

## The Benefits of a Staycation, Even if It's In Deerfield

By Trixie McGuff

DEERFIELD, IL—Senior Timmy Stevens sits in sixth period math class as teacher Jordan Fitzpatrick suggests the class do a “whip around to find out where everyone is going for spring break!” Students quickly spew out senior spring break destinations from El Salvador to San Diego to a Sandals resort in Jamaica, and before Timmy can even come up with something witty, it is his turn to speak. “Does Riverwoods count?”

asks Timmy, and his fellow classmates and Mr. Fitzpatrick alike begin dancing around the room chanting “Timmy is a loser” in tandem. It seems that Timmy is the victim of a staycation.

With the economy in the crapper and the growing suspicion that Rick Santorum is tied to the airline industry in a Bernie Madoff-like ponzi scheme, more and more families have turned to a staycation as a means of entertaining the family for the glorious week that is spring break. While it may not sound as “sick nasty, man” as going to one of the numerous Caribbean islands, there are many unforeseen benefits to the staycation.

### 1. EDWARD CULLEN-LIKE PORCELAIN GLOW.

Who needs a leathery tan when you can bask in the white light of your computer screen? As you are sitting in your lumpy fig juice-stained mattress, imagine all of the money you are saving by not buying suntan lotion, as well as how you are dodging a bullet by not having to step in sand—the herpes of the beach. Upon returning to school, make sure to compare your new alabaster sheen to those less fortunate souls who now resemble Pauly D. and just tell them “Vampires have more fun.”



### 2. CATCH UP ON YOUR FACEBOOK STALKING.

With so much school work in the last few weeks of third quarter, many students have found themselves putting off their Facebook patrolling, opting to spend time “getting into college” and other useless tasks. But a staycation is a perfect time to catch up on what you have been missing in the Facebook universe! Scroll down your news feed until the scroll bar is as thin as a dime and while still keeping up with your friends across-seas vacations in real time. And, now that timeline has infested Facebook, your stalking is made easier as you can relive your friends’ mistakes of the past. Return to school with a grin on your face and confront your enemy with this short phrase “I know what you did last summer because of that album titled ‘What I did last

summer.’”

**3. DO HOMEWORK.** Spring break had promised to be worry free—that is until your English teacher assigned a paper, your history teacher assigned reading, and science decided a field lab was in order. While some students are putting off their work to their cramped plane rides home from the exotic lands they visited, show your teachers how much you care by devoting every waking minute to perfecting your homework. Because, after all, nothing screams “I had a great spring break!” like a 12-page essay.

As you can see, a staycation really isn’t all that bad. Sure, you don’t get fun cornrows in your hair and your teacher won’t mistake you for one of the Kardashians upon return, but, come on—a week full of Facebook? What could be more fun than that.

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## Student Fears He Might Be Republican, Rejected By Family and Friends

By Elodin

It’s that magical time again, the presidential primaries! For most students this means the wonder of listening to Mitt Romney and Sarah Palin and laughing derisively at the face of America. But for some, primary time can be a confusing and even frightening time, full of conflicting ideas and self-doubt.

Such is the case for Daniel Robson, who fears he might be Republican.

“It all started back in middle school,” Robson told reporters, “I always felt like I was different from the other kids. While all the guys were complaining about the Bush tax cuts, I was examining the concept of ‘job creators’ and I felt like there was something valid there. It was as if some part of me that I’d been closeting away was crying out to be set free.”

He went on to talk about how he had experimented with Republicanism, sneaking around on the

internet late at night to see prominent Republican figures talking.

“It’s really hard, feeling Republican in Deerfield,” said Robson tearfully. “Everyone is so liberal, they all expect you to laugh along with them when they call Palin a bimbo; I feel so trapped!”

Robson’s parents said in a written statement, “It is very difficult to hear that your son may be Republican. While as a parent one always wants to give a child unconditional love, the notion that our child, who we raised with the same liberal ideals we were raised with, could become a right-winger is repulsive.”

“I don’t understand why everyone has to be so obsessed with labels!” exclaimed Robson in a fit of hysteria, “I wish there was some other option, so I didn’t have to choose between just Democrats and Republicans!”

Ralph Nader said something to this, but no one was paying attention.




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**QUOTE** "I saw that on DHS Mee-meess!"

~Someone mispronouncing the word "meme" (and probably making one incorrectly, too)

## REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

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- It further eggs on the Canadian-American rivalry of 1856
- Payback for forcing Justin Bieber upon the United States
- To provide *The Flipside* editors with a little extra compensation for very important expenses (we're saving up for a Segway)
- Because Canada sucks

## 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: U=R

Congratulations to last issue's winner: Danny Katz

"AOYDXOSH KFAG IMPD YD M AJONDU UMSTO. GJMEZA M WOG. SO HOF UDMWWH NMEG YFATR TE

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IWMAA SOOU." ~KDUUH ADTEVDWS

Last issue's answer: "NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP, NEVER GONNA LET YOU DOWN, NEVER GONNA RUN AROUND AND DESERT YOU, NEVER GONNA MAKE YOU CRY, NEVER GONNA SAY GOODBYE, NEVER GONNA TELL A LIE AND HURT YOU." ~RICK \*\*\*ASTLEY

## SUDOKU

LEVEL: Making sandwiches in the cafeteria...it's difficulty may surprise you

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.



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Last issue's answers: PHOTON, FRILL, WAGON, LATTER

What happened to the man who lost his left arm and leg in a car crash?: HE'S ALL RIGHT NOW

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