

# The Northwestern Flipside

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## Compromise of 1850 Deemed a Success Will Certainly Not Lead to War

By Sam Gutelle

WASHINGTON – Congress announced today that the Compromise of 1850, passed nine years ago to help foster cooperation between the North and the South, has been “a complete success” that “will not lead to any large-scale civil wars in the near future.”

The bill, which features concessions toward both pro- and anti-slavery factions, has so far been met with overwhelming approval.

“Zero score and nine years ago,” said Abe Lincoln (R-IL), “we passed this awesome series of bills, and they still kick ass today. I can say with

great certainty that we’ll be war-free for a long time.”

Men of the South agree with Lincoln wholeheartedly. “The Compromise has held up like a stone wall,” said Army General Stonewall Jackson, “I’m just so happy to be alive right now.”

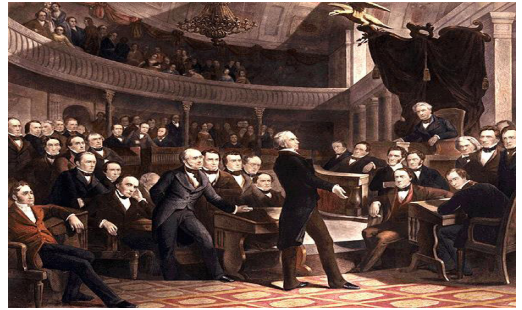
Even common men are rejoicing because of the Compromise. “It’s great,” explained actor John Wilkes Booth. “With these laws in place, I don’t see how anything could ever make me angry or vengeful. By the way, come see my play at Ford’s Theater tonight! It’s so funny, it will kill you.”

Some people are less enthusiastic. Daniel Webster (Whig-MA) said of

the bill: “Secession! Peaceable secession!” Debbie Downer then continued, “Sir, your eyes and mine are never destined to see the miracle.”

In a straw poll conducted this afternoon, most people agreed that Webster should cheer up and stop being so emo.

In other news, Army scientists announced today that their new, more powerful artillery would be used for



“research only” and that in no way would it ever be responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans.

### Chicago Loses Bid for World’s Fair



BIRD-EYE VIEW OF THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, CHICAGO, 1893

### Hipster Refuses to Listen to Brahms; “Popular Music is an Abomination”

By Chase Sund

EVANSTON – Up-and-coming composer Johannes Brahms keeps pumping out the pop hits, but some of today’s hippest youths simply are not buying it. Despite the popularity of his breakout hit “Piano Concerto No. 1,” these so-called hipsters are avoiding Brahms at all costs.

“He’s just so commercial, you know?” said 19-year-old Bartholomew Hibbons. The youth, sporting straightened black mutton-chop sideburns, continued, “It’s just so predictable. Honestly, if I hear another A minor with a raised sixth and augmented ninth chord I think I shall gasp to high heavens.”

Hibbons’s comments are not unusu-

al. Rather, they are part of a growing movement of “alternative” young people. These youngsters sport ill-fitting, tight trousers, ironically wear powdered wigs that haven’t been fashionable for over a century, and listen to Mozart instead of today’s popular Romantic music. Cried one lad, “I think it is time, by Jove, that the Opera houses stopped controlling what we listen to!”

This growing youth movement is similar to New England’s transcendentalists; however, these young men wear more black and act far more effeminate. With their signature “We-do-not-give-a-rat’s-arse” attitude, it appears as though these lads will be around longer than Brahms’ career will.

### First Batch of Swine Flu Leeches to Be Released the Next Fortnight



### Naysayers Insist that Willard Filmore Pro- duce Birth Certificate



### As Carriage Costs Rise, Students Demand U-Buggy Pass

By Amanda Simmons

EVANSTON, IL – Chicago’s Carriage Dispatch announced it will raise its prices three half-cents this month in an effort to remedy its debt. The transportation company had been hoping to be included in the federal bailout package, but the stimulus monies were instead offered to South Carolina, who requested financial assistance with building a militia.

“We overextended ourselves. We dug too many dirt paths throughout the city and now we have to pay for them,” explained

CCD Deputy Daniel Boone Heade, whose grandsire was the celebrated American pioneer.

Many a student are finding the hike in cost inexcusable. “I smell a rat. My ma and pa don’t give me enough bank notes as it is. How is I supposed to travel now?” asked Morgan Alleghany, an English major at Northwestern.

Moreover, the CCD’s engorged carriage fare has reminded Northwestern students that they still have not been issued a U-Buggy pass, which would allow them free transportation to Chicago and entrance into famous museums and theatres (set to be built soon).

“One of the main reasons we all came here was that Chicago is so close to Evanston. You can horse and buggy it to a major city in a little over a fortnight!” etched student Johnston Maplebury onto his wall. He said he believed the university should encourage its students to get out of this “ghost town only known for its varied cuisine.”

The CCD suggested Northwestern create its own line of free transportation carriages to bring students to Chicago and back. University officials said they will look into this, as well as a Pony Frosthite Express for cold winter nights.

# Pasteurization Causes Autism, Claims Leading Witch Doctor

By Alex Shapiro

OXFORD, England – Sir Martin Digby-Walsington, resident witch doctor at Oxford University, is on a mission to prove the dangers of science's latest affront to humanity. Pasteurization, he claims, not only fails to keep so-called "germs" out of milk, but also causes autism in babies. Invented by Louis Pasteur, the eponymous process purports to prevent disease by heating milk to 138° Celsius. Immediately adopted by dairy farmers and hailed as an "incredible breakthrough" by the British Royal Academy's Nigel Pennington, pasteurization has faced little scrutiny since announced to the public six months ago.

Digby-Walsington and his group of co-researchers, graduate students looking to earn their witch-doctorates, aim to reveal the ugly side of Pasteur's darling. Their new report cites extremely circumstantial evidence, proving that pasteurization has, without a doubt, probably caused autism in 33% of the babies participating

in the study. "We rented twelve newborns from Goddard's Home," he says, referring to the notorious London orphanage for incestuously-conceived children, "and split them into two groups. Those in the control group received a standard diet of meat, potatoes, and ale. In the experimental group, however, the ale was substituted with pasteurized milk. Of the six children in the experimental group, four showed signs of mental slowness after three weeks. Only three from the control group became autistic."

Other prominent witch doctors agree with Digby-Walsington's findings and are quick to expose Pasteur's other discovery, homogenization. "It's a clear plot to turn us into sodomites," declares William Shoebie, acclaimed pseudoscientist at the Dairy Institute of Cambridge. "Pasteur wants everyone to be homos."

Shoebie and Digby-Walsington are together forming a Lactose-Intolerance League to fight Pasteur's developments.

# Fiction Review: On the Origin of Species

By Herschel von Brooklyn

This week's book is an enthralling epic narrative by Charles Darwin entitled *On The Origin of Species*, in which the protagonist travels on a fantastical voyage to a magical island off the coast of South America. While on the surface this story may seem to be one of a slightly eccentric man cavorting with animals, as would the character of a children's book, it is my belief that much literary significance can be found in many of the characterizations. The character of Finch, for instance, represents the many facets of human nature through his ability to change the size of his beak. Furthermore, the character of Mr. Galapagos Tortoise is clearly a reference to the age-old fable of the

tortoise and the hare.

Yet, while these characters are both fanciful and full of philosophical insight, Mr. Darwin fails in many ways to create a mature work of fiction. The use of the author's own name for the main character shows a true lack of creativity, and creates confusion as to the fictitious nature of the work. The general lack of action is also a serious drawback, as the main character spends most of his time staring at rather ordinary plants and animals. In the end, it is clear that Mr. Darwin's work is better suited to dim-witted, easily amused children than to connoisseurs of fine literature.

Next week: a review of the Harriet Beecher Stowe's comedic masterpiece, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

# UChicago No-Shows, forfeits Match

By Brad Horras

EVANSTON - In a showing of the sissy reputation sure to become widespread in 31 years when The University of Chicago is founded, the Maroons failed to show up to their baseball match-up against Northwestern on Monday night. It's a pathetic 65th loss in a row for UChicago, and Northwestern captain William Newberg said he wasn't surprised.

"Whether it's a little rain, a minor injury, or simply not even existing until 1890, it's always something with them. Our team has been formed for

years, and they can't even get the school together."

Added Newberg, "No excuse."

Though the future Maroons live in mortal fear of the thrashing to be handed down, some Northwestern players understand their reluctance. "I'd feel bad if we shamed them handily every week," remarked catcher Andrew Smith "the UChicago guys would never get the grass stains out of their dresses."

At press time, the future UChicago men's team is likely preparing for the sting of endless unsuccessful courtships.

# The Flipside Magazine: Celebs and You



Florence Nightingale takes a break from nursing to enjoy a cup of Darjeeling's finest.

Charles Dickens nods off while getting his portrait drawn. Looks like the painter forced him to read *A Tale of Two Cities*!



She may be the Empress of India, but that didn't stop Queen Victoria from whipping up some butter at a recent soiree.

Honest Abe made an honest mistake in Springfield yesterday.

I Say, the Chicago White Stockings Have Won the Local Rounder's Tourney



Area Sorority Girl Takes Walk of Shame after Holding Man's Hand



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