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Posted by [TCB](#) on Mon, 16 Oct 2006 13:59:10 GMT

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Personally, I want you all to know that I am offended at the
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Computers do not have a prejudice about one's sexual orientation...

shame!

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