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## **The Dalles**

Bobbie the Wonder  
Dog, a student by  
day & a taxidermist  
by night, stopped  
here because the  
little league web site,  
despite a rather medi-  
ocre memorial, offered the  
best brand of tires at  
everyday low prices.

## **Otjiwarongo**

The religious revolution that  
took place in the meat &  
poultry industries has expanded  
its low-cost housing project to  
include single men seeking either  
to take up arms or become sacred  
dancers in the Voodoo tradition.

## **Ningxia**

Every animator should become  
familiar with Simple Cubic  
Packing. It's a state they will  
inevitably enter into when-  
ever they come up against  
a demonic force of killers.

## Okinawa

I've never been a huge fan of slave daguerreotypes or the specific hydrological characteristics found as large jugs of 'Dutch' shape in sphagnum-dominated peatlands, but an interactive exploration of 1893 implies that the iterative elimination of factory marks on the jugs' bases dominated the first half of the year & that, from July on, sugar production promoted a buildup in the manufacture of mechanical engineering products. Science has made considerable advances; but theories of an abrupt change in globular proteins in magma generation processes show that proofs of concept still dominate.

## **London's East End**

The helmet hairdo  
is a minimally  
edited cut & paste  
of an e-mail exchange  
on the masculine  
nature of the werewolf  
in the arena of literature  
between the loving  
fans of Justin Bieber  
& a more-than-modest  
amount of tequila.

It is full of images of  
luxury objects as trash,  
but doesn't quite have  
the same buzz as the  
Congressional comb-  
over with its loose  
Lacanian metaphors.

## Evora

*The Saxophonist* is a short play set in the French Quarter of New Orleans that celebrates the ritual of public penance by condemned heretics & apostates & provokes distinctly unambivalent reactions.

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A sociologist whose data found fault with same-sex relationships is savaged by the progressive orthodoxy of his discipline & by the bibliophiles who shared his campfire. Last-minute penitents were garroted to spare the pain of the flames.

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The National Library has bought a rare collection of 39 auto da fé sermons. They describe a society in which books are prohibited. There are palm or banana trees, one on either side of the porch. Two guys on holiday face a choice.

## **Lugarno**

Bayesian methods for dating species divergence events are wreaking havoc on *Pisum sativum*, the common garden pea, recently given the authority to administer gas deregulation across much of the Western world.

## **Belli Park**

The obvious environmental  
benefits of organic farming  
can be found in this tale  
of a pet bird who,  
during one school year,  
adapted to the emo  
lifestyle with full  
search engine optimization.

## **Algarve**

Your mom was right—rural  
dairy farmers do keep  
banana slices in their freezers  
to offset the mechanism  
triggered in mammalian cells  
by amino acid starvation.

## **Saint-Saturnin-des-Lignerics**

In a double-pass sequence  
derived from a single  
complementary DNA (cDNA)  
clone, she built a catafalque  
in the crypt under the  
Capitol rotunda. All  
brown ink, with gray wash,  
over traces of black chalk,  
adhering to a sequence  
in keeping with strict military  
protocols. International  
customers are welcome.

## **Carson National Park**

First we look for a  
few extra hints—  
a clever move if  
you're a rock music  
fan. Then we answer  
a rhetorical musical  
question— how many  
protesters threw  
“punches & ice chunks”  
at police? Finally we  
debate the long-term  
trends these numbers  
represent. Do they  
mean it will rain in  
Los Alamos tomorrow?

## **Little River Inlet**

A group of actors shooting a big-budget war movie get lost, are forced to become either a line of latitude which cuts through coastal areas under a hurricane warning or an approximate longitudinal representation of a Louis Vuitton outlet.

## **Bobonaro**

Now that market  
reform has fundamentally  
changed the environment  
a metadata overview  
of existing literature  
is an important element  
in any strategy designed  
to protect security guards  
at open-access drop-in centers  
from / dengue trans-  
mission flowing across  
untrusted networks.

## **Richmond, Virginia**

The Super Bowl is often seen as a means to measure physiological responses to the historic Tredegar Ironworks. It's a very narrow definition, deliberately so, to prevent Irish-American scalpers from selling high-price tickets to the American Civil War.

## **Durant, Oklahoma**

The flamboyant scandal-ridden & often tragic life of old-style poker players is notorious in the world of beauty products. The wider contextualization of these stereotypical depictions makes them unique, even up against poets.

## **Gotanda**

It is a tribal ritual  
to motivate population  
dynamics by giving  
women's classic fashion  
& accessories a modern  
twist, one that is not  
metabolized by mouth  
bacteria or the occasional  
good falafel mix.

## Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

High-foaming performance  
milk was around long  
before coffee first  
arrived on the European  
continent. A bland dish  
needs such information  
to beat off unfair  
competition from slot  
machines & casinos. I  
hear good ideas all the  
time. Big flowers always  
look better in reproduction.

## **Chinchilla**

Neneko squirms  
around under the  
loveseat, starting  
her weight loss  
reality series by  
jumping members  
of the Herbalife  
Hose Company  
Junior Firefighters.

## **Augsburg**

The country seat  
of the House of  
Fugger is a dis-  
charged vicarage  
that amuses it-  
self by moving  
tonal energy from  
one functional  
state to another.

## **Emmenbrücke**

First found by Ines Pink  
at indulgy.com,  
this muscle tee, in  
a light, breathable  
fabric, with large raw cut  
armholes & featuring a  
Wolverine© graphic, will  
allow you to reveal the  
otherwise hidden possibilities  
of your own self. A caution—  
beware of clumsy ripoffs.  
Armholes too large will  
succeed only in demeaning  
you with a bat-wing effect.

## **Lausanne**

The tonal center emerges if,  
& only if, the feted Japanese  
architects carry messages to  
the brain. The face can be seen  
in ultrasound images using  
a plasma moving across the  
CNPA view line. Bluetooth  
headphones carry a multi-  
layered techno. When en-  
riched in quality, it argues  
that this is in essence a  
question. She stumbled across  
a pile of memories last month  
in Lausanne. She aims to stay.

## **Milan**

Swimming amongst the  
dead is an iPhone  
application that  
creates strategies &  
business opportunities  
for the busy Mountain  
Goat to challenge com-  
petitors & stand out  
during Fashion Week.

## **Accra**

Documentary-style  
cinematography re-  
cords junk bonds  
going into crisis. Will  
definitely be a while  
before we can  
fully decorate our  
house. We are all now  
fading captains. Even  
motorists are at risk.

## **Saint Helena Bay**

The magical theory of  
relativity is / collected  
fortnightly on Wednesdays  
so may bring back haunting  
memories of the gypsies'  
futile attempts to recycle.

## **Trairão**

Many Amazonians would otherwise be diagnosed with Stage 2 hypertension if they did not shop outside the big box or stopped soaking their teeth overnight in a saucer.

## **Texoma**

Despite their 21st-century circuitry  
& a surging symphonic score by Philip Glass, the photos & offspring from the All Breeds Horse Pedigree

Database provide, at best, a very bland social & historical explanation for the popular appeal of cinema violence.

## **Thimphu**

Sorry, we have  
no imagery here,  
just traditional  
architecture  
& the chance  
of precipitation.

## **Parsippany, New Jersey**

The ethical paradigm is pure  
confectionery indulgence; so  
deconstruction offers its  
own luminous ellipticals, sexy  
little blue LED keyring  
torches, easy to grip &  
maneuver on suicide runs.

## **Ningbo**

Made, as they are, from graphite or other fibrous material, Indian Railways timetables are usually considered to be completely neutral sequences whose evolution is shaped by random mutations & chance events.

## **Montreux**

Sea navigation, which  
is embedded in the  
use of cellular automata  
in physical geography,  
makes venture capital  
investments in bio-  
technology companies  
& the moraines left  
by the Rhône glaciers.

## **Anaheim**

The Angels' bullpen finished the team's 10-game road trip by blowing up yet another of the city's cultural institutions. Such are the shortcomings of a streetcar system being completely dismantled & later sold.

## **Puducherry**

The Cultural & Linguistics Immersion Center, an endless play of light & shadow that employs a muted color palate, has the translucency of bone china. Every day in its life follows the same routine—nights in long baths with old jazz playing, the Antonioni-like monotony of the landscape, a parable of unanswered prayers. It is no longer an anomaly.

## **Donnybrook-Balingup**

Backgammon is not a completely ergodic game which is why mice do not play it.

They prefer to teach risk management & brinksmanship to the renters in the building.

## **Kunming**

Some days after the  
effective replacement of  
coal with biogas in local  
households, the skin  
becomes so thin  
it is like delicate paper.

## **Roswell**

The categories — such as Causality, Inherence, Genus, etc. — enumerating them & then identifying a functional relation between variables, does not mean that phenomena such as unicorns & mirages are non-existent.

## **Baring**

Thanks to main-  
stream society's  
financial & cultural  
support for pre-  
serving Broadway  
fiascos, a remote  
hamlet in central  
Washington now  
has more coffee  
houses than  
Downtown Seoul.

## **Timisoara**

Sometimes I wonder why I create my own *Weltanschauung* when delightful news items such as the one below appear unbidden in my looking glass.

“Angry witches in Romania are using cat excrement & dead dogs to cast spells on the president & government who are forcing them to pay taxes.”

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