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James Cameron Admits Avatar is "Largely Fictional"

By Jeremy Hoodaman



In a shocking press conference held yesterday, James Cameron revealed that many of the people, places and events depicted in his critically acclaimed film *Avatar* were fabricated.

Avatar, which premiered late last year, focuses on an indigenous tribe of aliens, known as Na'vi, living on Pandora, a moon in the Alpha Centauri star system. Now the highest-grossing film of all time, *Avatar* has captivated millions of viewers with its picturesque scenery, extraterrestrial battles, and nature-loving, blue-skinned aliens.

Moviegoers were understandably furious when Cameron admitted yes-

terday that he had made up many of the aspects of the Na'vi and their environment.

"We are many decades, even centuries, away from traveling to planets in other galaxies, let alone controlling ten-foot-tall aliens with our minds," Cameron admitted to a stunned crowd. Attendees of the press conference often groaned and gasped at Cameron's halting, stuttered admissions that certain facts and characters had been created by a team of writers.

Jon Landau, who produced the movie alongside Cameron, expressed his outrage in a statement made to *The Flipside*: "When James told me the movie would cost \$300 million, I was surprised that the expenses of flying filming equipment to Pandora and back weren't greater. Now I have one question: where the %\$@# did my \$300 million go?"

"I think for a while, this will make people careful," said Roger Ebert, legendary film critic. "But this question of fact checking is a complicated

one. At *The New Yorker* and *Time* and *Newsweek*, you have experienced people who know where to go and what's right and what's wrong. We as critics have been tricked by this demon seed known by some as James Cameron. There's been a traditional dependency on the director, and this trust has apparently been broken."

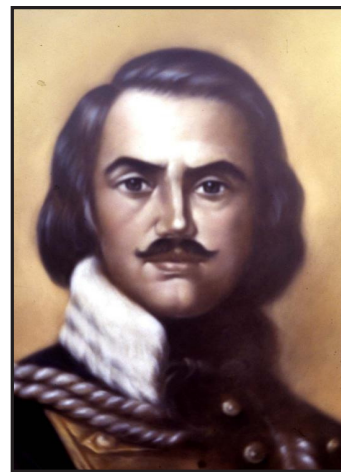
Upon hearing the news, picketers who had been protesting the government's drilling under the Home-tree sheepishly collected their things and left.

In a statement issued later yesterday, 20th Century Fox, which initially had called the allegations not worth looking into, said it had "sadly come to the realization that a number of facts have been altered and incidents embellished." The film studio is also looking into allegations made towards *Titanic*, another one of Cameron's well-received projects. Sources, who request anonymity, suspect that Leonardo DiCaprio was, in fact, never on the infamous passenger boat.

After Over Twenty Years, Confused Soul Still Can't Believe It's Not Butter



Survey Shows That Approximately 1.8% of All Students Actually Know, Care Who Casimir Pulaski Is



Most Men Can Only Dream Of Having A Moustache Like Casimir Pulaski's, I Know I Sure Do



All-Nighter Spent on Facebook

By George Minkowski

DEERFIELD—In a last ditch attempt to catch up on homework, local teen, Andrew Benisch, committed himself to pulling an all-nighter last Sunday night. However, that fateful night proved to be far less productive than previously hoped as all-nighters on school nights invariably lead Facebook.

Some people are able to manage their time wisely and not waste their entire night on Facebook, but these people aren't usually the ones who end up having to pull all-nighters. Andrew Benisch, 17, was forced to stay up all night "working"

after weeks of procrastination and catching up on *Lost*. He decided that he would preemptively reward himself for a job well done at 11:20pm by checking his Facebook. He had no new notifications but one invitation to the group "98% of kids drink or smoke before 18. Join this group if you like bagels." For some reason, this took 7 hours.

"I had a plan," Andrew tells *Flipside* reporters. "I was gonna go on Facebook, hit the books, and then probably go to school. But the Facebook step took a lot of time. Do you have any idea how many people are online to talk to at 3:00am?!"

We did some research and it turns out nobody is. However, in Andrew's defense... well there's not really much of an excuse to be on Facebook for an entire night, or at least that is not an excuse that teachers like to hear.



Gum Brings Out The Greed In All Of Us

By Elijah Brisk

It has happened to all of us. No matter the age, grade, race, or gender, we have all fallen victim to this unspeakable act of selfishness. "Yo, do you have any gum I can borrow? I just ate a spicy chicken sandwich from the caf, and now my breath STINKS!" We have all asked this question, and we have all gotten the same response: "Nah, sorry man, I'm all out. Just finished the last piece this morning." You know he's lying. It's really obvious. But who are you to call him out?

Studies show that 84 percent of all



students attending Deerfield High School have gum on them at all times throughout the day, yet the same study uncovered that only 13 percent of students share their gum when asked.

So, what does this show? It shows that our system is flawed. It shows that people crave gum, but have no means of obtaining it. Could this be a possible source of revenue for the school? Maybe. Unless, of course, the vendors refuse to admit that they have any gum left to give to us.

Moral of the story: Be a champ. Share the minty freshness.

Do you like *The Flipside*? Actually, don't bother answering that. Instead, come hungry to our pizza sale tomorrow to support the publication that gets you through your Thursdays. 2 bucks a slice... no exceptions, maybe.

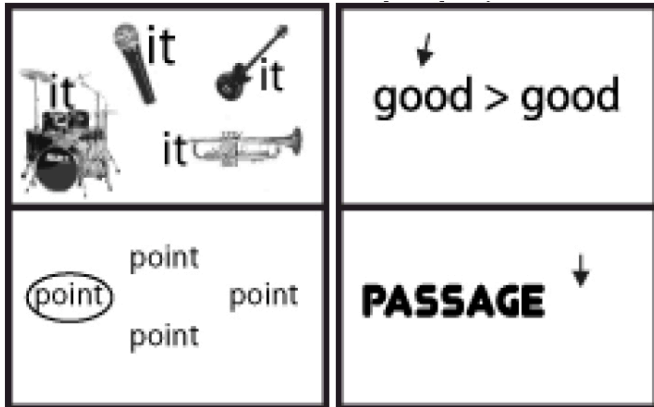
THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: Solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, then put your copy of *The Flipside* in locker I192. We will have a drawing to see who wins the sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!!

QUOTE "Hey! Pssst! Over Here! I can cut you a great deal!"

-Any of the dozen or so scalpers before the DHS vs. Waukegan basketball game yesterday looking to make a quick buck selling extra tickets.

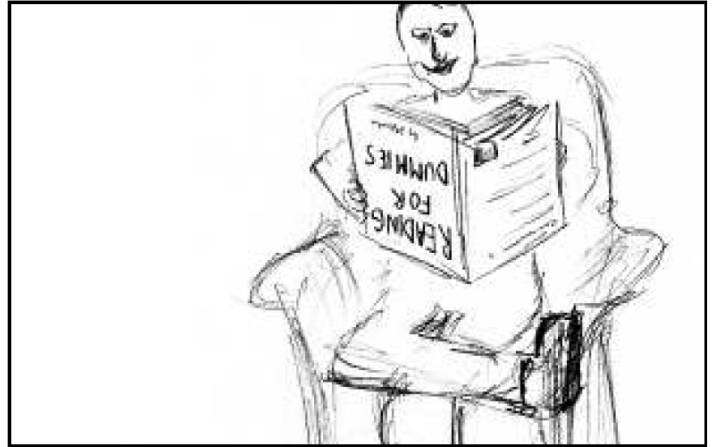
REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last weeks answers: TOODLES, SUM 41, WALKING ON THIN ICE, IONIZE

Picture This



CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below.

HINT: B=N

"Y UR BRQ PBRG GYQW GWMQ GOMCRBF GREXU GME QWEOO GYXX VO TRJAWQ, VJQ GREXU GME TRJE GYXX VO TRJAWQ GYQW FQYNPF MBU FQRBOF." - MXVOEQ OYB-FQOYB

"IF THERE ARE NO STUPID QUESTIONS, THEN WHAT KIND OF QUESTIONS DO STUPID PEOPLE ASK? DO THEY GET SMART JUST IN TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS?" — SCOTT ADAMS

SUDOKU

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

Level: Looks Easy Enough...

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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.



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DALNB
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LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS: BARON, YOURS, SAVORY, PHLEGM
How they got rid of the program errors: BUG SPRAY