

The Undecided

"We couldn't decide on a name, so this is what you get!"



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Responsible Citizenship in the Election

As the 2008 election draws closer and closer, it is important that people under the voting age know and understand what is at stake and why we should be involved. This election is very relevant to us; in fact, its impact is quite larger than you might realize.

What happens in the next administration will profoundly affect our lives as adults, for better or for worse. So, it is our duty to help in what ways we can in order to shape our future for the good of all our citizens. We can get involved by researching and knowing what the candidates believe and stand for, pray for them, volunteer for a campaign, and place yard signs out encouraging others to get out and vote.

For those who are 18 and older, it is very important that you vote. You may ask, "What is my vote worth?"

When you cast your ballot, you vote for many issues that are vital to our nation in the present and in the future. These issues include the security of our families and nation, the sanctity of life, the definition of marriage, and the well-being of our economy.

When you decide who to vote for, make sure you know how the candidate's viewpoints on issues line up with the Word of God, and make sure you know their background and character also. Your one vote can mean everything. Remember the ordeal in the 2000 presidential election? The destiny of our nation rested on the votes of one small county in Florida.

It is your responsibility as a citizen of the United States, and as a citizen in God's kingdom, to vote for righteous and godly leaders to lead our communities, state, and nation. For more information about how to get registered to vote and how to obtain a non-partisan voter's guide, go to www.freevotersguide.org. You must be registered to vote by October 6th.

-Joel and Jacob Asmussen

Double Cuteness: A Two-Headed Turtle in China

Biologically speaking, two heads are rarely better than one.

However, someone apparently forgot to mention that to this "pair" of green turtles. According to the Daily Mail, the unusual duo showed up in Anhui, eastern China, when Water World Aquarium ordered a shipment of turtle babies from a nearby farm. The turtle was able to eat and function perfectly normally (or as normal as it can, with two heads). It appeared entirely healthy, and though it weighed only 17 grams (.037 pounds), it is gaining weight quickly. The two sets of mouths help quite a lot in that department.

The aquarium is highly interested in the yet-unnamed specimen, and will carefully raise it for future research. Other turtles have been found with two heads, including a set of golden coin turtles, but the find is still remarkably rare, and seems to happen largely in China. Perhaps the pollution has something to do with it?

-Lauren Manske

Fun Facts

Quote of the Month: "The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity." - Dorothy Parker

Question of the Month: *Why does water not calm the tongue after eating hot, spicy food?* The spices in most of the hot foods that we eat are oily, and like your elementary school science teacher taught you, oil and water don't mix. In this case, the water just rolls over the oily spices.

To get rid of that spicy taste in your mouth, try drinking milk. I almost always drink chocolate milk when I eat pizza. Milk contains casein and will attach to the spices and carry them away.

Did You Know: People who chase after rare birds are called twitchers.

Ducks are never male. The males of the species are called drakes.

In 1955 the richest woman in the world was Mrs. Hetty Green Wilks, who left an estate of \$95 million in a will that was found in a tin box with four pieces of soap.

Quotes, questions and fun facts from: <http://www.didyounow.cd/>

Featured Website: Since the first edition was published in 1955, it has had sales of over 100 million copies in 100 different countries, and has been in 24 different languages. The *Guinness Book of World Records* is clearly the world's best ever selling copyright book!

According to the GBWR website, it all started on a hunting trip when Sir Hugh Beaver aimed at a small flock of golden plover and missed. He hadn't missed his targets very often and he was curious. He suggested to his friends later on that the golden plover was "the fastest game bird we've got." His companions argued with him, but the argument ended in frustration because there was no place where they could check to prove who was right. Even the most detailed encyclopedias offered no information as to which bird was fastest.

After much research, Beaver wrote the first "*Guinness Book of World Records*" in 1955. The book wasn't supposed to make money; Beaver printed 1,000 copies of the book and gave them *all* away. The books were such a hit Beaver began to sell them. In only 40 years, 65 million copies were sold!

This year's edition of the "*Guinness Book of World Records*" came out September 17th and it comes with a pair of 3-D glasses to view over 20 3-D pictures inside the book! To see a preview of the book, look up world records, or to find out how to break a record, you can go to this month's featured website: www.guinnessworldrecords.com

-Michaela Hood

September Announcements

Yearbooks

The 2009 yearbook is now on sale. First book is \$45; additional books per family are \$40. A limited quantity of 2008 yearbooks are available for \$45 with purchase of a 2009 book. Contact Susan Peisker at s.peisker@onedayacademy.com before December 1, 2008 to take advantage of lower pricing.

Senior honorariums, or "senior ads," and regular business ads can be purchased as well. Deadline is November 15, 2008.

2009 Graduation

Now is the time to sign up your graduating student for the One Day Academy 2009 graduation ceremony. Contact Patti Ashley at p.ashley@onedayacademy.com for details.

One Day Bookstore

Check out all the cool stuff at One Day Academy's online bookstore.

<http://onedayacademy.com/about/academic-support/bookstore/>

The bookstore includes One Day Outfitters, where you can purchase items such as baseball caps and window stickers. The store also has a textbook exchange, helpful information for purchasing curriculum and access to yearbook order forms.

College Fair

Mark your calendars for the One Day Academy College Fair, to be held Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 9 a.m. to noon at Crestview Baptist Church. More details to follow in upcoming newsletters, or contact fair hostess (and academic advisor) Lydie McVay at 512 217 6818 or

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