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Pulsars and our sun's location

There is an interesting map showing the position of the sun on **the golden record cover diagram from Voyager 1** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:The_Sounds_of_Earth_Record_Cover_-_GPN-2000-001978.jpg> and I would love to find the best-possible-quality version of the map of our sun's location based on 14 pulsars.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **11:23 PM** on January 16, 2016

Pantry moths?

Our kitchen has an insect infestation. Here are some adults caught with a pantry moth pheremone glue trap: **one** <<http://www.sindark.com/NonBlog/pantry-moths/adult1.JPG>>, **two** <<http://www.sindark.com/NonBlog/pantry-moths/adult2.JPG>>, **three** <<http://www.sindark.com/NonBlog/pantry-moths/adult3.JPG>> Can anyone identify the species? Or recommend means of eradication?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **5:52 AM** on December 10, 2015

Heron ID

Can anyone identify **this specific species of heron** <<https://secure.flickr.com/photos/sindark/22539132998/in/dateposted-public/>>?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **1:12 AM** on November 12, 2015

Is this the aurora borealis?

Do **these** <<https://www.flickr.com/photos/sindark/20653452242/in/album-72157655031900884/>> **photos** <<https://secure.flickr.com/photos/sindark/20636410726/>> taken on Saturday near Barry's Bay, Ontario show the northern lights? I checked with a compass and they were definitely in the northern part of the sky. To the naked eye, it just looked like vague brightness. Aside from rotation and cropping, these photos are straight from the camera, processed from RAW in Lightroom.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:00 AM** on August 18, 2015

What portion of the surface of Pluto and Charon will New Horizons map?

For reasons perhaps best understood by wasting way too much time in Kerbal Space Program, the difference in fuel and cost between a flyby and an orbiter can be considerable. As such, NASA's New Horizons craft **zipped through the Pluto system** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Horizons> at considerable speed, before continuing out into the Edgeworth–Kuiper belt. Will the craft produce high-resolution maps of the complete surfaces of both Pluto and Charon, or will the flyby approach only allow for a

portion of the surface of each body to be surveyed?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:32 AM** on July 16, 2015

Making a paperback book from a LaTeX file

I need to reformat a LaTeX document: PDF <<http://www.uoftfacultydivest.com/files/fossil-fuel-divest-new-2015-03-23.pdf>>, LaTeX

<<http://www.uoftfacultydivest.com/files/fossil-fuel-divest-new-2015-03-23.tex>> for printing as a paperback

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **2:31 AM** on March 24, 2015

Formatting specific text, headings, and footnotes in LaTeXI need to upda

I need to update a complex LaTeX document (**discussed here before**

<<http://ask.metafilter.com/269400/Converting-LaTeX-to-HTML-or-Word>>). I

also need to make all the changes obvious with some sort of distinctive formatting, like green text.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **10:01 PM** on December 5, 2014

Converting LaTeX to HTML or Word

I have a complex document in LaTeX/PDF format that I want to make available to others in a more accessible Word or HTML format.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **11:00 PM** on October 2, 2014

Why do turbine halls have high ceilings?

Whether it's in a dam <[https://en.wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Turbine_room,_Haditha_Dam.JPG)

<http://www.alstom.com/Global/Hungary/Resources/Images/Press_Releases/2013/PAKS_belso.jpg>, nuclear power station

<https://secure.flickr.com/photos/mike_smiths_flickr/534964838/>, the turbine

hall of an electricity-generating facility always seems to be a lot taller than the equipment inside requires. I assume there must be a reason for this, given the cost of materials. Is it to dissipate heat, or to serve some other objective?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **5:34 PM** on August 5, 2014

Hard drives of Aaron Swartz

According to *The Economist* <<http://www.economist.com/news/obituary/21569674-aaron-swartz-computer-programmer-and-activist-committed-suicide-january-11th-aged-26-aaron>>, before Aaron Swartz

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aaron_Swartz> died he expressed his desire that all the contents of his hard drives were made publicly available. Are they available online anywhere? BitTorrent?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:49 AM** on March 1, 2013

Highly visual climate science demos

Is there a demonstration of an aspect of climate science that could be performed for a television show, and which would be highly visually interesting?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **6:24 PM** on June 21, 2012

My resume needs work

Does anyone have experience with a Toronto-based company or individual that specializes in improving resumes?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:45 PM** on April 24, 2012

How do five possible grad schools compare?

I am trying to choose a school for a PhD in Political Science. How do these compare? The University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia, the University of California at Santa Barbara, McGill University, and the University of Michigan?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **10:03 PM** on March 13, 2012

Any dangerous orange berries in Ontario?

ParanoidFilter: I chewed up a small orange berry in Ontario, Canada. It was very bitter and I still taste it about an hour later. Is there any chance it was dangerously poisonous?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **10:04 PM** on July 8, 2011

What's fun, French, and on Netflix?

Here's a question that I think a lot of Ottawa-area Anglophones would appreciate an answer to: Are there any good French television shows or films available via the Canadian version of Netflix streaming?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:36 AM** on January 25, 2011

How does Canon's Highlight Tone Priority work? Is there any reason not to use it?

I recently bought a Canon 5D Mk II DSLR and am curious about one of its features: "Highlight Tone Priority"

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **6:32 PM** on September 22, 2010

The aim of this project is to spread the message...

Group blog on coal and climate change: BuryCoal.com <<http://burycoal.com/blog/>>

The aim of this project is to spread the message that coal and unconventional fossil fuels, such as the oil sands, pose an unacceptable risk to humanity. This is because of the degree to which burning them increases the risk of catastrophic or runaway climate change.

posted to MetaFilter Projects by **sindark** at **12:12 PM** on February 16, 2010

Who is leading the fight against coal?

In his book *Storms of My Grandchildren*, James Hansen makes the case that phasing out coal is the most important thing for humanity to do, to reduce the chances of catastrophic climate change. As such, my question is this: which organizations in Canada and the US are doing the most to advance that aim, both domestically and internationally?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **4:48 PM** on February 4, 2010

Contemplating getting my own server

How would the new Mac Mini server compare to a cheap shared hosting account?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **6:59 PM** on October 20, 2009

Inverted maritime nuclear reactors

What design features, if any, allow nuclear reactors on submarines to survive being inverted?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **9:43 PM** on April 20, 2009

WordPress 2.7 and Angsuman's Authenticated WordPress Plugin

On one of my WordPress hosted blogs, I previously used Angsuman's Authenticated WordPress Plugin to restrict access to registered users. After upgrading to WordPress 2.7, the plugin doesn't work anymore. It won't let anybody log in, trapping people in a constant loop of entering (correct) passwords and being returned to the login screen.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **1:10 AM** on December 17, 2008

Please delete a mistaken comment

I just posted a thoroughly incorrect comment in response to my own AskMe thread. Could an admin please remove it? It is at: <http://ask.metafilter.com/102955/How-can-I-travel-between-continent-without-emitting-much-CO2#1492050>

posted to MetaTalk by **sindark** at **5:30 PM** on September 29, 2008

How can I travel between continents without emitting much CO2?

I want to travel, but I think doing so by airplane is unethical because of the associated carbon emissions and the inadequacy of 'offset' schemes. Is it still possible to travel by sea from North America to Europe or Asia? If so, how long does it take, and what are the associated costs?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **3:55 PM** on September 29, 2008

I am trying to create a relatively comprehensive...

Cataloguing major climate change issues <[http://www.sindark.com](http://www.sindark.com/wiki/index.php?title=Major_climate_change_issues)

[/wiki/index.php?title=Major_climate_change_issues](http://www.sindark.com/wiki/index.php?title=Major_climate_change_issues)> I am trying to create a relatively comprehensive collection of short articles about various elements of climate change: from climatic science through to city planning and adaptation. Many of them have already provoked fairly extensive discussions and nearly all have been linked to one quantity or another of related materials online. Right now, the index for the project is an ordinary MediaWiki page. Hopefully, it can be rendered more attractive, intuitive, and useful.

posted to MetaFilter Projects by **sindark** at **6:17 PM** on July 15, 2008

Cohabitation query

How can I make my home a welcoming place for a significant other who is moving in?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **6:01 PM** on April 27, 2008

Low-carbon Ottawa-Boston travel

Travel question: I want to travel from Ottawa to Boston for a weekend and am looking for any decent options aside from flying.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **7:09 PM** on March 5, 2008

Fasting in response to climate change

As the global climate changes, agriculture is sure to be affected. **The Stern Review** <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/independent_reviews/stern_review_economics_climate_change/sternreview_index.cfm> explains that "developing countries - in particular the poorest - are heavily dependent on agriculture, the most climate-sensitive of all economic sectors." **Working Group II** <<http://www.ipcc-wg2.org/>> of the **IPCC** <<http://www.ipcc.ch/>> says that: "Smallholder and subsistence farmers, pastoralists and artisanal fisherfolk will suffer complex, localised impacts of climate change (high confidence)." Meanwhile, some important staple crops **are especially threatened** <<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6200114.stm>> by rising temperatures (though **genetic engineering may help** <http://economist.com/science/displaystory.cfm?story_id=8380318>). You can **experience a taste of it yourself** <http://www.climateemergency.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=346&Itemid=192>, with a climate change awareness fast, taking place on Tuesday, September 4th.

posted to MetaFilter by **sindark** at **1:15 AM** on August 31, 2007

MeFi Meetup in Ottawa?

When I used Ask Metafilter to learn about the housing situation in Ottawa, several people proposed a gathering of MeFites in this most bureaucratic of cities. Now that I am here, I would definitely be up for it. Is anyone else interested?

posted to MetaTalk by **sindark** at **5:10 PM** on July 26, 2007

Introductions to technological development

Is anybody familiar with one or more good textbooks (or introductory volumes) on technology development and/or deployment?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **5:07 PM** on July 26, 2007

Seeking an apartment in Ottawa

A few weeks ago, I asked MeFites <<http://ask.metafilter.com/64291/Where-to-live-in-Ottawa>> about the best parts of Ottawa to live in. Now that I have moved to the

city, I am looking for an actual place to stay. Any inside information from Ottawa residents would be much appreciated.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:02 AM** on July 15, 2007

Where to live in Ottawa?

I've just been offered a job in Ottawa and I need to decide where to live.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **4:35 PM** on June 7, 2007

Poverty and the right to council

In 2005, the **Supreme Court of British Columbia decided**

<<http://www.accessjustice.ca/downloads/03.%20The%20Judgment.htm>> that taxing the legal services of the poor "constitutes indirect taxation and is a tax on justice contrary to the **Magna Carta** <<http://www.bl.uk/treasures/magnacarta/magna.html>> and the Rule of Law." Yesterday, the **Supreme Court of Canada overturned the decision** <<http://scc.lexum.umontreal.ca/en/2007/2007scc21/2007scc21.html>>, rejecting "the respondent's contention that there is a broad general right to legal counsel as an aspect of, or precondition to, the rule of law." The case was largely the initiative of **Dugald Christie** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dugald_Christie>, a Vancouver lawyer and political activist who devoted his life to the cause of improving access to the legal system, before **dying on a cross-Canada bicycling fundraiser** <<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2006/08/01/bc-lawyer.html>> ten months ago. He is well remembered by **lawyers** <http://www.lawtimesnews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=703&Itemid=82> and **cyclists** <<http://www.momentumplanet.ca/node/180>>.

posted to MetaFilter by **sindark** at **10:27 AM** on May 26, 2007

Is income used to pay back student loans taxable in Canada?

Canadian tax question: After six years of university (undergrad and an M.Phil), I am about to start working. Will I need to pay taxes on income that I use immediately to pay off student loans?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **11:53 AM** on April 15, 2007

Why has my hosting become so slow?

GoDaddy hosting has become intolerably slow: is it certainly their fault? If so, can I do anything about it? If isn't their fault, what am I doing wrong?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **10:29 PM** on March 29, 2007

Why is my iBook suddenly unstable?

All of a sudden, my G4 iBook is incredibly unstable. All sorts of programs keep crashing (though not the whole machine). What could be wrong?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **7:13 PM** on February 28, 2007

Can anyone translate Turkish rap?

The documentary *Crossing the Bridge: The Sound of Istanbul* introduced me to the Turkish rap music of **Ceza** <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ceza>> (Bilgin Özçalkan). While I like the sound of it, I have no idea what is being said, and some of the song titles make me a bit nervous that I might be enjoying something dodgy (and exposing friends to it). Can anyone who speaks Turkish translate this?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **8:53 PM** on February 4, 2007

How can you pay royalties in order to use copyrighted music in for-profit videos?

Is it possible to pay royalties to bands in order to use their songs in commercial videos online?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:53 PM** on January 20, 2007

Is someone else using my GMail?

Is there any way to check if someone else has been accessing your GMail account?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **11:35 AM** on January 6, 2007

As a Christmas gift, I have been setting up a...

Film site for my brother: Papa Fly Productions <<http://www.papaflyfilms.com/>>

As a Christmas gift, I have been setting up a website for my younger brother, in order to showcase the short films he has made. Here is **a recent example**

<<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=3154028692231674171&q=mica+prazak>>. Three of his videos have won web-based contests (Google Idol and Bopsta), and I thought it was about time for him to have a proper site. (Contest info: **1** <<http://www.bopsta.com/video.php?VideoId=1749>>, **2** <<http://www.bopsta.com/video.php?VideoId=1860>>, **3** <<http://www.bopsta.com/video.php?VideoId=1779>>) In addition to any comments about the site itself, he is always pleased to get input on his filmmaking.

If anyone has experience in setting up the Broadcast Machine, specifically, or a site like this in general, I would really appreciate some advice. I have **a bug page**

<http://www.sindark.com/wiki/index.php?title=Papa_Fly_Bug_Reporting> and **a suggestions page** <http://www.sindark.com/wiki/index.php?title=Papa_Fly_Feature_suggestions>

set up on a wiki that I run. Many thanks.

posted to MetaFilter Projects by **sindark** at **8:12 PM** on January 1, 2007

'Lolita' copyright status

Is Vladimir Nabokov's 1955 novel *Lolita* still under copyright?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **8:11 PM** on November 12, 2006

Identify this mix of chemicals

Attention chemists: I am seeking to identify a product that contains a list of ingredients that strikes me as fairly odd.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **8:49 PM** on October 3, 2006

htaccess syntax woes

I need to add a few lines to my htaccess file to deal with the fact that Google Image Search never updates its database

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **7:10 PM** on September 18, 2006

Perseid Meteor Shower Peak

The annual Perseid meteor shower <http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/perseid_history_020806.html> will peak in intensity tonight. The product of Earth intersecting with the debris trail from Comet Swift-Tuttle, the shower should be most dramatic shortly before dawn. More information on the shower can be found in **various** <<http://www.serve.com/wh6ef/comets/meteors/showers/perseidhistory.html>> **places** <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perseids>>.

Those living far away from cities will have the best view, but there **are**

<<http://www.space.com/php/multimedia/imagegallery/igviewer.php?imgid=2752&gid=212&index=0>> **lots**

<http://www.spaceweather.com/meteors/gallery_13aug01.html> **of**

<http://science.nasa.gov/spaceweather/meteors/gallery_12aug02.html> **good**

<http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2000/ast14aug_1.htm> **photos**

<<http://www.serve.com/wh6ef/comets/meteors/showers/perseidphotos.html>>

from past showers online for those immersed in city light, or blanketed under cloud.

posted to MetaFilter by **sindark** at **5:59 PM** on August 12, 2006

Title of an Isaac Asimov fantasy story.

I remember a comical short story by Isaac Asimov that partly involved 'wizards' who were actually misunderstood scientists. Can anybody recall what the story is called? Amazon and Google Book Search have been no help.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:39 PM** on August 7, 2006

Travel to Dublin

Next month, I am going on a trip to Dublin for a week. I have three questions for anyone who has experience with the city:

1. Where would you recommend staying? (Hostels in the £10 / night range are my usual style.)
2. What would you recommend seeing? (There is an AskMeFi post on this already, but it only covers a weekend-length stay)
3. Is there anything particularly useful to know about going to Dublin?

Thanks.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **3:17 PM** on July 20, 2006

Complex htaccess question for Blogger to WordPress migration

I recently shifted the content management for my blog (www.sindark.com) from Blogger to WordPress. I shifted the Blogger version into a sub-directory, so that people who prefer to access old posts in that format can. Now, I want to use htaccess to automatically redirect people who try to access the Blogger archives in the old location. I want them sent to the Blogger files in the new location.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **4:29 PM** on May 23, 2006

Why was the Canadian election thread deleted?

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posted to MetaTalk by **sindark** at **4:26 PM** on January 21, 2006

Encrypting Chinese, pre-computers

A friend of mine and I were wondering today how encryption was done in character-based languages like Chinese and Japanese before the advent of computerization. Whereas all kind of substitution and transposition ciphers come to mind immediately for letter based languages like Latin, it isn't obvious how you could use them for a language with many thousands of distinct characters.

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **2:23 PM** on December 5, 2005

Firefox hogging RAM

Peeking into Activity Monitor in Mac OS 10.3, I am noticing that Firefox is using more than 130 of my 512 megabytes of RAM, along with more than 450 megs of virtual memory. This is with one window open with three tabs (this page, a blog, and GMail). Do I have some setting set incorrectly or is Firefox a shameless RAM hog? Is there another browser that might leave me with more memory for Word, Excel, Entourage, Photoshop, iTunes, etc?

posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **6:10 AM** on September 12, 2005

Blogger bug

At the top of **some** <<http://sindark.blogspot.com/>> **Blogger**

<<http://clemency.blogspot.com/>> templates, a large white gap is now appearing. They

say that it is **being worked on** <<http://sindark.blogspot.com/2005/06/at-work-today-i-was-pretty-wiped-from.html#111989664419147060>>, but it has been there for quite a while now and I would really like to get rid of it. Can anyone with knowledge of CSS or web design more generally suggest what might have gone wrong, as well as how to fix it? posted to Ask MetaFilter by **sindark** at **12:12 PM** on July 6, 2005

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