

# BUREAUCRATUM

## New Element Discovered

The heaviest element known to science was recently discovered by chemists. The element, tentatively named Bureaucratum, has no protons or electron and thus has an atomic number of 0. However it does have:

- 1 neutron
- 125 assistant neutrons
- 75 vice neutrons
- 111 assistant vice neutrons

This gives it an atomic mass of 312. The 312 particles are held together by a force that involves the continuous exchange of meson like particles called morons.

Since it has no electrons, Bureaucratum is inert. However, it can be detected chemically as it impedes every action with which it comes in

contact. According to the discoverers, a minute amount of Bureaucratum causes one reaction to take four days to complete when it would have normally occurred in less than one second.

Bureaucratum has a normal half-life of approximately three to five years, at which it does not actually decay but instead undergoes a reorganisation/restructure in which assistant neutrons, vice neutrons, and assistant vice neutrons exchange places. Some studies have shown that atomic mass actually increases after each reorganisation/restructure.

Research at other laboratories indicates that Bureaucratum occurs naturally in the atmosphere. It mainly concentrates at government agencies and administrations,

large corporations, and universities. It can also be found in the newest, best appointed and best maintained buildings.

Chemists point out that Bureaucratum is known to be toxic at any level of concentration and can easily destroy any productive reaction where it is allowed to accumulate. Attempts are being made to determine how Bureaucratum can be controlled to prevent irreversible damage, but results to date are not promising.

However, some researchers hopelessly believe that the Committee/Special Task Force can neutralise Bureaucratum's damage by issuing irrelevant voluminous reports.

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## WEIRD WEB WEEKLY

BY THE \$AL-MAN

I'm in that final fantasy mood...just watched one of the videos from FF8...WOW...just WOW...I suppose now I have to go and buy it, and prepare for heart break once more...< sigh >

Anyway, back to business...yesterday I wanted some tech news, so I visited [www.slashdot.org](http://www.slashdot.org) for the first time. You may have heard of this immensely popular, self-styled "news for nerds" place (does the phrase "that site just got slash-dotted!" ring any bells?). Loads and loads of techie downloads, geeky articles and nerdy news. In other words, heaven-online.

Here's something that I'll probably be downloading today (haven't tested it yet) - Universal Autocomplete [www.fortuneit.com/skyscraper/motorola/153/UACinstall.zip](http://www.fortuneit.com/skyscraper/motorola/153/UACinstall.zip) - 300kb). It's supposed to add IE style auto-complete to standard dialog boxes. Should save you a lot of manual browsing and typing to get to oft-used locations.

Have you tried and failed to understand how the net works? Enlist the aid of Warriors of the Net - [www.warriorsofthenet.net](http://www.warriorsofthenet.net) - a rather cool movie that explains stuff to you.

That's about all I have this week, so I'll leave you trying to guess where I came across this admittedly weird, but cool quote (I even left the names in; some of you should recognize 'em):

- Rei: Alone...
- Rei: I am alone among the many
- Shinji: Alone...
- Shinji: I am alone among the few
- Voice: Alone...
- Voice: I am alone with this girl
- Voice: Alone...
- Chibi-Asuka: Alone...
- Chibi-Asuka: I am alone...
- Chibi-Asuka: Alone with death
- Asuka: ...

## Drummer wanted

A drummer is wanted for a new metal band. Audition will be taken on the following songs: "Territory" and "Slave New World" by Sepultura; "War Nerve" and "Becoming" by Pantera; "Master of Puppets" and "For whom the bell tolls" by Metallica.

Interested drummers are requested to contact with Anton (phone# 8116772; e-mail: [gaur@bangla.net](mailto:gaur@bangla.net)) or Fahim (phone# 8615377). Practical jokes are not appreciated.

## JOKES

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**The Writing On The Wall**

In the corridor of a government office there was a sign board: "Don't make noise." Some one added the following words: "Otherwise we may wake up."

**How to make money faster**

Are you interested in making \$\$\$\$ fast? Here's an incredibly simple way to do it, and there is nothing to buy, no investment to make, no money to lose! Trust me. Try it now!

Follow this simple procedure:

- 1) Hold down the shift key.
- 2) Hit the 4 key four times fast.

**Wife and husband**

Once a wife asked her husband "What is the difference between accident and Bad luck?"

The Husband replied by saying "If you mistakenly slip into the well being dug up outside our house, That means an accident. But if you get saved and comeback, Then it will be my bad luck."

**Joke on women**

A group of girls is on vacation when they see a 5-story hotel with a sign that reads: "For Women Only". Since they are without their boyfriends and husbands, they decide to go in.

The bouncer, a very attractive guy, explains to them how it works. "We have 5 floors. Go up floor by floor, and once you find what you are looking for, you can stay there. It's easy to decide since each floor has a sign telling you what's inside."

So they start going up and on the first floor the sign reads: "All the men on this floor are short and plain." The friends laugh and without hesitation move on to the next floor.

The sign on the second floor reads: "All the men here are short and handsome." Still, this isn't good enough, so the friends continue on up.

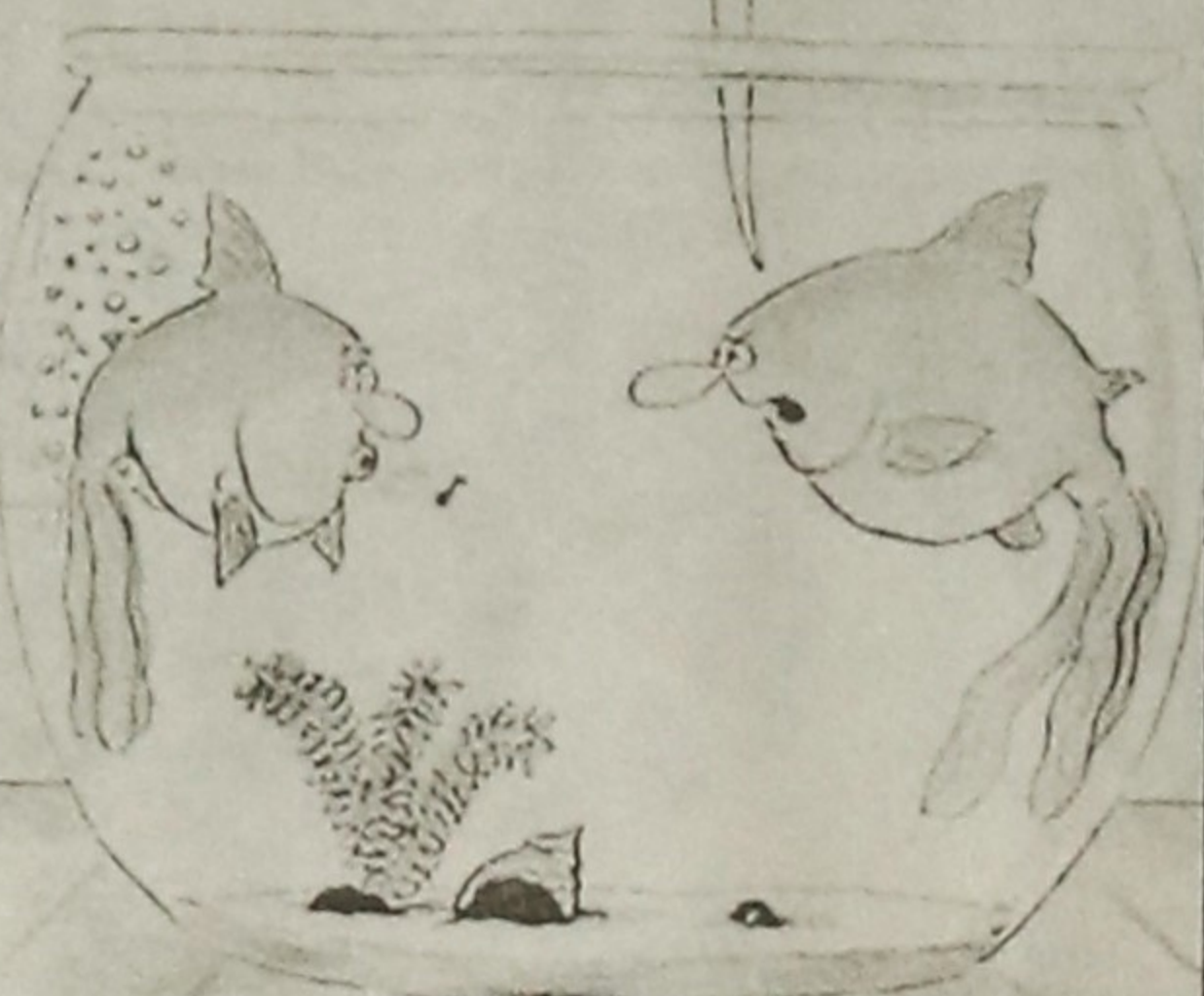
They reach the third floor and the sign reads: "All the men here are tall and plain."

They still want to do better, and so, knowing there are still two floors left, they continued on up.

On the fourth floor, the sign is perfect: "All the men here are tall and handsome." The women get all excited and are going in when they realize that there is still one floor left. Wondering what they are missing, they head on up to the fifth floor.

There they find a sign that reads: "There are no men here. This floor was built only to prove that there is no way to please a woman."

IT'S NO USE WHISTLING -  
I CAN SEE THE BUBBLES  
COMING OUT OF YOUR BOTTOM.



BAD JOKE

## Skyscraper Height

The following question appeared in a physics degree exam at the University of Copenhagen: "Describe how to determine the height of a skyscraper with a barometer."

One enterprising student replied: "You tie a long piece of string to the neck of the barometer, then lower the barometer from the roof of the skyscraper to the ground. The length of the string plus the length of the barometer will equal the height of the building."

This highly original answer so incensed the examiner that the student was failed immediately. The student appealed, on the grounds that his answer was indisputably correct, and the university appointed an independent arbiter to decide the case.

The arbiter judged that the answer was indeed correct, but did not display any noticeable knowledge of physics; to resolve the problem it was decided to call the student in and allow him six minutes in which to verbally provide an answer which showed at least a minimal familiarity with the basic principles of physics.

For five minutes the student sat in silence, forehead creased in thought. The arbiter reminded him that time was running out, to which the student replied that he had several extremely relevant answers, but couldn't make up his mind which to use.

On being advised to hurry up the student replied as follows: "One, you could take the barometer up to the roof of the skyscraper, drop it over the edge, and measure the time it takes to reach the ground. The height of the building can then be worked out from the formula  $H = 3D \frac{1}{2}gt^2$  squared (height equals half times gravity time squared). But bad luck on the barometer."

"Two, if the sun is shining you could measure the height of the barometer, then set it on end and measure the length of its shadow. Then you measure the length of the skyscraper's shadow, and thereafter it is a simple matter of proportional arithmetic to work out the height of the skyscraper."

"Three, if you wanted to be highly scientific about it, you could tie a short piece of string to the barometer and swing it like a pendulum, first at ground level and then on the roof of the skyscraper. The height is worked out by the difference in the gravitational restoring force ( $T = 3D \frac{2\pi}{g} \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$  over g).

"Four, if the skyscraper has an outside emergency staircase, it would be easy to walk up it and mark off the height of the skyscraper in barometer lengths, then add them up."

"Five, if you merely wanted to be boring and orthodox about it, of course, you could use the barometer to measure air pressure on the roof of the skyscraper, compare it with standard air pressure on the ground, and convert the difference in millibars into feet to give the height of the building."

"Six, since we are constantly being exhorted to exercise independence of mind and apply scientific methods, undoubtedly the best way would be to knock on the janitor's door and say to him 'I will give you this nice new barometer, if you will tell me the height of this skyscraper.'"

The arbiter re-graded the student with an 'A.'

## PICTURE RIDDLE



CONCENTRATE ON THE FOUR DOTS IN THE MIDDLE  
OF THE PICTURE FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS.  
THEN CLOSE YOUR EYES AND TILT YOUR HEAD BACK.  
KEEP THEM CLOSED... YOU WILL SEE A CIRCLE OF LIGHT,  
CONTINUE LOOKING AT THE CIRCLE...  
WHAT DO YOU SEE?

## The Gold Medallist!

Three scientists, an American, a German, and a Bangladeshi, were talking and bragging about the technological advances their respective countries have achieved in the field of medicine.

The American said "In Washington, there was a baby boy born without arms so we attached artificial arms on him. And now that he's grown up and became an Olympic professional boxer and a gold medallist!"

The German replied, "That's nothing to what we have achieved. Back in Berlin, there was a baby girl born without legs so we attached a pair of artificial legs on her. Now she is a three-time Olympics marathon gold medallist!"

The Bangladeshi interjected, "Is that all you have achieved, just gold medallists? In Bangladesh we had two baby girls born without HEADS! We attached a COCONUT to where their head should've been. They grew up and eventually both of them became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh!"

