

The Flipside Year in Review 2007-2008

DEERFIELD, IL—So, you are finally starting to take your AP tests and you have realized that the seniors in your classes have been checked out for at least two months. The 2007-2008 school year is coming to an end. Let's review what happened:

AUGUST
We all arrived to school with our thirty-one pound backpacks prepared for a busy year ahead of us. We kicked it off with the Kickoff Dance, which happened before we learned all of our teacher's names. But after the

Opinion: "Like Honestly, I'm Probably Going to Fall Asleep During Post-Prom"



By Jordan Stein
All right guys, let's be honest right now. This whole post-prom thing, I don't really know

what to say about it. I'll probably go, ya know? A lot of people are going. But this 5 A.M lockdown is the product of some goofball from who knows where.

I can't believe I'm even writing this for you, this stuff just gets old to talk about. They have prizes, but I'm already going to Jay-Z so who needs those Dave tickets? Not Hollywood Stein.

Hollywood Stein's got it in the bag. Post-prom will be coming up to me asking me to donate my time as a prize. That's fine. Fine. Not that good, not that bad.

But if I go, who can stay up until five? I can do two or three, but after that I'm bustin' out yo. And if that fails I'll move to Plan B, which consists of laying in the courtyard until I wake up at noon the next day with a fully grown mustachio and an A+ attitude. If I do make it until five, that's just a fluke. But as they say—"Any given Sunday"—which in this case means, Chipotle.

dance, we knew their names because they all supervised so well.

SEPTEMBER
Time to go to your first random club meeting that you vow you will make it through to the entire year. You pick out of a hat...Earthworks and Chess Club. But you realize that you actually can't go because you have to ask that girl to homecoming. But you don't know her name yet either.

OCTOBER
Winter break starts. Actually it doesn't, but it seems like it because this is when it started snowing. And it kept snowing, reminding you that Chicago has year-long winters. But everything has its minor upsides (See January and February.)

DECEMBER
By now you have hopefully either: 1) applied to college 2) taken your first final exam 3) gotten locked out of your first final exam or 4) experienced your first pizza sale. But for some reason it's \$2.00. (Inflation, or possibly conniving money-making fundraisers.)

JANUARY
Winter break still going on, or if it wasn't, you can't tell the difference what with Martin Luther King Day,

Snow Day, Snow Day 2, Gas Leak Day. Either Gas Leak Day, or what has now been dubbed by leading conspiracy theorists as Alien Invasion and Celebration Week. Because Snow, Gas, and Martin Luther King are all intrinsically liked in a future life.

FEBRUARY
There was Valentines Day somewhere in there, but more importantly, we picnicked in class with plastic plates and cups (I'll bring the napkins!), we wore restaurant t-shirts and for some reason the other ones were upside down. But don't worry, you won't get punished for the upside down shirts when they're sanctioned (even though that terrible fashion sense offends all common decency!) Super Tuesday was a hit in theaters near you.

MARCH
Still snowing. School resumes after spring break. Rest of March probably non-notable. You probably wished four or five people happy birthday on Facebook. Malta and Zimbabwe hold elections to the notice of six or seven politically active students.

APRIL
Snow is on and off now. Spring break lasts entire month, but sports pick up again, the musical sings about who knows what. The seniors taught your class, and you learned a thing or two about how unfit they were to teach your class. You took the ACT maybe, or something at least.

MAY
That's where we are now, you took some AP tests, and finally after, you became proficient in both French and filling in bubbles (But the first is questionable.) You learned how to spell AP and wrote it in all over the school, and you learned that it stood for Advanced Placement, but beyond that you would need to consult your textbook.

JUNE
Those of you who haven't figured out that the year is over stay at school. Grades come back, snow starts up again, and conspiracy theorists take a break until next year.

Well that's the year, or some of it. People say we didn't do anything this year but I would like to disagree strongly. We did at least two or three things. Until next year.

Valet Company: "We Are Not Responsible for Lost, Stolen, or Damaged Cars"

GARNER, NORTH CAROLINA—In a recently updated version of their waiver contract, the Valet company outside of Tom's Fancy Restaurant has made drastic changes to help out their insurance policy.

Users of the valet company now sign off on their right to sue, and the right to complain if death or a filthy car results from the car being in the care of the valet.

Most prominently, however, was this statement: "We are not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen cars," remarks the large sign and the contract. Drivers are easy to overlook this statement, but this



wheeling-and-dealing has added significantly to the bottom line of the valet. Just last month they made \$600,000 after selling two Ferraris, a 2007 BMW and a 1992 Jeep.

Few have protested, saying that

the disclaimer contradicts the purpose of the valet, but their press statement quotes a little known president: "The business of America is business," they say, as they continue to steal, damage, and joyride in impressive vehicles.

Among other companies that claim the same irresponsibility are Bank One, whose magnificent disclaimer tells that they are not responsible for any lost or stolen money. Another standout is Park District Day Care who says they claim no responsibility for lost, or stolen babies.

PICTURE THIS

REBUS PUZZLE:

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last week's answers: PRETTY PLEASE, BACK DOOR, CAUGHT IN THE ACT, TALL ORDER

NUMBERS: 5

That elusive number that everyone searches for on their AP exams. Five is also the number of people who achieve that grade, because as it is elusive, it can only be achieved by a minute few, so don't worry about it.

FACT:

Many languages in Africa include a "click" sound that is pronounced at the same time as other sounds. You must learn these languages in childhood to do it properly.

LIE:

I am out of lies to tell you. (Not! That is completely a lie, I could go on lying and lying and lying for a much longer time.)

CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

DIRECTIONS: This is a simple substitution code, each letter is replaced by a different letter. The first person to solve the cryptogram correctly will win a Flipside t-shirt! (first means first to see Jeremy Keeshin to redeem shirt)

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: You?

HINT: R=A

that means, that if there is any of the first letter, replace it with the second letter

"N PNAF KLKMFKMF, NI CRAFTM QG IDF EHRNK UFPPM. YRKIRMJ NM R KFUFMMRHJ NKBHFWNFKI
 NK PNZNKB, NI'M R CRJ LY PLLANKB RI PNYF IDHLQBD IDF CHLKB FKW LY R IFPFMULGF. CDNUD
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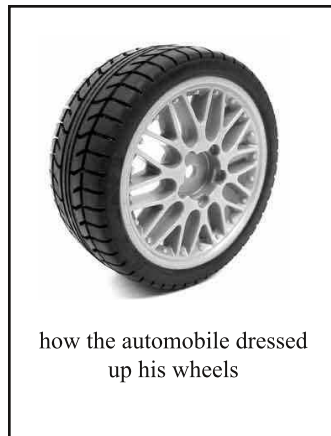
last week: "THE YOUNG MAN KNOWS THE RULES, BUT THE OLD MAN KNOWS THE EXCEPTIONS." - OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

SUDOKU

Level: Same as Before

	6				7	2	5
	3		1		4		
		9	4				
9			5	8	2		
	5					8	
			3	6	9		4
					1	2	
		5		4			1
7	8	1					4

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



JUMBLE

KLISY
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TARIT
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NAZERB
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REDUME
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IN [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

last week: GROPE WELDS GULPED WINTRY how the playground knew things were getting better HE WAS ON THE UPSWING