What a bunch of suckers! I always knew that our constitutional form of government provided various loopholes for wealthy taxpayers, the criminally insane, and even former Heisman Trophy winners, but I’ve discovered the MEGA-LOOPHOLE. Thank you: Justices Stevens, O’Connor, Kennedy,

Souter, Ginsburg, and Breyer! Suckers!!!

Now I’ve seen corporate executives on C-Span plead their Fifth Amendment rights, the most notorious of which is that “no person...shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.” And the courts have upheld this crafty dodging of questioning in the name of the Constitution, despite the fact that the idea of beating testimony out of a citizen is really quite antiquated (at least in white-collar jurisprudence). I’ve also heard of criminals going free because of some loophole concerning “unreasonable

searches and seizures” or even some garbage about a “compulsory process for obtaining witnesses.” But all that is nothing compared to the loophole that I, a mere boy of elementary constitutional knowledge, have discovered.

In a recent Supreme Court decision, *Atkins v. Virginia*, the majority ruled that executing the mentally retarded is a violation of the “cruel and unusual punishment” clause of the Eighth Amendment, overturning a 1989 decision that stated just the opposite. Proponents of the *Atkins* decision argue that this change was long overdue, that executing the mentally retarded is somehow “un-American.”

What they fail to realize is that this creates the biggest loophole for Timothy J. Clark since my parents implemented the “be home by the time the streetlights go on” rule, without specifying the exact location of said streetlights. You see, in order to escape the death penalty, all I am required to do, according to constitutional law (law taken directly from the Constitution or the interpretations thereof), is give indisputable evidence that I am of an extremely below average intelligence. What can be easier than that? One fail-proof method of displaying mental retardation: placing *Armageddon* on my list of favorite films. Better

yet: misspelling *Armageddon* on my list of favorite films, right along with “*The May Tricks*.” He he he! Or maybe I will claim to have a good taste in music because I listen to Dave Matthews Band or, better yet, Phish. I know, I’ll start watching the MTV all day long. Suckers!

Now I’m not saying that I intend to commit a capital offense; I just want the extra insurance...just in case. I mean you never know what heinous act a blood-filled video game or obscenity-laced Eminem song (I listen to rap now that I’m mentally retarded) might drive an easily-influenced youth to do. I deem my plan comparable to big corporation CEOs pleading the Fifth—they really have nothing to hide...but, you know, just in case...

Well, that’s about all the time I have...I have to get this editorial in before Cheeky becomes irate. I better go back and purposely misspell some words and violate a few subject-verb agreement rules per my feigning mental retardation idea. No, I think the atrocious overuse of punctuation throughout this op-ed piece is evidence enough of an inferior intellect. Hey, it’s time for recess!

MLC’S TOP TEN NEWS STORIES OVER SUMMER BREAK

1. Hartwig, Schulz, Meyer, Schibbelhut Retirements Lower Average Faculty Age by 19 Years; I.Q. by 34
2. Minimum ACT Score Raised from 10 to 16 Due to Campus Overcrowding
3. Removal of Tennis Courts Cuts Liability Insurance in Half
4. MLC Stock Plummeted 93%
5. Cafeteria Unveils New Coke-Flavored Vanilla Ice Cream
6. Faculty All-Star Game Ends in Tie; Fredrich Captures Homerun Derby Crown
7. City Implements Controversial Four-Way Yield Signs at Center/Highland Intersection
8. President Olsen Takes Month-Long “Working Vacation” to Bahamas
9. Prof. Chazz “Jazzman” Luedtke Joins Rush Onstage for Vapor Trails Tour
10. MLC Motto Changed from “VIA VERITAS VITA” to “VENI VIDI EXCESSI”

SCHOOL VIOLENCE REPORT:



**School Shootings Down
Over Summer Months**

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