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## Despite Troubles, Tiger Receives New Endorsement

### "Jerry Springer is a great guy to work with"

By Emerald Jones

CHICAGO – Image-conscious afternoon television host Jerry Springer formally announced Saturday that he has signed golf superstar Tiger Woods to a four-year, \$25 million endorsement deal, ensuring that The Jerry Springer Show will have the backing of Woods' now-considerable white-trash marketing power for the foreseeable future.

"Let's face it, Tiger is now the most marketable and well-liked athlete for my audience," Springer said. "He's someone who exhibits many of the lowlife

qualities our show presents on a daily basis. It's an honor to have Tiger on board to help promote the show."

This is the first new endorsement deal for Woods since reports of infidelity poured out after his neighborhood car accident. Many of his previous sponsors have since relieved Woods of his spokesman duties.

"Tiger is not only the best at what he does, but he's also able to fake a supposed professional demeanor -- he's a true swinger, and that's what we're looking for," Springer added. "He has all the qualities I want people to think of

when they think Jerry Springer Show."

"Jerry Springer is a great guy to work with," Woods told The Flipside reporters. "I'm ready to start a new chapter in my life, and this is the perfect way to do it. It's apparent that everyone who goes on The Jerry Springer Show finds the right path. Jerry's 'final thoughts' should put me back on top of the golfing world in no time."



Springer is busy arranging a special primetime edition of the show that would feature Woods, his wife, and all of the alleged mistresses in Tiger's life. If that's not good TV, what is? Jerry! Jerry!

### Damn it, My Roommate Made it Back Alive



### Gross Misunderstanding Ensues When Woman Asks Santa for iTouch and Wii in Same Sentence



### Area Man Grows Weed in Farmville, Sells it to Mafia Wars

By Katie Prentiss and Claire Waluch

FARMVILLE, INTERNET – Local farmer Buck Jansen was involved in a drug bust Thursday after selling marijuana to local mobster Joe Zamboni, authorities said. Jansen, a highly respected farmer in the area, is best known for his completion of Level Two Daffodil Mastery after just one day of farming.

Locals are shocked at this sudden turn of morality.

"Last time I checked his page, Jansen had rescued a lonely pink cow from his farm," said Farmville resident Johnson Smith.

"He was always willing to help others fertilize their crops," said Smith's wife, Marion. "He always shared his mystery white eggs with us."

After creating quite an impressive farm, filled with several crops and livestock, Jansen grew tired and wanted to move onto bigger and better agricultural pursuits. After illegally watching the show-time program Weeds online, Jansen said he realized the only way to make the most money in Farmville and to finally beat all of the friends he met in chat rooms was

to grow and sell drugs.

"It made perfect sense to me. Luckily, moments after I thought of the idea, Mafia Wars came on the news [feed] and I knew just what to do," Jansen said, without remorse.

Zamboni, an avid player of Mafia Wars, was pleased to do business with Jansen. Although he would not comment, Jansen assured us that Zamboni loved the idea of the two great apps working together.

"He kept sending me notifications to join his Mafia, so he must have known I could grow some pretty legit dope," Jansen said.

Jansen remains happy despite this blemish on his previously-untarnished reputation.

"All great stars need a scandal to really put them on the map," he said. "I believe my drug operation shows my capacity as a farmer, and will only bring more blue ribbons to my farm."

And what does the future hold for Jansen?

"When I get out of jail, I'm considering moving to Fishville," he said. "Of course, I'll still keep my farm, but I think fish are where the money is."

### Joan Rivers Impersonator Looks Too Human



### Al-Qaeda Recruits New Members at Activities Fair



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# Terrorist Attack Cripples Detroit; Americans Indifferent

By Silvia Samson

DETROIT – Terrorists destroyed the city of Detroit on Christmas Day. Not surprisingly, there has been very little outcry from the rest of the United States.

In fact, Americans are rather indifferent to the event. Some even show signs of joy, describing the attack as a "Christmas miracle."

President Obama said Friday that this attack is possibly the best thing to happen to America during his presidency.

"Detroit was holding America back from greatness," the President said in a press conference. "The terrorists actually did us a favor. I must remember to send Al-Qaeda a Christmas card if I ever get their address."

Chicago entrepreneurs are already thinking of ways to capitalize on this joyful event.

"I'm thinking of making a 'Ruins of Pompeii' theme park in the rubble of Detroit," said acclaimed rollercoaster tycoon Jason Stein. "The city looks just like Pompeii after Mount Vesuvius exploded, and the whole Ancient Roman thing is going to be the next big thing after the current vampire craze blows over."

Locals who survived the attack are thankful to escape -- from both the firestorm and the city it ravaged.

"Honestly, I've been looking for an excuse to get out of Detroit ever since my husband's job was relocated to that awful place," said Debra Shelley. "I can't wait to move to a better city -- Baltimore, say, or East L.A."

"All I want is to shake the hand of the terrorist who did this," said former Detroit resident Allen Shant. "It's a shame it was a suicide mission. I wouldn't mind having a beer with the guy."

# Theatre Major Actually Thinks I Saw His Show

By Corey Moss

EVANSTON – Northwestern University prides itself on its nationally acclaimed theatre program. Widely recognized by students across the country, Northwestern theatre prepares young artists to cope with rejection, the typical outcome of real-life performance auditions. One hopeful freshman, Jeff Sachs, is actually convinced that I was aware of and had time to attend *The Taming of the Shrew*, a student-organized show he worked on.

Sachs, a dazed theatre major, clearly faltered in logic with that thought, failing to recognize that my attendance at his show would have been statistically impossible. This is a common mistake, it would appear.

First, consider the amount of time a college student works. Multiply that value by eight to determine the time a Northwestern student spends working. By this logic, the average NU student works 169 hours per week, or one hour more hour than the total amount of hours in one week. Next, multiply the number of performances in one quarter by two hours, the average length of a production. Given the amount of performances nightly, this time value over-

flows most standard calculators.

Some have sacrificed their grades in an attempt to attend all the performances. In addition, it has caused cast members from different shows to engage in intense competition. They lure audience members by whatever means necessary, even resorting to violent threats. One anonymous audience member voiced his concern: "I literally saw ten shows in one night because I have a lot of friends who are theatre majors. I thought I was being a good guy, supporting the performers and everything, but apparently I wasn't. When I woke up the next morning, someone had spray painted 'the cast of *Eclipsed* knows you weren't there' and 'the theatre community will make you pay, jackass' on my door. I really am scared for my life now."

Jeff Sachs, you silly young artist, are you serious? If there were a million hours in a week, chances are good that I still would have been unable to attend *The Taming of the Shrew*. Sachs is simply "dream[ing] the impossible dream" like Don Quixote did in *Man of La Mancha* -- for the few of you that had the chance to see the NU show.

# Area A Cappella Group Leaves on Paralyzed Member to Gain Similarity to "Glee"

By Jessica Quick

EVANSTON - James Norton woke up in the hospital Sunday morning after new group N(e)Urythmic's Saturday night performance with two full leg casts and a throbbing headache. Nick Simons, a fellow group member, charged him with a baseball bat while he was changing out of his sequined leotard. The motive was apparently related to the wild success of *Glee*, the new Fox television program.

Simons said this morning that he just couldn't stand the pressure of the Northwestern a cappella world. "Nothing was working. We tried these new costumes, more hip thrusters, more witty banter... hell, we even started incorporating underground pieces like Jason Mraz's acoustic album and John Mayer's material from back when he played jazzy guitar. I noticed, though, that everyone was talking about the show *Glee*. That's when the idea hit me: maybe everyone loves a kid in a wheelchair."

Heather Matthews, although disapproving of John's method of brutality, does agree that the pressure was getting crazy. "The competition is grueling. I mean, Thunk goes to the third world every summer, Freshman 15 has that Nick Carter kid who was infamous before he even arrived here,



and I hear Extreme Measures is adding another beat boxer that can even make two distinct sounds. Sometimes you just want to get an edge."

Simons said he got the idea after Brown Sugar forced a member to get a voice-change operation and regressive hormone therapy to resemble the homosexual student on *Glee* and a member of Thunk reversed her nose job to resemble the lead actress of the TV program.

"The kids on *Glee* say their success is in their eccentricities. It's clear, then, that what we need to do is try to be exactly like them. At NU, if we have to get major surgery to accomplish some eccentricity, we're gonna do it," Simons said.

Norton will be bound to a wheelchair for the rest of his life but his hopes for this year's a cappella season are high.

# Santa Shot Down

By Brad Weinberger

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a series of events that remains unclear, the United States military came forward Tuesday and announced that Santa and his sleigh had been shot down on December 24th.

According to military sources, Santa entered a declared no-fly zone over Israeli airspace at 11:39 PM local time, at which time the Israeli Air Force dispatched two F-16s to intercept Santa. After multiple failed attempts at radio contact, the two aircraft were given the authorization to shoot down the sleigh.

Speaking in a press conference for the first time since the incident, Santa stated, "I am not sure who made the final decision to shoot me down, but I have had a standing appointment on Christmas Eve for the past two thousand years. I don't care that they're Jewish, you can be sure that somebody is

going to end up on my permanent naughty list."

After the incident, Santa was allowed to continue the night's operations using a plane on loan from the Air Force; however, due to the time lost in the incident, Santa was forced to accelerate his schedule and made the decision to skip Iraq, saying "they probably won't even notice." Spokesmen from the North Pole say it will be some time until the repairs will be completed on Santa's sleigh, but assured Flipside reporters that the work will be completed in time for next Christmas.



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