

# The Northwestern Flipside

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## CUBS WIN WORLD SERIES!

### Coach Dave Takes Team Out For Pizza

By Xavier Jones

SKOKIE – They said it was impossible. Well, believe it! Yesterday, parents of the Skokie eight-and-under Little Leaguers witnessed a feat once thought to be unreachable. In a stunning four inning 25 to 23 nail-biter, the Cubs upset the heavily favored Athletics to capture their first World Series title in 101 years.

There's usually no crying in baseball, but there are exceptions, especially when the conversation involves the Cubs. "When I found out I was on the Cubs this season," explained seven year old Sam Sklare, "I started crying. The Cubs just never win. I wanted to be on a winning team."

Many have speculated about the reason this popular franchise had gone so long without winning it all. "Whenever someone's parents brought Kool Aid for the team snack," second baseman Steven McMahon told *Flipside* reporters, "we would always lose. I think that had something to do with it." Other theories include old man Barnaby's black dog running across the field in 1969, denying a pet kangaroo entrance to the diamond in 1945, and Brett Eli's stupid little sister reaching for a foul ball down the left field line in 2003. These theories are happily being put to rest.

It was a thrilling game on a cool Saturday morning. The Cubs' starting pitcher went 2/3 of an inning,

giving up thirteen runs on two hits, eleven walks, and thirteen errors. "[Zach Singer] gave us a great start. He almost threw two consecutive strikes," noted Coach Dave. The Cubs rallied against the Athletics bullpen late in the bottom of the fourth until the game was stopped due to time constraints. A slow ground ball off the glove of the Athletics' third baseman, subsequent throwing error by the Athletics' left fielder, and a catching error by the Athletics' catcher proved to be the difference.

"Coach Dave took us out for pizza afterwards," added the Cubs' right fielder. "I wanted to go to Disney



world, but pizza is good too, I guess." One of the two game baseballs will go directly to Cooperstown.

One of the team fathers told *The Flipside* at the game's conclusion that "the coaching staff tipped off the umpire before the game. It's amazing what a thirteen-year-old will do for twenty bucks." Nonetheless, this is indeed a day for celebration.

### NU Cuisine Hosts Canadian-American Heritage Dinner



### Ugly Freshman Takes Free Condom for No Reason



### Beanie Baby Collection Solidifies Area Grandma as Investing Powerhouse

By Brad Horras

WILMETTE, IL - Area grandma Gertrude Smith catapulted herself to untold riches last week after closing on her 12-year financial plan, which involved investing in Ty Beanie Babies. The sale of her 270 beloved sacks of beads, worth almost nothing, inexplicably raised her net worth to an estimated \$1.8 Billion.

The plush animals, a fad from 1997, were snatched up by rabid consumers and hoarded as rare collector's items, despite having been as readily available as water. Many cited the future potential value of the mass produced toys as the justification for the frenzy.

In a recent exclusive interview, the new mogul offered a glimpse into the astute business management that landed her the deal. "Don't touch the tag. If you touch the tag, you're going to ruin it. Snort [the bull] is going to be worth twice as much some day. That's what I always told my grandkids." Smith's discipline paid off.

She recently began hosting a new show on MSNBC to reach out and guide her new followers. "The window on the Beanie market is closing, but I see the Pokemon segment growing more bullish every day. Snorlax is strong, Squirtle is stale, but Charmander is white hot. Sell sell sell! We're all in Pokemon Stadium, you're Ash, and the opportunities are flying around - you gotta catch 'em all." Financial experts are praising the 83-year-old widow's razor-sharp predictions, and expect her sound advice to lead the U.S. economy back to stable ground.

"When you've spent years creating a clusterfuck economy through reckless lending," waxed Well Fargo trader Steven Terin, "sometimes all you need is grandma's good ol' common-sense advice to fix it."

### What Is *The Flipside*?

*The Northwestern Flipside* is a satirical publication similar to *The Onion*. Recognized as an official student publication by ASG in the spring of 2009, *The Flipside* mass produces one print issue a quarter. New content is, however, added weekly on our website, [www.northwestern-flipside.com](http://www.northwestern-flipside.com). There, you'll find articles, headlines, magazines, radio, and video mainly pertaining to news and events happening on campus. Enjoy!



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# Two Dead, Others Injured in Bed Riser Collapse

by Laura Jok

EVANSTON - This week, Weinberg freshman Stu Pitt and his roommate Tim Burr perished after falling two feet and three inches when Pitt's bed risers caved in. The four-inch-tall risers were a violation of Northwestern University's housing code, which prohibits any kind of lofted furniture.

"This is for safety reasons," said NU housing representative Justin Thyme. "When I reflect upon this great tragedy, it's clear to me that the boys would still be alive today if they'd just followed the rules. It's probable that those four inches were the difference between life and death."

At the time, the roommates were reportedly standing on Pitt's bed in order to hang a flag, a fishnet, and some holiday lights on the adjacent wall. While he reached for another nail to drive into the pristine paint, Burr's foot became entangled in the net. He stumbled, grabbing his microwave in an attempt to regain his balance. When the microwave fell, the kettle atop the microwave was overturned, pouring boiling water onto the plastic bed risers. Investigators believe that this single occurrence weakened the foundations and caused the infrastructural collapse of the dorm bed. Pitt and Burr are believed to have died

from sub-cranial hemorrhages incurred in the massive two-foot fall. The wreckage of the bed then fell on the microwave. The broken kitchen appliance ignited, causing an explosion that threw the boys' bodies into the hallway of the dormitory.

"There is a reason we have these rules and restrictions," said Thyme. "Otherwise, this terrible series of events could repeat itself. Remember, folks, if you don't follow the rules, this is what happens to you."

As they lay undiscovered for several hours, the bodies of Pitt and Burr propped the door of the dormitory, allowing anyone to enter. In the subsequent chaos, many were assaulted or trampled. A third floor resident reported a sighting of Osama Bin Laden in the women's bathroom. Northwestern Police is still looking for Bin Laden.

However, shortly after the incident, the NU Police released a statement claiming that there was no proof that it ever happened: "As all evidence of the accident itself were destroyed in the fire, it is not verifiable and thus cannot be considered a bona fide incident." The Northwestern University Police Department advises all students to nonetheless be cognizant of safe decorating choices.

# Northwestern Issues Apology for Fake Platform 9 ¾ Report

By Sam Block

CHICAGO - After sending a campus-wide email that a student has gone missing since accidentally boarding the Platform 9 ¾ train at Union Station, Northwestern University has discovered that this report was a hoax after the student was found sipping piña coladas and re-reading the fifth Harry Potter novel at the Union Station bar.

"It was not a bonafide instance of magical kidnapping," said a policeman, using his strongest diction possible.

Widespread concern was felt because of many details in the email. The Northwestern community was captivated after hearing that the

student reported she entered the Tri-Wizard tournament, hooked up with Neville Longbottom, and got an A in Organic Potions.

Still, it is a slippery slope to dismiss all reports of magical platforms as false. "It's an issue that needs to be explored fully," says Morton "Albus" Shapiro, the University President and reported Harry Potter aficionado.

The little inconsistencies brought the story's falsehood to light. "I should have known the story was crap when the student said she died and then came back to life. That's an awful way to end a story... I know, I'm an RTVF major," said McCormick Weinberg, a junior in the School of Communication.

## Pat Fitzgerald Denies Demos's Facebook Request



## Lobbyist Ventures To Second and Third Floors



## Large Facebook Group Causes South Dakota to Lose Statehood

By Ben Miner

WASHINGTON - What started as a feud between 12-year olds became something much more when Joe Hansen became the millionth person to join the Facebook group "One Million Against South Dakota". When Hansen joined the group at 3:58 A.M. on October 30th, President Obama, who had been following the group closely since its start, promptly signed the executive order to revoke South Dakota's statehood.

"As president, it is my duty to serve the American people. If the people say they don't like South Dakota, the natural course of action is to renounce its 119-year history as a state," said Obama in a statement later that day. The group, whose description was "i hate south dakota everyone there sucks especially chris", was created by Timmy

Griffith, a 7th-grader at Chamblee Middle School in Atlanta, Georgia.

"My cousin's a total jerk. He said his state was better than my state and I was like nuh-uh and then he was like uh-huh so I made this Facebook group and it got a lot of people so I win," said Timmy. He spoke to reporters in an interview conducted via Facebook Chat as part of a consciousness-raising campaign for his next project: the growing group "One Million Strong Against All Non-Facebook Forms of Communication." If only 40 more people join, Griffith's hopes will be realized, and Skyping, texting, phoning, and speaking face-to-face will all become illegal.

When asked what motivated this monumental act, Griffith said, "My cousin got the new iPhone. Douchebag."

## Area Student Sexiled to Siberia

By Michael Guhin

Evanston - Many residents complain about Chicago's winter, but last week a local student experienced an inconvenience even worse than a 2 a.m. walk to BK in lake-effect snow conditions. When Northwestern student Greg Conrad left class last Friday he discovered he had been "sexiled" out of the country.

Through some sort of miscommunication, Conrad was shipped off to Siberia, a frozen, desolate wasteland, where he survived only on his knowledge of "Man vs. Wild."

Conrad complained, "my roommate texted me being all like 'bro my gf's in town, be a bro and find somewhere to chill for the weekend.' ...I'm not your goddamn bro!"

Upon his return to Northwestern's Evanston campus (after a brief layover at the school's Qatar location), Conrad stated, "Do you know how hard it is to make a shelter in snow? Bear Gryll's British ass makes it look like a cakewalk."

"The worst part is," said Conrad, "that while I'm out here dying in this cold, arid wasteland, I know my roommate's enjoying a hot and sweaty room. Normally I'd just crank one out and go to bed, but it's so cold I can't even find my goddamn dick! Fuck that guy! I swear to God, if that 'chill' comment was a pun, I'm gonna flip a shit."

Conrad says he's now waiting for his girlfriend to visit so he can "send that bitch of a roommate off to the Island of Elba."

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