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Larry Parr wrote (28 Aug 2006 00:03:29 -0700): 7 ... GM Evans specifically repudiates the myth about women's 7 shoes. He concludes: 7 7 <Morphy suffered from melancholia

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Taylor Kingston wrote (29 Aug 2006 10:32:04 -0700): 7 ... page 305 of Lawson's biography of Morphy ... _ Material on the shoe subject can also be found on page 231 of Chess Facts and Fables. If one has Chess Explorations, one can look at page 162.

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<Now, the Evans/Keene/Parr/Sloan/Innes/ jr /Saidy/Parson Weems school of chess history wants us to believe Morphy never struggled - he was always better, they say, and he invented development. (The Historian) We're still waiting for this so-called Historian to dig up the quotations he promised to find proving his smear that anyone in his group of critics ever wrote Morphy never struggled. I do wish jr would learn to read. And it would be nice if jr started to answer the questions he's been asked since he crawled onto the RGCP stage. But perhaps we should start with a reading test. Please show me where I wrote that Evans/Keene/Parr/Sloan/Innes/ jr /Saidy/Parson Weems wrote Morphy never struggled. You see, I've gone over and over the quoted sentence, and I don't find it. Oh, and jr - please stop attacking your betters!

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Since you have now been published in Chessville, will you cease with the attacks upon it? I believe you called it chess-vile .

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and general logorrhea, I will be glad to acknowledge it. In the meantime, I don't envy you in the least, but my disparagement is a natural reaction for anyone with any respect for factual truth. Truth does not endure, Taylor, because men are fallible, not that truth is corruptible . Well, don't give up yet, Phil. I'm sure if you try hard enough, you can prove Milton wrong, and demonstrate to us all here that either (A) you *_are_* infallible, or (B) you *_can_* corrupt truth, and how! Here we have the guy who turns a blind eye, now wanting to advise us all what is true and what not. He now chances his arm on Milton, having disposed of Tolstoy's take Russians. :)) This thread is about Morphy's shoes - and when I wrote that a Morphy family member contacted me and actually provided an anecdote on 'the shoes' some numbskull here thought that I was, of course, lying. Our own Louis was advised of a half-hour conversation held with the person - did he check it out? The issue is not whether anything is true, but if anyone wants to hear the truth. You write with no intelligence on this subject in this post, and take the deliberate step to denigrate

those who have. This is yet another example of what I wrote above, and it doesn't matter if the topic is Gulko, Averbakh or Morphy. It is unspeakably stupid to dumb-down correspondance this way, even in public - but rather than convince you of anything you show no real interest in learning, you have it your way! Phil Innes

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a documented liar. So if you truly believe that jr is Larry Evans, then it follows that help bot is claiming that Larry Evans is a documented liar.

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is curious indeed. This character is so busy trying to figure out everyone else's identity that he seems to have forgotten his own. Even his own allies call him Greg Kennedy. This is rich. Why is it curious? And to whom? You're the only one who seems concerned about help bot's identity. And no, I do not see help bot trying to figure out everyone else's identity. Is he trying to figure out mine? Instead, he has a theory (and a plausible one, I might add) the jr is Larry Evans. And you see a problem that that, eh?

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It is at present believed that all of the records are probably intact. The wisdom of leaving the vital USCF records in a long forgotten storage bin is another subject. ... - Alekhine's Parrot (8-26-2006) _
<http://chessville.com/Editorials/AlekhinesParrot/Index.htm>

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One example of an Evans lie is where he claimed that White had no advantage (not even the vestige of one) in the position where Fischer made his most famous blunder. This sort of lie could quite easily slip by most players, unnoticed. Slippery as an eel, as Fischer would say. When pressed, Evans/Parr/jr will finally shift their ground, falling back to the bunker with the word drawish substituting where before there was the term dead drawn and the description not even the vestige of an advantage. In sum, the lie is deftly swept under the rug, and a half-truth placed in its stead. Sorry. This lie is of the same ilk as Parr's Kingston lied about his rating. It's an accusation that just advertises the stupidity of the accuser. The conventional wisdom is that even a player much weaker than Fischer would have been able to draw the position before Bxh2. So calling it dead drawn is perfectly appropriate in this context. Similarly, after this move, Fischer had only drawing chances, not winning ones. Fischer may have been acting like a pronking gazelle. When a gazelle pronks, it leaps straight up into the air and lands on all four feet at once, presumably slowing it down and making it easier to catch. But this gesture demonstrates the gazelle's strength and stamina to the predator, which then gives up pursuit. Though it didn't work out for him, Fischer may have been trying to make a statement by drawing with an obviously inferior move.

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