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Out of Pity, Chicago Cubs Allowed to Use Steroids

MLB Ultimatum: Either They Finally Win, or They're Out

By Kenneth Rosenstein

CHICAGO – Without a World Series title in 101 years, enough is enough. Cubs fans have forever been tantalized as America's losers, but that may soon change. In a last hurrah approach to win it all, the Chicago Cubs have worked out a deal with Major League Baseball that would allow them to use steroids in the upcoming 2009 season. If they are unable to finish on top, even with the use of steroids, they, and their farm system, will be terminated from professional baseball.

The Cubs and MLB agreed to these terms late Sunday evening. "We found it to be a fair trade,"

says Cubs GM Jim Hendry. "We've gone too long without winning a championship. If we can't win the World Series with steroids, we'll never do it, so really being kicked out of baseball doesn't sound that bad, it will just end the misery... kind of like suicide."

The commissioner was reluctant to sign off on the deal at first, but then remembered how steroids used to be good for baseball. "Steroids have done a lot for the game; I mean there were more homeruns, which was kickass," explained Bud Selig in a press conference. "But then people found out about it and now they don't like it. Also, I guess I'd like to see the Cubs win, but not even a deal with the Devil

will make that happen."

This has created uproar amongst many of the players who have been ostracized for using steroids. There are some, however, with a dissenting view. "It's kind of like when you're winning big in bas-

"[...] it will just end the misery...kind of like suicide."

ketball," notes Yankee's shortstop Derek Jeter, "and you stop taking three's and put in your bench players. There's no real reason to shove it in their faces, which is something the Cubs have been on the wrong side of for too many years. This deal should, you know,



level the playing field."

This also adds some incentive for the players: either they win, or they're out of work. The steroids should help, but they're still the Cubs, so put your "It's Gonna Happen" sign down and find a new team to root for in 2010.

Aretha Franklin Demands T-W-I-N-K-I-E



Oscar-Night Camera Malfunction Leaves Six Critically Underpublicized Celebs



Stephen Hawking One-Upped by Some Guy on Wheel of Fortune

By Leonidas

LOS ANGELES – Stephen Hawking was given quite the stir earlier this week as his lead was robbed by some guy named Ted near the end of Wheel of Fortune. As Ted ventured on to accumulate even greater fortune in the Bonus Round, Stephen sat looking shocked and appalled, making guttural noises through his keyboard to express his frustration. "I never heard of this dude before, but he made it real hard for me to win" said Ted. "When he said he was the smartest guy on the planet, I knew he was for reals, so I kept my cool."

The acclaimed author and mathematical genius who graduated from Oxford and Cambridge refused to comment on his loss. The audience credited the poor final round to his lack of pop culture knowledge. "For a man who knows so much about incredibly advanced mathematical concepts, you'd think Martin and Charley Sheen wouldn't cause him so much trouble," noted one audience member.

Co-host Vanna White was ap-

palled as well. "Hearing that Stephen Hawking would finally appear on our show was incredible to say the least. What happened will go down in history." Friends, family, and neighbors of Stephen Hawking noticed that after this traumatic event, Stephen became particularly reclusive. One neighbor commented, "The last time he was like this was when he was nearing his discovery on black hole emission! We all assumed he was onto something big until we noticed the constant supply of DVDs from Netflix filtering through his mail. It seems the focus of his mind may be shifting."

Pope Shrunk, Trapped Inside Catholic Center!

By Pope Benedict XVI

EVANSTON – Help!!! I'm trapped inside the Sheil Catholic Center. Can't you people see me banging on the window? I'm trapped for Pete's sake! I don't know how, but I woke up in a strange place and the next thing you know, I'm tiny. They shrunk me so that I can't escape what has become an impenetrable fortress. Someone needs to do something. When I find out who's done this, they're most certainly going to get excommunicated, I mean big time. Well, it's not so bad I guess, I could be shrunk and trapped inside a Protestant Center instead.



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“If God had wanted man to play soccer, he wouldn’t have given us arms.”

-Mike Ditka

REBUS PUZZLES

Can you guess the common word or phrase portrayed below?



last weeks answers: BRAINSTORM, UNDER THE SEA, FAT TUESDAY, FROSOCCO

NUMBER

26

The number of new categories in this year’s Oscars. They included best attempt at a film, best film involving a segway, best film to watch drunk, and best stunt double. In case you missed it, The Flipside News Network was nominated in three categories, but failed take home an Oscar. Damn Chuck Norris...

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LIE

Forget Brazil, NU Cuisine will be featuring food from Kazakhstan this week. They’ve flown in a gourmet chef to prepare authentic dishes just for you.



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 D=N

“IF EKODRITQWXK JQOKQXR GOVBLDE NLCX ILVXJ O ROF GWXD JWX GOJ JLHQF. JWX’J DLDXQF-JXCXD DTG, ODR GX RTD’Q BDTG GWXKX QWX WXVV JWX LJ.” - XVVXD RXEXDXKXJ

LAST WEEK’S ANSWER: “DILIGENCE IS THE MOTHER OF GOOD FORTUNE, AND IDLENESS, ITS OPPOSITE, NEVER BROUGHT A MAN TO THE GOAL OF ANY OF HIS BEST WISHES.” - MIGUEL DE CERVANTES

SUDOKU

Level: One Puzzle
Fits All

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

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

JUMBLE

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



A COMPLEX PROBLEM
FOR MATH STUDENTS
AND BUSINESSMEN
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LAST WEEKS ANSWERS: JOINS, TWIRL, FAKING, WEAPON how the plumber felt after a good day on the job IN SINK