

President embarks on a dangerous wilderness adventure

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The following transcript is reproduced from tapes found on the side of a Kenai Fjords National Park service road. Editor's marks have been added in italics to convey information not made obvious by the original transcription:

Hands pick up camera and wipe the lens clean. Heavy panting is heard and snow falls softly around the President of the United States in what looks like a forest clearing. The President is muttering under his breath.

"You can do this Barry, just like '08. C'mon, yes you can."

He turns to face the camera.

"My name is Barack Hussein Obama. It has been six days since I left the comfort of my Anchorage hotel room and entered the wilderness of our nation's Alaskan frontier. It has been three days since I last saw my guide, Bear Grylls, and my favorite Secret Service agent, Benny, slink off into the woods together, and at least six hours since Vice President Joey B. told me he was going off to take a leak. I am now alone, and from what I can tell, 70 miles from any semblance of civilization. I can't help but feel that I have been involved in a well-orchestrated plan by the Russians to strand me in the forest and leave me for dead. Well, I only got one thing on my mind: let's do this you good-for-nothing Ruskiies.

"After I realized Joe left me, I decided that my only course of action would be to try to reunite with an old friend. I know her hunting cabin is but

miles from the coast; I have a bit of a trek ahead of me, but if there is anyone who might know more about this conspiracy, it would be her. I'm nearing the hunting lodge now. Ah, there she is."

Camera pans to focus on a tall brunette woman standing in a crimson pant suit on the lodge's balcony, Springfield M1A in hand.

"How're you doin' Mr. O-bAma?" *Palin's unidentifiable, nasally accent pierces the misty Aleutian air.*

"Well, to tell you the truth, Sarah, not so great." *Turns to face camera,* "And I'm the f***ing President after all."

"Alright I'm inside now, warming up here by the fire. Ninth Governor of the State of Alaska Sarah Palin has informed me that we are 30 miles from the Bering Strait. The cabin has a view of our Russian adversary's country to the west and is actually quite bucolic. It's a damn shame that such a beautiful country could breed such ugly, terrible people. Sarah also told me that because of the ongoing blizzard, Air Force One can't land here, and cell coverage is non-existent. Looks like I'm going to have

to head back out there on my own. I have a ration of bear meat, hot chocolate, and a hunting rifle which I have legally purchased from the Governor. I was originally against using the gun of course, but after Sarah let me know that she is a licensed firearm distributor registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, I couldn't refuse. Plus, I've seen Joe wheeling and dealing with those shotguns of his, and that was pretty badass.

I'm going to thank Governor Palin for her hospitality with an 'I met the POTUS' sticker and then head off towards the strait."

Camera fades out. A light flicks back on. Close-up of President Obama illuminated by the camera's small mounted flash. Shipping containers can be seen behind him in the inky dark.

"Alright, I'm here on what I believe to be an Alaskan oil tanker on its way to Moscow. I've decided to take the fight right to him. Y'know, this all started as some TV deal with NBC to fund this summer's big staff BBQ. American taxpayers aren't the only ones tightening their belts; we at the White



House have to fundraise for pretty much everything these days. With any luck though, I'll be loosening my belt at the BBQ after I've had some of Old Joe's famous baby back ribs."

Obama laughs that sweet, charming laugh of his and gives a disarming smile to the camera. A foghorn sounds.

"Sounds like we're getting close. I'll see you guys topside." Pauses. "I don't want anyone at home to worry. But Michelle, if you're hearing this, I love you. Malia sweetie, I want you to know that Sasha was always my favorite."

Rustling can be heard as the President stands and begins walking on the hollow metal floors of the ship. All is dark until a staircase can be made out with light spilling in from above. Obama squints as he emerges up onto the deck of the ship.

"You've gotta be kidding me."

The camera pans to see a group of people waiting at the bottom of the ramp to the boat. Vice President Joe Biden Stands next to Sarah Palin with First Lady Michelle Obama to her immediate left. Ashton Kutcher directs a small film crew to capture the reaction of the assembled group and the President. All are smiling and laughing. President Vladimir Putin stands in front of the crowd suppressing a slight grin.

"Hey Barack! You just got Punk'd."



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El Gato will explore the hot tubbing culture of LGHS

by Dakota Rodgers

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For some, the luxuries afforded by an internally heated tub of chlorine and water with the perfect ratio between calcium hardness and pH levels is merely a casual hangout place and a nice addition to any quaint, two million dollar Los Gatos home. For others, however, hot tubbing is also an art, a lifestyle, and a culture that has a broad set of standards and expectations and has successfully penetrated deep into the heart of life in Los Gatos. As we take a deeper look into the newest rising teenage trend, we will unveil the shroud of mystery that cloaks this shadowy and secretive cult of compulsive hot tubbers.

Los Gatos is infested with casual hot tubbers, so seeking out a professional tub enthusiast was no easy feat, but to really understand the culture, we needed to submerge ourselves with some of LG's finest tubbers. The identities of these tubbers will remain secret in order to protect them from outsiders repeatedly crashing their private tub sessions. Just know that they already walk among us.

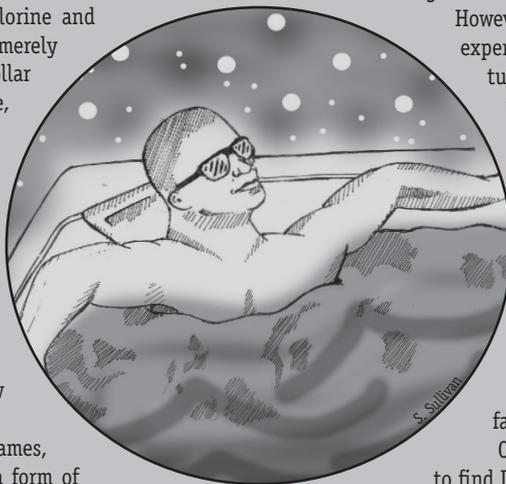
While the rest of Los Gatos may turn directly to drugs, alcohol, video games, or stress balls as sources of stress relief, LG's tubbers use their tubs as a form of escapism. One almost daily hot tubber comments that hot tubbing is "a hiatus from the

mundane reality that is life." Other tubbers describe the hot tub experience simply, stating that hot tubbing is "v. relaxing and tender."

However, despite the welcoming and relaxed nature of the Los Gatos following, experienced hot tubbers do have certain qualifications to be classified as a serious tubber. One major pet peeve of classic chlorine tubbers are bromine tubbers; this conflict has spanned the decades of tub time. The chlorine tubbers we interviewed claimed, "You can tell who uses bromine. You can smell it, it's bad." While those of you attempting to reach the hot tub elite may take this dedicated tubber's words to heart, hot tubbing is a pastime for all. Sophisticated knowledge of the science and culture behind the tubber lifestyle is not required to start your own tub.

With all hot tubbing has to offer, it is no surprise that a culture has formed around such a universally-treasured experience. This healthy stress relief, available in every American's backyard, has attracted a following and inspired a generation of tubbers to relax at their heart's content. While hot tubbing may not be a nationally televised sporting event, it is on the fast track to becoming America's next favorite pastime.

On a quest to find the optimum hot tubbing experience, we will be touring to find LG's Hottest Tub. With an expert by our side, El Gato will determine the best tub experience in the valley.



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Take this Shark Tank quiz

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Have you ever watched the ABC reality television show Shark Tank and thought, "Wow, I totally could've thought of that invention," or "Wow, I never could've thought of that invention." If either of those questions sounds like something you might think, then this quiz is perfect for you! Read the detailed list of inventions below and try to determine which Shark Tank inventions are featured on the show (true) versus which ones I thought of all by myself (false). Mark true or false, then check your answers to determine how much you think like someone who may or may not be on Shark Tank.

1. The Elephant Chat: The Elephant Chat is a product designed for couples whose honeymoon phases are long gone. The product consists of a stuffed elephant encased in a glass box. When tensions arise, one partner can remove the elephant from the glass box and place it on the table, the counter, or even the kitchen island. When the elephant is uncovered, the other partner knows that there's an "elephant in the room" and that it's time to discuss the relationship.

2. Candle Memories: Candle Memories is a business that creates custom scented candles for

each individual candle-lover. In order to tailor the perfumed scents to one of your favorite memories, write a paragraph description (up to 400 characters long) of the event. The candle will later be shipped to your home in a glass holder with a picture of that special time in your life printed around it.

3. Beard Stencil: The beard stencil is a tool used for those of us who know that there's an infinite amount of fun to be had with our facial hair. Beard stencils are beard trimmers that come in ten distinct shapes for ideal personalization. Popular shapes include stars, hearts, and polka dots. The trimmer can be used for a subtle change in style or a drastic shave, but, either way, it will leave the lower half of your face looking like it never has before!

4. Tap-A-App: Tap-A-App is a photo filtering app, but, unlike other filters, it gives you that blatant indie edge you're always craving. Tap-A-App identifies your facial and body shape to replace the background of your photo with a tapestry. This app is perfect for those of you who desperately want a tapestry but who don't want to expend the time or energy travelling to Urban Outfitters, then to Free People, and then back Urban Outfitters again to find that perfect boho blanket.

5. The Man Candle: This invention is dedicated to those of you who have yet to become confident about your own masculinity. The Man Candle is a candle that smells like a regular candle but is called a Man Candle because you're insecure about owning a candle. It comes in scents like "Golf Course" a.k.a grass, and "Beach Babe" a.k.a the ocean. So, if your facial hair is coming in a little patchy, this product is probably right for you!



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The answers to the quiz are as follows: 1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-F, 5-T

2015 web memes reviewed

by Lauren Saunders

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Pepe: ★★★★★

You may know this frog meme from bathroom stalls at LGHS, but Pepe is a worldwide phenomenon that takes various "rare" forms which never get old. You can use this meme for almost any occasion, whether your mom forgot to feed you for weeks at a time or your crush told you he's just not interested.

Netflix and Chill: ★★★

This mediocre meme was previously utilized by Tinder users to mask their promiscuous intentions but has now transformed into an internet-wide sensation. This meme receives three stars because it was only funny for approximately four days and is rather bland; however, it can be amusing when used ironically.

John Cena: ★

Unimaginative, sloppy, and not worth an entire meme review.

Poot Lovato: ★★★★★

Demi Lovato's alter ego, Poot, has won over the internet with her dazzling smile and blissful expression. This meme has several offshoots and sub-memes which add to its appeal and prevent it from becoming mundane. However, Lovato struggles

with self-esteem issues and this meme is counter-productive to her recovery, so it receives only four review stars.

Hotline Bling dance: ★★★★★

Watching Drake dance all over the internet is certainly entertaining. His random appearance is sure to brighten any otherwise dull image or add comedy to any situation, be it serving a tennis ball or slapping pepperoni on a pizza. This meme receives four stars for its wide appeal and variety of uses.

"Miley, what's good?": ★★★

After the 2015 VMA's, this meme went from 0-100 real quick. People making fun of Miley and using Nicki's expression to call others out was entertaining for a time, but the fun expired quickly even though the meme continued to be used months after the event.

The Dress: ★★

The reason this dress receives two stars is mostly for the fact that it permeated past the internet community, even getting the attention of the general public. This controversy did not deserve the attention that it got, as it really was just an image of a dress. The spin-off memes were not funny or imaginative. Two stars for two lame color schemes.



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Just like Coldplay's chance of playing a spectacle of a half time show this Super Bowl, this page is not real.



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