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YOUR NEWS, VIEWS & INSPIRATIONS

Phinish the Phrase



Samuel L. Jackson with fright attendant.

As we asked last week, many of you completed the sentence below. Out of 120 emails (and a few we thought of) we picked 10 favorites.

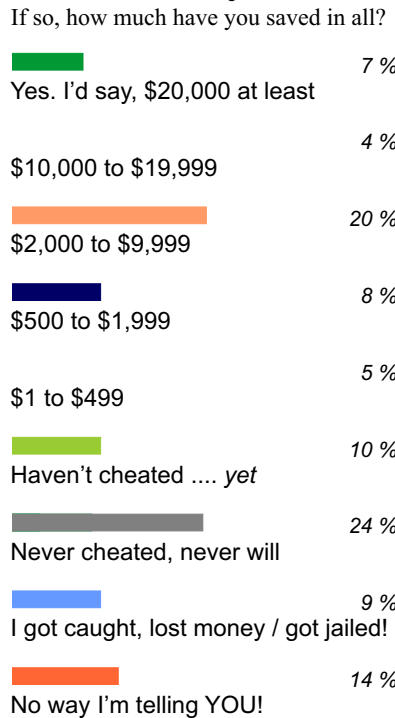
The inevitable sequel to “Snakes on a Plane” ought to be called ...

- *Sheiks on a Plane*
-- Bob, Blue Bell
- *Snakespeare in Love*
-- TMan, Tennessee
- *The 40-Year-Old Virgin Viper*
-- Sylvia R., Downtown
- *Rocky Balboa Constrictor*
-- Ruth W., Burbs
- *Diamondback Mountain*
-- Hamburglar, Hamburger U.
- *Termites on a Rowboat*
-- Peter Mucha, staff writer
- *Two Hours of My Life I Won't Get Back!*
-- Fred
- off!
-- Sidney R., Parkville

New question:
A reality show idea that's so bad they just might do it is ...
Email your answer to
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People Poll

Cheated on your taxes?



Next Question: Number pets at home?

How many live with you now? Count everything, including fish.

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) More than 50. | (5) 5 to 9. |
| (2) 25 to 49. | (6) 3 or 4. |
| (3) 15 to 24. | (7) 1 or 2. |
| (4) 10 to 14. | (8) Have no pets. |

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“Our cat Teddy can stand on her back paws!” says Anne E. Odo of Newport.



More pet pics,
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BULLETIN BOARD

This Week's Winners!

These reader messages won our admiration, so they were posted free!
Complete listings, D2.

TRUE LIFE DRAMA

I Greeted a Grizzly and Survived

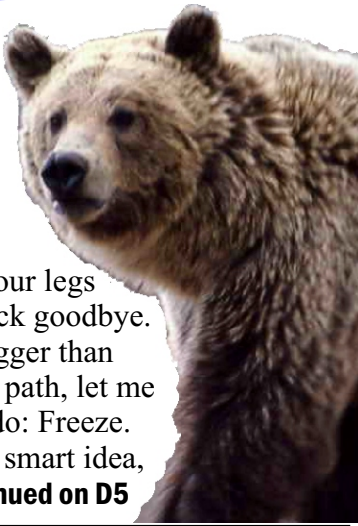
What would you do? Run? Grab a rock and go mano a bearo?

By Larry Lazarus, Collins Grove

When you're in woods prowled by bears, the subject always comes up:
What do you do if you're alone and you encounter a bear?

I'd heard all sorts of ideas. Make yourself as tall as you can by grabbing something and waving your arms. Spit in its eyes and run. Sing, because music soothes the savage beast.
Yeah, right. Might as well stick

your head between your legs and kiss your knapsack goodbye.
When a creature bigger than you stumbles in your path, let me tell what you WILL do: Freeze.
And it's probably a smart idea,
Continued on D5



PIC OF THE DAY!

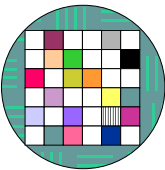


Veronica Williams of Audubon stands next to an igloo she made with her brother Mark Navarra and their dad, Raymond Williams. Mark and Raymond even slept in it Saturday night, at least until 2 a.m. when it got too cold.



Danielle Iello, Berry Hill paralegal: “No Starbucks! This reeks! But I really need that new car! So I can get to Starbucks!”

Not on the Web!



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Suburban Survivors, Day 5: Pushmower Race

11 brave souls are left in our lifestyle challenge:
Living in the burbs with no cushy conveniences!

REALITY SHOW IN TYPE

Yesterday, **Biff from Clementon** got the yo-heave-ho when he failed to bake a cake from scratch. He also whined about having to walk everywhere.

“This is inhuman, what they’re doing to us!” he said. “No TV sports? You gotta brew your own beer or you don’t get any? And scrubbing laundry in a tub, why that’s for losers! I’m so happy to be going home! They can keep their Jeep Cherokee!”

“What a wuss,” said **Phil from Phily** after the vote. “This has been a great growth experience for me! Plus, the chicks actually want your help sometimes, like for getting a boost up into the treehouse I built.”

More story, pictures on D2

READER REVIEWS

‘I Highly Recommend ...’

... people stay away from *The Proposal Pill* if they have any moral decency. The very idea! Drugging someone to fool him into marriage! What’s wrong with the old-fashioned way -- cosmetic surgery?

Jasper C., Wyoming

... the new Krapft Masharoni and Cheese! It’s instant potatoes with Whiz! Yummy in my tummy. Of course, I’m biased since I invented it, but hey my dog Ginger loves it, too!

Jeremy S., Wisconsin

... not paying attention to any more recommendations from Jeremy in Wisconsin. I tried Krapft Marshfellows, those fluffy candy swamp creatures, and they tasted like gym socks! Not that I ever actually tasted gym socks.

Dobie Jordan, Mexiwood

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What You Said!

Words to wise -- or otherwise.
Chosen from letters, emails
and Web comments.

Heard at a spring-training game: “My blood-alcohol level is higher than your batting average!”
Smithers, Springfield

No way it’s smart marketing to have so many products say, “Sorry. You are not a winner.”
Hoodwinker8

A mentally fit person would realize something is wrong when the cat poop and cat corpses start piling up.

Janice, Westtown, comment on story about Delberg woman with 87 cats.

If we really learned from our mistakes we'd all be Rhodes Scholars by now.
J.P., Clifton

Now we have to live with the price of that lifestyle: car crashes, pollution, obesity, isolation. But hey, at least the mall’s open.
Rob, Hartleyville, on fatal teen crash.

I am as worried about avian flu as I am about getting killed by a piece of Skylab.
83andnothingsince

Sweat ain't nothing but fat crying!
LeeSmileyman

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Everybody's a Comedian

Today's joke comes from Tommy Cosmos, 7, of Galaxy Park:

A child meets God.
Child: “God, what is a million years like to you?” **God:** “It’s like a minute”
Child: “What’s a million dollars like to you?”
God: “It’s like a penny.”
Child: “Can I have a million dollars?”
God: “In a minute.”