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Hack Heaven

By Stephen Glass:

Ian Restil, a 15-year-old computer hacker who looks like an even more adolescent version of Bill Gates, is throwing a tantrum. "I want more money. I want a Miata. I want a trip to Disney World. I want X-Man comic [book] number one. I want a lifetime subscription to Playboy, and throw in Penthouse. Show me the money! Show me the money!"

Spring Breakdown

By Stephen Glass:

On the fourth floor of Washington's Omni Shoreham Hotel, eight young men sit facing each other on the edge of a pair of beds. They are all 20 or 21 and are enrolled in Midwestern colleges. Each is wearing a white or blue shirt with the top button unfastened, and each has his striped tie loosened. One of the young men, an Ohioan, is wearing a green and white button that reads: "Save the Males." The minibar is open and empty little bottles of booze are scattered on the carpet.



Wall-riding Wonders

What can you do with foam tubes, marbles, and lots of tape? The answer to that question can be found all around the upper floors at Hammond Academy. The walls are covered with tubes and tape, and marbles are often found scattered throughout the halls. These marble tracks are part of a school project assigned by Ms. Genung, one of Hammond Academy's many star science teachers.

Ms. Genung teaches a variety of classes here at Hammond Academy, including Physics, Earth Space, and Animal Behavior. This assignment comes from her two Physics classes available for her both Juniors and Seniors here at HAST. The task at hand is to build what Ms. Genung calls a "Mega Coaster." This super rollercoaster must consist of many different jumps, hills, loops, and spirals in order for students to receive full credit for their work.



Lies, damn lies and fiction

By Adam Penenberg

It's tough proving a negative. It is even tougher proving that something or someone does not exist.

That was the challenge after The New Republic story, "Hack Heaven," which appeared in the May 18 issue, proved to be unverifiable. At first it appeared that Forbes Digital had been scooped by a weekly political publication.

"Hack Heaven" detailed the exploits of Ian Restil, a 15-year-old computer hacker who broke through the online security system of a "big-time software firm" called Jukt Micronics. Once inside, the

cheeky youth posted every employee's salary on the company's web site alongside a bunch of nudie pictures, each bearing the caption "THE BIG BAD BIONIC BOY HAS BEEN HERE BABY."

But instead of calling in the Feds, Jukt executives, according to The New Republic

, decided to hire the teenage hacker, who had obtained the services of an agent, Joe Hiert, described as a "super-agent to super-nerds." The magazine

also claimed that such deals

I had a chance to sit down with Selena Caunuto, one of Ms. Genung's Physics students. When asked how her "Mega Coaster" was going, Canuto responded with, "It's okay, however there are surely many obstacles to overcome." Even with these obstacles in her way however, she still claims to, "Enjoy it." We ended our short interview when I asked what her opinion of Ms. Genung was. Her response was, "I consider [Ms.] Genung to be a good teacher, but sometimes the work she puts on us can be very stressful."

With all of this excitement going on throughout the halls, it would truly be a shame if you did not get to see it! Everyone is welcome to check out the student's hard work upstairs, however please be respectful to their work, as some of them have already been tampered with. For more on this subject, check them out yourself!

