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History Student Killed in Defenestration Demonstration

BILLINGS, MONTANA—A sixteen-year-old boy died Monday afternoon after allegedly being thrown from a second story window at Lincoln High School. The boy, Edward Norris, died from massive trauma after being impaled on a school color guard flag. Police have arrested forty-year-old Michael Thompson, the boy's history teacher.

According to students, Thompson was attempting to demonstrate the Defenestration of Prague, in which "some dudes threw some guys out the window." Said sophomore Missy Peterson, "He was like all yelling at us because we didn't know what defenestration or something meant and then he grabbed Eddie and just threw him out the window."

The terror apparently did not end there. According to several students, Thompson then began shouting, "Take that, you Catholic bugger!" and "That's what you get for killing Jan!" From this information investigators have concluded that Thompson's western civilization class was indeed studying the Defenestration of Prague of 1419, not the Defenestration of Prague of 1618, which had been previously reported. "At first I wasn't certain which one they were learning about. But after the obvious reference to both

Jan Huss and the apparent anti-Catholic sentiment, we can conclude it was indeed the 1419 Defenestration and not the latter one, you know, the one that basically started the Thirty Years War," said Detective Ivy Wenceslas.

The fact that Norris landed not on the ground below, but instead was impaled onto a color guard flag, has created speculation that Thompson premeditated the entire incident. "Everyone knows that a simple defenestration wasn't enough for the Hussites. No, they made sure people were holding up pikes far below the window," said Wenceslas. The detective also confirmed reports that Thompson was carrying a master schedule, on which he circled the school marching band practice times.

Students of Thompson's class had various reactions to the incident. "It was terrible. I mean, why couldn't he have used a dummy or something? Eddie wasn't even Catholic," said one tearful student. Another was quick to point out the effectiveness of the lesson, "Sure, it got a little bloody, but I'm never going to forget what defenestration means. Sometimes it takes that extra little creativity to make students remember something."

When asked what Thompson's punishment should be, the western civilization class was full of ideas. "Remember when Mr. Thompson put Timmy on the rack? They should do that to him," said one student. Another chose a less gruesome penalty, "I think his wife should go on a sex strike, you know, like the women of Greece did in *Lysistrata*." Others suggested perhaps more appropriate forms of punishment. "Crucifixion might even be a good idea, but I think we should burn him at the stake, just like all those Hussites deserved," said one Catholic student.

Thompson is being held without bail. At his hearing the heavily medicated Thompson yelled, "Ha! The Tower of London can't even hold me! They can take our lives, but they'll never take our freedom!" Detective Wenceslas was quick to point out the entire incident's mixed historical allusions. "This guy's nuts. Freedom? Tower of London? Don't even get me going on the appropriateness of a high school western civilization teacher alluding to a movie so filled with historical inaccuracies. I mean, come on! Now he's guilty of murder *and* confusing his students."

Bin Laden Uses Fax to Declare War on Western Technology, Microsoft

A HOLE IN AFGHANISTAN—From deep within one of his caves, Osama bin Laden declared war against all Americans last week. The Muslim extremist urged "all Arabs to stand up against Western capitalism and technology...and Bill Gates." Bin Laden chose a portable, wireless fax machine to relay the message.

Bin Laden's presence has been undisclosed ever since a U.S attack early last year narrowly missed his base in Afghanistan. The location was discovered through the tracking of the al Qaeda leader's satellite phone. After the near miss, Bin Laden reportedly threw down the phone and yelled, "Oh my Allah! This thing nearly got me killed. Boy, do I hate the western world's rampantly defiant technology."

Bin Laden, like other Muslim fundamentalists, despises the technology found so often in the Western world. Many in Arab regions of the world prefer a simple life, without the hassles and—what they would call—vanity of modern technology. It is widely believed that this hatred of modern computing and electronics is behind bin Laden's call to arms against America, Israel, and Microsoft.

Two weeks ago President Bush declared Bin Laden as the "prime suspect" in the Septem-

ber 11th terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. Bin Laden responded to the charge last week by sending a fax to other technology-wary Arabs throughout the Middle East.

According to fax machine retailers in the region, Arab terrorists prefer machines from the 1980s. "They like the old ones better because they make the paper curl up. You know, just like scrolls from Biblical...er, Koranical times," said one Xerox salesman.

Bin Laden's fax stated: "*The American/Israeli monster has declared war on Islam. Now I call on all my hate-filled friends to declare war on America, Israel, and Western ways. I urge all Arabs to stand up against Western capitalism and technology. That includes Bill Gates—that bugger came up with Windows 98. Those of you hooked up to my terrorist network know the headaches this man has caused all of us. That operating system is just awful for networking. Let's get him and all of Microsoft. The Justice Department couldn't break them up, but we will...at least we'll die trying. Anyway, this fax, again, is to declare war on Western ways and technology and Bill Gates. Please pass it along via fax or email. Or you can use your AOL Instant Messaging, just be careful using your satel-*

lite phones—those things can kill you. Allah is god, over and out. Your buddy, Bin."

Microsoft founder Bill Gates responded to the fax by saying, "You thought you had problems with Windows 98? Wait till you try pirating the new XP technology. The dial-up registration will give you nightmares, you terrorist punks!"

SCHOOL VIOLENCE REPORT:

School Shootings Down Over Summer Months

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MLC Security Improvements

- Library to close at 12:00 pm
- Biohazard team to sweep Concord Hall daily
- All females must be accompanied by male protector
- Herman the German will be given a second sword
- Campus maps will be drawn with thicker borders
- All Muslim students will be expelled
- Only security guards allowed to lift weights
- Only sporks will be used in cafeteria
- More fire drills in Summit Hall
- Luther statue armed with handgun
- President Olsen will be given a police escort on long drive home
- Purchase of 2nd Pit Bull® tire clamp
- One Vice President to be held in secure location during State of the College address
- Tightened security for Hebrew classes
- Suicide bombers no longer allowed
- Bomb-making unit removed from Klockziem's Chemistry class
- Gas masks required in all classes, not just pastor track classes
- Target moved out of town
- Downtown buildings now restricted to two stories in height
- Manned gun turret atop Old Main
- Israeli Heritage Festival in downtown New Ulm cancelled
- Schell's Brewery converted into bomb shelter

Mother Russia Babies Former Republics and Infant Nations

TURKMENISTAN, TAJIKISTAN, UZBEKISTAN—
 “Boys, boys, boys, what have you been getting yourselves into lately? I heard from the other neighbors and even the TV that you’ve been playing with the bad boys across the street. What have I told you about those boys? ...That’s right, Uzy, they’re bad influences. Look, the whole neighborhood is angry with them right now, so stop playing with them! The family’s getting a bad name because of this. Jeepers, why do I even try? So from now on, no cops-and-robbers, no hide-and-peek, no kick-the-can, no *jihad*, no anything! And if they ask you to come out and play, say that your mother won’t let you. If their parents have a problem with that, they can come right over and talk to me. But I’m not going over there again. ‘Sure, come on over for cocktails,’ cocktails, my %\$#! Come back here boys, I’m

not done yet! ...What was that? ...You’re going to play with Uncle Sam? No. Absolutely not. ... Because I said so! ...Do you know how many problems we’ve had with your Uncle Sam in the past? ...That was a rhetorical question! Just because he’s so big and important and a big shot and whatever, he thinks he can just do whatever he wants. ...What? ...Yeah, I know we treat him real nice when he comes over, but that’s just adult stuff—don’t worry about it. ...No, he cannot sleep over. He can stay with the Pakis next door if he wants—they’ll do anything for money. I tell you, nobody has principles anymore these days. So you guys just go to your rooms, and I’ll lock up for the night. But if I see you sneaking around with the neighbors or your Uncle Sam anymore, I’ll take away your allowances. ...Good boys, it’ll be all right. Mother will take care of everything.”

Mr. Trite Conversation-Starter-of-the-Week

*****Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression*****

“Man, how are your classes going so far? I’m already sick of (*least favorite class*). How do you like (*professor’s name*)? Yeah, anyway, so where you’ve been going to church? I’ve been going to (*St. Paul’s/St. John’s*).”

Mr. Current Events Joke-of-the-Week

*****Clever and timely one-liners to show that special someone you’re both humorous and up-to-date with world news*****

“Man, I wish everyone would stop calling me up with these accusations. Just because my uncle’s name is Osama bin (*insert your last name*), doesn’t mean that I had anything to do with the terrorist attacks.”

Editorial: “Like, I totally can’t believe I’m back at school!”

by Tiffany Schultz



So, like, I was sitting in this one class the other day, and I like, totally couldn’t concentrate on whatever the prof was saying because I was all, like, thinking about my summer and the awesome time I had and I was thinking, like, I totally can’t believe I’m back in school already! I mean, like, it feels just like I just totally left this place for the summer, and I, like, had this awesome summer—I went to California with my daddy and I, like,

spent lots of the summer on the beach, and I, like, met all these movie stars, and they, like, totally were talking to me. They were all, “Tiffany, what are you doing going to school in Minnesota for? Like, you could totally be an actress and live in California.”

And like, that was totally tempting, because then I ran into Aaron Spelling on the beach, and, you know, after I apologized, he was all, “Tiffany, I’m thinking of starting up a new show about high school kids on the beaches of sunny California. Would you be interested?” And I totally flipped out, because that’s always been my dream—well, you know, after being a teacher. And I was all, “Mr. Spelling, that sounds like such an original idea, and I, like, totally know it’s going to be a huge hit, but do

you really think I could be an actress in a high-class show like that?” You know, I totally knew I could do it, but those producers out there in Hollywood like it if you’re, like, cute and innocent and stuff. So he’s like, “Yeah, just come to the studio on Monday for an audition and we’ll see how it goes.”

So I was, like, totally pumped and everything, right, and I had to go shopping for a totally new wardrobe and everything because I was going to be a movie star and I couldn’t go around in these rags, and anyway, to make a long story short, I forgot all about the audition and now, I’m like, totally back in all these classes and I’m thinking, wow, God must really want me to be a teacher—isn’t that cool how He directs your life like that? Yeah, totally.