



## HEADLINES



AA Doubles Success Rate With New, Easier Six-Step Program



New 'Fight Fire With Fire' Initiative Among US Firefighters Fails Miserably But Conserves Water



standup comedians campus-wide competition [standup.stanford.edu](http://standup.stanford.edu)

## FOX Announces New Reality TV Show, *Last Tyrant Standing*



In the days following Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's decision not to run for re-election, FOX has announced a new show for its Fall 2011 lineup. *Last Tyrant Standing* will feature the world's greatest dictators battling it out to determine which is the most ruthless of all. FOX spokesperson Janette Wilkins explained the show's format.

"Each week of the show will represent a decade in power. Whichever contestant stays in power the longest will be the winner. Weekly events will include 'Kill the Rebels,' 'Tear Gas the Rioters,' and,

my personal favorite, 'Extinguish the Flaming Effigy.'"

Wilkins continued to explain how tyrants leave the show. "Contestants are eliminated in a weekly election, in which all candidates are given 60 seconds to stuff a ballot box with as many votes as possible. Whichever candidate stuffs the fewest ballots will be exiled and, in some cases, killed. Each week, viewers will also vote for their favorite tyrant. However, because of the ballot box stuffing, these votes will have no real power."

Finally, Wilkins explained how the shows' innovative "Lifeline system" will work. "Though *Last Tyrant Standing* will emphasize ballot box stuffing, the tyrants who are not as skilled at subverting democracy will still be given the opportunity to win. Throughout the run of the show, three lifelines will be given at random to some of the tyrants. These lifelines, *Join the War on Terror*, *Find Oil*, and *Bribe a Lobbyist*, can be used to gain support from the United States. Each lifeline will prop up the dictatorship for another decade, saving the tyrant from elimination for one week."

Though Mubarak is the first tyrant to sign on to the show, other candidates include Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe, Kim-Jong-Il of North Korea, Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan, and Omar al-Bashir of Sudan. Representatives for each of the tyrants have stated that the show *will* receive high ratings...or else. (Adler)

## Scientific Study Irrefutably Proves Existence of God

In one of the more interesting scientific discoveries this week, researchers have proven the existence of a benevolent and all-powerful deity, thus forever rendering ages of religious speculation and existential dread pointless.



Doing science.

"This shit's airtight," said Richard Dawkins, a prominent and vocal atheist, in reference to the study's pristine methodology. "My bad for being wrong all this time."

John Cabbot, leader of the twelve person team of scientists responsible for the discovery, worked tirelessly at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory where he would later discover God.

"It was all actually quite simple," said Cabbot. "Once we got our Higgs bosons synchronized with our dark matter arrays, all we had to do was smash together some subatomic doohickies, gather statistics, and integrate the hell out of our functions." (Evans)

## [Insert Team Name] Wins Super Bowl XLV In [Insert Appropriate Adjective] Fashion

In one of the most ["thrilling"/"dramatic"/"mundane"] Super Bowls of all time, the [winning team] defeated the [losing team] by a score of [higher number] to [lower number].

Winning quarterback [name of winning QB] had an impressive game, leading his team on [number] touchdown drives and accumulating [number] passing yards. The defense also played a huge role in the victory, forcing [number] turnovers and stopping the opposing offense on numerous drives.

Amidst the shower of post-game confetti, Coach [name of winning coach] hoisted the Lombardi Trophy and complimented his team on their performance. "I think all the guys really came together and performed ["well"/"slightly above mediocre"] as a collective unit. The [name of losing team] deserves ["a ton"/"very little"] respect for their performance this afternoon. They played ["exceptionally well"/"far worse than we had anticipated"]."

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger told reporters after the game, "You know, its such a surreal experience to ["win"/"lose"] a game of this magnitude. I'm so ["proud"/"frustrated"] with our guys and I just want to ["get ridiculously drunk to help celebrate this win"/"get ridiculously drunk to help drown out this loss"]."

In a critical moment of the second quarter of the game, Packers wide receiver Greg Jennings ["did"/"did not"] suffer a debilitating ["right"/"left"] knee injury. Reporters have confirmed that Jennings ["is"/"is not"] in critical condition at a local hospital.

Over [number] million viewers also tuned in to watch The Black Eyed Peas perform during the halftime show. In a shocking and unexpected incident, Fergie ["did"/"did not"] experience a wardrobe malfunction that revealed her breast to the national TV audience. In addition, Brett Favre's name was mentioned [number higher than four] times during the Super Bowl broadcast. (Hoffer)

# THE FLIPSIDE PUZZLE CHALLENGE IS NOW ONLINE!

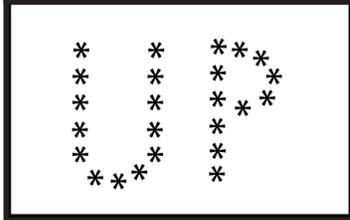
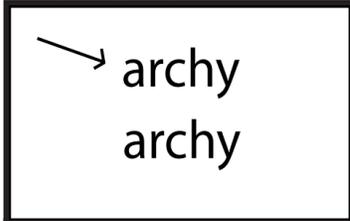
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Last week's winner: Alex Churchill

QUOTE: "my ears hang low. AND they wobble too and fro" - The biggest problem from the Make Stanford Better doc.

## REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last week's answers: BEATBOX, OBESITY, CAPTAIN AMERICA, HEAD-QUARTERS

## NUMBERS

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The number of vice president scandals that have rocked Stanford in the last two years. This can only mean one thing students: a curse! First they got Quirrell, Lockhart, Lupin, and de la Torre, and now they got Wharton. Future vice presidents beware! The Chamber of Secrets has been opened, and you will never be safe again!

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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 K = N

BRJNSTKU QXXJOREE TZ ETIV BRJNSTKU YXAKXUARYSD. JSVAV'Z YEVKJD XQ RN-JTXK, RKM T NRK'J JRIV LD VDVZ XQQ TJ, OGJ BSVK TJ'Z XFVA, T BXKMVA BSD JSV SVEE T ZYVKJ RK RQJVAKXXK MXTKU TJ. -EGIV ZRETZOGAD

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: I BELIEVE IN EVERYTHING UNTIL IT'S DISPROVED. SO I BELIEVE IN FAIRIES, THE MYTHS, DRAGONS. IT ALL EXISTS, EVEN IF IT'S IN YOUR MIND. WHO'S TO SAY THAT DREAMS AND NIGHTMARES AREN'T AS REAL AS THE HERE AND NOW? -JOHN LENNON

## FLIPSIDE TSHIRT

Each week we will feature the design of a limited edition t-shirt for \$5. This weeks design is available on a white shirt in all sizes. Find someone on the Flipside, or contact [flipside@stanford.edu](mailto:flipside@stanford.edu) to purchase. Stanford Flipside on the back.



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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: BYLAW, ENTRY, NOVICE, JARGON what the weather wore at the formal event RAINBOW

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