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Daredevil Rides Two Unicycles At The Same Time



Freshmen Feeling Refreshed After Early Bedtime



Derrick Rose On Upcoming Season:

"mumble mumble points mumble mumble mumble score mumble mumble mumble win"



Escaped Convict Found At Homecoming Dance

By Buford Stetson

Tom "Iron Tongue" Jackson, an escaped felon serving time at Cook County Jail for more convictions than thought humanly possible, was found by local auhorities on the dance floor this past weekend at the Deerfield High School Homecoming dance. Iron Tongue spent several hours enjoying the festivites before being discovered.

Underground Senior T-Shirt Causes Split in Class: Stupid vs. Not Stupid

By George Minkowski

DEERFIELD, IL -- Every year on the last day of Homecoming Spirit Week, the seniors come to school dressed in all black. "All black" seldom means "all black." The seniors really have a variety of wardrobe options. They can wear the

official senior t-shirt. They can make a shirt just between their friends (a popular option for those who like others to know they have friends). Another option is the underground t-shirt. Each individual's choice is incredibly telling of his or her character. This year, those who

chose to wear the underground t-shirt revealed they are not smart.

The shirt, which features little more than a reference to a brand of vodka and some cursive writing, has no joke on it at all. No pun, nothing subtly funny, not a drop of creativity or sign of any forethought. So why would somebody choose to pay for the shirt and wear it? Why would they don an inappropriate and potentially disrespectful garment in front of their peers and teachers in school? For the lulz, of course.

"When I heard the underground shirt was not appropriate for school, I was like, 'I'll take 10!'" senior Joseph Mill-

When asked by reporters how he chose his hiding place, Iron Tongue replied, "It seemed like the last place anybody would want to be. I thought nobody would come and maybe I could hide out here for a while and jam

out to some Ke\$ha by myself."

The surprisingly impressive turnout at the dance can be attributed to the fact that there is, quite simply, "nothing else to do in Deerfield," as local junior David Goldberg so eloquuntly put it. Among other reasons for at-

tendance were school spirit, social rebellion, and totally uncool parents

er told Flipside reporters. "When I saw it, I didn't get the joke, but I don't get a lot of things, so I wore it." Miller was told upon his entrance to school to turn his shirt inside out.

"Seniors! Seniors!" he added, slapping his lax bros five.

Usually, the underground t-shirt is not so blatantly stupid. Initially, that did not seem to be the case this year. Via Facebook, dozens of potential t-shirt designs were pitched, several of them not being stupid. However, one individual decided his stupid idea was the least stupid, and

paid several thousand dollars to have his shirt printed. As a result, the senior class was faced with a decision: to be (stupid) or not to be (stupid, give in to peer-pressure, and jeopardize one's relationships with teachers).

200 t-shirts were printed, and as of today, 32 remain. The shirts go for only \$10, a great price considering usually being stupid is usually much more expensive. The shirts are not expected to sell out seeing that those who have waited until now to buy one of the shirts have exhibited patience and thoughtfulness, making them poor candidates to make such decisions.

who deprived their children by cruelly refusing to pay for the diamond-studded stretch limo with zebra skin interior that would have so made Homecoming worth celebrating.

After Iron Tongue was captured, he

was willing to confess former hiding places in hopes of mercy from authorities. Apparently the convicted felon felt that remote caves were too obvious, instead resorting to deserted social locations. North Brook Court, Brunswick Zone, as well several of the random and de-

serted stores in Deerfield cited as prior hideouts for

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Man Sets Clock Ahead 10 Minutes To Trick Himself Into Being Early

By Jeffrey Hoodaman

Stephen Goldstein, a 46-year-old Chicago-area office manager, has a problem. Despite being a loving father and a successful bussinessman, he is notorious among those who know him for being late to everything. Goldstein was late to his own bar mitzvah service, missed his high school graduation, and hit the snooze button all the way through the birth of his oldest son. "I had a problem, I'll admit it," Goldstein told me in an interview conducted in his home. "I needed help.

However, Goldstein has completely turned his life around by setting all his clocks ten minutes fast to combat his tendency of being late for things.

"I know myself," Goldstein laughed as he explained his strategy for timeliness to me. "I have this horrible tendency to dilly-dally. No matter how much I try to be on time, I always end up being a couple minutes late. So the other day, I realized that if I set all my clocks ten minutes ahead of time, it would seem like I was going to be late when I would actually be on time, or maybe even early! Victory!"

As I sat with Goldstein on a park bench, I wondered whether, in knowing that all his clocks were ten minutes ahead, he might simply take ten extra minutes before doing what he had to do. I pondered the stupidity of a person for whom this method would be helpful. Only people too dim to remember that they are trying to trick themselves would ever do something so asenine. Instead of imitating a mindless trick most likely picked up from some obnoxiously spunky friend, it would make sense to just, you know, be on time for things. Like, come on, are you serious? That actually works for you? You really get out of bed because your clock is set late? Man, you shouldn't even be in public right now. You should be home making "aminals" out of Play-Do, with your mom over your shoulder to make sure you don't try to eat it.

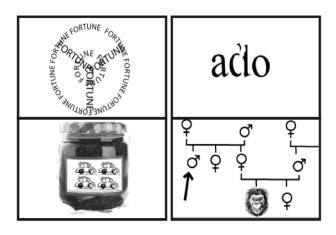
"Oh no, it's 3:15. And I have a meeting at 3:15... I'm late! I hope I'm not missing anything important!" Goldstein exclaimed worriedly, jumping up and running towards the parking lot.

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, and then find and give your copy of The Flipside to Jake Perlson. You could win a sweet Flipside t-shirt!!

"Yo, everybody in the limo, listen to what I'm about to say! It's gonna be HILARIOUS!" -Somebody trying his best to be responsible for the names of multiple Homecoming photo albums

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



INFOGRAPGIC

How Are We Impressing Our Crush?

- Not tripping, not tripping not trippi... Shoot, I tripped
- Sounding a mating call, eating own young
- Buying tickets to fancy resort in Mexico AND paying the ransom in full
- Waiting twice as long to respond to crush's text as he or she took to respond to yours



 $\label{eq:cryptogram} CRYPTOGRAM\ CHALLENGE\ ^{This\ is\ a\ simple\ substitution\ code.\ Each\ letter\ is\ replaced\ by\ a\ different\ letter.\ Try\ to\ decode\ the\ message\ or\ quote\ below.\quad HINT:\ I=E$ Congratulations to last issue's winner: Molly Block

"JPADPI VCD CJE XCI ZDVIL XD UJSI ADF RIKWIHI JREFLTWXWIE CJE XCI ZDVIL XD UJSI ADF

NDUUWX WPQFEXWNIE." ~ HDKXJWLI

Last issue's answer: "LONG AGO YOU KISSED THE NAMES OF THE NINE MUSES GOODBYE AND WATCHED THE QUADRATIC EQUATION PACK ITS BAG, AND EVEN NOW AS YOU MEMORIZE THE ORDER OF THE PLANETS, SOMETHING ELSE IS SLIPPING AWAY, A STATE FLOWER PERHAPS, THE ADDRESS OF AN UNCLE, THE CAPITAL OF PARAGUAY." ~ BILLY COLLINS

SUDOKU

LEVEL: This Sudoku puzzle made a grown man cry. Hard.

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

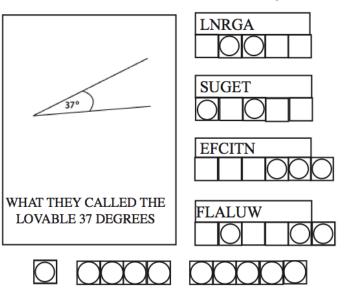
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JUMBLE

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



LAST issue's answers: RADII, WHEEL, AUGUST, CHEWED The ten dollar per hour battle: WAGE WAR.

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