

"That is the story. Do you think there is any way of making them believe it?" (Plato, 380 BC)

## Guinness Record Holder Perishes Home Explodes in Fire of Somewhat Mysterious Origin

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North Bergen, Ignatz Underwood, long-time North Bergen citizen, was burned to death in a fire of suspicious origins in his home Wednesday. NBPD investigators believe that a huge buildup of methane gas was ignited when Underwood put on a pot of tea. The resulting explosion and fire gutted the three-story Victorian at 1650 Klingst Circle, and forced neighbors out of adjacent houses.

Considered the world's most flatulent human, (verified by recent Guinness competition) he had been banned from every business in town for years. Absolutely staunch in his belief that he suffered from discrimination, he recently organized the Society To Incorporate New Knowledge (S.T.I.N.K.).

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology named a lab in honor of him, The Underwood Nausea Research Laboratory. Visitors to the lab are automatically issued gas masks in order to make it through the tour. There is a lengthy waiting list of graduate students hoping to get a chance to study at the lab.

Never married, for several reasons, Underwood also was unable to grow any live plants in his house, and a fifty foot diameter radius around his home was considered a "no-grow" zone. Recently, his homeowner's association brought suit to force him to sell

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Underwood in His Office  
Photo courtesy Bruce Lobrow

## NEW PRESIDENTIAL HAIRSTYLIST DEBUTS

### Flattop, Perm Make Splashy Return

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The President's Flattering Flattop AP

Washington, DC, UPI. After a week of silence and no public exposure, the President and Vice President appeared on Dave Letterman's *Tonight Show* to reveal their flattering new casual hairstyles.

The just-hired presidential hairstylist, Ling Chung Smitherman, had recommended a change in order to show solidarity with the American People.

"Our image has taken a beating recently", said the Vice President. "We had to do something, and fast."

Earlier this month, Smitherman had posted an online resume, with samples of her work, and White House staffers showed the photos to the President. He signed the hiring directive and scheduled an emergency top level meeting to discuss oil prices, the war in Iraq, the upcoming Congressional elections, new hairstyles, and fashion trends.

"Our leaders have to step out in front, to show the way, to grasp the new fashions, to tell America it's all right if



Ling Chung at Interview AP



Vice President's New Doo AP

the President does it", explained the President in his conversation with Letterman.

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