

Excuses 2000

This is the second volume of Excuses, published from October 2000 through May 2001. A bit of editing was necessary, since reading things 10 years later proves that the mind of a 14-year old can be highly illogical at times. The editing has been kept to a minimum and was only done to protect the innocent.

I am actually writing this page after the one for Excuses 3 and Excuses Four, so there isn't much left to say. I tried to branch out into some alternate types of excuses, but I think they stunk. The long-term changes were good, but it tended to not take very long to decide that a change was bad. Usually the "changes" were in the form of special editions and the like. The final edition of Excuses 2000 was assembled in a sort of random-heaps-and-piles sort of way, upon noticing that nearly a decade later I think it was a terrible idea, and this is why I went back to a classic style when I started Excuses 3.

Again, thanks to everyone who has had an influence on Excuses over the long time that I was writing it, and for all the people that had an influence on my life in some way. You've all meant well, despite my opinions and feelings at the time (said with tongue planted firmly in-cheek.)

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EXCUSES 2000

Welcome back to excuses. These are a whole new batch of excuses for the same reasons as before, but completely new. No repeats. I promise. Thanks for reading and enjoy!

Answers to the age old question "Where's your homework?"

1. "I left my bookbag in the driveway." This has actually happened, not to me however.
2. "I knocked my glasses off of my face and I couldn't see well enough to finish it."
3. "I didn't understand the "New Math" involved." Explanation available upon request.
4. "My dog ate the disk my homework was on."
5. "I accidentally mailed it to West Lafayette, Indiana." Anywhere over 3000 mi. away will do.
6. Write a page in cyrillic and hand it in.
7. "It was annihilated by a photon torpedo."
8. "I accidentally fried it with a peizo-electric motor."
9. "It was confiscated by a SWAT team."
10. "I left my book in the locker room."

Answers to the age old questions "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "The car randomly died."
2. "I was unable to punch my way out of a wet paper bag."
3. Tie yourself up, put a piece of duct tape over your mouth and hop in to work/school.
4. Superglue a coffee cup to your lips.
5. "I had to save the world."
6. "I had to have a baseball surgically removed from my bum."
7. "I spend the morning cheerfully ralphing up breakfast."
8. "My watch broke."
9. "The instruction manual for my jetpack was written in Japanese."
10. "They closed the road at the end of my driveway."

Well, that was certainly fun. I'll be constantly working on these until about December. If they're not all finished by then, that's all there will be. Thanks for reading!!

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Edition 1 of roughly 30

Week of 10/16/2000

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The first Excuses of the new millenium got off without a hitch, so here's the second.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "All of the pens in my house were out of ink."
2. "I did a physics experiment to see how far it would go when shot from a cannon."
3. Shuffle through a bunch of papers and say "I know it's here somewhere!!" (shuffle shuffle)
4. "It was radioactively poisoned."
5. "My Venus' flytrap ate it."
6. Hand in a page printed on bright green paper with yellow ink.
7. "I dropped my book on my thumb."
8. "My book fell out the car window."
9. "Homework ain't cool, man." Use this one in an english class!!
10. "A squirrel came and mistook it for a nut."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I forgot where school/work was."
2. "I got lost." Thank you, David.
3. "I was busy figuring out where Bloomington, Indiana was."
4. "I was the one-billionth customer at K-mart and they had a party."
5. "My vacuum cleaner randomly attacked me."
6. "My house blew up."
7. "I fell out an 18th floor window."
8. "I slipped on a oil slick."
9. Superglue your shoes to a piece of wood and hop in.
10. "My schedule was changed. No, really!!"

Hope you had fun with this. If anyone out there's got any brilliant ideas for this, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

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Week of 10/23/2000

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I hope you're all having fun with this. I got lazy and I need to work on these some more.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your Homework?"

1. "Not here."
2. "You're the teacher, you should know."
3. "I ate it."
4. "It got glued to the ceiling." I'm not quite sure how you can pull this one off.
5. "I left it in the rental car."
6. "What homework?"
7. "I'm gonna need some I.D. before I can give you any homework."
8. Tie a piece of paper to a brick and turn it in.
9. "Oh, you were serious?"
10. "The hillbilly neighbors were having a wild party again."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I had to stare at the orange juice box because it says "Concentrated""
2. "My car pool forgot about me."
3. "I re-invented the wheel."
4. "My dog whizzed all over me."
5. "I was searching for the fountain of youth."
6. "I was busy breaking the third law of quantum thermodynamics."
7. Bandage your hand up, cover it in red food dye and waltz in about 3 hours late.
8. "I was at Polkapalooza."
9. "I spent 3 hours trying to figure out how to make scrambled eggs."
10. "My car blew up."

So, how are these to start the year off? Got any ideas? Tell me!! These pages are hard enough to do by myself, so please help!! Have a nice Halloween!!

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Week of 10/30/2000

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We're going with something a little bit different today, you'll see.

Modern answers to the age old question "Why is your math grade so low?"

1. "2+2 no longer equals 4."
2. "Because once I figured out what X was, they chaged it on the next problem."
3. "I still don't get this 'New Math' business."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why is your chemistry grade so low?"

1. "My lab notes caught fire."
2. "I spilled acid on the teacher's chair."
3. "My bunsen burner exploded."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why is your English grade so low?"

1. "You try to define predicate nominative."
2. "My santa doesn't agree with my clause."
3. "You try to spell antidisestablishmentarianism."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why is your history grade so low?"

1. "You can't live in the past."
2. "Because America gave up after the Germans bombed San Francisco."
3. "Because the statue of liberty is made of bronze." (It's made of copper)

Modern Answer to the age old question "Why is your spanish grade so low?"

1. "Porque yo no hablo spangalian."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are your grades so low?"

1. "Because it's all hard and...stuff."
2. "My teachers hate me."
3. "They think I'm a first grader." (That's Mister first grader to you!)
4. "My books self-destructed."

Hope you liked this little diversion. Next week it's back to regular old excuses.

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Week of 11/6/2000

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Well, now that things have finally settled down some, I'll do my best to turn them upside down again. Life is never sane. At least, not in Elyria it isn't. Maybe it is in Indiana, I don't know.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "There was never any homework! It's called practice!!"
2. "I determined that it wasn't going to add value to my life."
3. "It got used as a coaster."
4. "My internet connection died."
5. "My house was robbed and someone took it."
6. "It has lead poisoning."
7. "Some spirit freak ate it."
8. "I had to go to a stupid pep rally."
9. "I had a headache all weekend from the stupid pep rally."
10. "I lost it at the pep rally."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "My atomic clock blew up." (Did I use this one already?)
2. "I had to go to a stupid pep rally." (That works, doesn't it?)
3. "I got tied up and shoved in a closet by a bunch of disgruntled cheerleader freaks."
4. "Some meathead slammed my car into a wall." (Don't mention that that meathead was you!)
5. "I thought there was a bomb threat."
6. "I was arrested by the spirit patrol, but I escaped their futile efforts. mu-hu-ha-ha-ha!!"
7. "I hit a cow that was frozen to the road."
8. "My car was buried under leaves." Maybe maybe I should have used this earlier in the month.
9. "I hit some looney wearing a red shirt with a big white "E" on it."
10. "I hit a bus full of teenagers wearing red and white shirts."

Yeah, can you tell that I have a negative amount of school spirit? Last Friday we had some crazy school spirit thing, and I was as mad as a bull, and I was seeing red everywhere! I was lancing people's rear ends open left and right! We need less pep rallies. GO EC!!! EHS can go to **HECK** for all I care!! HAH!! (Note: This was probably written in September.)

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Week of 11/13/2000

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A highly messy excuses page. I wrote it using a condensed font. Whoops.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I sense a complete lack of trust here."
2. "I have no excuse at this time."
3. "YOU'VE GIVEN HOMEWORK? YOU WILL REGRET THIS!!!"
4. "I was busy throwing a yellow bird up in the air."
5. "It was eaten by a hexapod."
6. "I went to yale. I just got out last week."
7. "Did you know that if you put every Oldsmobile ever made bumper to bumper, you'd have one heck of a traffic jam?"
8. "Sorry, you didn't phrase that in the form of a question!!" (Well, I guess you did, didn't you?)
9. "It was eaten by the dark master."
10. "Sorry, behind door number 355 isn't homework, it's a ton of cabbage!!"

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I had a very nicely made car. Now it's a rather broken one. Apparently vandals have been at work here."
2. "Oops, you were the vandal? Sorry about that."
3. "I was turned into a hedgehog by Baba Yaga."
4. "I was sucked into a temporal aperture in my locker."
5. "I fell in a trash can in Orlando." Anyone who can tell me the original source of this wins a prize.
6. "My hard drive formatted itself." Which mine tried to do on Saturday.
7. "Being on time was getting boring."
8. "I was viciously attacked by a mob of conspirators." <NOTE>
9. "I had to beat up the inquisitor."
10. "I needed to write up an emergency edition of excuses."

Yes, I've had a conspiracy against me, and no, I'm not telling you about it. That information stays between the parallels of 40° 26' 19" and 40° 25' 27" North, 86° 56' 13" and 86° 54' 08" West. If you are so possessed, you may write these numbers down and find them on a map. No hints. CIE

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Week of 11/27/2000

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Society in general has P.O.ed me today. If these seem a tad bitter, you'll know why.

Modern answers to the age old question: "Where is your homework?"

1. Start singing the element song. If it doesn't help, hey--at least I'm not the one who looks like a total loser.
2. "The school spirit freak next to me at the pep rally took it and used it as confetti."
3. "It got glued to a stop sign." Do something to ensure they don't ask how.
4. "My brother/sister thought it was their homework." (This one has the potential to work!!)
5. "The printer chewed it up."
6. "Some meathead handcuffed me to a chair."
7. "I'll give it to you...If you can prove where Mickey Rooney is right now."
8. "The car was parked on it."
9. "You know that darned glitter-glue? Well, I didn't think you'd be able to read it after my cousin got done with it."
10. "I put it where the sun don't shine."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "Someone parked my car on the roof."
2. "Someone told me there was a pep rally today, so I didn't come."
3. "Every clock in my house is set to the time in Seoul, South Korea."
4. "My pants were superglued to a chair."
5. "Some idiot crashed a boat into the side of my house."
6. "Wait a minute, what month is this?"
7. "As soon as I figure out why my fonts don't look like they're lining up right, I'll come in."
8. "This is a free country, isn't it?"
9. "I had a minor jetpack malfunction. Yes, sir, it exploded. Somewhere over Indiana, sir."
10. "Didn't you fire me yesterday, sir?"

OK, so they weren't as good as they could have been, but I'm making progress. We're into the month of December now, so I changed the headliner a bit, but I'm doing this with no planning whatsoever, just what comes out of my noodle (*Where?!?*) Out of my noodle!!

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WEEK OF 12-4-2000

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Has it snowed yet? I don't know, I'm typing these well in advance.

Modern answers to the age old question: "Where is your homework?"

1. "Oh, so it ISN'T your birthday? So sorry."
2. "The aliens came and took it."
3. "I left it on the nineteenth story."
4. "I accidentally wrote in esperanto."
5. "The possum came and got it."
6. "The knights of Nee came and took it."
7. "My uncle ran it over with the lawn mower."
8. "A demon came and got it."
9. Give a long winded discussion about how valuable your time is.
10. "I left it in North Dakota."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "Someone picked up my house and moved it to Bangladesh."
2. "Pizza Delivery!!"
3. "The power went out."
4. "There was a fight."
5. "My potato clock died."
6. "I had to go catch a possum."
7. "I was in North Dakota."
8. "Grandma hasn't come back from Indiana yet."
9. "A flying monkey came and crashed though my roof in the rain."
10. "I had to change a light bulb." "A trained monkey taped to a broom."

I'm begining to wonder how many editions I'm going to get out of this. 30 seems like a long shot now.

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WEEK OF 12-11-2000

(This one really is #8. Last week was #7. Counting was not my major in HS.)

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It has probably snowed by now, but then again, I could be wrong.

Modern Answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "My pen leaked all over it."
2. "Did you know that it's hard to draw a cat when you have to hold it down with one hand?"
3. "The FBI confiscated it." I think I used something similar to this once before.
4. "It was eaten by a grumpy Ben Cruz." I guess he might do that.
5. "My computer caught fire." "All of the stuff that I taped to it."
6. "The homework is pro-rated based on the fact that it was dumb."
7. "My mom was cleaning my room and she threw it out."
8. "No habla inglés!!" Don't use this one in spanish class!
9. "A giant bird swooped down and took it."
10. "I can't even do that in the 23rd century!" Use a hard scottish accent.

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I got hit in the face with a football."
2. "I passed out from dry-erase marker fumes."
3. "I got electrocuted by a microscope."
4. "I was assimilated by the Borg." Qué unico.
5. "I was up all night memorizing pi."
6. "I was up doing my homework."
7. "I was attacked by Norin the Wary. He knew I weren't no ordinary Joe."
8. "I gained six pounds and now I don't fit into my pants."
9. "The cat got out. I'd have been here sooner, but they're quiiiick."
10. "Someone superglued my car to the driveway."

This was originally meant to be the last excuses of 2000, but it became the first Excuses of 2001. Since there wasn't going to be one this week, it really doesn't change anything.

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WEEK OF 1-1-2001

Or something like that.

Since this week is wacky, this doesn't come until 1/3

EXCUSES 2000

Notice I didn't change the title to Excuses 2001? I have a new title for the excuses pages that will commence next fall, but there are still a crapload of Excuses still to come for this year!!

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I blew my nose in it."
2. "It was gnawed to death."
3. "I spent all night trying to figure out why $10 - 9.8$ didn't equal $.2$."
4. "It was taken away by the wind of ascension." Whatever that means.
5. "A portal opened up and sucked it in."
6. "Me gusta queso." (It means I like cheese in Spanish)
7. "My calculator exploded."
8. Turn in an $8\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 sheet of newspaper.
9. "Since I'm left handed, the whole thing rubbed off on my hand." Turn in a messy page SN.*
10. "It got flushed down the toilet."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I fell down the stairs on the way here."
2. "I was attacked by a window."
3. "Something hits me in the face every Friday and I was afraid to come."
4. "My legs were too sore to climb the stairs."
5. Glue a telephone receiver to your ear.
6. "My car was towed." Did I use this one before?
7. "Well, I've already failed the quarter, why should I bother to show up?"
8. "My hair caught on fire."
9. "Why am I the only one who gets randomly selected every week?"
10. "What does that star stand for, anyway?"

The SN where the star is means "Si Neccesario" or "If Necessary". Since SN looks nicer than IN, I used it. Although IN has a nice state associated with it.

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WEEK OF 1-8-2001

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Modern answers to the age old question "Why did you fail your midterms?"

1. "My dog wizzed on the book I was studying from."
2. "My notes got flushed down the toilet."
3. "Someone spilled black paint on my notebook."
4. "I left my notes in the driveway." (Sounds vaguely familiar, doesn't it?)
5. "That was my evil twin's midterm score. I got an A."
6. "I used a number 3 pencil. Oops."
7. "My brain was a car going 65 MPH reverse parked in a neutral third gear." That made no sense. Sorry.
8. "F now stands for 'Fantastic'" Well, If you're in a pinch, it's worth a shot.
9. For a physics final (Ftttbth!) "There was only one question: What would happen if an irresistable force met an immovable object?"
10. "The test was written in Portuguese."
11. "I went to the wrong test."
12. "I didn't know any of the answers, so I put C on all of them." This one is only good on multiple choice test, that isn't in organic chemistry.
13. "Midterm? What midterm?"
14. "I had to pee during the test and when I got back, it was gone."
15. "My chair fell apart and the teacher thought I was looking at someone else's test."
16. "I wrote the wrong name on my test."
17. "I didn't know what the 1,143rd digit of pi was." FYI: It's a 9.
18. "I sneezed on my test and smudged all of my answers."
19. "I was holding all of the cards, and then everyone else suddenly decided to play chess."
20. "I never got one."

The outpatients are out in force today, good.

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Week of 1/15/2001

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What's the difference between Daniel Fishman and an eggplant?

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "My computer self-destructed."
2. "I was unable to properly identify Beowulf."
3. "I farted on it."
4. "You mean, today is Tuesday?"
5. "I was yodeling groceries."
6. "I was writing a song about the election." "I think I'll recount now."
7. "My eye keeps twitching!!!"
8. "¡¡¡¡¡QUÉ PASAAAAAAA!!!!!"
9. "I've been listening to too much music from 1965."
10. "I can't sing." "I don't know, but that doesn't change the fact."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I pulled a muscle in my back."
2. "The synthohol didn't exactly agree with me." I've been watching way, way, way too much Star Trek.
3. "Remind me to fix my alarm clock."
4. "A poster covered in glitter exploded on me."
5. "I was an unfortunate witness to bath day at the Wilcos."
6. "I couldn't get to my locker." "In the middle of everywhere."
7. "I was doing the technicolor yawn."
8. "A herd of Elephants walked through my living room."
9. "I had to pee." "No, you don't understand, I had to PEE!!!"
10. "I was playing an 88 string guitar."

Answer: About 3 IQ points, and they belong to the eggplant.

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WEEK OF 1-22-2001

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Do we have an official president yet?

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "It got sucked into an inter-dimensional portal."
2. "I inadvertantly stuck it in a large vending machine."
3. "It got baked into a lasagna."
4. Take a page, chew it up, partially shred it, drag it through the mud, and turn it in.
5. "I needed it as a tissue."
6. "We ran out of toilet paper at home and... Well, you know."
7. "I forgot how to count."
8. Sing the hunting song starting with the third line.
9. "I was busy poisoning pigeons in the park."
10. "I was watching the rose bowl." (BTW: I know someone who got to go to there.)

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "My house fell in a sinkhole."
2. "I couldn't find my Civil War Re-enactment pants."
3. "I ran over a porcupine on my way."
4. "Someone left the toilet seat down and I got stuck."
5. "I set my house on fire making breakfast."
6. "I discovered gold in my backyard."
7. "I drank the water."
8. "The hoods got me."
9. "The monoxide got me."
10. "I was at the Rose Bowl."

There was something odd about this edition and I don't know what.

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WEEK OF 1/29/2001

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Soon I'll write "The Excuses song". It'll take the place of one edition of Excuses.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "The seagulls came and took it."
2. "It's against my religion to do homework." (It's probably not original enough to be new.)
3. "A bomb was dropped on me."
4. "You're way ahead of me."
5. "I'd rather marry a duck-billed platapus."
6. "But its national gall bladder week!"
7. "But it's fiesta time in Guadalajara!" (Put a lot of HHKKKKKK into the J)
8. "The paper had no recognizable merit whatsoever."
9. "Oh, you want my homework, now *THERE'S* discrimination for ya."
10. "Sorry, you haven't got enough box tops yet."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "Testing...testing, 1 2 3. This is not <your name>, this is a clone of <your name>."
2. "I had to drop the bomb."
3. "My brother's dog rover got run over."
4. "I joined the navy."
5. "I was learning to play the piano."
6. "To think of all the marvelous ways they're using plastics nowadays."
7. "My alarm clock is running in hexadecimal."
8. "You mean school's not closed?"
9. "I died."
10. "I heard there was peanut butter stew for lunch."

Did you know that there is a verb in spanish "To hawk up phlegm"? Gargajear if I'm not mistaken. I'm getting way behind here. Help Wanted, Apply within.

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WEEK OF 2-5-2001

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I decided it was time for a change and I wanted the thing to come out and smack you in the face when you looked at it. I tried. Maybe it'll work out.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "You can have it if you can prove where Hubert Humphrey is right now."
2. "I bled all over it."
3. "My computer monitor blew up."
4. "I was engaged in a rousing game of Slap-fu."
5. "You're the teacher, you've got the answer key, so why should I tell you what you already know?"
6. "I was busy writing a vanity card about teachers."
7. "I was hurrying to try and get an excuses edition ready for this week!!!"
8. "Arf. Arf I say! Arf!!!"
9. "I drowned in a sea of chalk dust."
10. "I was writing the excuses song, which is far more important than completing a square could ever hope to be."

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I discovered Saturday Night Live."
2. "I had an incident involving a fire hydrant and my car bumper."
3. "I was defragmenting my hard drive." "Well it's a BIG drive!!!"
4. "I was busy trying to learn how to play the piano."
5. "I ate too much of Gramma's cooking." (Long story, Don't ask.)
6. "I'm 3 freakin' weeks behind on excuses, and you want to know where I was?!?"
7. "Did you know that there's 927,863 little holes in all the ceiling tiles in this room?"
8. "I had a run in with a half a ton of angry pot roast."
9. "I got carried away on a true-false test last period."
10. "I just figured out what the E stands for in E-mail and E-card and such: EVIL."

I originally wrote a vanity card all about teachers, but I decided that I didn't feel like printing both sides of the sheet. Oh well. If you don't hear from EHQ until march 14, dont be alarmed, I'm probably writing a song about pi. (Seriously, maybe I'll write several)

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Week of 2/12/2001

EXCUSES 2000

This being National Brotherhood Week, I would potentially like to offer you a song at this point, however I am informed by my disc jockey friends (of whom I have none) that the song is actually politically incorrect (However not written by Bill Maher) and so I will not be publishing the song "National Brotherhood Week".

Modern Answers to the age old question "Where is your Homework?"

1. "It Oxidized and Reduced itself."
2. "It decomposed."
3. "It mysteriously replaced itself with my Calculus notes."
OK, enough cheezy chemistry jokes
4. "This is the bottom of the barrel. Sorry"
5. "You've sucked me dry!"
6. "I lost it while mowing the lawn." "Our yard grows quick."
7. "My palm pilot blew up."
8. "I was recording an album."
9. "I lost it ice fishing." "Well I dove in after it!!"
10. Superglue a computer mouse to your good hand. (Davey, that's your left. No, your other left.)

Modern answers to the age old question "Why are you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I spilled mustard on myself"
2. "My car broke down." Translates to: "I was doing it with a student." if your name is Milton Buttle
3. "If I knew what I was doing, I would have been here."
4. "There were penguins in my mailbox."
5. "I was writing all of the songs to go on my album."
6. "I had an incident involving a CD burner and some midi files."
7. "Thank you, Mr. Stress Puppy."
8. "I was attacked by a troll."
9. "I had an incident with my Game Gear emulator."
10. "I was busy killing someone who tried to take my picture."

I finally wrote the Excuses song. It comes out next week. I also discovered that my numbering system was going ghetto on me. This edition number is correct.

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Week of 2/19/2001

EXCUSES 2000

OK, I finally wrote the *excuses* song. It's to the tune of Tom Lehrer's "Pollution", which is similar, I'm being told, to the Chiquita banana song or something like that. Here it is, along with a few random *excuses* embedded into it. It's kinda small, sorry.

If you forget your homework one day
or maybe you can't get to work OK
I've got you covered because what I do:
I write *Excuses 2000* for you

Excuses, Excuses
I go beyond my dog ate it
you have no fear, my *excuses* are a hit

Algebra is getting you down,
or maybe Lit. is gonna make you drown.
They're not perfect, so I swear,
but I don't see the bat caught in your hair.

Excuses, Excuses
you could tell the truth but what fun
is that when you could say your shower doesn't run.

When you see that teacher's evil eye
And you don't have the homework and they ask why
Look right at them and tell it square
I drank the water and I breathed the air.

Excuses, Excuses
I got lots and lots of them here
I'll put them out, every week of this year

My disclaimer's true, it's sad to tell
But I know you're good and feeling well
Why do you groan, I have to ask?
When god knows what was in that flask?

Excuses, Excuses
I don't even own a cat.
like every good song
It can't go for too long
and that as they say, my friends is that.

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Week of 2/26/2001

EXCUSES 2000

Excuses is no longer fun, it's becoming more of a chore than anything. I'll keep going with it, but there's not much else I can do. Sorry.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I was on strike."
2. "I was writing songs."
3. "I was learning franglish from Jim Morrison."
4. "I ate it."
5. "I was learning to play the accordian." ala Weird Al's early days.
6. "I was in a snowboarding accident."
7. "I was learning how to dance." Realize, however that I would NEVER do this.
8. "I got hit in the head with a tubular bell."
9. "I had to shoot my recording engineer for fussing with the volume in the middle of a song."
10. "I tried doing it with Old Math."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "My modem sprung a leak."
2. "I love my cat too much. Sorry."
3. "Ummmm, I was busy thinking about this girl I have a crush on..." (change if necessary.)
4. "I was busy writing a formula for catching snapper in a given area of water."
5. "But it's national <Something Illogical> day!!!"
6. "I was attacked viciously by a group a penguins."
7. "Wasn't there a bomb threat?"
8. "I had to find out who painted the Mona Lisa." (Oops.)
9. "I beheld the power of Cheese."
10. "I beheld the power of beans."

Well, I counted, and I'd have to write an excuses for EVERY week until the very end of the year to get my 30, but I can try, and maybe I'll get lucky and find a way to force 31 out of it. If I ever run out of Excuese period, I'll let you know.

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Week of 3/5/2001

EXCUSES 2000

I guess I could write this whilst I wait to find out why Hillary disappeared.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "My parents tried to help me."
2. "I couldn't find C."
3. "My computer got destroyed in a freak accident involving the ; key."
4. "I was too busy being prepared."
5. "I had a piano lesson." I know someone who is taking piano lessons, which is ultimately cool.
6. "I was making a pi day shirt."
7. "I was writing an original song." Realize, however that I would NEVER do this.
8. "My hand froze off."
9. "I was busy doing a project on Dr. Werhner von Braun."
10. "I was writing an incredibly cool song."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I was learning how to do the chicken dance."
2. "I was learning how to do the YMCA."
3. "I was learning how to do the macarena."
4. "I ran out of songs that I could dance to."
5. "But it's national pi day!!!"
6. "My heart is beating at over 600 times a second and you're wondering where I was?!?"
7. "I changed my name to Mr. Blast."
8. "I was writing cool excuses."
9. "I was discovering that Hillary is a really cool person."
10. "I had to go to New York to get a copy of "Too many songs by Tom Lehrer with not enough drawings by Ronald Searle"."

I got back to Hillary. She is a really cool person.

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Week of 3/12/2001

Happy Pi day!!!

EXCUSES 2000

I need to write these in more rapid succession. As soon as I miss a week, I'm done though. It hasn't happened yet, let's see how long I can squeak under deadlines this way.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I'm not sure what became of Hubert."
2. "I was installing a CD burner in my computer."
3. "I was learning how to sing."
4. "I discovered that most of the excuses for homework are now equally applicable for lateness."
5. "I was in an incident involving the cord on my headphones."
6. "I discovered that I have an inferiority complex against dancing."
7. "Accidentally declared war on Norway."
8. "I forgot my lead BYDs."
9. "I was solving Schrödinger's Equation."
10. "I had to kill Schrödinger's cat."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I was copying a notebook."
2. "I was diagnosed with butterflies. Yes, that's a medical condition as far as I'm concerned."
3. "Well, Let me phone a friend." (Call David Harris, he knows everything, so he claims.)
4. "I was busy being mad at most of the free world."
5. "Wow, I am becoming incredibly confused right now, because my headphones are randomly switching left and right"
6. "I was visiting my friend in Minsk."
7. "I wrote, by morning, night, and afternoon." It doesn't rhyme anymore. Sorry.
8. "I was copying an index from old Vladvostok telephone directory."
9. "I was trying to figure out why my E-mail is acting up."
10. "I was listening to an Irish ballad."

If anyone is interested in a copy of my album "More pi", go to www.angelfire.com/co2/mcslob/morepi, I'll see what I can do. *no longer working HPAIK.*

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Week of 3/19/2001
I had a good pi day, did you?

EXCUSES 2000

I'm dying here.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "A spirit freak destroyed it."
2. "Oh, I practiced." (Don't mention that it was piano!)
3. "I was listening to someone play piano."
4. "I got my Ph. D and didn't think you wanted my homework."
5. "My modem exploded."
6. "I forgot last November."
7. "I dropped my glasses."
8. "Hey, if you're too lazy to do anything, that's not my fault!!"
9. "I forgot who I got it from."
10. "I was inventing a new language."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "I had to shoot old Tim Johnson."
2. "I was recording." indeed
3. "I was at a party." (Yeah, right.)
4. "I love my friends a little too much."
5. "The bomb that dropped on me got my friends and neighbors too."
6. "I lost my marbles and hurt my back." "Well, yes, all over the floor."
7. "I danced to the Masochism tango."
8. "I was forced to go to a dance."
9. "I was attacked by some spirit freaks."
10. "I forgot who got the bomb next."

I am trying to get these done, but I always forget. I am finishing this one on a friday, so what does that tell you? I don't think there are enough weeks left!!!!

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Week of 3/26/2001

I'll publish this sucker eventually.

EXCUSES 2000

Well, since it's no longer winter, I figured I should get the snow off of the letters. Watch it snow over spring break, though.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I became buried underneath a million college mailers."
2. "Homework, hmm, water balloons, hand grenade, pipe bomb, no homework, though."
3. "Let's see, and that would be...?"
4. "I could not see out of my glasses."
5. "My computer exploded."
6. "My dog did it."
7. "Is it spring already?"
8. "I sort of bled all over it."
9. "Yessiree, Bob, I am bleeding profusely."
10. "Wow, I didn't know there was that much blood in my whole body!"

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "It was opening day." And indeed it is.
2. "I was bleeding."
3. "I was attacked by a spirit freak."
4. "There was a bat caught in my hair."
5. "I drank coffee that tasted like shampoo."
6. "I ate the peanut butter stew."
7. "I ate the broiled hockey puck."
8. "Wow, WHAT time is it?" *
9. "I was trying to figure out how big Hamandeggs, Indiana is." (I've been told "About the size of a plate." Gee, THAT was helpful.)
10. "Spaghetti-Os, spam, canned peas, diced peaches... (do I have your attention?)"

*: According to my Duckie friend, it is 11:47, which means it's about 9:00, which is, or was rather, central standard time. According to my Jellophobic friend, it is 8:00 CST, which is not right either. Here it is 10:00, so I guess it depends on which part of Hamandeggs you are in. What a difference 12 blocks makes. Most of Indiana is on Eastern Standard time all year, No daylight savings, so for the next 6 months, all of Indiana is on the same clock because CDT = EST. And for exactly one hour Sunday morning, it was the same time here as it was in all of Indiana. Actually, it was supposed to be 9:00 in Hamandeggs, but that's what a jello deficiency will do to a person. (Do you need me to explain this more?)

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Week of 4/2/2001

EXCUSES 2000

The last excuses before spring break FINALLY gets here. Whoo-hoo!!

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "I was cheated out of an hour over the weekend." (Should have been for last week. Sorry)
2. "In Hamandeggs, Indiana." BTW: The place is really called Hammond, but calling Hamandeggs is more fun.
3. "That was the week that wasn't." AKA: I wrote songs.
4. "I had to read 5 chapters of the most BORING book in the world."
5. "It self-destructed."
6. "I was in Florida for the nationals for robotics team."
7. "I discovered what 'lobster' means." Really long story.
8. "I discovered the wonderful world of magnetism."
9. "I was becoming incredibly confused." By my so-called friends, that is.
10. "This is a short week, I shouldn't give you 20 excuses this week."

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "A jello balloon was dropped on my house."
2. "I forgot to reset my clock for daylight savings."
3. "The little lights on the front of my computer died."
4. "It's Tom Lehrer's birthday." (4/9, he's 73.)
5. "I just got voted off the island yesterday!"
6. "Nobody told me." Oh, THAT'S original
7. "I declared war on my friend's house." " Could I be any more precise? Yes, I could..."
8. "Um, it was raining mud." Dust storm + thunderstorm = raining mud.
9. "Oops, spring break is NEXT week? Sorry about that."
10. "Thr was a prblm with my kybard." Needs to be send as a typed memo, or an E-mail.

Spring Break is upon us in a few days, so needless to say, there will be NO excuses next week. There will however be excuses for each week thereafter until finals, which will get me exactly 30 editions. So much for wishful thinking.

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Week of 4/9/2001

EXCUSES 2000

Well, now that spring break is finally over.

Modern answers to the age old question "Where is your homework?"

1. "A fart on Homework! That is what I say to that!!"
2. "Sorry, old sport, it's against my religion."
3. I don't know, try something with a southern twang and mention Maycomb.
4. "I didn't do no <cursin' foul'in' swearin' blankin' flithin'> homework, <bleepit>."
5. "I ran out of books to read."
6. "I had to rake the yard." God only knows why, our yard isn't even that great.
7. "I was up until 11:00 on instant messengers."
8. "The literary edition of Excuses did not pan out too well."
9. "I was designing a CD label."
10. "The world's smartest president took my backpack." (Ask for details)

Modern Answers to the age old question "Why were you late?" or "Why weren't you here?"

1. "Somebody thinks they were calling me."
- 2.
3. "I was electrocuted by a lamp."
4. "I fell on the waterfall." Translates to washington building stairs.
5. "I punched a hole in the ceiling stretching." "Well, my arm got stuck."
6. "My telephone line fried."
7. "I blew up an old rotary phone."
8. "An ewok? No, that's star wars."
9. "Say, that's bad." (I dunno, something must be bad.)
10. "I'm not late, you're early."

I always forget the words to my songs. 'Tis a real shame. My pi songs have done good in the world!! I am so happy. Ask for details.

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Week of 4/23/2001

EXCUSES 2000

Excuses 2000, Tom Lehrer edition, I may have used some of these before, but I am getting them all out of my system, and you will never hear about Thomas Andrew Lehrer again, unless you want to.

General excuses for whatever reason, in the order they appear on the albums.

1. "I was beaten up by a Harvard football player." (Fight Fiercely, Harvard)
2. "I was doing well by doing good." (The old dope peddler)
3. "I was not prepared." (Be prepared)
4. "I was in the wild west." (The wild west is where I want to be)
5. "I went back to dixie." (I wanna go back to dixie)
6. "Who deserves the Credit? And who deserves the blame?" (Lobachevsky)
7. "My tragic tale I did prolong." (The Irish Ballad)
8. "There's 10 stuffed heads in my trophy room right now..." (The hunting song)
9. "I went back once more to see those super-special just plain folks." (My home town)
10. "I left in December. (But I told you so in May.)" (When you are old and Gray)
11. "They came to get me." (I hold your hand in mine.)
12. "I had to learn to Waltz." (The wiener schnitzel waltz)

1. "I was poisoning pigeons in the park." (Poisoning pigeons in the park)
2. "I was remembering the bright college days." (Bright College Days)
3. "Ah, but Christmas time is here by golly..." (A christmas carol)
4. "Well, there are a few more elements now..." (The elements)
5. "Beats being a communist frog." (Oedipus Rex)
6. "I was in old Mexico." (In old Mexico)
7. "I was writing an atrocious folk song." (Clementine)
8. "I think the army's just the thing because I find it broadening." (It makes a fellow proud to be a soldier)
9. "There is no room for rationalization in this day and age." (She's my girl)
10. "I was haunted, and taunted, and consumed with a kiss of fire." (The masochism tango)
11. "Life is like a sewer, what you get out of it depends on what you put into it." (We will all go together when we go)

And as if that's not bad enough:

"I got it from Agnes, and if you will be my friend then I might, (mind you I said might...) give it to you!" (I got it from Agnes)

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Week of 4/30/2001

EXCUSES 2000

I am like totally freakin' ahead for E2K!!! I love it!!! only 5 more editions to go!! yay

These are just random excuses from here on out, the specific types were sort of running together.

1. "Somebody finally E-mailed me." (Somebody specific, mind you.)
2. "One of these days I am going to get myself in trouble by saying something about someone who isn't from around here."
3. "My pi songs have done good in the world, I was out celebrating."
4. "The world's smartest president took my backpack." (I think I used this like last week. Oops!)
5. "I dropped a ball bearing in my pants." Y'know, that doesn't sound right.
6. "I was learning to play piano." I am getting there, albeit slowly.
7. "I was doing a concert." Well, I'd LIKE to anyways
8. "The kudzu got me."
9. "X equals 10, and that is final." Dang Persians.
10. "I heard the word lackadaisical again." This is getting out of hand

Something just occurred to me: I should warn you that if you see a double letter where it's not supposed to be, ignore it, it is my keyboard's fault, not mine. It is doing random acts of stupidity all of a sudden.

11. "My chair crashed into my bookshelf." I have a bad habit of that. The chair is too big.
12. "I was re-recording 'More pi'." I'll do that some day.
13. "I was busy losing sleep." Oy. Wait until it catches up with me. (4/22)
14. "My cardfile exploded." I actually have one of those. It's insane. I love it.
15. "I doubled my hard drive space." How? I hear you cry, well, you just delete something that you never use that is WAY too big.
16. "I fell into a sewer." I dunno, I guess it could happen.
17. "I spent the afternoon discovering how many 720 K disks I have around here." The answer: Way too many.
18. "I was writing a book." "Pitcher in the wheat."
19. "I discovered that I can't count."
20. "I discovered that I can't type."

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Week of 5/7/2001