

The Weekly Ink Waster

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Welcome to the Special Edition Weekly Ink Waster!

With glorious fanfare, Ink Waster #5 is introduced. I personally think that these issues have gone by real fast. You realize that the Ink Waster's been around for almost a month now, right? Right. The first issue was November 17. It's now December 15. Time flies when you're having fun, eh? **Recently Found on Ms. Warner's Desk** LAZY BUM ALERT! None of the content that you are about to read was created by me in the slightest, but I did painstakingly copy it down straight off Ms. Warner's desk for about 20 minutes. So you better like it. I've divided it into several sections for your reading displeasure.

Infamous Quotes

"I love CA. I practically grew up in Phoenix." -Dan Quayle

"If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure." -Bill Clinton

"Your food stamps will be stopped effective March 1992 because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may

reapply if there is a change in your circumstances." -Department of Social Services, Greenville, South Carolina

New Age Slogans

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

Alternative Definitions

Flashlight - (n.) A case for holding dead batteries.

Shin - (n.) A device for finding furniture.

Headlines that made the papers
Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers

Iraqi Head seeks Arms

Miners Refuse to Work after Death

War Dims Hope for Peace

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery,
Hundreds Dead

And the one rule that you should
regard almost as a way of life...

Give a man a fish and he'll eat for
a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll
sit in a boat drinking beer forever.

Like that? That's only a taster.
There's plenty more, right in Ms.
Warner's room, on the front of her
desk. I apologize to my out-of-school
readers who probably have no idea
what the heck I'm talking about - Ms.
Warner is my English & History
teacher, and luckily she's not strict
about having to not split infinitives or not
using no double negatives. So it is not
hard to stealthily get away without not
obeying those stupid rules of grammar.
(There, that'll make your head spin for
a while!) Moving on...

Examples of Justice

If you think that the world makes
sense and you need to be brought
back to reality, here's what you need
to read.

Story #1

A lady who owns a house has some
knives drying on a table. When she's
out, some person, trying to rob her
house, was on the roof and

accidentally fell through the skylight -
right on to her drying knives. He cut his
leg, sued her FOR HER ENTIRE
HOUSE and won.

Story #2

A lady goes to McDonald's and buys a
cup of coffee. (Yes, they serve
coffee, no, it doesn't taste any good.)
As she's driving, she takes a sip, the
cup slips, and it drops and spills in her
lap. She sues McDonald's for
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, and guess
what? She won.

The moral of these stories? Stories
that make no sense have morals
that make no sense, just like this
one.

PS2 vs. Xbox vs. GameCube

This week, I compare the 3 big
consoles. I can tell you the most about
a PS2 (PlayStation 2) because I own
one, but I've got some info on the
others. The PS2 is definitely the best
choice if you used a PS One or
PlayStation as all your games will also
be compatible with your PS2. The PS2
doesn't have the best graphics or
gameplay, but it is all-around solid and
features free DVD playback, online
play, and USB keyboard support for
chatting on some games. The
GameCube titles are more kid-
oriented with an emphasis on the

Mario Family of games (Mario Kart, Mario Party, etc.) and some common titles like the Tony Hawk series. The GameCube does not work with Nintendo 64 games, and it has no DVD/online functionality. Finally, the Xbox is the leader in technical specifications and storage space, but it has the worst assortment of games, clunky and big controllers, and you have to pay \$30 extra for a DVD playback kit - with \$29 DVD players nowadays, why bother? My recommendation: Go with the PS2. You'll get the most life out of it and since Sony continues to dominate the console market, many of the best game developers are writing games for the PS2 exclusively.

Counterfeiters aren't that stupid!
On the release of new peach and blue colored \$20 bills, I must note that yes, the \$20 bill was the most common bill counterfeited, but the counterfeiters can still exploit the reduced security in the \$10s, \$50s, etc. And I personally think that the designers of the new \$20 had a little fun with the bill. Special paper and watermarks are all great and dandy, and I can even live with peach and light blue colors, but I must draw the line at the fact that it changes colors when you rotate it. Is anybody really going to check that? Maybe it's all a scheme to make

kids like them, although I am clueless as to why you would want that. Would its appeal to kids possibly increase video game sales? Yeah, but I'm having a hard time picturing the U.S. Mint in league with Electronics Boutique. At least it would explain why my local bank is offering *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker* as a gift with its checking accounts.

The Sports Section

Sorry Yankees fans... Andy Petite is gone to the Astros. I'd be sad, but I'm a Red Sox fan, so today was a joyous day for me. Ha-ha! This is our year, just like last year, and the year before, and the year before, and the year before...

Column of a Dangerous Mind

Hello, my worthy adversaries! This is my first time writing trash for the Ink Waster and it is a huge honor. Some of you readers may not know who I am. I'll give you a few hints - I left IDS in 3rd grade, I had a big Halloween party, and my gargantuan dog Bob tried to devour Blake. Still don't know? Well to bad for you then! Actually, I'm none other than the famous John Facey! I am writing for the Ink Waster now and (oh boy!) will be cramming even more rubbish into your brains. I don't know how long I'll be here but it will not be short-lived (hopefully). Now let's get down to beez-

eness. First of all, my E-mail address is Jolive91@aol.com. Feel free to E-mail me. You can ask me about my article, my new school, or even my personal life. I'm like an open book and, yes, I will try to my best ability to respond to your mail.

The first thing I will be talking about is my favorite "celebrity" on the face of the earth, **BAM MARGERA!** You may know him as a pro skateboarder. He was in the games Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 3 and 4, and Tony Hawk's Underground. Bam is one messed up dude. He'll literally do anything and is fearless. Just one example is when he did a stage dive into a crowd from a balcony about 35 feet in the air. He now has a show out called Viva La Bam on MTV, on Sunday nights at 9 PM, I think. I highly recommend it. There are some other shows I recommend: Wildboyz on MTV, and Mythbusters on the Discovery Channel.

As the Ink Waster Warlord himself (for all you idiots, that's Byron) does, I shall be asking all of you brilliant minds a question:

Category: Video Games

Question: In Tony Hawk's Underground, what is the last name of your "friend" Eric?

If you think you know the answer, well then you'll just have wait a week or two. I will be posting it soon. Remember

to help your good friends at Avery's Soda. Remember, Santa's watching...This is John Facey saying **AT-DEE-OS!**

Word of the Day

Looking to fatten up your vocabulary?

I've got the perfect word for you...

disembogue: (dis-em-BOAG)

v. To discharge or pour out, as from the mouth of a river or stream.

A new word every day...see the latest at www.wordsmith.org/words/today.html.

Hello out in Cyberspace...

If there's anything I could put on the website to make it more entertaining, please tell me! I'd really like the site to have some exclusive content.

End of File

Time to end this Ink Waster and get on with life. Thanks for reading my special edition Ink Waster, and if you've read the others, thanks for reading those too and supporting my little project. Man! I got this song stuck in my head...Sing us a song, you're the piano man, sing us a song tonight, well we're out in the mood for a melody, and you've got us feeling all right...la dee da, diddy da, la da, diddy da, da da...

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