

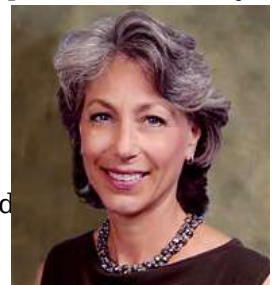
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# News Stories

## Suspicion Surrounds the Termination of High School Staff Members

In the last two weeks, four high school staff members have announced that they will not be returning next year. These sudden lay-offs, "resignations", and "retirements" come as a surprise not only to the students, but also to the teachers. Journalism teacher Jennifer Moulton, who is the Highlights advisor, helps with the yearbook, and runs the Norman News Service is among those who have been recommended by Principal Dr. Dan Stepenosky to be "non re-elected". Dr. Stepenosky refused to give Beverly Underground, nor any other news source, a comment on his reason to lay Ms. Moulton off. Ms. Moulton was astonished to hear that her contract had not been renewed for the following year. In the previous two years that Ms. Moulton has been on the staff, assistant principal Ms. GayLa Rabin has filed four teacher evaluations, all of which gave Ms. Moulton perfect scores and only contained positive comments. Her dismissal is not a budget issue, for the district is planning on hiring a replacement. According to Moulton, Dr. Stepenosky has never given her any real reasons to believe that she wasn't doing a good job as a teacher, much less that her job was in jeopardy. Moulton feels that the administration was "two-faced" in their dealings with her. When asked if there would be any reason to believe Dr. Stepenosky might have a personal vendetta against her, she said that at least to her face, Dr. Stepenosky has given her nothing but positive comments. What then, spurred the administration to recommend Ms. Moulton to be laid off? Ms. Moulton could only conjecture that perhaps the way she asserts herself and her policy of letting the students run Highlights and control its content might disagree with Stepenosky's feelings of how a newspaper should be run. Dr. Stepenosky claims however, that he supports Moulton's policy with Highlights. Unlike his predecessor Ben Bushman (who was in Ms. Moulton's office nearly every week trying to censor the paper and remove all references to the Oil Well), Dr. Stepenosky has only expressed concerns about a Highlights article once: their story entitled "district loses three staff members". Is it simply the threat of legal action, or is there something Dr. Stepenosky is trying to hide? Moulton and her fellow staff members are all bewildered as to why she would be non re-elected. According to junior Danko Krajisnik, Ms. Moulton's teaching ability, 13 hour work days, severe dedication to the job, and encouraging learning environment quite simply shouldn't add up to her being fired. "If Mr. Bushman would have still been principal, I would have packed my bags and prepared to be fired, but I had no idea that Dan would recommend me for non re-election," said Moulton. Indeed if Dr. Stepenosky's reasons for terminating Moulton were the same as Mr. Bushman's, Stepenosky, Ms. Moulton affirms, would not tell his reasons. When asked if he agreed with Mr. Bushman's apprehensions on the matter of Highlights being run by the students, Stepenosky, an assistant principal and close colleague of Mr. Bushman last year, claims he had no knowledge of Bushman's reservations to Moulton's program and his frequent talks with her about the content in the paper.

At the Tuesday, February 24th board of education meeting, junior Tiffany Apel and senior Krystal Walker spoke on behalf of Ms. Rabin. They exemplified her dedication to the school throughout these last nine years in the district and her dedication to ASB. Before the board meeting they had heard that Ms. Rabin was recommended by administration to be laid off. They spoke with Ms. Rabin before the board meeting about what was happening to her. By the time the board meeting had started, the "official story" as student board of education member Andrew Steinberg put it, was that Ms. Rabin was to retire. As Apel and Walker spoke on behalf of Ms. Rabin under the assumption that the board was laying her off, notes were passed among the board members because the official story was that she was going to retire. Krystal Walker told Beverly Underground that she was approached for giving her speech and the board had deemed it disrespectful. Walker, however, finds the actions of the board as the truly disrespectful actions to this "caring" and "dedicated" assistant principal. One staff member who wishes to remain anonymous claims that Ms. Rabin had in fact been forced into retirement earlier than she had planned under the threat of being laid off. Stepenosky outright denies this accusation and Ms. Rabin responded saying she could "neither confirm nor deny" that the incident occurred. Beverly Hills Educational Foundation president and current history teacher Stewart Horowitz said assistant principals "serve at the whim of the administration" and that reasons for teacher lay-offs can often be "petty". Unlike



teachers after reaching tenure, every year is a gamble for an assistant principal's job. Like Moulton, Ms. Rabin is a cherished staff member of BHHS and students and teachers alike are wondering if there are factors involved in Stepenosky's recent recommendations to release staff members other than actual performance. The reasons for the layoffs simply have not been given, and the board of education almost always approves principal recommendations for non re-elections of staff members.

The list of staff members that are suddenly "resigning" continues. So far, counselor Elliot Bowles and physics teacher Kevin Kung have also resigned. This comes during a time when non re-election recommendations are being given, when in fact, teachers have until June 30 to announce their resignation. The March 15 deadline to non re-elect staff members is fast approaching, and the timing of the recent resignations are undeniably more than just coincidence. When confronted with the question of the peculiar timing of such "resignations", a smiling Dr. Stepenosky said he could not comment on the matter. In a similar fashion, Mr. Kung declared he was resigning for "personal reasons" but would not elaborate further. It is unknown how many more staff members will be fired, but according to Dr. Stepenosky, the school will inevitably lose more teachers this year for one reason or another.

Like so much that goes on behind closed doors at Beverly Hills High School, this is a topic that very few people are willing to talk about, and the secrecy just seems to make suspicions increase. As Andrew Steinberg so candidly put it, "it's something that's not supposed to be talked about."

-Zack Anderson

## Coach Elford Attempts to Assault Student - Police Respond

It's Wednesday, February 18. There's a crisp morning breeze and the sun is hidden behind a few clouds. As PE students run the track, an explosive mixture is brewing between a coach and a student. An explosive mixture that would result in police intervention, disciplinary action for the student, and a mysterious leap of absence on the coach's behalf.

An incident first occurred on Tuesday, February 17 when Sophomore Mani Merab punched a girl during 3rd period PE class. The following day, Mani's coach Jeff Elford confronted Mani about the incident that happened the previous day. Within seconds, the discussion between the two became heated. Mani started poking fun at the coach. At that point the argument turned violent. In a fit of rage, coach Elford threw his clipboard to the ground and it cracked in two. As the student became more physical with his curses, motioning to Elford as he lashed out calling the coach names, coach Elford became increasingly raveled up in the heat of the moment. After Elford gave various warnings saying "I could take a swing at you!" with his fist raised high in the air, Elford hit his boiling point and made a threatening lunge at Mani. Coach Elford had his fists up and threatened to punch the student. As Coach Elford made a lunge at the self-assured student, coach Edelman and Vonzie Paysinger broke up the fight in time before Elford actually took a swing at the student.

A crowd grew around the incident and various students could not believe what they were seeing. Tensions soon subsided however, and a squad car from the Beverly Hills police department responded to make sure tempers were in fact cooled. After a discussion with the parties involved in the dispute, the officer left.

Following the incident coach Elford took a leap of absence for over one week. Both assistant principal David Hoffman and Coach Howard Edelman refused to comment on Elford's actions that day and the reasons behind his prolonged absence. Mr. Hoffman could neither confirm nor deny whether Elford's absence was due to his being temporarily suspended by the administration. When asked about his absence, coach Elford contemplated for a minute and then said with a clear tone of voice that he had left due to a case of bronchitis.

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This story was submitted by a freelance writer, Beverly Underground tried its best to verify all information contained herein

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# The Wide World of The Walrus

## The Absurdity of Pop Culture

Doesn't it seem like day in and day out that there is something new to adapt to in terms of culture. What needs to be adapted to? Jay-Z's new line of sneakers? J-Lo's new perfume? Paris's pair of Uggs? Young people today are in a sense slaves to their cultural icons. They cannot survive in the "popular" world if they are not properly informed. Think about what a world it would be if people didn't refer to themselves as pimps - or if girls wore clothes that covered more than what a bathing suit would. What absurdity such conformity is. This goes back to one of my earlier stories, when I talked about how people cannot think for themselves. This is the essence of the problem. Individuality is both the maker and ender of Pop Culture. When someone comes out with a new style, they both revive Pop Culture, and destroy what it once was. These can be called "fads". Today people laugh at yesterday's fads, when in fact they actively participated in them when they were "in". Pop Culture is the swiftest example of evolution. To survive in the cultural world, one must adapt to the changing cultural climate. Now if people chose to think for themselves, and not follow the norm, they would in essence create their own little corner of Pop Culture. This problem is seen throughout the world, not just in our little high school. When people judge other people based upon the popular notions of either a majority or minority, this is the same problem. You should think for yourself, and don't worry about knowing the next, hottest rap single or pair of boots, because in the greater part of things, what does it really matter?

## The Rabbit Hole

### The Bush Family - Crimes and Misdemeanors

Please Note:

The author of this article is not a Bush hater nor a Democrat nor a communist nor a right wing whacko - just a Patriot. He actually supported Bush in 2000, and at the time was not aware that the Bushes seemed to be above the law.



Courtesy of politicalstrikes.com

### The Bush Family:

George W.'s grandfather was Prescott Bush who was managing partner of the Herriman Banking dynasty (Brown Brothers Harriman) which had been created and sponsored by the House of Rothschild early on in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Herriman was principally responsible for financing Adolf Hitler's rise to power and the financial success of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reich. His dealings also involved the financing of Henry Ford and his building of an automobile plant in Germany in the 1930s. During WWII, one in four German military vehicles were Fords. On Oct. 20, 1942, the U.S. government ordered the seizure of Nazi German banking operations in New York City which were being conducted by Prescott Bush. Prescott Bush - what a patriot he was!

Next we look at George Herbert Walker Bush. He is a Texas good old boy. In the 1960s he was involved with the CIA and he later became CIA director. He is rumored to have been involved in masterminding the Kennedy assassination in favor of another Texas good old boy and friend, then vice president Lyndon B. Johnson. We cannot go into all the crimes and atrocities the CIA has been involved in under his command because the list is far too long.

For a timeline on CIA atrocities go to:

<http://scribbleguy.50megs.com/atrocities.htm>

The CIA has always been Americas shadow government operating under the veil of national security. Often, their actions are heinous crimes.

George senior also was a member of the illuminist "Council on Foreign Relations" as well as the "Skull and Bones" illuminist secret society at Yale University.

In the first year when George Sr. was Vice President there was a (failed) assassination attempt on the then President Ronald Reagan who was shot by Scott Hinckley. John Hinckley appeared to be a "lone nut" assassin, talking about "voices" that he heard that ordered him to kill Reagan. If one is familiar with the CIA developed MK-Ultra mind control programming, one can easily identify a "lone nut" assassin (like for example Sirhan Sirhan murdering RFK, or Chapman killing John Lennon) as a CIA mind control subject killing without a trace of his masterminds.

What really makes the Reagan assassination attempt highly suspicious is the fact that Bush was friends with Hinckley's father AND Hinckley's brother Scott had a scheduled dinner appointment with George Sr.'s son Neil Bush the day after the assassination attempt.

The Hinckley's were also involved in Bush campaign contributions. Just a coincidence? As CIA director, Bush senior had "opportunity" (knowledge of and access to any CIA operation in existence which included any and all mind control programming) as well as the "motive" to become President. Who would have benefited the most from an assassination? George Bush Sr., since he would have become President. This makes him a prime suspect. We may never know the truth, but there is definitely much suspicion surrounding the whole event.

There is no record of neither Neil Bush, George W. Bush, or Vice President George H.W. Bush ever having been questioned by the FBI in regards to their relationship with the Hinckley's. They never appeared before a grand jury or a Congressional investigating committee. No polygraph test was ever administered on any of the Bush's. No special prosecutor was ever appointed, which is another way of saying that in 1981, the United States government had degenerated into total lawlessness, with special exemptions for the now ruling Bush family.

Today George Sr. is a consultant to the Carlyle group, a Washington investment banking house, which is mostly invested in companies holding government contracts and which is extremely successful. One of the Carlyle group's top clients is the Bin Laden family. For more information on the Carlyle Group watch the following video from Dutch Television (only the first 2 minutes are in Dutch, the rest is in English)

#### Carlyle Group Video

George W., like father like son, is also a member of the Skull and Bones secret society. He said himself that it is so secret that he cannot talk about it.

As a child he tortured animals; Myriam Miedzian wrote an article called "Growing up is hard to do," originally published in the Baltimore Sun, September 12, 2000:

So when he was a kid, George W. enjoyed putting firecrackers into frogs, throwing them in the air, and then watching them blow up. Should this be cause for alarm? How relevant is a man's childhood behavior to what he is like as an adult? And in this case, to what he would be like as president of the United States?

Cruelty to animals is a common precursor to later criminal violence. But in rural West Texas, where George W. grew up, it was not uncommon for some boys to indulge in such cruelty....

His blowing up frogs or shooting them with BB guns with friends does not have the same significance it would have if, for example, a city boy blew up the family cat. In fact, George's childhood friend, Terry Throckmorton, openly and laughingly admits, 'We were terrible to animals.'

But there were surely many boys in George's hometown of Midland, Texas, who would have been repelled at the thought of blowing up frogs. So how much importance should we attribute to this early behavior?

Is boy George's lack of empathy and cruelty not just childhood insensitivity, but rather a personality trait still present in the man? If so, we have much to be concerned about.

The behavior described above is that of a sadist and is inexcusably criminal. Bush has admitted to (heavy) use of cocaine as well as alcohol. His military record is highly questionable too. While average Americans were drafted to Vietnam, George W. jumped ahead of over 10,000 applicants trying to join the Texas National Guard. He was hired and was trained using taxpayers dollars to fly fighter jets even though he scored only marginally for the task. Many of the his Texas National Guard records are missing today, raising suspicion that he did not even complete the training or attend as required. He then started an Oil Company - and guess who was the original investor in this company: the Bin Ladens put up the money!! Who else? Friendships go a long way. Sometimes they even involve producing a "reliable" bad guy/scape goat for political purposes such as Osama or John Hinckley. The only question that remains is: did the Bin Ladens invest because they considered George W. a genius, or did they invest because of their close ties with his father?



Do not miss the BBC video on the Bush Family Fortunes, by Greg Palast. This video has never been shown to American viewers by the mind-controlling US media. Watch it and you'll see why.

### Bush Family Fortunes Video

Another Bush coup was the 'winning' of the Florida election in 2000. Some also call it the

stealing of the election. The fact of the matter is that George W's brother Jeb Bush was Governor of Florida at the time, and laid the groundwork for the (marginal) victory long before the election. Unknown to the American public, the State of Florida hired a company to identify convicted felons (which were most likely to vote Democrat) that were ineligible to vote. Price tag: \$4,000,000 The list of felons the Company produced was over 80% incorrect, but secured the desired result for George W. Bush.

Watch the BBC video withheld from American audiences here

[Florida Election](#)

"In politics nothing happens 'by chance'. If something happens, then you can bet that it was planned that way."

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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## Orange Mist

### Expectations

Expect nothing and hope for everything. This single sentence, if you implement it in your life, will save you much grief. Expectations can only lead to disappointment. Hope is nothing more than a wish, but it will make someone work hard for his or her goals. Take for example a test, if you go into a test expecting that you will receive an A, but end up getting a D, then you will probably be very frustrated and angry. If however, you expect to fail the test, and when I say expect I mean you truly make yourself believe that you will get an F, but you do in fact still hope for the A, then the D will be somewhat of a relief because you were expecting an F. Hope is critical. Hope gives you a sense of direction and can make you determined to see a goal through. It is expectations, however, that has the power to disappoint when goals are not reached. When one expects nothing, and something comes, then that is a positive thing, no matter how small that something is. Although it is hard to truly expect nothing, one can in fact effectively persuade oneself into expecting the worse.

### The Completeness of Nothing

The notion of nothing is an interesting one. Can anyone truly comprehend what nothing is? Even black space is something. With this said, lets examine the importance of nothing. Take for example the universe: scientists know that within this universe there is a finite amount of matter - the rest of the universe is void of matter. Outside the universe is an even more incomprehensible form of nothing - a void of everything that can possibly exist. Now take into account that by definition, the universe would have to be surrounded by an infinite amount of "nothing". Remember, nothing is not something, but as I will soon show, it is so much more important than everything. So now that we have established that there is a finite amount of matter, the rest must be nothing, and there is nothing (if there isn't infinite matter) forever. So we have this entity, a system that is made up of the universe and the infinite nothingness around it. When we take into proportion some finite number, no matter how large it is, and compare it to infinity, the infinity will be infinitely larger. So in the scale of things, everything is nothing. The (proportionally) small amount of something is nothing compared to the large amount of everything. As metaphysical as that might sound, this is truly remarkable. It implies that if one understands nothing, one can understand everything since the "everything" really is no more than nothing.

-Orange Mist

# Editorials

## Have You Ever Met A Nice Librarian?

In the years a student spends at Beverly Hills High School, he or she is bound to meet somebody that they do not like. It's simply natural that somebody would meet another person with whom they disagree with on most things and who they don't generally like, be it a teacher, another student, or a faculty member. If you haven't, then you haven't been to the school library. The librarians in the BHHS library are simply some of the most malicious, bitchy, and meanest people on earth. Now I don't wish to pinpoint - so I will make a perfectly viable generalization: there is something about the librarian profession that changes someone into a scornful hag. Either that or it is such scornful hags that become librarians. "WHAT?!?!" you may ask. "Those old ladies who sit all day and read books? How can they be mean?". Believe it or not, the school librarians, like most librarians in general, inspire terror and fear in the hearts of innocent students who wander into the library in their quest for a good education. Unreasonable rules are a reason why the librarians are the way that they are. "Four to a table" is simply unreasonable. The tables at the library were designed to seat more than four occupants. Various school projects require that students work in groups of four or more students. Food and nourishment is as necessary in the library as it is anywhere else too. However, it's not these rules that are the reason for this article, it's the enforcement of these rules. In a sentence: the librarians are as bitchy about the rules as it is humanly possible to be. They sneak up on you to make sure that you don't see them and correct yourself. If they didn't sneak up on you, they might not get a chance to piss students off. And they guard those computers like prison guard in a maximum security penitentiary. If they see you don't have your ID showing, or that you are on what they deem a non school related page (even checking email is not allowed!!!) then they are as quick to get your fingertips off the keyboard as the FBI is just after they break down the door of a hacker about to crack the firewall in the pentagon computer network. When the librarians catch a student breaking the rules, they tell this to the student in a barely audible noise. The student, responding at a normal sound level, is immediately reprimanded for yelling and complaining. Any further complaints and you could land yourself a 5-minute break from the library or even worse, a ban for the day. In fact, most anything that you ask the librarians will get a bitchy response. They just can't be nice. It doesn't matter what you say, the talk will turn sour and scornful. If you are ever seen talking to a friend about a book, the librarian immediately suspects that you are plotting to check the book out for the friend, one of the deadliest sins of all. This will earn you an interrogation. In my years at Beverly, I've spent a lot of time in the library. Never have I seen friendly facial expression when a librarian asks a student to push in their chairs or finish chewing their food outside. In fact, I've never seen a friendly facial expression from them at all. Come to think of it, I've never seen any librarian in my entire life with a smile. What is it, you may ask, that makes the BHHS librarians this bitchy? Perhaps it's the long years of exposure to the oil well, or perhaps it's the long years of living amongst books instead of people that has led the librarians to hate all of humanity. Perhaps it's the nauseating slight aroma of glue that is used to keep the cheap carpet stuck to the ground. Whatever it is, it must be changed. For once I would like to get a book and walk out with a smile after a friendly talk with a librarian. Until that day comes - I will continue to wait and hope.

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## Power Politics in the Heart of Beverly

The following was a letter written to the editor in response to the recent article on Beverly Underground entitled, "Suspicion Surrounds the Termination of High School Staff Members":

As Beverly Underground has reported before, a number of suspicious layoffs have caught the attention of many.

What is the real reason for all of these "retirements" and "non-reelections"?

Power.

Behind his charm and finely polished image, Dr. Dan Stepenosky may have another, unrevealed personality. Let's take a look at who is getting fired, shall we?

1. Mr. Kevin Kung - he poses no threat to the Stepenosky administration... or does he? Mr. Kung is actually studying for a degree in education at UCLA, the same degree that puts the "Dr" in Dr. Step. Could it be that Dr. Step is afraid Mr. Kung is looking to eventually find a place in the administration?
2. Journalism adviser Ms. Jennifer Moulton - the most obvious threat of all. Highlights has not always praised the administration, and perhaps Dr. Step feels a hand-picked, less controversial journalism adviser, one who would censor students, would be more "beneficial" to the school.
3. Assistant Principal Gayla Rabin - one of our school's kindest administrators. What could Dr. Stepenosky possibly have against her? Ms. Rabin, however, could still mean bad news to Dr. Stepenosky - her loyalty to him is not absolute. Unlike Ms. Dana Berk and Mr. David Hoffman, Ms. Rabin has not been appointed by Dr. Step himself.
4. Last but not least, Mr. Eliot Bowles - the ambitious new counselor is yet another threat to the Stepenosky administration. Perhaps Dr. Step thought he was a little too ambitious for his own good.

It seems Dr. Step has eliminated many threats except the greatest one of all: free speech. After all, he can't eliminate all the students at Beverly, now can he?

- Agent Smith

## Stepenosky Tries to Make Highlights a Public Relations Vehicle

The following was written by the former Highlights Advisor in a letter written to [www.bhweekly.com](http://www.bhweekly.com) (printed here with permission)

What does it take to be the "right fit" for the journalism teaching position at Beverly Hills High School?

Apparently possessing professional journalism experience (reporter for the Los Angeles Times and Orange County Register, as well as editor-in-chief of her college newspaper), teaching advanced English courses on the college level, producing quality publications and television newscasts, and receiving positive classroom evaluations couldn't save Jennifer Moulton's job.

She wasn't the "right fit."

She allowed her journalism students the unpardonable sin of practicing their First Amendment rights, guaranteed by California law.

Principal Dan Stepenosky said in [Beverly Hills Weekly's] March 3 "pink slip" story that the district would not reveal why a teacher is not re-elected and, in general, the district seeks "the right fit." Board of Education member Barry Brucker said in [Beverly Hills Weekly's] article that "administrators sometimes have a 'gut feeling' that a teacher may not be a 'good fit' for the district."

It's time for a gut check.

The right fit, as it appears to me, is to find a journalism teacher willing to avoid covering

controversial stories who will allow the newspaper to become a public relations vehicle for the administration. To paraphrase the New York Times motto: "All the good news that fits we will print."

How else to explain former Principal Ben Bushman's displeasure when student journalists covered the campus oil well toxin story, which made headlines in the local and national media? Journalism students were expected to act as if this story didn't exist?

Bushman once asked me why Highlights couldn't print an edition with 100 percent good news. Had I been on probation under him, I probably wouldn't have been "a good fit."

I never felt that Bushman understood or appreciated the tremendous deadline pressure producing responsible, quality journalism products. The job is analogous to coaching football, basketball, and baseball teams simultaneously.

My advice to the next journalism teacher seeking tenure is to fit in and avoid controversial stories (and forget about journalistic integrity).

My advice to the superintendent and Board of Education: Get more actively involved in the evaluation process so that you don't lose quality teachers like Jennifer Moulton.

In the final analysis it is the journalism students who are the big losers.

- Gil Chesterton

## Student Responsibilities Contract Revisions

The Rules Make No Sense!

Rules exist to bring order to what would otherwise make chaos. It is not uncommon, however, that the creators of these rules are flawed in their vision of what is necessary to maintain order. When that happens, unfair rules are made. Just as workers in the first half of the twentieth century had to succumb to "yellow dog" business contracts (rules) preventing them from joining a union, and blacks in the south had to follow unfair segregation laws, the students of Beverly are forced to sign a contract to stay in school, a contract filled with oppressive and unfair rules. Here's why EVERY SINGLE RULE in the contract is flawed:

1. To remain on campus at all times during the school day as defined by my school program, including lunchtime, leaving ONLY when authorized to do so by a school official.

A student should be free to leave school at lunch. The food offered by the school is low in nutritional value and fails to satisfy most tastes. Health concerned student who forget their lunches at home are ignored by this rule.

2. To arrive on time for all classes. Absences and tardiness impact student performance. Detention will be assigned for excessive absences and tardiness.

One should not be forced to arrive for classes on time because some classes simply start at unreasonable times. A tardiness is a miniscule distraction to the class and the only one affected is the student.

3. To attend all my classes except for legally excused reasons (illness, bereavement, quarantine, or medical appointment). SPECIAL NOTE: Schools receive funding only for days in which a student is in attendance. More importantly, good attendance results in greater success in school.

I understand that I must clear all absences and that the procedures are as follows: (many, many lines of procedure - omitted)

The procedures for excusing an absence at school are needlessly long and pointless. Most students will either forge a note or get their parents to write one. Sometimes the attendance office doesn't even have the parent's phone number, only the students - so the parents are never notified.

4. To refrain from unlawful use, possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on or off school grounds, when involved in any school activity, or when on the way to or from home/school. I understand that violation of the District drug/alcohol policy will result in my suspension from school, notification of the Beverly Hills Police Department, a parent conference, and possible initiation of expulsion procedures. I understand that return to school may be contingent upon enrollment in an approved drug education/counseling program.

Possession of drugs and alcohol at school is completely warranted. Simply because one possesses an object does not mean that one is going to use it. If you own a gun, will you kill somebody? Probably not. And isn't the school persisting for students to take entrepreneurial endeavors into their own hands (...hello - drug deals)?

5. To refrain from bringing any type of weapon (includes pocket knife or sharp object) to school. I understand the penalty for violating this section is my suspension from school and initiation of expulsion procedures.

Weapons at school are also unreasonably banned. But say that one day you were taking a break at the lavatory and a malicious bear happens to wander in. The school wants you to simply surrender and be KILLED by this bear. I don't know about you but I certainly wouldn't want to be killed by a bear.

6. To dress appropriately for school, recognizing that school is a place of business and that I must respect the guidelines set by my individual teachers. The following are considered inappropriate and may not be worn: any clothing that suggests gang affiliation, bears inappropriate logos, or detracts from the academic environment.

Dress is a way of expressing yourself. Banning "inappropriate" clothes prevents students from expressing themselves. Banning clothes with attractive logos prevents commercialism and hurts the economy. And if one wishes to associate themselves with a "gang", there should be no reason to not express gang spirit.

7. To refrain from behavior that disrupts school activities. I understand that actions such as inappropriate classroom conduct, profanity, and lack of respect for classmates and adults are unacceptable behaviors and may result in suspension and/or expulsion.

Behavior that disrupts school activity is very often necessary. If one wishes to disturb the class to announce a potentially life threatening situation one should be allowed to.

8. To refrain from the unauthorized sale of any items on campus.

This is possibly one of the sillies rules. If you posses an object or have the potential for service you should be able to exchange this for money. Selling products has been the basis for capitalism for hundreds of years. Who do the cocky politicians in the district think they are to hinder hundreds of years of human progress?

9. To refrain from possessing, using, and/or supplying others with matches or tobacco products or fireworks. Students may not smoke anywhere on campus. I understand that these are unacceptable behaviors and that the Beverly Hills Police Department may issue a citation to me.

As with #4, possession of matches does not mean that you are going to smoke. What if you need to burn something down? Without matches it will be hard. Banning fireworks contradicts the beliefs of many cultures and prevents school spirit and festivity, and thus, general happiness. Is the school trying to suppress happiness?

10. To refrain from using cellular phones, pagers, or other electronic signaling devices in classrooms, offices or the library. I understand that these items may be used only before school, at nutrition or lunch and after school. I understand that if I use such a device at inappropriate times or places, it

may be confiscated.

If the teachers can use them during class then why cant we? Banning use of electronic signaling devices in classrooms is simply silly. Say the country is under attack and the government can only send out signals through wireless telegrams. What then? While the school is reasonable in asking students to turn off phones in class, who the fuck gave them the right to TAKE SOMETHING THAT BELONGS TO YOU?

11. To refrain from using any type of recording device at school, with the understanding that taking pictures of other students or staff members with cameras, camera phones, video recorders or any other type of image capturing device without their permission is forbidden. I further understand that if I do so, my equipment may be confiscated.

Why would the school district ban recording devices (ie camcorders) at school? If everything is going as it should, why would somebody not be able to film it? Perhaps it's because the school has something they want to hide about the conspiracies, the educators, or the staff...

12. To refrain from using the elevators on campus. I understand they are for adults only. In case I am injured I will obtain a pass from my Assistant Principal or the school nurse in order to use the elevators.

If students are not to use elevators, why should adults get to use them? Simply because they are lazier than students. Students have to worry about getting to class on time. A teacher has little use for the elevators.

13. To refrain from littering in the halls and in the cafeteria. I understand that the only areas for eating include the cafeteria, second and third floor patios, the math patio, and the upper tier of the front lawn. I understand that if I litter, I may be assigned clean-up duty, detention, or cited by school officials or the police.

Littering? Perhaps if the school will stop littering my lungs with the poisons of the oil well and my mind with the poisons of crappy teaching, then I'll stop littering in the hallways... actually, maybe I should stop anyway - I don't particularly like slipping on people's homework.

14. To behave honestly and ethically at all times. I understand that violating the District Cheating Policy will result in a failing grade on the assignment for the first offense and a failing grade in the class for the second offense in that same class.

Honestly and ethically? Who defines that? I think cheating is ethical (see is Cheating Okay? Sure It Is!).

15. To refrain from unauthorized possession of school property such as keys, examinations, or equipment. Unauthorized possession may result in my arrest, suspension and/or expulsion.

Well you need the keys to get those tests before they are given.

16. To refrain from defacing property with graffiti or through other acts which damage school property. I understand that the penalty for such damage may be suspension from school, notification of the Beverly Hills Police Department, a parent conference, my being responsible for reimbursement of the costs associated with repairing the damage, and, in serious cases, initiation of expulsion procedures.

Only on the cars of those punks that think its cool to pull 40 mph down Heath Ave is graffiti warranted.

17. To refrain from fighting or from inciting others to fight. I understand that the penalty for violating this section may result in suspension from school for up to five days and/or arrest and/or expulsion from school.

Sometimes a good ole' fashioned fight is the only way to solve a problem. All this "discussion" and "counseling" is just to damn queer for some people. If somebody never fights for themselves they will go through life thinking that they can talk their way through anything and will probably end up getting eaten by a bear.

18. To refrain from sexual harassment of others, whether verbal, written or physical. Any student found guilty of sexual harassment shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Sexual harassment at an early age can lead to many well paying and quite fulfilling careers.

19. To refrain from any illegal use or activity with computer hardware and software. This includes cheating in classes, changing grades and/or attendance for myself or others and inappropriate use of the Internet.

Computer hacking is learning. If one wishes to "investigate" the structure of the school network and learn, why should this be prevented. Besides, it's not the student's fault if the administrator is unable to secure his network. If he can't handle a challenge, too bad. Don't punish the students.

20. To submit to the Principal or his designee for review and for permission to circulate petitions, circulars, and other printed material at least one day prior to distribution. Unapproved distribution of printed material may result in suspension from school activities and possible expulsion.

Petitions, circulars and other printed information handed out without permission is how this country got started. If students have to get permission for everything they circulate, no reasonable material denouncing school authority will be allowed.

21. To respect the diversity of our student population. I understand that racial, ethnic, sexist, or other inappropriate comments or actions will result in immediate disciplinary action.

I completely agree with the message behind this rule, but not the legal merit. What happened to our freedom of speech?

22. To refrain from any type of hazing activities that would be likely to cause bodily danger, physical harm or personal degradation or disgrace to another student. Any student found guilty of hazing will be subject to suspension and/or expulsion and may be referred to the Beverly Hills Police Department.

This rule doesn't even need to be on the list. Its like congress passing legislation prohibiting people from slaughtering holy cattle. Violent hazing activities just don't happen around here. Hell, you cant even find a good party in this city.

23. To refrain from loitering on campus after my school day has ended.

I don't see the big deal about standing around in the school buildings after the day is over ( also known as "loitering"). The school treats the students like a bunch of hooligans who do nothing but destroy. It's unfair.

24. Seniors must maintain good attendance and grades (must pass five classes) to participate in senior activities and will be required to sign a separate senior contract.

Why not allow seniors to slack off? Seniors are leaving the school anyway and it's unfair to force them to work hard if they don't want to.

25. Skateboards may not be ridden anywhere on campus. They will be confiscated.

Skateboards are the original symbol of rebelliousness and radical beliefs. Banning skateboards just goes to show that the administration at the school wants to oppress the kids and assimilate them into

an army of boring drones. Besides, what's so wrong about transporting yourself on a piece of wood with wheels that's not also so wrong with bikes?

Remember, if you don't agree with the contract - then don't sign it!

- Lithium

## Creative Writing

### An Enigma

I am but an enigma  
in a sea of misty rain -  
a warrior in an abandoned field -  
a revolutionary without a cause.

I eat because I can.  
I sleep because I live.  
I do to not be done.

It is this that fuels me  
the levels of emptiness amidst a drunken schoolyard -  
a wasted prairie,  
an outlawed sanctuary,  
a rhythm in a flattened tone.

This is the end of a new beginning -  
the start of an aged ending -  
the termination of an ancient myth.

This is me who speaks -  
me who listens.  
This is she.  
This is me

- Anonymous

## The Unconfirmed Report

WASC Committee Plots to Release Wasps - Students Panic

It was a somewhat quite Friday afternoon at the front lawn Friday, march 5. As students watched the fear factor event, another event far more potent was in the brewing. The WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) committee was putting the finishing touches on an evil plot they were organizing to strike terror in the hearts of Beverly students. At approximately 1:23 PM, two assailants who have yet to be identified released a large bucket filled with thousands of wasps. The WASC committee, to fulfill its sadistic plans had made good on their promise and released a swarm of bees that immediately plunged upon the unaware audience. The panic started when three students first spotted the buzzing horde coming at them at high speeds. They pointed to the stinging intruders and yelled "BEEEEEEEEEEEESSSSSSSS!!!!!!!!!!!"



The students and teachers looked to the sky to see thousands of bees lunging upon them. They ran for their lives, but the bees were faster. It was a stampede - the students disregarded all human life but their own. One teacher was reportedly used as a human shield against the wasps as one student held the aging teacher between him and the swarm of bees. Hundreds of students were trampled to death and countless others sustained other injuries including disfigurement and disembodiment. It was a grisly scene. According to the on-campus BHHS sprinkler and irrigation specialist, the scene looked like an ant colony running from a broken pipe line. As dull as the analogy might be, other witnesses reported to have had near death experiences and various couples told each other how much they meant to one another in case they perished in all the commotion. FOX is currently negotiating a contract for a TV-movie with the couple as well as with other students who said to have seen the holy spirit as the swarm descended upon them.



Assistant principal David Hoffman runs for his life as the swarm of bees lunges upon him



(above) Students run for their lives

It is common knowledge that the real meaning of WASC is Witchcraft And Satanic Cult. The seemingly endless polls about what students think about block scheduling is no more than test questions to see who is vulnerable to be snatched by the cult. Although that is widely known, most thought the Witchcraft and Satanic Cult was a pacifist group... that is until March 5. According to inside sources, WASC's goal was to incite mass rioting by means of creating a major tragedy. In fact riots did in fact break out. Students were so riled by the incident that two students, who apparently had superhuman strengths (most likely due to the flow of adrenaline) were able to rip a trashcan from the metal chain and steal the trashcan. The administration says it will "find the culprits of this utterly heinous crime". Other students ran to the parking lot, and after discovering the Mercedes Benz's didn't protect them from the swarming bees, they ran to the adjacent Sempra Facility where they jumped over the fence just to land in a pool of bubbling sulfuric acid.



(above) Student is trampled to death by the stampeding crowd.



Ten minutes later his face was covered with bees. The degree of stings rendered his face unrecognizable after the incident. His family asked us not to publish the picture out of respect for him.

This story is still unfolding. Early reports say that WASC has released wasps at other schools in the surrounding areas as well. Beverly Underground will be sure to keep you posted as developments in this shocking story occur.

-Jim Moore

## Features

### Who Says You Have to be 17 to See a Rated R Movie?

Have you ever really wanted to go with some friends to a rated R movie but either the person selling the tickets or the attendant taking the tickets asked you for ID? And what do you know, if you're under age 17, no movie for you. Well this just doesn't need to be the case. A \$100 fake ID is not a necessity either. This is how you make your own fake high school ID. I've used this card for years now, and it always works.

First download the template. I made this in Adobe Photoshop, but if you don't have Photoshop, you can still make this card, it's just a little bit harder.

Here is the [Photoshop template](#) (right mouse click and hit "save target as" to save to hard drive)

Here is the (if you don't have Photoshop) [jpeg template](#) (right mouse click and hit "save target as" to save to hard drive)

To work with these files you will need to know a little bit about Adobe Photoshop or whatever photo editor you wish to use if you don't have Photoshop and you download the jpeg. If you can't use your photo editing program, search for a tutorial or read the help file.

First you are going to want to get a good picture. A headshot in front of a blue backdrop works best and looks the most professional. You can get such a picture by scanning in a driver's license photo,

school ID, passport, or if you want, you can use a digital camera and take the photo yourself. Load the picture into the computer and then paste it into the template. You will then need to resize your picture to fit in the space provided for the picture. Be sure to leave the border around it for a clean and professional look.

Now it is time to decide on your name. That's up to you. If you want to use your real name, fine. I personally like to put a fake name on the card just to be safe though. Type that in where it says to. In the Photoshop template you can just click on the text with the text tool to bring up the window to modify the text. For the jpeg, you can manually erase the "name here" and type in your name. To keep the font uniform, use "Bookman Old Style" font.

If you want, you can change grade, birth date, and student ID number, but it isn't critical... unless of course a lot of people start using this template, then it might be wise to change the specifics. Once you are done, print it out on good paper (the glossy kind works great) and go to staples or some other office supply store to get a pack of self-laminating ID protectors (they basically just use adhesive to seal). Cut your printed ID so it looks good and then put it in the laminating sheet. Seal it and then cut the edges so it looks like a handy little ID card. Be sure not to cut the laminate too close to the print paper because the lamination will not stick if you do.

Congratulations, you now have your own fake ID. Now don't try to get alcohol with this card, because it's pretty hard to make a vendor believe a 21 year old has a high school ID for identification. You never have to worry again, however, about not getting into a rated R movie... I'm sure there are other reasons you may want a fake ID. Have fun.

– Absolute Zero

## Notable Quotes

[talking about the 1920's and airplanes] "New technology can take you places you've never been before, I'm always saying that to my wife and she never believes me"

- Mr. Ryan

After being confronted with one staff member's statement that Dr. Stepenosky had coerced Ms. Rabin into retirement, he was asked why the teacher would lie about it. He responded:

"It's not that she's lying, she just might not have accurate information"

Please Email Us if you have any funny or thought provoking original quotes. Be sure to include the quote and the name of the person who said it.

# Profilez

## Math Genius or Psychotic Sociopath?

Profile for: Jane Whortman

(of course we don't mean Jane Wortman!)

Towering at just over five feet, one woman intimidates her students with a force so powerful, even the bravest of men will hide underneath their cavernous desk. Jane Whortman patrols her room with such undying devotion, using her shrill, deadly voice to scare her students. She has gone so far as to call some arrogant and lazy. "I'm afraid to ask questions in that class," a feared Whortman student said. "She gives me 'the look' and forces me to sit down and shut up. I mean it's like she thinks I'm yelling when I'm just mumbling." Whortman's past is a mystery to most, but it is believed that she received a strong math education from an early age. One expert speculates that she took

calculus at around age seven. It is also known that Whortman once worked at NASA as an astrophysicist, but lost her job when a miscalculation of metric system conversion caused the Mars Climate Orbiter to disintegrate upon entering the Martian atmosphere. Due to this, Whortman has shown exasperation towards her students whenever NASA launches another Martian vehicle. Aside from her vicious intimidation of students, Whortman is the first human to have a chip installed in her brain. This device acts like a calculator, giving Whortman the unprecedented ability to calculate problems and torture her students at the same time. "All I was doing was playing some Texas Hold 'Em when Whortman comes along, gives me detention, and then tells me the probability of me winning the bet I had just placed," senior Haki Zashem explained. "I was scared - scared for my life." Will anyone stand against this tide of pure malice? Only time will tell, but Whortman's NASA co-workers gave some tips. "Whortman is Native American, so a tribal rain dance usually calms her down," former Logistics Programming Administrating Expert Executive Arthur Miller said. With the world at hand, we all know Jane Whortman will strive to terrorize her students and, eventually, send them all in little pieces to Mars.

- The Demenator & The Paki Partisan

# Flames

## A Few Pet Peeves

Howdy, Howdy!

It's another FUN, FUN time at... fuck it.

This month, I'd like to get a few pet peeves off my back.

The guy in the white benz C-class with the spinners who you see every goddamn day after school.

What the flying fuck is wrong with this asshole? It's like a guy in a 91 civic with a plastic spoiler and a huge-ass exhaust. He has tinted windows and smoked lights, too. I'm sorry; it's not getting you any closer to getting a life. Next time, load a gun, and make sure your whole head is in front of the barrel when you pull the motherfucking trigger.

People who constantly say "fuck da police"

Need I say how much of a pestilence they are to this planet?

Oh yeah, you're a real rebel, son. I'd like to see you get your ass caned and sodomized with a nightstick after saying it to a cop's face. Oh yeah, huh? YOU CAN'T. What the fuck are you guys? 5? You're all fucking pussies and you can't admit it. Even Guy Demeter is more of a man than any of these faggots, and that still isn't saying much. Forget "fuck da police," more "I'm a fucking loudmouth bitch who can't put my money where my mouth is."

Fake punks.

Jesus holy motherfucking christ on a stick! A "SEX PISTOLS" PIN DOES NOT MAKE YOU A REBEL. What the fuck? Oh yeah, they say they're against "the man" and against the establishment. Just like Avril fucking Lavigne, right? Here's a kick-ass idea: How bout a cup of shut the fuck up? I'm sorry you're a prissy ass bitch who couldn't make friends. Wearing lots of mascara isn't going to suddenly make you popular. Aww, poor baby! You want attention? I got an idea. Pretend you have a bomb at school so we can laugh at your ass after the cops riddle you full of bullets. Have a nice fucking day.

Jessica Simpson, Christina Aguilera, and Britney Spears.

No need for much commenting here.  
Can someone say: "I am Slut. Hear me Roar."?

Every fucking thing about the Iraq War.

I don't honestly give a shit whether you're for it or against it. I COULDN'T CARE ANY FUCKING LESS. I don't wanna hear it. Okay, so bush is a friggin bigoted idiot who ended up with his foot in his mouth. Yes, he's easily controlled by business. Yes, his favorite philosopher is Jesus. I couldn't give a shit that his favorite philosopher is. It still seems like he's not learning anything, anywhere. Well, Durr, Durr, Durr, Mr. President. Congrats, Bush. You've successfully earned the award for "stupid, prissy-ass, retarded bitch"

That's it for this month. Remember kids: 90-proof vodka and hard-core porn do NOT make for a good date. Good night.

-Yoon