

Chilean Miners Ask To "Chill Down Here For A While"

By Jeremy Hoodaman



CHILE -- Thirty-three miners trapped underground in Chile sent a handwritten note on Sunday requesting a few extra months to "hang out in the mine."

Despite initial concerns for the miners, who are forced to live in a small shelter located 2,230 feet underground for months on end, they are apparently having a really good time. The miners receive a daily 2,000-calorie diet consisting of warm bread, delectable ham, frosty milk shakes, and kiwis. Along with a large supply of necessities, rescuers are also sending luxury items down to the trapped men. "Thanks for the iPod!" miner Sergio Aguila wrote in a message sent topside. "The mine is kind of dusty, but this baby has 64 gigs! Worth it!"

The miners, who have a land line for calling loved ones and a team of attentive psychiatrists, enjoy such activities as fort-building and creating secret handshakes. Sources pin their friendship bracelets as being baby blue with a smiley face bead, though these reports are unconfirmed.

"The way I see it, I get to enjoy a little time away from my nagging mother-in-law," said Luiz Uzrua in a live phone interview with Oprah Winfrey on her critically acclaimed talk show, "and I kind of like not having to deal with religious oppression on a regular basis. Also, hi Oprah!"

Rescuers are perplexed by the miners' shouts of dismay that accompanies their every attempt to rescue them. "When we tried to widen the six-inch hole that leads from the surface to the mine, they started yelling for us to 'turn the lights off', as we were apparently interrupting their 'strobe light rave extravaganza,'" says Tom Perry, the head of the rescue effort. "To be honest, I feel bad. They seem to be having a good ol' time down there".

Iran: "We Totally Have a Nuclear Weapon. But Just for Fun, How Do You Make a Nuclear Weapon?"

By George Minkowski

TEHRAN, IRAN --This past Friday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that they have successfully detonated a nuclear weapon. This feat makes them the ninth nation in the world to successfully complete nuclear tests. Iran's announcement comes as a complete surprise to most of the world, especially seeing that Iran hadn't even obtained weapons-grade Uranium as of early this year. Regardless, they did it, and unless you want to end up in jail, you best not ask how.

"We know it seems unlikely that we have developed a nuclear weapon on such short notice, but I promise it's true," President Ahmadinejad told a kidnapped *Flipside* reporter who was

dumb enough to ask for details. "Why would we lie about something like that?"



President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

In fact, they do have proof. "But I left it at home," continued Ahmadinejad. "Anyway, now that we have 'joined the club' so to speak, wouldn't it be fun if all of us nuclear countries got together and shared our nuclear secrets?"

Ahmadinejad created a Facebook

event for this meeting and sent out an invitation to the other eight "nuclear nations." Even though Israel is not on this list, Iran still made it abundantly clear that they were not invited.

United States Defense Secretary Robert Gates promptly declined the invitation saying, "Oh no. We're not falling for that one again," referring to how Soviet Russia acquired nuclear capabilities back in the early 1950s.

"Their loss," said Ahmadinejad. "Looks like they're going to be the ones missing out on all the weapon blueprints and methods of acquiring enriched uranium. However, if they absolutely can't make it, I guess they can e-mail us their secrets."

The Truth About Homecoming: You Can Say "No"

By Boris Belanov

DEERFIELD, IL -- The familiar festivities of Homecoming are being kicked off in a mere four days with Student Council's outrageously popular "Spirit Week." Deerfield's rockstar students will be dressing as real rockstars, seniors will be screaming loaded pejoratives at whomever will listen, teachers will be agitated, the football team will be struggling for the student body's attention at the game, and most students will be ditching the dance in favor of snapping glamorous Facebook shots in a lavish "party bus".

As charming as those previously listed activities are, the pinnacle of Homecoming occurs in the couple of weeks prior to the big game. Deerfield boys will attempt (and fail) to attain cleverness and originality in their pleas to their estrogenated counterparts. When asked about his plans, Deerfield sophomore, Daniel Ehrenberg, responded, "Yeah, I'm going to have my mom make her a potato salad with gum balls and frosting in it that spell out 'Homecoming Laura?' and then I'll leave it in her psych classroom. Of course she'll say yes."

Scores of Deerfield girls will be put in undesirable situations like this (see be-

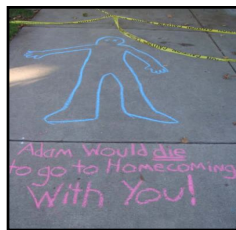
low). Many girls think that, by way of social etiquette, they must say "yes" to the boys who ask them. This is not the case. Reporters talked to some Deerfield "no"-sayers to get the scoop on rejecting that uncomfortable, unwanted invitation. Junior Deborah Glass told reporters, "Last year, some nice what's-his-face guy in my geometry class asked me, and I would have said yes, but then

I remembered that I had a football-playing, hunky senior boyfriend, so I decided otherwise."

Senior Jenna Girard responded, "I was asked by this weirdo poetry-guy and I told him, 'sorry hun that poem was cute,

but no.' I mean, what was I supposed to do? I don't even know him. He always has dried Play-Doh under his fingernails and he smells like sauerkraut on Thursdays. I think I saw him crying in G-Hall after, but he cries a lot, so whatever."

So, as Deerfield students have learned since elementary school, it is possible to "just say no." And girls, if these real-life stories aren't enough to convince you to reject the next "cutesy" sign on your locker, then just remember to untag yourself in the pictures with Play-Doh boy.



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Girl Puts Pictures of Friends in Locker, Proves to Passersby She Has Friends



Safety School Explodes



Flipside Writers Don't Follow Word-Count Guidelines, Leaving Awkward Space at the Bottom with No Room to Write Anything Else

DEERFIELD -- Two *Flipside* writers unable to follow directions put the

editor in a very difficult position in this issue of the bimonthly newspaper. Be-

cause of... Dang, now I'm about to run out of room.

Alessandra, Homecoming? Find Jake Perlson with the correct answer and you could win a free *Flipside* t-shirt!

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 "I was gonna go to school..."

~ You know how the rest of the song goes. And so do the DHS class of 2011 and 2013 because they played it during "7 Reasons to Leave the Party."

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

little late little late	
	Let him go!

Last issue's answers: TENTACLES, PARADISE, BROADWAY, JAM BAND

INFOGRAPGIC

Why We're Taking the Late Bus

- Got locked in the courtyard, tunneling out
- That's when Drill Team is over
- Sometimes the driver lets us steer
- Regular bus has strict "No Ostrich" policy
- Tried walking with "swag", took 45 minutes to cross X-Hall

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: V=L
Congratulations to last issue's winner: Danielle Posner

"VKSD JDK HKY AZMMQO WIQ SJBQM KU WIQ SZSQ BYMQM DKKOCHQ JSO GJWFIQO WIQ XYJOTJWZF QXYJWZKS
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Last issue's answer: "THE FIRST TIME YOU DO SOMETHING, IT'S SCIENCE. THE SECOND TIME, IT'S ENGINEERING. THE THIRD TIME IT'S JUST BEING A TECHNICIAN." ~ CLIFFORD STOLL

SUDOKU

LEVEL: Meow

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.

TEN DOLLAR PER HOUR BATTLE?

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LAST issue's answers: DECKS, NERDY, SLEIGH, GENIUS.
What the attractive biologist had: DESIGNER GENES

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