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DHS Faculty Can't Wait for Halloween, Scolding Students



Flipside Crew Tries, Fails to Hold Cold Pizza Sale in Morning



## Substitute Teacher Wonders Why Nobody Ever Asks Him for College Recommendations

By George Minkowski

DEERFIELD— In recent weeks, DHS students have been asking teachers, coaches, and lunch ladies for letters of recommendation to submit with their college applications. Most teachers are beginning to lament this task. Such is not the case with substitute teacher Louie Farfalle.

Farfalle, who has been substitute teaching at Deerfield for 3 years now, believes that he has gotten to know his students very well. "Whenever a teacher has a 'doctor appointment' on a Friday afternoon, who is there to fill in? Louie is," complains Louie to Flipside reporters. "I always tell my students that if they ever need help, they can come to me... as long as their question was not addressed in the teacher's lesson plan. It is very important to follow directions."

The obviously offended and frustrated substitute teacher took matters into his own hands, writing a college recommendation without being asked. The recommendation was for Senior Alex Rose, whom Farfalle has met twice before.



"I didn't even ask that creepy sub to write me a rec. He just did," Alex reports. "He gave me a copy of the recommendation he wrote and it was really bizarre. He said that I was a responsible and hard working young man who makes class fun and interesting. He cited me telling him what the homework was as proof. It was also clear that he didn't know my name."

Mr. Farfalle then took the liberty of sending the letter to all the schools Alex is applying to.

"He did what?" adds Alex.

"As a substitute teacher, I should be treated the same as any other teacher. That means I should be invited to holiday parties. I should know any and all juicy faculty gossip, and I should be seen as a person whose opinion would matter to a college admissions board. It's ridiculous that I have to bribe students to let me write their college recs," explains Farfalle.

Any other sane person would agree that it is ridiculous to bribe a student to write their letter of recommendation, but for substitute teacher Louie Farfalle, prying into the lives of his "students" is the only way he feels any self worth in an otherwise thankless job.

So, DHS, please remember to thank your substitutes. They really do work hard, and if you don't thank them, they'll tell your teacher how poorly behaved you were which is the last thing your teacher wants to hear when they get back from Disney La—I mean a meeting.

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### Illegally Downloaded Music Has Artists Singing the Blues

By Jeremy Hoodaman



In recent years, the emergence of illegal file-sharing services, which enable the instant download of nearly every song ever released, have left consumers with a difficult decision: "Should I spend ten dollars on an album, or spend zero dollars on an album?" Consequently, US sales of CDs fell almost 20% in 2008, according to Nielsen Co.'s SoundScan service. Unfortunately for musicians, most people prefer logic to ethics.

This business just ain't the same as it used to be," says veteran performer and songwriter Miley Cyrus, "and back in my day, us real musicians would have been appreciated and respected

for our hefty contributions to society. "Artists are still reeling from the blow to their livelihood, and many are experiencing their lowest record sales in history. Musicians now have to settle for smaller private airlines, which do not have room for master bedrooms and dance clubs, and they are rightly upset about this drastic change in lifestyle.

"The thing that people don't understand is that not only is stealing our music unfair to us musicians, it's just flat-out illegal," says rapper Jay-Z, who was arrested in 1999 for the stabbing of a record executive and who raps primarily about his days as a crack cocaine dealer in Brooklyn, "and these people are soon going to realize that it's just not okay to mess with the law."

Countless musicians have taken to picketing outside the White House, voicing their opinions in a more beautiful and emotionally driven way than we mere mortals could ever hope to imitate. The members of My Chemical

Romance stood sullenly in the middle of the street, perfecting the sad faces they'd spent hours practicing in the mirror. Rapper Lil Wayne, rock star Ozzy Osbourne and the legendary Bob Dylan chanted indistinguishable nonsense for several hours, prompting several noise disturbance calls to the local police department. Jack Johnson uncharacteristically smashed his acoustic guitar on the ground, prompting several thousand pre-teens to break down in tears. Musicians are even threatening to withhold future albums if the public is not willing to pay for them.

Most everybody agrees that illegal downloading is unethical, and we at *The Flipside* completely agrees, with the exception of Nickelback, who is the worst band ever to have massacred our poor eardrums. Stealing artists' music is wrong. But remember: do not buy Nickelback albums. Don't even listen to them. Nickelback is the reason why we can't have nice things.

#### Athlete Disappears, Last Seen on Adams Feild

By Elijah Brisk

Nathan Hurwitz, a freshman on the Deerfield High School Football team, went missing late Saturday morning. He was last seen by his teammates running sprints while humming "Party in the U.S.A." softly to himself at around 11:15 am on the football field.

There is much speculation as to what may have happened to Nathan. The most probable explanation is that he ran across the 50-yard line and was sucked into that muddy black hole and spit out into another, better universe where the football fields are made up of grass, and only grass.

That mud had been plaguing the football players for the past week after the days upon days of non-stop rain. Varsity linebacker Rick Short gave us his imput on the situation after the team's recent victory over Glenbrook North. "Don't go near there, man. That place is dangerous. Why won't the school fix our field? We are playin in 98 percent mud every game!" As Short spoke, I couldn't help but notice the frog desperately trying to escape from the hardened mud that had caked on his arm. Short did not seem to notice or mind. The school declined to comment.

I Digress.

The school has decided to call off the search if Hurwitz is not found by Thursday. Some students say that if you listen carefully, you can still hear him humming "Party in the U.S.A." just like he was doing that fateful night.

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: Solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, then put your copy of The Flipside in locker 1192. We will have a drawing to see who wins the sweet Flipside t-shirt!!!

QUOTE "I guess my dog will just have to eat any homework I get this weekend..."

-Any DHS Students who have their priorities straight

#### **REBUS PUZZLES**

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

**JOBINJOB** 

**PumPkinPie** 

**Doctor Doctor** 

Cover Cover Head Cover Cover

last weeks answers: FANCY THAT, HEART BEAT, UP IN ARMS, OUTER SPACE

#### **NUMBERS**

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The Over-Under for kids who are going to have to take off their Halloween Costumes tomorrow.

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The Over-Under for kids who are just going to put the costumes back on right after school and be seen by the same people as they would in school.

#### CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Last week's Winner: Anna Sapliski. Come find us for your t-shirt! HINT O=I

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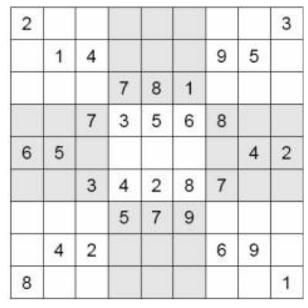
OI GOGP'I NVDDBP." -- MOPUIJP LNXSLNOFF

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER: "I'm completely in favor of the separation of church and state. My idea is that these two institutions screw us up enough on their own, so both of them together is certain death." --George Carlin

#### **SUDOKU**

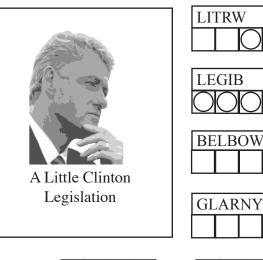
Level: Honors Al/Trig

Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.



**JUMBLE** 

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







LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS: RAVER, FUZZY, ZONING, BEHOLD Scorching words from an employer: YOU'RE FIRED