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God Hates Faqs Protest Against Computer Illiteracy



Steve Jobs: "I just saved a bunch of money on my car insurance by switching to Geico"

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Full Text of Obama's State of the Union Address

Following is the transcript of President Obama's State of the Union address delivered January 27, 2010 as released by the White House.

"Madam Speaker, Vice President Biden, members of Congress, the Coca-Cola Corporation, and fellow Americans.

From time to time, the President shall inform Congress of the state of the union. Well folks, this year that state is Oklahoma.

When I took office a year ago, we had two wars, a severe recession, and a government deeply divided and in debt. We still have most of those problems, folks, and I ask you Congress, can you hear me now?

Fellow citizens, what we need now is to act, and I ask you, members of Congress, is it in you? Do you have what it takes to keep this nation strong? We've been fighting for the health care bill, and bickering has led us nowhere. Members of Congress, no matter what



Budget cuts have caused corporate sponsorship and product placement in this year's Coca-Cola State of the Union address.

party you are in, give me a break--break me off a piece of that health care bill. Partisan tactics will not stand--those tricks are for kids.

I've gotten letters from across the country--from those of you on Main Street and those of you on Wall Street, and your message has come in loud and clear: just do it. There are too many Americans across the country who wonder when they will get their next paycheck, and I promise to make the economy and job creation my number one priority for 2010 because you're worth it.

Many folks ask me, how do you spell relief? Well, we passed the Recovery Act last year, also known as the Stimulus Bill, and because of that we have saved over two million jobs.

When I took over after the previous administration, I knew one thing, and it was that we try harder. We cut taxes. We cut taxes for working families. We cut taxes for small businesses. We cut taxes for parents trying to send their kids to college. We cut taxes for billion-dollar CEOs.

We have finished a difficult decade, and as a country, let's move forward. As a wise president once said, "We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." Can this country change? I say yes we can.

Thank you. God bless you. And God bless the United States of America.

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Students Protest the Protesting of WBC Protest



One of the many protesters protesting the counter-protest

PHOTO: Ralph Nguyen

the protest of the protest, all in the name of tolerance."

One of Stanford's Christian youth groups also took offense to the extremism of the WBC, but took the side of the original counter-protesters.

The group joined the fray, calling themselves the Protestant Protesters of the Protest Against the Protesting of the Westboro Protest.

The WBC protesters, overwhelmed by crowding and confusion, left after only seven minutes.

Correction: There were several students selling controversial counter-tops, which also led to another counter-protest. (Deroche)

A Flipside Exclusive Interview With Adam Savage



STANFORD - Excerpt from Scott Scotley's exclusive interview with Adam Savage of TV's Mythbusters

SCOTLEY: Mr. Savage, rumor has it that you and the Mythbusters team have chosen Stanford University as the focus of your next episode. Can you bust this myth?

SAVAGE: Ha ha, very funny Scott. But in all seriousness, yes, we have chosen Stanford. In fact, we've already finished filming.

SCOTLEY: Splendid! So, enlighten me. How do you choose the myths that you showcase?

SAVAGE: Well, an episode like this one requires some hard research: street interviews, digging into archives. But we ended up with even more material than we'd thought we would. You ever hear that Ultimate Frisbee was invented on Wilbur Field? Here were some more common ones: 70 percent of Stanford graduate will marry other alumni, there are more bikes on campus than people, if you crack an egg on the Mausoleum at midnight it'll fry, the specter of Jane Stanford still haunts the steam tunnels. There are tons.

SCOTLEY: Which one did you choose for the show?

SAVAGE: We settled on the myth that Meyer Library was originally constructed to hold books, but that mistakes in the construction led to a building that wasn't up to holding more than a few computers. Testing it was easy, though it led to some problems.

SCOTLEY: And the verdict?

SAVAGE: You'll have to watch the show. But it's quite the ride. The student volunteers were almost killed.

SCOTLEY: And were there any other myths you managed to bust on your trip to the Farm?

SAVAGE: To really bust a myth we use scientific principles of testing that require time, focus and a whole lot of work. We chose what worked best for our methods, and the myths we didn't have time for will have to...well, remain myths. Though there are some myths that are so obviously true or false that there's no need for a testing process. There's obviously more people on campus than bikes. And President Hennessy is a vampire. (Pulsipher)

THE FLIPSIDE PUZZLE CHALLENGE: solve the rebus puzzle, jumble, and cryptogram and email your answers to flipside@stanford.edu. The FIRST person to send in their answer this week will win a sweet Flipside shot glass!

Last Weeks Winners: Puzzle Challenge: Patricia Costacurta

QUOTE: "Yeah, that's just my crazy cousin" - Michael Phelps

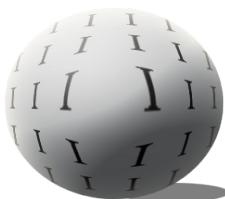
REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

cover
detective

π meters
second

isobars



last weeks answers: CROSS POLLINATION, OLD ENGLISH, SIGN POST, QUADRATIC

NUMBERS

9/10

The number of dentists who approve of the current health care bill. Let's rephrase that: The number of dentists who can be paid to approve the current health care bill. 9/10 is also the fraction of homeless people who can be paid to approve the current health care bill. Also 9/10 Canadians can be paid to approve the current health care bill. In essence, 9/10 is the fraction of people who will approve of anything if you pay them to do it. So just remember that when you buy your next facewash.

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 J=I

JN UMDKD BKD XY EUVOJH FVDEUJYXE, UMDX CMBU SJXH YN FVDEUJYXE HY EUVOJH

ODYOQD BES? HY UMDW ADU EGBKU ZVEU JX UJGD UY BES FVDEUJYXE?—EIYUU BHBGE

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE WORLD COMING TO AN END TODAY. IT IS ALREADY TOMORROW IN AUSTRALIA. - CHARLES SCHULZ

SUDOKU

Level: Lazy Sunday

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

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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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THE EXAM WERE...

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LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: CRUMB NIFTY ABSORB SWITCH how the rain took the campus BY STORM

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