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#### DHS Students Love College Despite Lack of Personal Experience



Fart Blamed on Wet Shoes



Freshman Confused by this Publication, Everything Else at School



# Selfless Teen Devotes Summer to Community Service, Padding Résumé By George Minkowski

TURRIALBA, COSTA RICA— While many of us spent our summers at camp or in summer school, one of our own spent 20 days in Costa Rica helping others and making herself more competitive for college admission.

When she wasn't zip-lining or chilling on beaches, DHS Senior, Kathy Grasser, was having an incredible experience that "colleges totally love to hear about."

Her trip was through a company called "Tropical Service Ventures." Kathy, along with 11 other citizens of the world, surfed, snorkeled, rafted, and re-painted a wall at a school in a rural village for 30 hours of community service. The trip cost over \$5,000 excluding airfare, but Kathy tells Flipside reporters, "You can't put a price on helping others... or a perfect college admissions essay."

"When I saw the devastating poverty in the village, that's when I realized how hot it was outside. It was so painful for me there, especially because I got paint on my favorite pair or weekend jeans. The villagers or whatever have no idea how hard I worked to paint that wall and should be forever grateful that I chose to spend my sum-



mer doing a trip like that.

Although Kathy may seem like a saint, she did however miss out on one service component on the trip. The group was going to help teach English to some students in a village 3 hours outside of San José but they decided it would be better if they were all well-rested for their Salsa lessons the following week.

But because the Common Application has a 250 word limit on her essay, Kathy will be omitting that detail and instead focusing on her "Mother Theresa like generosity."

The Flipside got a chance to interview an admissions counselor at U of I to ask her how far Kathy's lanthropy would get her. "Community service is important to us, but we like to see a bit more-- wait! Did you say she painted a wall at a school in a rural village in Costa Rica?! Oh my gosh! The second coming!"

### "Grandpa Discovers the Internet" Local Teen Reports

"Oh, grandson! It's been too long since I've last seen you! I know, I know, I'm sorry that I missed your birthday dinner at that crazy restaurant where they cook in front of you. I heard it was wonderful, but I can explain. You see, just the other day, your uncle showed me this crazy new invention. It's called the Intronet... or the internets? Something like that. It's amazing! I never knew the computer could do other things besides play solitaire. You know, I'm not usually a big fan of your generation's fads, but I think the Internets might be almost as popular as these funny hats we used to wear, back when I was your age.

The internets is fantastic! Apparently your grandmother has some serious competition, because more than a few hot Glencoe singles want to chat with me!

Also, big news! I'm the long lost heir of a Nigerian prince who just recently passed away and left millions of dollars just for me! A nice fellow sent me a message saying that I could get a hold of the inheritance if I pay the legal fees! I used your Hanukkah gift money to pay for the transaction, which I hope you don't mind. But when the money comes back to us, you'll be able to buy the entire internets if you want! And won't that be something?

Oh, and the e-mails I get... grandson, you wouldn't believe it! I'm so good with forwarding chain mail. There is no way that your grandmother won't kiss me tomorrow. And I've received pictures of kittens that would melt your little heart.

Speaking of which, Larry from bridge club had a heart attack last week. He opened a video I sent him, thinking it was a clip from "The Sound of Music", but was shocked to find Rick Astley singing "Never Gonna Give You

Upon being Rickrolled, he suffered cardiac arrest and was rushed to the emergency room. What a chump!

It's been nice chatting with you, grandson. I'd love to talk longer, but I'm in the middle of creating a Line Rider track in the shape of the spider veins on my left arm. Follow me on Twitter!"

Sent from Borris' iPhone

#### School Having Trouble Figuring Out Next Inconvenience By Elijah Brisk

It feels like it's been too long. Resurfacing Waukegan Road's sidewalks and the sudden mutilation and gradual repair of the school's entrance seems like ancient history, but now it's starting to look like they are stumped.

"We just don't know what else to do," explains District 113 Board member Gerald White. "We've tried and tried, but we just can't think of anything else to make the DHS experience more painful." In the past, the District 113 Board have prided themselves on their ability to constantly bombard the school with construction at the most inopportune times. From the roaring jackhammers on the roof during class to the renovations in the gymnasiums at the height of basketball season, I once wondered if they were perhaps too good at their jobs.

I was wrong.

Now, to start the new school year, the high school seems awfully lonely



give you that warm welcome in the morning or the slow-moving lifts to keep you company in the halls.

"Not only are we letting ourselves down, we are letting the children down," adds White.

The only noticeable attempt at hindering the learning atmosphere has been the ever-present "Caution: Slippery When Wet/Piso Mojado" signs that served as nothing but eye candy as it rained the first week of school.

At The Flipside, we notice dozens of things each day that are totally fine but would probably have some minor flaws warranting major construction in the eye's of the administration. Here

- 1. Millions of little holes from pencils being thrown into the ceiling
  - 2. Paint chipping in the hallways
- 3. The dozens of stopping-thenstarting clocks around the school
- 4. The control-alt-delete screen being way too wide on most of the new computers
- 5. Many of the armrests in the auditorium have broken off and are now extremely wobbly

So, a message for the District 113 Board: Please stop cutting frivolous construction projects! We miss you and are growing tired of this peaceful learning environment. Without you, all may be lost.

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve the cryptogram then find Jake Lazarus. The first person to find him with the correct answer will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

## QUOTE "Yogurt. I ate a lot of yogurt."

-Senior Jason Troy on his summer

#### **REBUS PUZZLES**

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



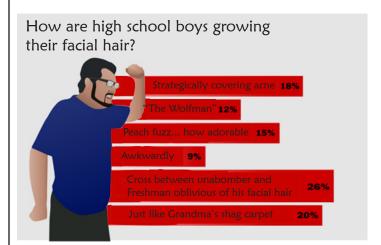






Last issue's answers: ARMADILLO, EXCITE, ATTENTIVE, DECAF

#### **INFOGRAPHIC**



#### CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Congratulations to last issue's winner:

Josiah Song

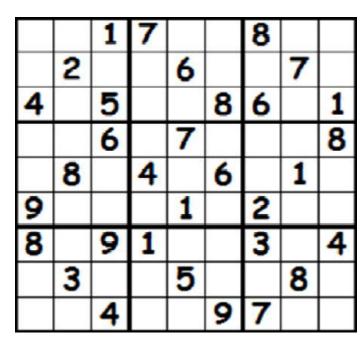
Hint: N=W

"BFAC FO DIIK IEBZ NYCE FU FO LRDFSRB REK LJOFSRB, R XCVACSU UFLFED REK SIEOCEU, REK NC KI EIU RERUILFOC FU... ZIJ LJOU YCRV UYC WFVK'O OIED NFUYIJU RUUCLXUFED UI VCEKCV FU FEUI EIJEO REK QCVWO." VRBXY NRBKI CLCVOIE

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER: "Philosophy begins in wonder. And, at the end, when the philosophic thought has done its best, the wonder remains." Alfred North Whitehead

#### **SUDOKU**

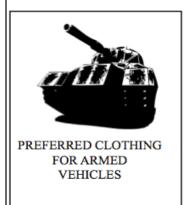
Prerequisites: Sudoku I Honors



Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

#### **JUMBLE**

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



NARCK	
SPITY	
NOTHOP	
DOVELG	
DOVELO	



Last issue's answers: FORCE, VIPER, JOYOUS, MEDIUM, How Senator Lieberman likes to start off his day: A CUP OF JOE

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