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## Trekkies banish gamers from balcony in orgy of nerdiness

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The Reed balcony was once known as a merry shire where members of the Behrend Game Players Club, an organization catering to the tastes of "Magic: The Gathering" fans as well "Dungeons & Dragons" enthusiasts, could while away the hours, cavorting in fantasy worlds of their own choosing. All this changed Thursday afternoon when Tiberius Q. Thund-o-zoid, president of the Behrend Star Trek Club, unleashed an unholy bout of carnage upon the unsuspecting role players. The Game Players ranks had swollen to a robust thirty-five members preceding the coming of Thund-o-zoid, today only eight adventurers (two Clerics, five Thieves and one Warrior) remain.

At approximately 3:08 p.m. the Trekkies began their conquest, appearing via the Reed elevator and instantly disintegrating better than a dozen Game Players in a hail of phaser fire. Former Game Player's President Clyde Pimplethorp attempted to hold back the advancing forces by playing a Magic card known as the "Spite Dragon," however both the dragon and Pimplethorp immediately met their doom at the hands of Thund-o-zoid's well trained shock troops.

All remaining Game Players were unmercifully eradicated by the subsequent wave of Klingon Warriors, who resorted to far more gruesome tactics than those employed by the comparatively humane shock troops. Witnesses attested to the brutality of all the aggressors, in particular Thund-o-zoid, who reportedly berated Game Players as "Primitive Screw-heads" and "Bilbo Loving Degenerates."

The altercation concluded amidst a flurry of pleading and scattered Magic cards when Thund-o-zoid himself eliminated the last Game Player and declared that the balcony was now exclusive property of the Behrend Star Trek Club.

Starfleet, the international Star Trek fan organization, denied any connection with Thund-o-zoid and condemned his actions as unconscionable. When pressed for comment Gabriel Koerner, professor emeritus of Star

Trek studies at Cal-Tech, speculated that due to the recent cancellation of "Enterprise," the most recent Trek TV series, Thund-o-zoid may have experienced a great deal of psychological trauma that ultimately forced him into an "evil alternate universe mindset" of immorality and empire building. This hypothesis also explains his long, stringy moustache.

As of Friday morning, Thund-o-zoid had assumed full control of the Game Player's financial assets and campus facilities. When asked to explain his actions, Thund-o-zoid offered only the he felt that the balcony had "been too long under the sway of those backward medieval-types with all their Dwarves and Ogres and Heffalumps and whatnot." Thund-o-zoid went on to indicate that "The Balcony can now better serve the Behrend Community as a whole thanks to the superior breakthroughs in both technology and personal hygiene of the 23rd Century."

Acting Game Player's President Gurdge Urell denied Thund-o-zoid's claim that medievals were lacking in personal hygiene and vowed swift retaliation. Although unwilling to intervene due to the nature of the conflict not falling under their jurisdiction as described by the University Policy Book, University Mediators offered their suspicion that, if anything, both organizations likely suffered from a disparity of personal hygiene and that the issue should be dropped.

Late Thursday evening, Acting President Urell called upon the allegiance of Sci-Fi/Fantasy fans of all stripes to build a "Fellowship of the Willing" to retaliate against Thund-o-zoid's occupation of the balcony. Urell decreed "Whether you are infatuated with the past, present, alternate present sorta-like in 'The Matrix', alternate dimensions, the future or non-historical eras - join us so we can prevent the spread of tyranny across the land of Bachrohnd!"

Closed door talks between Urell and President of the Behrend Star Wars Society, Darth Tickle, are rumored to be underway and will likely conclude sometime Monday. Darth Tickle was unavailable for comment as to whether or not the Empire would be striking back.

## Chinese Zodiac

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In celebration of the Chinese New Year this week's regularly scheduled Beacon Horoscopes will be replaced with the Beacon's take on the Chinese Zodiac.

**RAT**- Known for their love of cheese, those who are born in the Year of the Rat are naturally secretive. They avoid sunlight and thrive in filthy environments. However they are intelligent and hearty. They are the first to evacuate a sinking ship and are capable of surviving in most environments. Their biggest drawback is they need to constantly chew hardened timber to keep their teeth from growing to an uncontrollable length. They are most compatible with roaches, research scientists, and small children.

**OX**- Those born in the Year of the Ox are naturally dull. That however, is the least of their problems as they are plagued with terrible luck and are doomed to repeat their mistakes over and over. As compulsive gamblers they are prone to lose their money in casinos, bars, alleys and are forced to sell their kidneys on the black market. They are most compatible with loan sharks, bookies and disenfranchised politicians.

**TIGER**- Spontaneous by nature, people born in the Year of the Tiger are prone to impulsive purchases such as jump rope supplies, compulsive behavior such as throwing live chickens at no one in particular and repulsive appearance including but not

limited to a body odor similar to sulfur. Interestingly, they also lack any and all social skills being highly abrasive and belligerent towards their family, friends and the world at large. People born in the Year of the Tiger are compatible with no one.

**RABBIT**- People born during the Year of the Rabbit are generally small, furry and have big pointy teeth. They have innumerable natural enemies, but their biggest threat are the spotted Mongolian newt and Holy Hand Greandes. However they spend most of their time painting eggs preparing for Easter. They are most compatible with other rabbits, other rabbits and marinade.

**DRAGON**- Those born during the Year of the Dragon are known for their fatal (to others) halitosis. The dragons tend to find caves as attractive places of residences. Distantly related to Rabbits, they often experience problems with knights, crusaders and used car salesmen. People born in the Year of the Dragon are compatible with fire everything but water and archers named Bard.

**SNAKE**- The Year of the Snake produces people of no value whatsoever. Sorry, but that's all I got for this one.

**HORSE**- People born during the Year of the Horse tend to travel often while carrying people on their back. They are highly compatible with all levels of society including; knights, cowboys, kings, minutemen, Rohirrim, hippies, Cossacks and members of Behrend's Equestrian

Club. Their relationships tend to end tragically, as whenever they are badly hurt, they are shot.

**RAM**- Headbutts are an everyday reality for those born in the Year of the Ram. They are fans of Dodge products and are highly compatible with those who are Taurus's in the western Zodiac. They always "grab life by the horns."

**MONKEY**- A prehensile tail, as useful as it can be, does not help those born in the Year of the Monkey hold down a job. As the ideal (and only realistic) job for them is aerospace and nuclear weapons engineer for the Bolivian government, they tend to have trouble finding gainful employment.

**ROOSTER**- People born in the Year of the Rooster beat the adage; 'the early bird gets the worm' to death with their crowing at the sunrise. Their ideal residence is in small cages waiting to be processed into a small, breaded morsel and comes with a secret recipe of 32 herbs and spices.

**DOG**- The Year of the Dog breeds people who have tendencies to drool, scratch in public and carry parasites. They horde their wealth, often times burying their most valued possessions. Their favorite activities are sleeping, eating, scratching and poker.

**PIG**- People born during the Year of the Pig are best slow roasted over a spit. Add spices as needed.

## Saint faces child molestation charges

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This week the Catholic Church was rocked by yet another scandal; St. Valentine faces allegations of child molestation.

One of Valentine's patronages is young people, which is what led investigators to question the motives behind his interest in romantic affairs, especially those of young people.

"It seems like a classic, cut and dry case of a dirtball priest," said investigator Paddy O'Patrick. "I hate to go after a man of the cloth, especially for such a heinous crime, but all evidence seems to indicate that he hasn't been holding true to his vow of chastity."

Valentine is currently free on bail and awaiting trial, however he is still conducting mass and preparing for Monday's festivities.

"I've known him since he came to our parish and never once did he give anyone any reason to not trust him," said an anonymous parishioner. "To me he seemed, well, saintly."

As far as Valentine's past goes, there is little to be said.

"His background is uncertain, there are rumors that he may be under an alias. We can't even find birth records on the guy," said O'Patrick. "It's a wonder that he was even ordained. I know the Catholic Church is desperate for priests, but they should at least do a background check."

Experts have narrowed Valentine's place of origin to either the Mediterranean or Africa and the top scientists in the field of religious criminology believe that Valentine did was imprisoned in one or both of those regions. Authorities are not ruling out an Al Qaeda connection.

"He's lived in the Mediterranean, Africa, and possibly the Middle East," said conservative talk radio host Chuck Linriley. "Anyone who's been to that many places outside of the country must be one of those bomb strapped terrorists. He's a child molester, and therefore homosexual, which means he's a social deviant, and therefore a communist. Which means he's a subversive flag-

burning, pot-smoking, baby-eating, hippy. We should fry him without a trial."

In response, liberals held a rally for Valentine, which included the throng singing John Lennon's "Imagine." Before finishing they all came to their senses and got jobs, renouncing their meaningless, economically worthless, existences to participate in the system. They realized that they had no marketable skills and slipping further into depression over their empty existences attempted to purchase firearms so they could commit suicide. However, due to their innumerable gun control laws they were unable to acquire any firearms and so went back to their regularly scheduled whining.

Valentine is not releasing a public statement until Tuesday to prevent his legal woes from interfering with the holiday. Valentine's attorney did indicate that a plea bargain is not out of the question, however the Church plans to fight as hard to prove Valentine's innocence as they fought to prove that the earth was the center of the universe.

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