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## Man Spends 127 Minutes Stuck in Winter Coat

In what is perhaps the most inspirational story of the year, Pittsburgh man Tom Welsh spent over two hours trapped in his winter coat before cutting himself out with a pair of nail clippers. The incident occurred in late November, when Welsh got home from a night of drinking alone in a neighborhood bar and tried to remove his coat. Unfortunately, the zipper had broken. "I tried pulling it from like thirty different angles, but it wouldn't budge. I really started to panic at that point," recalls Welsh. "Stupidly enough, I hadn't told anybody what I was doing or even that I was planning to wear my winter coat that night."

For the next two hours, Welsh paced around his kitchen sweating profusely due to his coat's fur lining and becoming increasingly delirious. About to give up hope, Welsh had a vivid hallucination of his father calling him a dumbass and telling him to get his shit together. "I think some sort of primitive survival instinct kicked in. I took the nail clippers from my pocket and started clipping away frantically at the coat." Seven minutes later, finally free, Welsh collapsed on his kitchen floor, where his roommate found him the next morning surrounded by a puddle of his own urine.



Movie poster for 127 Minutes.

Today, Welsh keeps the cut coat in a frame above his bed as a reminder of what could have been. He has been invited to give motivational speeches throughout the U.S. and even in Canada. "I try to show people that even though they might view me as some sort of superhuman, I'm just an ordinary guy. Anybody could have done what I did." Warner Brothers has already begun work on a feature film starring James Franco that will bring Welsh's story to the big screen, giving viewers the courage to conquer adversity and follow their dreams. (Kuenzel)

## Study Finds Mescaline Becoming Popular Study Drug

A recent study conducted by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency has found that mescaline is starting to replace Adderall and caffeine as the study drug of choice on some college campuses. Mescaline, a derivative of the peyote cactus, causes vivid hallucinations punctuated by projectile vomiting. The substance has been used by some Native American tribes as part of spiritual rites for many years. Some argue the drug provides clarity and facilitates creativity when working on a difficult problem or paper.

One student surveyed reported having been contacted by his spirit animal while working on a problem set. He said of the incident, "The words on the page rearranged in the shape of possum and it started talking. It told me the answer was 17 and also that my roommate is the reincarnation of Richard Nixon."

Experts also note that there is a very real danger of becoming dependent on the drug and have already found several students who can not face the day, let alone attend class or study, without embarking on a spirit quest and tripping balls for up to 12 hours. (Doherty)

## People Start Using "Cause They Rapin' Everybody Out There" As a Reason For Everything

Two days ago, 14 year old troublemaker, Timmy Jeffries, showed up to class late, and the teacher questioned him. He replied that he didn't make it on time "Cause They Rapin' Everybody Out There."

The teacher was not amused, but his class got a few good laughs out of it. Since then, he decided it was an appropriate answer to every question including the word "why."

While at first, people thought he was so fucking funny for referencing a hilarious YouTube video in real life, it quickly got old. His gratuitous use of the phrase has evidently caused his friends and family to get "pretty pissed off" at him.

"It was pretty funny when he first started saying it," said his friend Jack, "but there is just no way the reason he can't come over after school is 'cause they rapin' everybody out there.' It's just dumb."

Timmy's mother was also pretty disturbed by his use of the phrase. "I wanted to ask him why he was saying it, but I knew he'd just say 'Cause they rapin'

everybody out there.' I just don't know what to do with him."

Timmy isn't the only one using the phrase to explain his decisions. It's apparently spreading throughout the nation, even to the Supreme Court.

Last Night, Chief Justice John Roberts explained his opposition to a new bill threatening to overturn the ruling of Roe v. Wade. The Bill would prevent mothers from getting a legal abortion, even under extreme circumstances.

Roberts told reporters, "We have to be conscious of women who are pregnant by accident. It's becoming increasingly common because they rapin' everybody out there."

When asked what he would do if the bill were passed and abortions were made illegal, he calmly replied, "I would hide my kids, hide my wife, and I recommend you do the same." (Galant)

## Kanye West Releases New Tweet



The blogverse and the twismos have erupted in discussion after the release of Kanye West's latest tweet. Many have said they preferred Kanye's earlier tweets and feel that his newer tweets are too experimental. "When Kanye tweeted, 'You have to balance ignorance with intellect! Can't have school with out recess! #Greatesttweetofalltime,' he really just captured the zeitgeist of our generation," said professional twittermeister Kevin Willis. However, many twitics around the nation have commended Kanye on creating a new genre of tweets. "This isn't the same Kanye who tweeted '@videocrazy999 goodluck : )))' just minutes before. This is the start of a new era. We can only expect great things from here." (Keeshin)

# THE FLIPSIDE PUZZLE CHALLENGE IS NOW ONLINE!

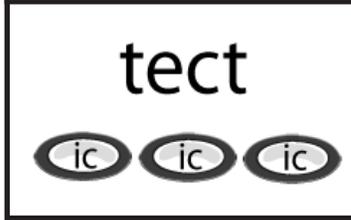
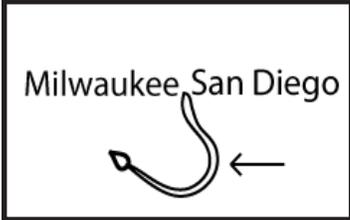
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QUOTE: "My New Year's resolution is to break my resolution. Ha! That's a paradox!" -Smartass philosophy major

## REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last time's answers: FORMAL ATTIRE, INDISPENSABLE, 98 DEGREES, PLAY ON WORDS

## NUMBERS

# 300

The number of calories in the Orange Bowl, as well as the percentage daily value of Vitamin C that it contains. This is significantly fewer calories than one would find in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl or in the Sugar Bowl, and infinitely higher nutritional value than the inedible Rose Bowl. Thus, the Orange Bowl is the healthiest option for Stanford fans, who no longer have to worry about scurvy, obesity, or starvation.

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

MT HDZ PYLC JZMEI RYVIECV MK IPC YMB, HDZB UDBN KCCF KDI JC  
EDVI; IPYI MV UPCBC IPCH VPDZEF JC. KDU GZI IPC TDZKIFYIMDKV ZKFCB  
IPCX. -PCKBH FYLMF IPDBCYZ

LAST TIME'S ANSWER: A PESSIMIST IS ONE WHO MAKES DIFFICULTIES OF HIS OPPORTUNITIES, AND AN OPTIMIST IS ONE WHO MAKES OPPORTUNITIES OF HIS DIFFICULTIES. -HARRY TRUMAN

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- Kids
- Wife
- Husband

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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 GRIZZLY WITH  
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