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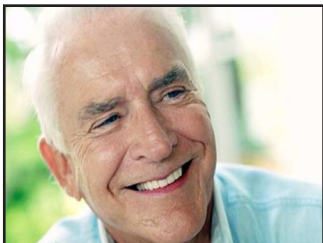
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HEADLINES



Area Dad Tries to Recover From Bad Joke By Saying "I Was Only Joking"

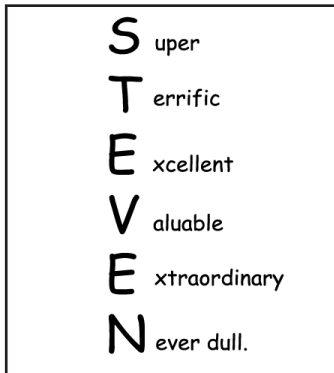


Career Fair Recruiter Unimpressed by Check Plus on Karel Assignment

Visiting Poet Laureate Shares Acrostic Masterpiece

Last Sunday evening, in front of a packed crowd at Memorial Auditorium, Poet Laureate Steven Hirshfeld recited his latest critically-acclaimed work: an acrostic poem entitled "STEVEN." After a 45-minute introduction by English professor Tobias Wolff, who told several witty anecdotes and dropped the names of many famous author-friends, the legendary poet himself took the stage.

Hirshfeld began by reciting the poem's masterful opening line: "S: Super." After a long pause thick with meaning, he continued to the next two lines: "T: Terrific, E: Excellent," drawing murmurs of appreciation from the audience. It felt like the entire auditorium was holding its breath as Hirshfeld stopped to take a sip of water before saying "V: Valuable, E:



The wonderful acrostic.

Extraordinary," at which point the audience broke into an enthusiastic round of applause.

Once the cheers had quieted down, Hirshfeld took a long breath and shared the concluding line of his poem: "N: Never Dull." This line in particular has received a

great deal of praise from critics due to Hirshfeld's unconventional use of a two-word phrase rather than a single word. The Stanford audience showed their appreciation for Hirshfeld's innovation by giving him a long standing ovation.

Although Hirshfeld was only on stage for a short time, he made quite a lasting impression on many attendees. Christina Marsh '13 views Hirshfeld as a personal hero and says that his performance inspired her to start working on an acrostic poem based on her own name. "My name has a lot of letters in it, so writing an acrostic is a pretty daunting task," she said. "But hearing Steven Hirshfeld in person really shows me that I can pick nine good words if I work hard enough." (Kuenzel)

Stanford Too Popular For Hipsters

After a record 37,000 applications were submitted to Stanford University this year, hipsters across the country have started indicating that they no longer find the school attractive. Almost an hour after the statistics were released, numerous threads on collegeprowler.com, collegeconfidential.com and similar websites bemoaned the loss of the University's alt-factor.

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"I was into Stanford when I was like, twelve," read one comment posted by NeutralMilkIvy on the forum. "But ever since it's started making top ten lists, I just can't take it seriously."

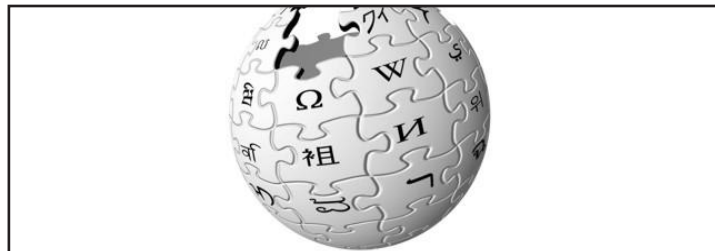
Many posts also cited the University's number one spot on the Times Higher Education's rankings of 'Arts & Humanities Schools' as another turn off for college-bound

hipsters: "I can't believe they sold out like that."

Forums were also buzzing with rumors surrounding Pitchfork's annual college rankings, which are due to be released in two weeks. "Although it's always a little tough to tell," said one industry analyst, "I would suspect that Stanford isn't going to get higher than a 4.7 tops." He also added that while it's "somewhat alt" for such a prestigious school to be located on the west coast, he didn't think that fact would help the university's chances at ranking higher than such "hipster stalwarts as, say, Hunter College."

A concerned administrator, responding quickly to the negative reaction, indicated that the university might consider altering its image to recoup. "One possibility," he stated, "is that we subsidize skinny-jean purchases for all professors, or just replace the Panda Express with an American Apparel store." (Wilcox)

WIKIPEDIA SUFFERED HUGE HANGOVER AFTER BLACKING OUT



After blacking out for an entire day on January 18th, Wikipedia reportedly had a huge headache and felt like it couldn't eat anything, even though it knew it really should have.

Wikipedia awoke on January 19th to find almost all its articles reduced to stubs, and nearly every citation missing. In addition, the online encyclopedia checked its wallet and discovered the "A Personal Appeal from Jimmy Wales" donations had been stolen.

"I didn't even have that much to drink," said Wikipedia as it popped about 7 Tylenol into its mouth to try to get rid of the dial-up sound that kept ringing in its head. "I

remember talking to Reddit. See, I remember. I'm fine."

After examining Wikipedia's texts, analysts have concluded that it is really dangerous to binge-protest anti-piracy bills. One embarrassing text said, "ffffffuuuuuuuuuuuuu sopajkljkhjk!! ; /," but Wikipedia claimed that it was auto-correct. Observers agree that Wikipedia's behavior was certainly not in accordance with community standards.

Jealous of all of Wikipedia's attention, Google tried bragging that it had blacked out too. However, Facebook said that Google totally didn't get any action, only had a couple drinks, and barely even browned out. (Galant, Hoffer, staff)

ENTER THE FLIPSIDE PUZZLE CHALLENGE!

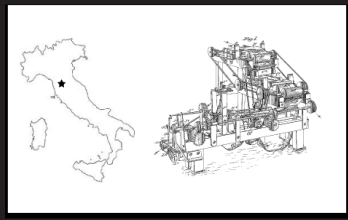
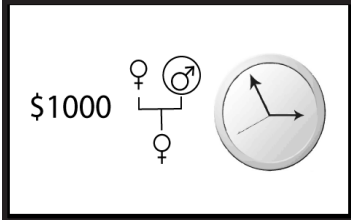
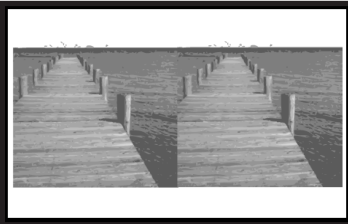
Go to stanfordflipside.com to submit your answers to the puzzle challenge. The first solver will win a Flipside shot glass!

Congratulations to last week's winner: Anders Mikkelsen

QUOTE: "What?! The finances in the ASSU are murky??" -Shocked student reading The Daily

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last week's answers: BALANCE OF POWER, BARKING MAD, EXTENDED WARRANTY, MOTHER KNOWS BEST

NUMBERS

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The number of home games students will be on campus for next season. This means freshmen will have very little time to learn how to jingle their keys properly on kickoffs. Additionally, students are hoping that the registrar will consider moving the entire academic schedule to accommodate the football season, because as everyone knows, everything revolves around football.

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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 W = T

P RQTPF TPJ UBXJ RBDD YQXT P YXABFOVKAG RAWK P TPF, LEW YQX
 WKAV WQ BFOEXB, AW TEVW LB PVVAVWBO LJ P DAWWDB GKJVAN-
 PD PFWAGPWKJ. -YXABOXANK FABWIVNKB

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP YOUR HEALTH IS TO EAT WHAT YOU DON'T WANT, DRINK WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE, AND DO WHAT YOU'D DRUTHER NOT. -MARK TWAIN

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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 WEEK'S ANSWERS: WIDTH SLANT POCKET NATURE the message that linked the 'r' to the 's' CHAIN LETTER

Editorial Board: Jeremy Keeshin, Zach Galant, Adam Adler, Laney Kuenzel, Eric Karpas, Roxy Carbonell, Conor Doherty **Puzzle Master:** Laney Kuenzel