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## FACEBOOK ADDS NEW "IT'S ABUSIVE" RELATIONSHIP CATEGORY

**FACEBOOK HEADQUARTERS**--After much deliberation and mixed reviews of the "New Facebook," Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg sought to make things right with users through the addition of the new "It's Abusive" relationship status.

The move has been hailed by the majority of Facebook users as a "step back in the right direction." Many say this feature has really helped them to redefine and reshape their relationships.

Sophomore at University of Colorado Bethany Joyce said she didn't realize her relationship was abusive until Facebook added this category. "Everyone knows it's not official until it's Facebook official," Joyce commented perkily.

Bethany Joyce had been dating her boyfriend Lawrence for a year and a half and had failed to



pick up on any of the telltale signs. Joyce's friends noted that Lawrence was overly demanding, told her she could never hang out with other boys, and always seemed to be hitting her. "We all thought it may have been abusive, but we just weren't sure," said Joyce's closest friend, Daniella Talante. "But when they put it up on Facebook, our hunches were confirmed."

Facebook employees said that this addition came about after

sensing that users felt too limited in describing their relationships. "Users reported that they wanted something between 'Single' and 'In A Relationship' but not quite as standoffish as 'It's Complicated,'" said Matt Cohler, Vice President of Product Management. "Now our users have more options like 'Has a Thing With,' 'It's Over,' and 'Friends With Benefits.'"

However, the biggest breakthrough was the category 'It's abu-

sive,' which now allows users to make sure that all of their friends are in safe, healthy relationships. Said Cohler, "When you get a message in your newsfeed that says, 'Rachel Pinter changed her relationship status to 'It's Abusive'--that's when you know you need to step in and help."

### Opinion: "I Know Why The Mausoleum Party Was Moved--Those Dead People Were Coming Alive"



By Rick Hansen

Some of you may just think I'm your average conspiracy theorist, but that is certainly not the case. I have some reliable inside scoop here, but I won't tell you exactly where I got the information from (the spirits).

First let me dispel some of the overriding theories for reasons the Mausoleum Party was moved. Some say because it was going to rain--I was there, you were there--it didn't rain. That proves that one wrong. And do you think a spiritual event such as this would be moved by the earthly claims of your local weatherman? Hardly.

Others say the Mausoleum Party was moved out of respect for the dead. A tempting answer, indeed, but hardly true. This was just one theory concocted by your no-goodnik teenage kids who lack a true understanding of Halloween.

Here's what happened. Every hundred years the specters, zombies, witches, ghouls, and monsters gather at the nearest Mausoleum to perform ancient and sacred Halloween rituals. This year they happened to be in the bay area, so they aroused all the spirits from the dead, and the OSA moved it to Old Union. That's really all there is to it.

## Scientist Discovers Disease, Names After Arch-Rival



The humble Dr. Timothy Flugin of the Center for Disease Control may be the first researcher to discover a medical phenomenon and name it after someone other than himself. Last week, Flugin introduced the world to Borsen's Syndrome, a rare affliction of the skin mostly prevalent among certain groups of sexual deviants and Italians. According to his research, the disease results from a curious interaction between bodily fluids and synthetic substances.

At a press conference in Atlanta, Flugin announced that he intends to

name the disease after Dr. Henrik Borsen of the National Institutes of Health, whom he referred to as his "arch-nemesis." The two met at Johns Hopkins University, where both were pursuing graduate degrees in microbiology. According to Flugin, tension developed when they began competing for the affections of an attractive female undergraduate research assistant named Susan Zabrowski, who ended up dating Borsen for several months.

"It wasn't a big deal to me," Borsen insisted. "She was a 6 at best. Timothy prepared a lab

slide with a marriage proposal spelled out in mRNA and asked her to view it through the microscope. He practically chased her into my arms." Flugin would neither confirm nor deny this story.

Borsen was not flattered by the dubious honor Flugin has conferred on him, and he maintains that his behavior toward Flugin has always been courteous: "There was just Susan, and maybe once I got a fellowship that we both applied for. That's about it." Flugin sees things differently. "He pursued Susan only because he knew how much she meant to me. Same with that fellowship."

Meanwhile, Borsen has promised to take up a particularly objectionable area of research in the hopes of returning the favor. "I haven't decided on a specific topic of investigation," Borsen said. "But my hope is that it will have something to do with ebola, maggots, and self-flagellation."

# “DID YOU SEE THE TI-89 FOR HALLOWEEN? IT WAS SWEET!”

JUST A LITTLE SHOUTOUT TO THE BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME THAT WENT TO THE OLD UNION PARTY.

## REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?

KICK	Bugs Bunny Tweety Daffy Duck Porky Pig
LAMB	<pre> R                     </pre>

last weeks answers: IN AND OUT BURGER, LAPTOP, SQUARE DANCE, ROLE REVERSAL

## NUMBERS

# 135

The cumulative score on the night received by the fifteen or so people who dressed up as Tetris Blocks. They completed ten full rows, which in turn, made them disappear before they fell back down from the sky again. They also received bonus points for using their friend who was in the shape of the T, because he was always must harder to fit in to all of their patterns. Unfortunately, there was a point in the night, where they stacked up too high, couldn't complete a row, hit the ceiling, and their game ended and they all fell down.

## 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 Q=L

“KQQ UWT SMTGECTPU EG, EG K DQVMEIETC SZNQEA MTQKUEVPG YKP RWV GSTPCG WEG UEYT IQKUUT-MEPD, HEGGEPD, KPC HEAHEPD STVSQT UV DTU UWTY UV CV RWKU UWTJ KMT GZSSVGTC UV CV KPJRKJ.” - WKMMJ G. UMZYKP

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER: “ACCORDING TO MOST STUDIES, PEOPLE'S NUMBER ONE FEAR IS PUBLIC SPEAKING. NUMBER TWO IS DEATH. DEATH IS NUMBER TWO. DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT? THIS MEANS TO THE AVERAGE PERSON, IF YOU GO TO A FUNERAL, YOU'RE BETTER OFF IN THE CASKET THAN DOING THE EULOGY.” - JERRY SEINFELD

## SUDOKU

Level: Ph.D.

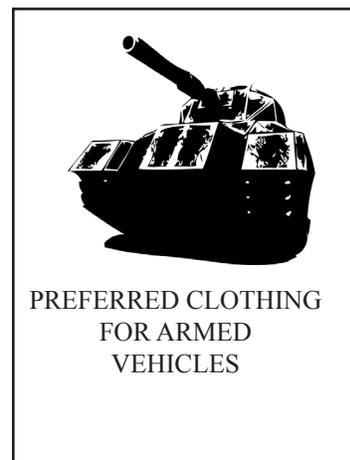
Fill in the grid so each column, row, and 3x3 box has the numbers 1 through 9.

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6			4					3
3				7				8
		2	1					

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four ordinary jumbles, and use the letters in circles to answer the final question.



NARCK

SPITY

NOTHOP

DOVELG

LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: IRONY, SWEPT, PLIGHT, PLANAR where the rook went to sell his things THE PAWN SHOP

Note: All names and stories are fictional, unless public figures are being satirized. Remember, these are all jokes.

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