



"Multitudines confundens"



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France Succumbs to Freedom Fry Campaign Chirac agrees to aid war effort

PARIS, France—After resisting months of diplomatic pressure by the United States government to aid them in a military effort to disarm Saddam Hussein, France is finally giving into domestic pressure recently launched by American citizens.

Upset about France's refusal to support military action in Iraq, thousands of American citizens took the fight into their own hands by cleverly and poignantly replacing the "French" of many favorite foods and items with the word "freedom."

Chirac, along with millions of French citizens, at first stood stalwart against the brutal psychological tactics. With time, however, the peace-loving, non-leg-shaving nation began to fall

victim to the vicious attack on their culture. "Questioning our resolve and bravery is one thing, but refusing to give us our due credit for deep-fried potatoes and egg-battered toasted bread is just too much," said French citizen Pierre-Louis Lefèvre.

Propaganda-savvy Americans have not stopped at "freedom fries" in their rape of the French culture. Millions have cruelly changed "French dressing" to "freedom dressing," "French toast" to "freedom toast," and "French twists" to "freedom twists." Some have even coined the terms "freedom horn," "freedom kiss," and "freedom tickler" in an endless onslaught of France's stance on the war in Iraq.

French president Jacques Chirac announced in a press conference on Tuesday that his government is now pledging military and economic support in an effort to placate angry, name-nullifying Americans. "We give up," said Chirac. "No effort at peace is worth this trauma inflicted upon our French culture. We agree to aid the war effort, this time for the allies, but please give us our fries and dignity back."

Some Americans are accepting the French support in good faith, while many others, wary of Chirac's intentions, continue the relentless assault against all things French.

Green Army Fatigue Supplier Secretly Wishing for Korean Conflict Salesman "tired of desert warfare"

HAWLEY, PA—Green army fatigue salesman Robert Cromer is secretly hoping for a military conflict to escalate on the moderately-forested Korean peninsula. "I know it sounds kind of sick," whispered Cromer to a confidential source. "But my sales would go way up if we had another nice war where there's some trees and other green stuff." Cromer has been struggling economically since the early '90s when American military focus began changing away from green areas like the jungles of Vietnam to the khaki-colored barren deserts of the Middle East. Tensions have recently been rising on the Korean peninsula due to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il's insistence on restarting their nuclear development program.

U.S. Infantry Surrenders to Iraq in Lame April Fool's Joke

NASIRIYAH, Iraq—Several members of the Marines 3rd Battery, 4th Regiment feigned surrender to Iraqi troops outside of Nasiriyah on Tuesday. The American troops reportedly walked out to the Iraqi perimeters waving white flags and carrying signs that read, "We surrender" in Arabic. After seeing the flags and signs, the Iraqis uncharacteristically held their fire and went out to accept the Americans as POWs. Then the U.S. troops turned the signs around, revealing various obscenity-laced April Fool's messages, and quickly opened fire on the Iraqis. April Fool's Day is typically not observed in Iraq, where, with Saddam in power, everyday is a day of fools.

Geometry Student Insists on Using Angle-Side-Side Theorem

TRENTON, NJ—Despite repeated chiding from his teacher, sophomore geometry student and class clown Max Harn continues to use the fallacious angle-side-side (ASS) theorem to determine congruency in triangles. 46-year-old Neil Keppel, who has been teaching at Lincoln High in Trenton for nineteen years, is apparently oblivious to the erring theorem's comedic effect on high school students. "I don't know how many times I've told him that angle-side-side does not work!" said an exasperated Keppel. "Even his classmates laugh at him for using it. Like me, they realize that triangles with two congruent sides need a congruent angle *between* them for triangular congruency. It's not nice of them to laugh at his inability to comprehend this simple geometrical theorem, but I understand their frustration. I get at least one student every year who can't seem to get this stuff." Classmates place Harn's mathematical antics among his all-time best. "Did you hear that? Max said 'ass' in class again today," said sophomore Kurt Heyn. "I think that was just as funny as when he mispronounced 'Shiite' in Western Civ. class." Fellow sophomore Fernando McCray agrees, "Yeah, man, that sure was funny. But remember that one time when he kept asking Miss Parker to repeat the names of body parts in the sex-ed unit? That was good, too."

Rural Television News Pawning off Wire Service Reports as Their Own

LEWISTON, Idaho—Several residents of a rural Idaho town have apparently not been fooled by the local news coverage of the war in Iraq. They claim that TV station KLEW News 3 of Lewiston is attempting to make taped reports from CBS News and other wire services appear as their own. "It's really sort of pathetic," said viewer Guy Barley of Lewiston. "The anchors always say thank-you to the national reporters and call them by their first names even though they're clearly taped wire service reports. The worst is when they ask them a question before the tape starts and then make it look like they're directly answering it. At least, that's what they try to do."

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Local Man Embedded with War Coverage to Wife's Dismay

LITTLE CHUTE, WI—32-year-old Joe Bickford is deeply embedded with cable news coverage of the war in Iraq, according to his wife Melinda. Mrs. Bickford, 29, has grown increasingly annoyed by her husband's late night obsession with CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News journalists. "When your husband refers to every reporter on three different channels by their first names, you know you're being neglected," says Melinda Bickford. "We go to bed at night and all he wants to do is just lie there and flip through the news. I think he's even got a crush on (CNN's) Daryn Kagan. I mean, he spends more time in bed with her and (FOX's) Laurie Dhue than with me, that's for sure." Melinda Bickford admits that Joe occasionally turns off the television while together in bed. "Sure, sometimes he pays attention to me, but he makes me call him 'Wolf.' That's just plain weird," says Melinda.

Protesters Protest Anti-War Protest Protesters

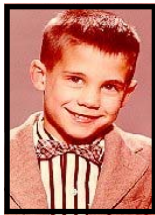
CHICAGO—Police arrested 73 people in downtown Chicago on Saturday as demonstrators flooded Lake Shore Drive in protest of recent protests of anti-war protest protesters. Protester Lorna Pawlik, 36, explained why she and several others turned out. "We're here to exercise our rights to speak out against those who seemingly don't respect the rights of those who are exercising their rights to speak out against those who are speaking out against those who are speaking out against this war," said Pawlik. "Or something like that." When asked if Saturday's protest was in favor of or against the war itself, one protestor responded, "I don't even know anymore." Demonstration organizers estimated the crowd at more than 125,000, but Chicago police chief Terry Hillard estimated turnout at 82.

INCOME TAX TIPS

- \$ Itemize, itemize, itemize
- \$ Convert all income to base 16
- \$ Convert all deductions to base 4
- \$ Write a Bible passage on everything you buy so you can deduct it as a ministerial need
- \$ Don't ask Fun Con students to do your taxes
- \$ Claim your roommate as a dependant
- \$ Deduct college night costs as educational expenses
- \$ Claim you don't have to pay since your past taxes were under your old Adam's name and he's dead
- \$ Don't forget to fill out a Schedule I-AP (I Ain't Payin')
- \$ Add a few zeroes here and there
- \$ Claim the entire school as dependents because they are all your brothers and sisters that you support in faith
- \$ Remember, NCAA pool losses do qualify as capital loss
- \$ Mail your return in a ripped envelope and claim that your check must have fallen out due to postal irresponsibility
- \$ Claim military tax breaks since you are a Christian soldier
- \$ File your taxes using Morse code
- \$ Insist that you are only required to render unto Caesar, and since he's dead, you don't owe anyone down here squat
- \$ Two words: Switzerland
- \$ Don't file and then say, "Oh, you meant *this* April 15th!"
- \$ File for moral bankruptcy
- \$ Say you can't pay because you share an account with Saddam Hussein and all your assets are currently frozen
- \$ Don't include any IRA distributions since you're not currently a member of the Irish Republican Army
- \$ Remember, you are not required to report interest on Compact Discs
- \$ If you doubled your weight in the past year, claim yourself as two exemptions
- \$ When the IRS asks you why you didn't pay, laugh and say, "Well, they were just too...taxing!" and hope that the agent laughs so hard that he forgets why he's talking to you
- \$ Just write "IOU" on your forms and send it in...hey, you're good for it!
- \$ Ask for another week to file since April 15th is also *The Knight's Page* deadline
- \$ Claim your imaginary friend as a dependant

Editorial: "Connie Chung has never been able to live up to her husband's high standards of journalism."

By Tim Clark, third grader



So I'm watching CNN the other week when news babe Connie Chung's show gets preempted for war coverage. And then I find out on Tuesday that her show was cancelled for good. Why would the nation's most-trusted cable news network get rid of a widely respected journalist like Connie Chung? One reason could possibly be that her show was boring and dealt mostly with soft news (i.e. human interest stories). But I think what we have here is a good example of double standards in the professional world. Whenever a woman enters a field, she will inevitably be compared to her male counterparts. In this case, it's the viewers comparing Ms. Chung to her journalist husband Maury Povich. The sad fact is that Connie Chung has never been able to live up to her husband's high standards of journalism. Sure, she's been a major contender in broadcasting for over 30 years and just recently landed a high-profile interview with Gary Condit

while she was with ABC. But how can you compare that to *The Maury Povich Show*? Who needs in-depth interviews of important politicians and economic leaders on shows like *Face to Face with Connie Chung* when you've got more pressing matters like outrageous paternity test results, and cheaters and sexy scam artists caught on tape? I know this third grader doesn't. Maury gives America the information we really need. Who can deny the journalistic integrity of such shows as "Turn that Beautiful Woman Back into My Hunky Son!" "Make My Geeky Teen Look Cool!" "I Can't Believe How Many Kids We Have!" (I think I saw my pastor on that show) "Help! My Mom Dresses Too Sexy!" "Lovely Ladies?...or Gorgeous Guys?" "Please Cut My Floor-Length Hair!" "My Sexy Mom Embarrasses Me!" "Help! My Mom Dresses Like a Tramp!" "You're Too Big to Wear So Little!" "I Was a Nerd...Now I'm Hot, Hot, Hot!" and my personal favorite, "Macho Men Who are Really Women!" You see, the exclamation points let you know that this stuff is important news. Perhaps Connie should watch her husband and learn what real journalism is all about.

Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

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



"Man, have you checked out The Cabbage Online? I think it's really (*cool / lame*). How 'bout you?"

Not sure what you're eating?
Check out the cafeteria menu on the intranet!

Calendar Correction

There are no classes on Wednesday, April 16.