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anymore, are we  
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treasury is emptied and this  
fine magazine finally goes  
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### A Letter...

...from the Editor

With Carnegie Mellon's tuition continuing to rise following the exponential function  $e(x) = \text{fuck you}$ , the amount of money that I can sink into readme is starting to dwindle. I've been trying to defraud several investors by promising good quality, funny content, but unfortunately, nobody has taken the bait yet.

Regardless, our new goal as a newspaper of high esteem is to report fairly, and accurately on any and all campus happenings. We would never lie to you, which is why we are saddened to report that nothing has happened this week, at all. Please start doing more newsworthy things. Someone got arrested for stealing copper wires from Highmark and that's some trailer park stuff y'all. Seriously, at least steal something cool.

Besides encouraging criminality on this campus, we've got a whole lotta begging to do, so without further ado...

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## Rejected Headlines #10

- Chemistry majors disappointed to learn their degree does not come with a "license to kill"
- SCS opens research problem into computational complexity of hitting N birds with 1 stone.
- REPORT: If Kamala really wanted my vote, she wouldn't've made me late to class.
- CMU Physics rises to #1 worldwide following particle accelerator heist.
- CPS intervenes after a drunken Big Pharma beats Little Pharma
- Andrew Melons? New proof reveals that Andrew Mellon secretly had big naturals.
- What linear algebra can teach you about your parent's sex lives.
- Deer given proper therapy and antidepressants significantly less likely to freeze in front of cars.
- NO EXCEPTIONS. CMU to enforce dismount zones for students in wheelchairs.
- Campus activist group disappointed after navigating bureaucratic hurdles to register protest only for less than 25 people to show up.
- Math Department discovers non-Euclidean space in Doherty Hall C-level

All this and more, not in this issue!

# EADME CIME EPOT

**Abe James**  
*Professional Typist*

We have so much debt. As such, I have to use a typewrite that's missing a few keys. How will this cut costs and pay off the debt? No idea.

## Phishing Scam

A massive phishing scam was sent out by a compromised student organization to 960 and 100 students disguised as a typical club email. Out of those 960 and 100 students, 400 students have downloaded malware onto laptops. Computing Services is completely swamped with all the calls, emails and pleas. In the meanwhile, CMU advises all students to be vigilant about phishing attempts.

## Table and Stool Heist Gone South

Some business students have been caught by maintenance attempting to steal tables and stools out of HOA, CFA and Gates to sell on Discod and Facebook Marketplace.

One of the students has confessed that the heist was because of an assignment in which they needed to yield funds. CMU admin, upon lengthy discussion, has decided the best action is that the tables and stools not immediately confiscated to be placed back in position. Many believe that this gentle consequence is because the man the business building is dedicated to, meddled in the decision.

## Black Market Steam Tunnel Toss

The CMUPD has caught wind of a student-led black market of steam tunnels toss and other steam tunnel activities. However, no offending students have been found as the deals happened in Sidechat via group chats and DMS. The CMUPD asks that students contact them with details. CMU Sidechat do not have the same sentiments, complaining about the CMUPD taking away the fun after months of complaining about academics and relationships.

# Satire Publication Behind Attempted Robbery Last Week?

**Ryan Chernoff**  
*ReadMe Legal*

It has come to our attention that on September 19th, a ReadMe contractor was caught attempting to commit aggravated robbery for a sum of \$5.00 but was thwarted due to their target's lack of cash, Zelle, or Cash App. We deeply apologize for the negative impact of this particular employee as we know the city of Pittsburgh takes great pride in the quality of their criminal activity. We had intended to hire a seasoned professional to contribute to Pittsburgh's criminal enterprise in

a tasteful and constructive way while making up for some of this quarter's heavy losses. However, a lapse in judgment on the behalf of our hiring manager led us to forgo a proper background check of our candidate. We were led to believe that they had Venmo. Clearly, this oversight severely hurt our community and we at ReadMe could not express any more regret. The ReadMe team therefore promises to never let anything like this happen again and to henceforth be nothing but a positive influence on the criminal underground of this great city.

# ReadMe Announces Launch of New Dog-Watching Ring

**Ryan Chernoff**  
*Cat Lover*

Are you a proud Tartan? Do you like copious amounts of violence? Have you tried to participate in dogfighting but were too concerned about the legality? Fortunately for you, earlier this week ReadMe executives failed to thoroughly read my amendments to the yearly budget and have now approved plans for a new dog-watching ring. Very soon you will be able to enjoy some good old fashioned Scotty-Dog kerfuffles without the downsides of committing a class three felony.

But, you may ask, what exactly is dog-watching and how does it differ from dogfighting? Well, dogfighting is legally classified as engaging in one or more of the following: allows dogs to fight for amusement or gain, owns or acquires a dog for fighting, bets or hosts bets on the outcome of dogs fighting, or permits a place under your control in which dogs are fighting.

Now dog-watching differs from this by firstly and most importantly forbidding the amusement of all present. It is clearly dictated that dog fights require amusement by those organizing or spectating so to avoid engaging in illegal dogfighting, there will be several large signs warning patrons to forgo amusement during the dog-

watching process. If anyone is amused it is our responsibility to report it as you would be engaging in illegal activity and possibly implicate ReadMe staff as your accomplices.

ReadMe will also not be profiting from these activities in any manner as any profits would be classified as gain and would make the activity illegal. Since it is illegal to acquire a dog for fighting, dog-watching will be hosted in Schenley Park where we will have access to several stray dogs that we can ask politely to fight for our non-amusement.

Although we can't host bets on the outcomes of fights, there will be unamusing snacks offered. Due to severe economic stress, the price of these snacks will likely fluctuate at the end of each fight. We will therefore compensate everyone for any price differences caused by these fluctuations. All snack profits will be dumped into the Monongahela to avoid gain.

Lastly, Schenley is not owned by ReadMe so all dog-watching activities avoid violating any of the Pennsylvania dogfighting laws.

Thanks to ReadMe, you can now engage in legal dog-watching every Saturday from 6 to 8PM ET. Don't miss your chance to give it a try! After all, it's only a matter of time until ReadMe reverts my budget changes.





# Rightward shift in optimal arousal level to maximize productivity

Dr. Et Al\*, Danya Kogan%, and others

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## Abstract

From the enclosure movement in 18th century England, the owning class has been tasked with answering how to maximize the productivity of their peons. As the modern American university becomes increasingly corporate and a profit-seeking endeavor, similar questions are now being asked by university administrators. Many things have been tried in the past- lashings, paternalistic brainwashing, foremen -

which are certainly things university administrators should try, but may not be the most effective. This project found that the answer lies in the Yerkes-Dodson law, not external disincentives. The Yerkes-Dodson law is a psychological theory stating that humans are most productive at their given "optimal arousal state" - i.e. a mental state somewhere between underwhelmed and overwhelmed. By shifting this state rightwards, students will be able to undertake more stress and therefore be more productive than they currently are under present CMU workloads. While this study did not manage to discover a method for causing this rightward shift, we identify the need for such by comparing the effectiveness of other productivity-increasing methods in past literature.

# Help Wanted: Password Guessers

Mihir Deshpande  
Gambling Man

As all of you astute readers are likely aware of by this point, your favorite factual news source readMe is going through a mild financial crisis. Luckily, readMe was always aware of this possibility, and four years ago the editor stored a nest egg(courtesy of a friendly local business), just in case we got into a situation like this. It was kept secure instead of nuke-proof safe.

Unfortunately, it appears as though someone recycled the paper we had the code written down, and no one presently enslaved by readMe can count greater than three digits. Luckily, that's where you come in.

If you manage to meet the sole requirement of being able to count four digits, we need you to help us

guess the password of the readMe safe. You don't even need hands, so long as you can use your nose or feet to push the buttons.

As of writing, we have two employees working round-the-clock shifts inputting numbers. Every time three wrong inputs are entered in a row the safe emits a high-voltage electric shock, so there has been a lot of time wasted with emergency medical care.

The chief editor has personally promised to pay all of the guessers out-of-pocket once the safe is open. In addition, whoever winds up guessing the right password will be given a bonus.

Attached to this listing is a picture of the contents of the safe taken four years ago, as evidence that the nest egg does exist. If you are interested, please go to [cmureadme.com](http://cmureadme.com) for more info..

# Auntie ReadMe Advises On: Lack of Pronouns in the Barista Industry Due to Tech Layoffs

Cindy Gao

*The government's taking all my pronouns, help*

Hello valued readers! I'm Cindy, (they/them), better known as Auntie ReadMe. After opening my inbox to the questions that are stumping the best and brightest minds in the country, I have been continually disappointed against my lowest expectations, and not at all surprised. A completely unastonishing amount of you want to know how to make pipe bombs. Even more of you want me to commit AIVs for you in the name of defusing a bomb. Figures, but I can't even find the terminal on my computer.

However, there has been one problem amidst the slag that has caught my eye—one so daring and relevant to today's society that I can't not take a shot at answering it. Thank you to Danya Kogan for asking—

"The gay baristas at La Prima are being replaced with CS majors. I don't want a CS major to serve me coffee, I want a person with at least two pronouns!"

Let's approach this problem the way most Carnegie Mellon students approach a problem—with a systematic breakdown.

The computer science job market! Not doing so well! After recent advances in the field of using animal neural nets to produce creative work, disgruntled writers have begun turning it on the field of coding. As such, computer science students have begun to try to find work in coffee shops, displacing many employees with a variety of pronouns. This has created a shortage of pronouns in the barista industry.

So what is to be done?

Luckily, economics is a field with an impressive diversity of opinion on how best to destabilize foreign governments, pursue general exploitation, create models of people in increasingly unrealistic ways, and lie. Let's see what the various economic schools have to say on this

issue.

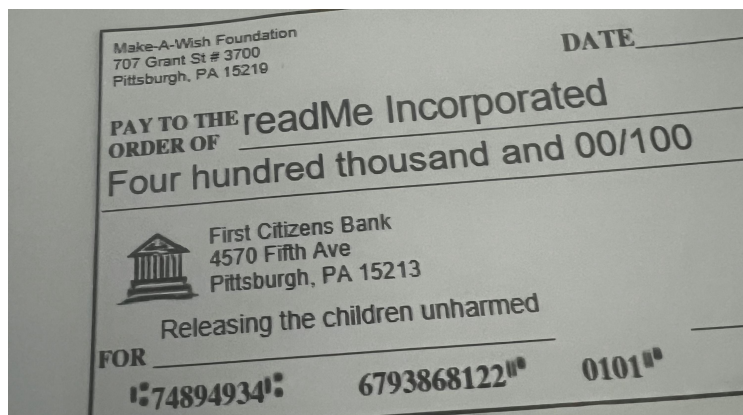
As John Gay-nerd Keynes, the man that put the "homo" in "homo economicus," the man that the invisible hand of the marketplace would have limp-wristed said, "demand-side economics, baby!"

He would have probably approved of the government creating more demand for computer science jobs, such as creating immensely applicable and useful languages like Brainfuck, porting all code currently written in C to the memory-safe computer language Rust, and attempting to create artificial intelligence that can correctly count the number of "r"s in "strawberry." Simple. Easy. Immensely boring. A completely unprecedented policy suggestion that has never been the topic of political debate at all, whatsoever.

Of course, there's also supply-side economics, or trickle-down economics. This intervention, championed by our favorite president Ronald Reagan, would involve a gay beam hitting the largest computer science companies in order to give computer science majors more pronouns. Given that many computer science endeavors are already sponsored by HRT, this shouldn't be a groundbreaking shift for anyone, and is precisely what Reaganomics would have stood for.

Of course, there's also the option of negative and progressive income taxes, which suggest that anyone falling beneath a specific cutoff will receive benefits instead of taxes, with higher taxes falling on those above the cutoff. This will involve us redistributing the wealth of pronouns from taxpayers to computer science majors.

Thanks for checking out the financial part of this newspaper, which we all know you all only read to try to feel somewhat better about only picking up ReadMe for the crosswords and stuff. Signing off now, I have been Cindy, ( / ), and it's been a pleasure reporting for you!



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## CRYPTID CORNER

PRESENTED BY:  
**ISABELLE FLORENCE**



### SKUNK APE IN A BIGFOOT COSTUME

We could not afford Sasquatch. He's a fucking diva. Florida's Skunk Ape (who happens to be a former CMU Purnell student) offered to do the gig for only a few cigarettes and a 6 pack of beer. Unfortunately, as suggested by the name, he does smell like shit. The readme staff believed he looked close enough. Skunk Ape disagreed and felt that he needed to look more authentic, donning a cheap Bigfoot costume and refusing to take it off. Skunk Ape claimed later that this was "method acting" and a tribute to his hero, Bigfoot. Other members of the cryptohominid community, however, did not take Skunk Ape's costume well, many calling it "bigface". The Fouke Monster from Arkansas had this to say: "While Skunk Ape is from the 1800s, a much different time, it still does not excuse his actions, which have deeply hurt our cryptohominid people."

# README JOINS FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING, ON SIDE OF GLOBAL WARMING



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## EVENTS

Friday, 10/4, 7 PM at cmukgb.org/  
kage: It's KGBuggy. What Big Buggy doesn't want you to know

Saturday, 10/5, 5PM in DH 1117:  
We have your family. Come to readme pitch meetings.

Monday, 10/7, 5PM in POS 146:  
KGB General Body Meeting. You should always come to these.

Friday, 10/11, 7PM in MM A14:  
Motion Picture Night

Sat, 10/12, 5pm, DH1117:  
README escapes Carnegie Mellon

10/12-10/19 FALL BREAK! Go home, stay safe, get the hell away from CMU

### Survey Says!

Fill this out so we can convince higher Management we're worth funding with your tax dollars, and other things.



### Our Discord!

Interested in causing a commotion? Ready for chaos and stupidity? You won't find it here.



### The Auntie Readme Helpline

Have a burning question for a wiseguy to solve? Ask away! Responses guaranteed, advice is not.



**Jonathan Wang**  
*Shell Oil Enthusiast*

Readme financial officer Benner Rogers has stepped forward with the reason why Readme has recently filed for chapter 15 bankruptcy.

"It's because of all the crude oil we're buying," She says.

Crude oil, which is \$1.70 per gallon at the time of writing this article, has recently seen a market dip of 9.3% over the past month, the lowest it's been all year. Rogers reports that the dip has allowed Readme to purchase thousands of gallons of crude oil for their climate acceleration plan.

"It's the reason why we're broke, but it's also the reason why we're so

glad we're broke. Because we can do what readme was originally assembled to do".

The rEadme climate acceleration plan, a plan which is outlined in a 90000 page document, spanning 3 CMU students' Google drive accounts, is a plan to exacerbate the effects of humans on the global environment.

"We're not denying climate change exists, we see its effects all over the globe. We're trying to bring its full effects into existence. I don't know about you, but being able to fry an egg on the sidewalk over the summer has been saving me so much in electricity bills."

Editor-in-chief Eshaan Joshi refused to comment on the matter.

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