

## Taliban Wages Prank War on United States

By George Minkowski



KABUL, AFGANISTAN— After devastating losses last week during an air raid, Taliban leaders decided to work out a peace treaty with the United States. The Taliban refused to turn in Osama bin Laden, apologize for 9/11, pay reparations, or give up their world famous beef kabob recipe, however, they promised no more killing.

“That’s good enough for us,” said Secretary of State, Hillary “Hill Dawg” Clinton. But shortly after signing the treaty, Taliban mem-

bers realized that this new peace wasn’t “good enough” for them. Without the War on Terror, Taliban members would have to seek out new careers and the only company that hires terrorists is Halliburton. Sadly, they only have 14 spots for 4000+ well-qualified applicants.

So to stay entertained as they look for work and to satisfy their thirst for chaos and American suffering, the Taliban turned right around and waged a prank war on “The United States of Ameri-crap.”

Secretary of Defense Robert “Robbie-Bo-Bobby-Fo-Fi-Fo-Fobbie” Gates pleaded with the rogue terrorist organization to rescind their declaration of prank war to no avail. “It would be economically unwise for you to launch a full-scale prank attack and also super annoying,” he said in a radio address. In response, Taliban technical analysts took the recording and auto-tuned it to Katy Perry’s

“Firework” making him look like a total idiot.

Gates fired back by increasing economic aid to Afghanistan and other countries with ties to the Taliban. Needless to say, people were not happy when they received their 926,000,000 Monopoly© dollars. (Despite the very favorable exchange rate.)

“Not cool,” said Afgahn Taliban leader Abdul Ghani “Kitty Kitty” Baradar. Baradar sent a tape to Al Jazeera condemning this prank and promising the United States will pay for this “monkey business.”

One of these plans, however, was intercepted and foiled by the CIA. Evidently, Taliban agents were planning on sneaking into Camp David and placing several diplomats’ hands in warm water as they slept. To do this, they enlisted the help of Michelle Obama who thought this was a “cute idea.”

Mrs. Obama turned out to be a

double agent all along so the diplomats were never in any real danger of embarrassment. Still, this fact wasn’t much comfort to visiting Venezuelan president Hugo “Drama” Chávez who is scared enough of sleepovers as it is.

Unlike with the War on Terror where many battles are fought and done before the public even hears about it, this prank war has been incredibly conspicuous.

On President’s Day, American flags outside various public buildings were replaced with pirate flags. And when they tried to switch them back, public workers were kept away from the pole by a strange smell initially thought to be anthrax.

Officials are unable to locate or identify the source of the smell; they have only been assured it is not dangerous showing we have entered a new golden age in war.

## Area Teen Loves Lady GaGa For Some Reason

By Walter McDonald

Despite the fact that Lady Gaga is annoying and bad, area freshman George Trenton said yesterday that he still “loves” the famous pop star.

“She is my inspiration,” Trenton explained to me. “Lady GaGa is the reason I wake up in the morning.” Although Trenton may feel this way about his role model, acquaintances are not all gaga for GaGa. (Yes, we know that joke sucks.)

“It’s not okay to wear a sparkling pink banana fairy outfit to school,” local junior Frank Ordani commented in regard to George’s interesting clothing choices after his role model’s style. “Honestly, though, no one wants to see that.”

In addition to dress, George has found another way to channel Lady GaGa. For example, George got last place in Poetry Out Loud for reciting Lady GaGa’s hit, “Bad Romance.”

His English teacher and judge of the event, Mrs. Randerson, explained to Flipside reporters, “I really just couldn’t relate to the motifs and symbols expressed in the lyrics. And his presentation in front of the class...let me tell you... ‘twas not pretty.”

We live in a world where people are constantly judged for their musical tastes. Although everyone is entitled to their opinions, one opinion borders on fact: Lady GaGa is one strange individual. And so are her fans.

## Emanuel Buys Wins Chicago Mayoral Race

By Gunther Hausman



CHICAGO— With 55% of the vote, former White House Chief of Staff and street fighter, Rahm Emanuel ~~bought~~ won the Chicago Mayoral election on Tuesday night.

After an ~~expensive~~ exhausting campaign, Rahm has certainly earned the three months of rest before he takes the office in May.

Runner-up Gery Chico congratulated Emanuel saying, “I know he will be a fantastic mayor.” Then he went off script saying, “I guess he just ~~had more money~~ ran a better campaign than me.” The other two candidates had similar comments, but we don’t care enough about them to print them.

~~In Chico’s defense, Emanuel did have an incredible amount of financial resources and trumped the other candidates in publicity and exposure.~~

“Yes, I really couldn’t have done this without my ~~money~~ wife,” said the future mayor at Chicago’s premier speech-giving venue: Journeymen Plumbers’ Union Local 130 Hall. “And my ~~donors~~ supporters.”

“I look forward to repaying you in the years to come.”

Rahm will be Chicago’s first Jewish mayor and the first mayor of any Midwest city to hear Obama fart loudly and blame it on Hillary Clinton.

Obama also congratulated Rahm on his victory. “Chicago couldn’t ask for a ~~richer~~ better mayor,” the president said. “The city of Chicago is in ~~affluent~~ good hands.”

Rahm was “humbled” by these words, the words of his opponents, and the words of his voters who all had nice things to say on election night. However, Rahm says the most meaningful words of the night came from his mother while ~~he was counting his money~~ votes were still being counted.

She called him to say ~~it’s obvious he will win but he should not let it get to his head as he and her and everyone knows he essentially bought this victory~~ she loves him very much.

## More Headlines

Area Man Reads Over Long Word Because “It’s Probably Not Important”



Ke\$ha’s Parents Proud of Her



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Pizza sale tomorrow. Think of it like pizza plus a \$2 minimum donation. Maximum donation is \$130. Because after that, you’re obviously in the mob and we don’t need that drama again.

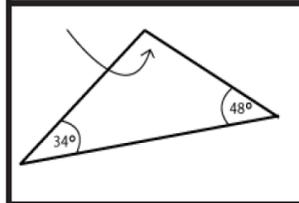
**THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE:** solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, and then find and give your copy of *The Flipside* to Jake Perlson. There will be a drawing to see who will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

**QUOTE** "I hope everyone enjoyed their four-day weekends..."

~Teachers hardly able to hold back their resentment towards students for having Tuesday off too

**REBUS PUZZLES**

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



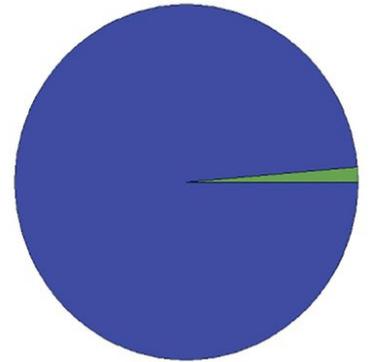
Last issue's answers: JK ROWLING, MUGGLE, DIVINATION, ALBUS DUMBLEDORE

**INFOGRAPIC**

**People Concerned About Point Drops in the Dow Jones**

Americans scared because they have absolutely no idea what that means

Anchors on CNBC



**CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE**

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. HINT: F = D  
Congratulations to last issue's winner: Emily Cloch

"C SP YJSF ZXSZ C GSCF LT JCZZJQ SZZQAZCTA ZT YTTF SFNCMQ; XSF C SECFQF EH CZ C PCYXZ XSNQ  
EQQA LSNQF BDTP LTPQ TB PH PTLZ NSJOSEJQ PCLZSWQL."

~ QFAS LZ. NCAMQAZ PCJJSJH

Last issue's answer: "ABOUT ASTROLOGY AND PALMISTRY: THEY ARE GOOD BECAUSE THEY MAKE PEOPLE VIVID AND FULL OF POSSIBILITIES. THEY ARE COMMUNISM AT ITS BEST. EVERYBODY HAS A BIRTHDAY AND ALMOST EVERYBODY HAS A PALM." ~ KURT VONNEGUT

**SUDOKU**

LEVEL: A walk in the park. Made of lava.

Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.

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**JUMBLE**

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



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NOTE: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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Last issue's answers: WITCH, GHOST, CHARMS, DRAGON.  
What they called the cap with OCD tendencies: SORTING HAT

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