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More Headlines

CollegeBoard Changes Penalty for Discussing Multiple-Choice Problems to Arson of Your House



Student Studying at Public Library Looks Smart, Imagines Student Studying at Public Library



Graduating Class Immortalized on Cafeteria Wall for One Year



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Seneca once said, "Whatever begins, also ends." I can't imagine why anybody was moved to write that down, but he had a point. And real solid understanding of opposites and first grade curriculum. Although this insight is next to meaningless, it is a great way to introduce a "Year In Review" article. With no further ado, here are the most memorable stories throughout of the year.

September:

Seniors Peak Early With One (Failed) Prank



November:

N. Korea Attacks S. Korea, Issue Probably Resolves Itself

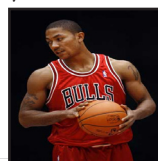


January:

Half of District 113 Administrators Fired for Corruption Charges (What? You didn't hear about this?)

March:

Derrick Rose, In A Moment of Appalling Cockiness, Smiles Slightly and Nods



October:

Steven, 7, Strikes Gold



December:

Freshman Locked in Courtyard for Entire Winter



February:

Geico Stock Plunges After Company Spokesgecko Accidentally Stepped On



April:

Community Somehow Votes To Pass Public Library Referendum but Rejects School Referendum

Ask Mr. Motzko

Dear Mr. Motzko,

I graduate really soon, but I still haven't done anything that notable here at Deerfield High School. Do you have any ideas to leave a legacy that don't require a lot of effort or care? (I'm not interested in planting a tree or anything like that.)

Sincerely,

Don't forget me in Deerfield

Gentle Reader,

So...You want to leave a legacy behind? I'm assuming that you are referring to the recently passed legislation providing opportunities for individuals to leave their substantial and hard-earned American behinds to their grateful descendants (aka The Kardashians Act)? No?

Normally, in this case I'd boilerplate some trenchant witticism about immortality uttered by some ultimately dead guy but that constitutes level 7 irony and frankly you're still on your yellow belt. But let's get that "dog tries to comprehend kabuki theatre" expression off of your face, stat. One of the bonuses of NASA's abandonment of the shuttle program is that I scored the mobile launch platform for cheap.

Terrible mileage, but lots of legroom and space for thoughtful bumper stickers. One sticker suggests that "It is better to live in infamy than burn in effigy." True, but nothing makes for holiday memories like gathering 'round with brimming cups of cider in hand, merry carols and a torched likeness of Guy Fawkes. That's a Burning Man we all can enjoy. Another sticker states that "It is better to have loved and lost, than not to have loved at all." Swell, but no amount of love is gonna matter if I can't find my #\$\$@& keys!

What about this sticker? The one that clearly states that I have been to Wall Drug? If you've got this same sticker on your car, then you've likely been to the greatest legacy of all time: Mt. Rushmore. Hard to argue with a gigantic granite Teddy Roosevelt (he's really passive-aggressive). That said, what the park service and Nick Cage don't want you to know, is that the really important presidents are carved on the backside of Mt. Rushmore. They're all there: Millard Fillmore, Taft and...well, Taft pretty much takes up the whole thing. Jimmy Carter has his likeness engraved on the molten core of the Earth!

But back to your legacy... how about that tree idea? A full-sized redwood would look boss in the courtyard.

Republican Leaders: "Is Obama Really Even a Man?"

By George Minkowski



WASHINGTON—After President Obama released his birth certificate, members of the GOP have been scrambling to find something else to raise doubts about Obama's eligibility to be president or destroy his credibility. Despite the fact Obama's sex is "Male" on his birth certificate, many politicians still have doubts for some reason. And are trying to plant the seed of doubt in the minds of American voters before the 2012 election. It's like

Inception all over again.

"It's obviously legal to be a lady president," said Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. "It's just wrong to be lied to about it." That's why she and several others including Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-MN) and even Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice have joined forced to pressure Obama into giving "just a little proof."

"This is absolutely ridiculous, but I'll oblige this once more," said Obama. He offered up a blood sample, but that offer was rejected as the results of a blood test can easily be manipulated. "The only proof we would accept at this point," Tweeted Palin, "would be a photograph."

"Absolutely not," responded Obama. Perhaps he declined because he doesn't want to end up like Brett Favre, or perhaps he actually has something to hide. Regardless, Palin and her followers continue to stress

how easy it would be to put to rest the doubt of a nation. Last Tuesday, she released a list of acceptable ways for Obama to prove his sex. Some of the most notable included:

- Jog in only DFDC track shorts
- Dougie in only DFDC track shorts
- Swim in only DFDC track shorts
- Let Palin confirm personally, please?

First Lady Michele Obama weighed in on the conversation by saying, "I assure you Barack is very much a man. How else did I have Sasha and Malia?" Glen Beck answered that hypothetical questions but submitting they could have been adopted from another county... maybe even Kenya.

Sasha and Malia could not be reach for comment.

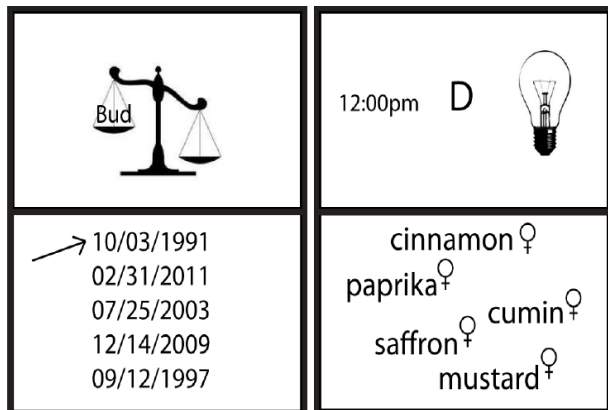
In other news, something smells fishy.

THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, and then find and give your copy of *The Flipside* to Jake Perlson. There will be a drawing to see who will win a sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!

QUOTE "We're a Jewish youth-group, and we'd like to rent your Lake Geneva property please."
~ A half-lie told to someone who does not want to rent a lake house to a Prom group.

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: BEATBOX, OBESITY, CAPTAIN AMERICA, HEAD-QUARTERS, TURD-TASTIC

INFOGRAPIC



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: Q = E
Congratulations to last issue's winner: Ricky Jacobson

"RCYB YB RCQ QSG, FIIHOGYSM RH FOYBRHRLQ, PCFR PQ CFUQ FLL XQQS PFYRYSM JHO, PCFR

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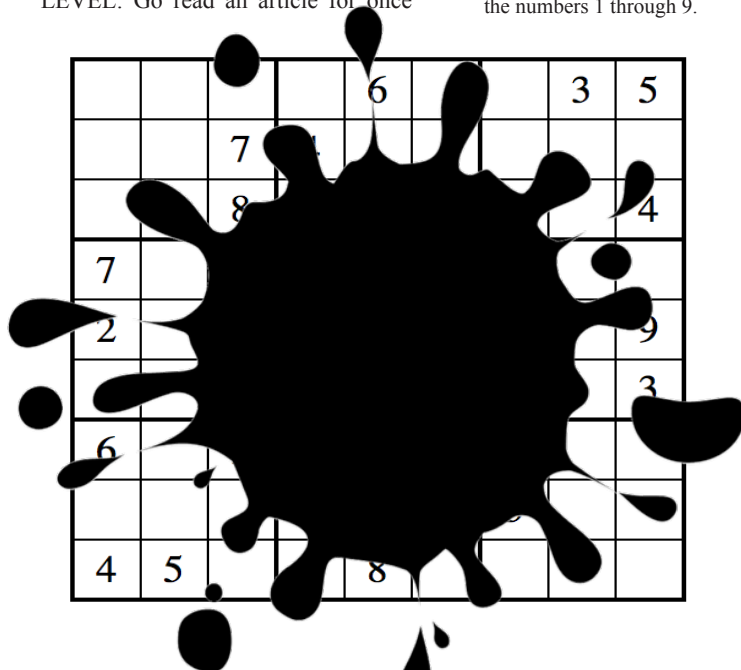
BVN, F CFR HS F ZQM, FSG HWRBYGQ RCQ IFXYS, JFLYSM LQFUQB." ~ XYLLN IHLLYSB

Last issue's answer: "I BELIEVE IN EVERYTHING UNTIL IT'S DISPROVED. SO I BELIEVE IN FAIRIES, THE MYTHS, DRAGONS. IT ALL EXISTS, EVEN IF IT'S IN YOUR MIND. WHO'S TO SAY THAT DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES AREN'T AS REAL AS THE HERE AND NOW" ~ JOHN LENNON

SUDOKU

LEVEL: Go read an article for once

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

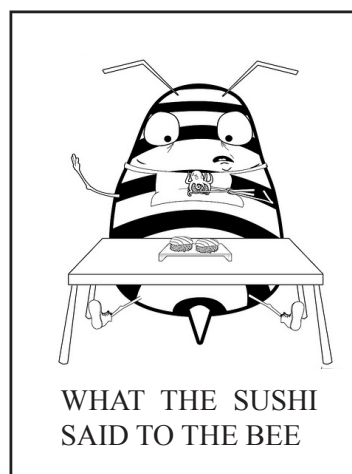


NOTE: All names and stories are fiction unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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JUMBLE

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



TSUAQ

NICBA

KWASCH

EEVSNT



Last issue's answers: BYLAW, ENTRY, NOVICE, JARGON
What the weather wore at the formal event: RAINBOW

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