

Local Man 'Crippled with Fear' After String of Increasingly Specific Fortune Cookies

By George Minkowski

Packard, OH— After eating at the local Panda Express three times a day for the last twenty days, Packard High School sophomore Craig Anderson has gained a significant amount of weight as well as some insight into his bleak future.

Though his food pyramid has recently consisted primarily of crab Rangoon and duck sauce, his true undoing came at dessert, where seemingly innocent fortune cookies have slowly convinced him that some malevolent Asian oracle is watching his every move.

The trend started about three weeks ago when the lucky numbers on the back of his fortune matched those in his phone number. "How coincidental," Craig recalls thinking, but he simply chalked it up to luck. At dinner the next evening, he became slightly more concerned when he opened a fortune cookie to find, 'Craig, your parents like your sister Emily more.'

"Something was wrong," Craig tells Flipside reporters. "How did the cookie know I had a sister named Emily?"

Even after this message, Craig received more odd fortunes every time he cracked open a cookie.

'He who ditches honors physics fails final swiftly.'

'You will have great success... at being hunted like an animal.'

'Seriously Craig, I'm going to kill you. I'd start running now if I was you.'

"I didn't even think that last one could fit on that thin little piece of paper," Craig says. "But it did, and I ran."

Local authorities conducted an extensive investigation regarding these threatening messages, which led them to Craig's classmate, Jessica Hall. Jessica had been planning to ask Craig to the school's turnabout



dance through a message in a fortune cookie, but soon realized she could have much more fun messing with Craig's mind.

"The plan was to put a message in Craig's fortune cookie saying 'Craig, Turnabout?', but before I did that, I had a few ideas," says Jessica. "I guess it got a little out of hand after I predicted Craig's death using vivid details from his own life. My bad."

Craig checked himself into the Packard Psychiatric Hospital and is unable to be reached for comment.

Oh the Things You Will Hear In the Hallway

Tidbits of conversations are hardly ever in context, but have always made me wonder what is wrong with humanity. Clearly, a lot. As one girl was talking to her friend and coughing all over the place, I hear, "I think I have Mono." That's just great. I think I now I have Mono too.

"And that's how I ended up on the roof of Walden without my jeans." There is a comment that I considered turning around for and following the three gentlemen who were in an

"Then my brother removed the staple from my neck." Some guy in front of me in P Hall

expressive conversation. I would have politely told them I was just listening if they wondered why a kid was practically drafting off of them. How did he end up on the roof? Was he at least wearing boxers? I will never know.

The best part of hallway conversations is how you barely can hear them, but as you move closer the words become louder and certain words become awkwardly emphasized in your mind. "Honestly, I think I might kill Tony Romo **with my shotgun** because he sucks at playing through pain." As far as I heard, this guy has a shotgun. He also thinks Romo sucks, although I did not really catch the end of his sentence.

Best of all are the partial conversations. In Q hall I overhear the question, "What

am I going to do with all my free time." Three minutes later in X-hall I see the same couple, now obnoxiously kissing each other goodbye as if they would never see each other again and want the world to know their true love, which has been realized at the age of 14. Yet, through the gross display of their awesomeness, I hear, "I really think the Tyradactal was the coolest dinosaur." What! How did the conversation end up on Tyradactals? How do you even spell Tyradactals? I know it is not the way I am spelling it because my computer underlined it in blood red. Anyways, unless this dude is planning on resurrecting Taradactals (thanks Wikipedia for the spelling, even though my computer still doesn't believe you even though you are always right) and riding on them across the Great Plains of Illinois, it boggles my mind to wonder what happened during the two minutes I missed.

From "Then my brother removed the staple from my neck" to "does she really think those shoes matches those pants," the hallway journey should be loved and cherished. At least as I once heard a kid tell to his friend, "Are you even listening to me?" Yes, I am listening. I am always listening.

Top Three (Most Common)

1. "What day is it?"
2. "Can you call me out, dude."
3. "Tuesday? I thought it was Thursday. I hate Tuesday."

Man's New Best Friend: The Bobblehead... He always Says Yes



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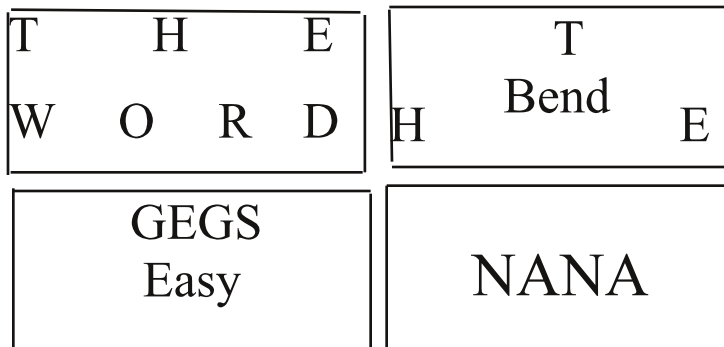
Start saving up your hard earned cash your parents handed to you...

"A picture is worth a thousand words; therefore, you cannot include a picture in most college essays"

PICTURE THIS

REBUS PUZZLE:

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last week's answers: Small Talk, Bolt Upright, Pretty Please, Credibility Gap

NUMBERS: 498

The number that I just randomly typed. I pressed three random keys and this is what ended up happening. Everybody deserves a break. And although your English teacher may find some symbolism in this number, it is truly random (one in one thousand, in fact).

FACT:

Only Seniors have solved the cryptogram this year. Either our four years of cryptogram experience is insurmountable or all you little kids are scared of me. Look for me in upper X second period. I swear I won't push you down the stairs.

LIE:

Mathletes are athletes.

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

DIRECTIONS: This is a simple substitution code, each letter is replaced by a different letter. The first person to solve the cryptogram correctly will win a Flipside t-shirt! (first means first to see Sam Block to redeem shirt)

HINT: L = S

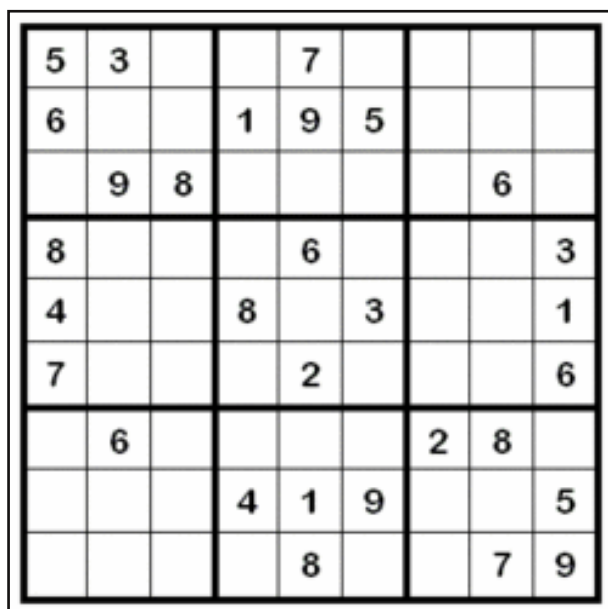
LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Max Stupell
that means, that if there is any of the first letter, replace it with the second letter

"SQTN GSI RBDTO FL PBEZBLIO BN ZIBZTI RSB SQHI LBEIGSFJY GB LQM QJO
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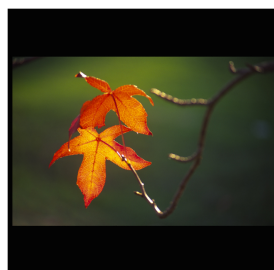
Last week's answer: "You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you're going because you might not get there... You wouldn't have won if we'd beat you." Yogi Berra

SUDOKU

Level: Diamond?



DIRECTIONS: Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in the circles to answer the final question.



What the male leaf told the female leaf before their impending divorce

Please do not



JUMBLE

HHTAE
[] [] [] [] []

ILTIM
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MOICEX
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BLVARE
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last week: FENCE THIER PRANCE TEEPEE What the doctor told the annoying toddler You are really testing my PATIENCE

There is a pizza sale around the corner. Must Have Pizza. Must Have Pizza. Only two dollars.