

"What the hell is that?!
Get it off me!"

KERRI WALSH
OLYMPIC STAR, ON SEEING BIG
BLACK THING ON HER SHOULDER
WHILE WATCHING REPLAY OF GAME



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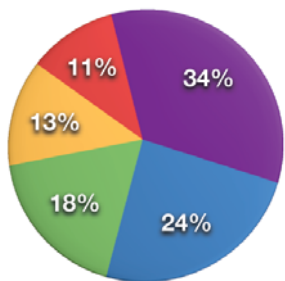
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STUDENTS RESPOND: What's the Best Thing About Going Back to School?



- Get to study again.
- Chance to hook up with hot female teachers.
- See how growth spurts made people look weird.
- Get to beat up kids you haven't seen all summer.
- Lunch detention.
- Nothing.

Incline to increase speed to thrill-ride level

The Society for the Preservation of the Duquesne Heights Incline announced that starting today, the incline's speed will be increased by more than seven times to thrill-ride levels of 120 miles per hour.

"It will not only be thrilling, but for our regular commuters it will make the ride down the Mount much faster," Society president Robert Haas said.

Haas cautioned motion-sick commuters to take the bus from now on.

The Society is seeking a sound-level variance for the terrified shrieking that will accompany the incline's virtual free-fall.

If this works, Haas said, next year the Society might add loops and invert the track so that the car spins upside down in a corkscrew effect.



Aquaman arrested for assaulting Michael Phelps

Police arrested a man identified as Aquaman of Atlantis, defender of Earth's oceans, after he burst out of a swimming pool where Olympic champion Michael Phelps was practicing, blindsiding Phelps and knocking him to the ground.

Aquaman then dragged Phelps back into the water while taunting him to race. Police say the attack was prompted by a jealous rage over the publicity Phelps received in Beijing.

BACK TO SCHOOL

JOCKS, GEEKS READY TO RESUME ROLES IN TEEN CASTE SYSTEM

Noah Swayne, 17, quarterback for the varsity football team, told his friend Samuel Blatchford, 17, president of the chess club, that when school starts, they need to revert to their pre-summer roles, and he will need to beat him up.

Blatchford said he understands that Swayne has an image to uphold. "Let's be honest, if Noah wasn't a jock, do you think I'd hang around with him?"



Hear da JUDGE

By the *Hon. Rufus Peckham*
Editor of *Carbolic Smoke Ball*

Dear Judge: I know you're in tune with the spirit world. I feel like I'm being slapped in the face — even though there's no one around me. What gives?

— *Jerome, Brentwood*

Dear Jerome: You are being trailed by the poltergeist of the late Moe Howard of the Three Stooges. He thinks you are his brother Curly — whose real name was Jerome, and who lived in Brentwood, Calif. You're Jerome of Brentwood, Pa., get it? The only way to rid yourself of him is to distract him with a frizzy-haired man named Larry.

Dear Judge: I'm starting at a new school and want to get off on the right foot with the guys. Any tips?

— *Bob, Brentwood*

Dear Bob: Punch some random kid in the mouth in front of the other guys. When his mouth starts to bleed, hand him your handkerchief to wipe off the blood and tell him, "You're OK, kid. We're gonna get along just fine, you and me." The others will get the message.



NBC names Michael Phelps new host of 'Meet the Press'

"We love his intensity," NBC News President Steve Capus said.