



Ask Mr. Motzko

Dear Mr. Motzko,

For the most obvious reasons, I really want a snow day! I've been doing my part to get one; expressing my hope via Facebook status, whining, and sacrificing Freshman to the Snow Gods, but nothing has worked. The weather forecast shows rising temperatures and sun. How do I ensure a snow day, or a day off in general?

Much obliged,
Desperate in Deerfield

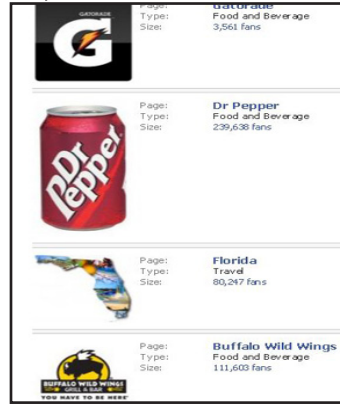
Dear Desperate,

The lack of foresight and planning exhibited in your query rivals that of the fated Donner party. Fortunately, you may only have to eat your words. Perhaps you have yet to be crushed under the karmic wheel. If you plant cotton candy seeds, you're gonna harvest snakes. Proof positive: it has not snowed in Jamaica every year after they entered the Olympic bobsled competition. By that measure, for every snow day there must be an equal and opposite day of unquenched fire and burning. I, for one, do not wish to repeat my 8 year-old's last birthday party. One could pine for a snow day but haven't we been using homeroom to drill for such inclement events (fire, tornado, flaming tornado, blimp attack)? And if we keep drilling, we're gonna win Nationals in Daytona this year. Go homeroom!

If you are indeed bent upon spitting into the wind or stepping on Superman's cape (or worse, spitting into Superman's cape), consider that perhaps all you want is the novelty of a school cancellation, not the actual time. Who can forget DHS's greatest school cancellation: Gas Leak Day. The best thing about that day was how it fell into our laps like a box of kittens dropped from the heavens (note: do not drop kittens from heights above 0.5 meters). What you actually did on Gas Leak Day (sleeping, socializing, furious caber toss) mattered less than its random entrance stage left. That is why Gas Leak Day Part Deux must never happen. Besides, I use the current gas leak in my room to explain the low test scores. Patience, gentle reader. Eventually you will awaken to the dulcet tones of the Honeywell system, informing you of our latest unexpected day off in honor of some dead guy like Casimir Pulaski or John Arbor. When that happens, you'll be like a hog in mud; filthy and ready to be processed into bacon.

Opinion: It's No Surprise That Studies Show Inverse Relationship Between Fan Pages, Friends

By Buford Stetson



CHICAGO, ILLINOIS – A press release regarding the relationship between the amount of fan pages a Facebook user has and the amount of friends they have was recently revealed. No, not Facebook friends. Real friends. This groundbreaking study revealed something that few could foresee: the more pages a Facebook user is a fan of, the less friends they will have in real life.

While the study did not cite specific reasons for this relationship, this Flipside reporter was willing to dig

deep into the lives of true aficionados to discover just why this is true. And the results were shocking. Apparently people don't like their live feed to consist of meaningless information about a complete stranger. "John Greenberg has become a fan of 'bubble wrap.'" Well thank the lord. I thought for a minute that John Greenberg wasn't a fan of bubble wrap. And I thought for a minute that John Greenberg didn't feel the need to confess this love on the internet. And I thought for a minute that I wouldn't be able to sleep at night, knowing that John Greenberg didn't share my love for bubble wrap. But since John Greenberg is a fan of bubble wrap, I can breathe easy. This Flipside reporter would like to propose a new fan page: "I hate it when people become fans of everything on Facebook." Although, becoming a fan of that page would be a bit hypocritical. Scratch that.

This Flipside reporter would like to propose a newer fan page: "I hate it when people become fans of everything of Facebook, yet recognize the paradox created by joining this group."

Additionally, a cause between the lack of friends of those with 100+ fan

pages can be traced to their incentive for becoming fans of so many things. While it could be contended that these people simply like a lot of things, or that they want to support as many causes as possible, let's be honest. They become fans of so many things because they don't have a life. So they waste their time on Facebook, trying to associate with the whimsical pleasures of fellow cyber teens. It's a logical thought process, really. What better way to feel cool than to know that 10,000 others also love "The guy who screams CHOCOLATE! on Spongebob." Thus this relationship between fan pages and friends really shouldn't have been so shocking; people who waste their time on Facebook and annoy everyone around them usually aren't the life of the party.

I, however, would like to propose a new correlation that is far more radical: The more Facebook friends someone has, the fewer friends they have in real life. I talked to Junior Kyle Bernstein about the issue, who has an impressive 1,894 Facebook friends. When I asked him what he was doing this weekend, Bernstein responded, "Probably going on Facebook..."

Congress Passes Landmark Anti-Obama Legislation

By George Minkowski

WASHINGTON, DC— An applause erupted on Capitol Hill this Monday when Congress approved landmark legislation that guarantees nothing on President Barack Obama's agenda will get done. H.R. 1478, or "The Yes We Can't Act," passed 339-82 in the House and 77-19 in the Senate, drawing support from across party lines.

Congress was eager to pass this bill as it stands for something that is becoming more and more popular: abandoning faith in our president.

"If Obama likes it, I don't," reports Rep. Gil Gutknecht (R-MN). "I believe that Barack Hussein Obama wants nothing more than to turn the US into a socialist society." We asked Rep. Gutnecht what his proof was and he responded by telling us, "I'll show you my proof when Obama shows the country his birth-certificate."

Despite how it may seem, H.R. 1478 wasn't met with complete support. In fact, Sen. Russ Feingold (D-WI) attempted to filibuster the bill but ran

out of hot air, a rare occurrence for Senator Feingold. Additionally, Speaker Pelosi tried to voice her dissent but was thwarted by a pair of 6-inch stilettos thrown by Rep. John Boehner (R-OH). Those opposed to the bill believe that Obama obviously cannot handle the role of president, but should at least be allowed to pardon turkeys on Thanksgiving or choose the theme of State Dinners.

These, among other powers granted to the president by The Constitution, will be taken away from Obama if he signs the piece of legislation.

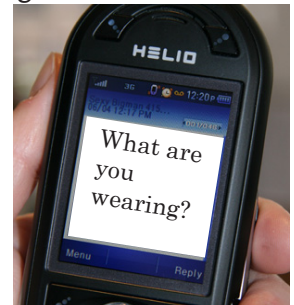
At present, it is still unclear whether or not Obama is planning to sign H.R. 1478, but many pundits believe that the president will sign the bill as his last official act of power. They speculate that Obama's plummeting approval ratings must be taking a toll on his self-esteem and thus making him more likely to just "give up" on the whole change thing.



Local Student Will Kill You if You Talk About Lost Before He Sees It



Teen Discovers Teacher's Sexting Policy Not Much More Forgiving than Texting One



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

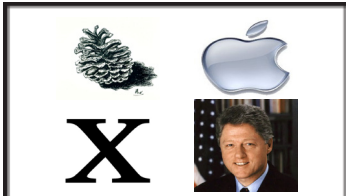
QUOTE "You better put my name in *The Flipside*."

- DHS Junior Mari Weiss who wanted her name here, didn't specify how, and also has a thing for awkward freshman boys.

Give her a call at 847-239-2276!

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



Last issue's answers: CROSS POLLINATION, OLD ENGLISH, SIGN POST, QUADRATIC

INFOGRAPHIC

Why Are Seniors Still Studying?

Raising curve to spite you and your existence 5%

Best option for Friday nights 7%

Some of the textbooks have pretty pictures 3%

Still think they have a shot with Ms. Davies 8%

Wait... I don't *have* to try? 77%



CRYPTOGRAM CHALLENGE

This is a simple substitution code. Each letter is replaced by a different letter. Try to decode the message or quote below.

Congratulations to last week's winner: Daniel Perlovsky HINT: W=S

"LFGE Q LSW S HQX Q ZWGX BJ AKSU GRGKU EQCFB MJK S EGL YQOUONG.
BFGE Q KGSNQDGX BFSB BFG NJKX XJGWE'B LJKH BFSB LSU WJ Q WBJNG
JEG SEX SWHGX FQT BJ MJKCQRG TG." --GTJ AFQNQAW

Last issue's answer: "DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE WORLD COMING TO AN END TODAY. IT IS ALREADY TOMORROW IN AUSTRALIA."
-- CHARLES SCHULZ

SUDOKU

Level: Same as every week, sigh

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.

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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: CRUMB, NIFTY, ABSORB, SWITCH
How the rain took the campus: BY STORM

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