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### Area Teacher a Real Stickler for Significant Figures

By Lars Henry



As of last Wednesday, area physics teacher Trent Keynes officially became a "stickler for significant figures." Although this may sound insignificant, the physics department is now up in arms due to the hard feelings of many angry students. Said honors physics sophomore Sam Schmidt in reference to the test that he bombed, "I had 1.2 and the answer was like 1.22." Unfortunately, Keynes' students have nowhere else to turn for assistance. "The person

next to me had the same answer too," Alec Ready of Mr. Keynes' fifth period class explained. Although his students are sure they didn't round too early in the problem or forget to change units, the test results reflect a different story. So next time, avoid this problem by double checking your significant figures, even if it's irrational. Which it usually is. Like always.

### Area Student Oddly Returns Tan without Traveling Over Break



### United States Delays Indefinitely 2010

By Francis Nash



President Barack Obama stunned the world last week after issuing an executive order postponing 2010 for the foreseeable future. Citing a long list of unresolved national crises, Obama announced in an impromptu press conference that "...it would be unwise to proceed into the next year at this point in time."

He continued, "Sagging economic

conditions, rampant H1N1 outbreaks, and the lackluster performance of Derrick Rose during his second season have forced us to reconsider our shift into the next decade."

Activist groups are joining conservative members of Congress in condemning the president's recent announcement that he will keep the nation in 2009. "It is clear that your administration has no clear exit strategy for 2009," documentary filmmaker Michael Moore said in an open letter to Obama posted on his Web Site. "For the sake of your presidency, and the future of our nation, please let us proceed into the next decade."

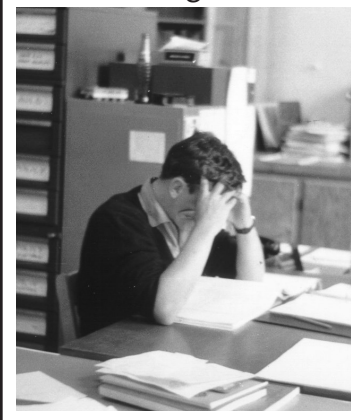
While many such protestors are urging the government to rethink a pushback of the new year, the plan is apparently set in stone, with Obama

having issued his final orders to calendar manufacturers last Thursday. The White House is trying to assure both sides of the debate, offering several extra months to the year while simultaneously placing renewed emphasis on an exit strategy.

"I am committed to developing a timetable to proceed into 2010 in the most expeditious way possible," the President assured the American public. "My administration is working closely with world leaders, with the goal of the safe and orderly deployment of the new year."

This move, however, does make financial sense as our national debt is compounded daily and doesn't grow as long as the calendar doesn't change.

### Struggling Senior Knows Deep Down That These Upcoming Final Exams Will Not Be His Last At Deerfield High School



**Happy New Years From *The Flipside Crew!!!***

### Concern Builds as Women Everywhere Follow Oprah's Progressively Stranger Recommendations

By George Minkowski



In recent days, Oprah Winfrey has begun an alarming descent into insanity. However, middle-aged women around the country continue to take her increasingly bizarre advice.

Oprah has long been known to promote numerous products and activities on her nationally syndicated show, "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Reports of Oprah's senility have alarmed sensible and independent people

everywhere, as Oprah's cult of followers has neither recognized her steady mental decline nor ceased to follow her advice. "Oprah used to give regular suggestions, and I'll admit that I did some of what she said," says Robin Halcombe, 42, who has watched the famous talk show host's program for several years. "Adopting pets and buying ergonomic garden tools seemed normal enough, but when she started telling people to bathe in motor oil, I was more than a bit hesitant to comply. Honestly, nobody is going to do this weird stuff!"

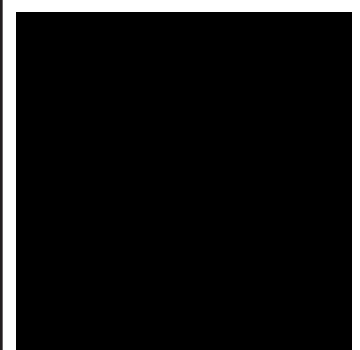
The thousands of anxious housewives crowding outside Jiffy Lubes everywhere prove quite the contrary. Though reports of Winfrey's psychosis have dominated the media over the past several weeks (including leaked photos of her consumption of several

whole sticks of butter), determined women are clearly not ready to stop listening to what she has to say.

"I'm really worried about my mommy," says local first grader Tommy Wellington, son of devout Oprah follower Elena Wellington. "Yesterday, mommy wrapped everything in my house in aluminum foil because the lady on TV told her it would keep the bad spirits away. She even wrapped individual M&Ms."

In related news; Chicago traffic has become nearly intolerable as millions of women drive to Millennium Park in order to worship the Bean upon the request of Winfrey. The once-respected talk show host has been perched atop the eminent sculpture for several days, trying in vain to convince a squirrel to accompany her to the movies.

### I Don't Know About You, But I Want Another Crack At The Dark Tunnel At JFK Health Center



**Flipside Study: 85% of American Teens fail to locate their room on a map of their house.**

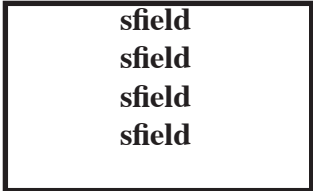
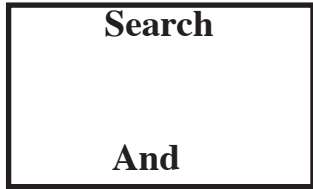
THE FLIPSIDE CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE: Solve the Cryptogram, write down your name, then put your copy of *The Flipside* in locker I192. We will have a drawing to see who wins the sweet *Flipside* t-shirt!!!

QUOTE "He always told me there were 8 of us!"

-Betrayed Tiger Woods Mistress

### REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last weeks answers: JACK NICHOLSON, IPOD, BEETLE, CATCHER IN THE RYE

### Numbers: 10

- 2009 has come and gone in a flash, so of course it's time for some top 10 lists. Here's our list of the Top 10 Top 10 Lists of 2009, with #1 entries indicated
- 10. Top 10 Google Results (Michael Jackson)
  - 9. Top 10 Scandals (Balloon Boy)
  - 8. Top 10 Strange Bowl Game Names (Papajohns.com Bowl)
  - 7. Top 10 Months of the Year (February)
  - 6. Top 10 Spices Beginning with the Letter "R" (Arrrrregano, the pirate's spice)
  - 5. Top 10 Sources of Poor Economic Advice (Astrology)
  - 4. Top 10 Tiger Woods Mistresses (Capitalism)
  - 3. Top 10 Digits (4)
  - 2. Top 10 Kanye Interruption Mashups (Mr. Kanye Goes To Washington)
  - 1. Top 10 Top 10 Lists (Top 10 Top 10 Lists)

### CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below. Last week's Winner: Moshay Goeke. Come find us for your t-shirt!  
HINT K=R

"PIMACUKQZRO MP Z GQZyu IJUKU AJUX OBR'A QMDU AB EMTJA, PB AJUX TUA GUB-GQU AB OB AJUMK EMTJAMRT EBK AJUN IJMQU AJUX PDM ZRO UZA YJBY-BQZAU."

- QZKKX OZFMO

LAST ISSUE'S ANSWER: "Once again we come to the holiday season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice." — Dave Barry

### SUDOKU

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

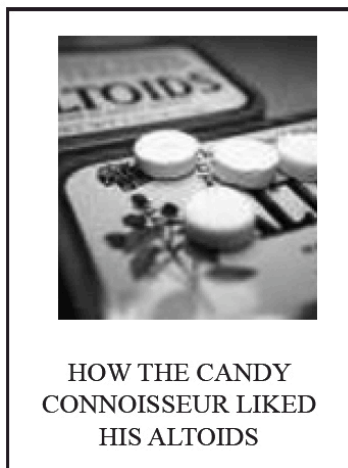
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Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

### JUMBLE

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



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LAST ISSUE'S ANSWERS: BIPED, FLANK, CREAKY, STENCH. The holiday vacation tango: BREAK DANCE