

'Ground Zero' a hit with X-files readers

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"Ground Zero" by Kevin J. Anderson continues the standard of X-Files excellence, while lightening the mood.

When Dr. Gregory, a nuclear scientist in charge of a top secret project, is found incinerated in a room with high levels of radiation, agents Mulder and Scully are called in to investigate the strange death/murder.

They are in charge of the X-Files. The X-Files are cases that are unexplainable by normal scientific theories such as magic, aliens and other even more bizarre events.

The project the scientist was working on is top secret and the agents are not allowed to see much of the evidence. Just as they become thoroughly frustrated, two more nuclear deaths are discovered, the victims apparently unrelated to nuclear research.

The book first focuses on the project. It is discovered that "Bright Anvil" is a nuclear bomb that when ready will be capable of doing the same damage of a normal nuke but with no radioactive fallout.

As horrifying to the agents as these new facts are, they soon find themselves going from science gone bad to the possibility of the living dead.

The island where the test for the project is to occur is the location of the eradication of all but one member of an entire race of Indians. Evidence begins to build that the one survivor may be involved in the murders although the question of how quickly bothers Scully, who is skeptic the of the twosome.

"Ground Zero" is an excellent book. Whether you are a fan of the television show or the previous books you will enjoy this book. It walks the fine line so that believers in the paranormal and non-believers can enjoy the book, the two sides evenly represented by Mulder and Scully with their opposing views.

I give "Ground Zero" an E for excellence.

THE MINDBENDER CONTEST

By Matt Jones and Jon Roberts



Cartoon by Joel D. Gunderson and Jon Roberts

This contest is for all you know-it-alls out there that think you are good at the Mindbender. Now it is time to prove that you are the best!! This contest is for everyone (including Professors) and to the winners goes a really cool prize and you will get your name put in the Print as the king/queen of the Mindbender. Just solve this Mindbender and take it to Barlow 104 before January 29 at 1 p.m. The answers and the winners will be in the January 31 edition of the Print. Contest is open to everyone but Matt Jones and Jon Roberts. Good luck!!!!

First, answer the 20 questions below. Then take one of the letters of the answer (as indicated by the number in parentheses) and put it in the blank. For instance, if the number was (3), you'd fill in the third letter of the answer. When you're done, the letters should spell out a question. The answer to that question is the solution to the contest. All questions should be interpreted literally (no tricks are involved). Be careful; this one is hard!!!!

1. What last name is shared by Oscar winners of 1945 and 1949? (4) ____
2. What mammal is also known by the scientific name *Acinonyx Jubatus*? (2) ____
3. What 1969 Grateful Dead album put the group into even deeper debt after production? (6) ____
4. What U.S. town would you live in if your ZIP code was 90210? (3) ____
5. What name would have been assigned to the 22nd Eastern Pacific Hurricane of 1995? (2) ____
6. What was the last name of the NCAA basketball coach whose team, in 1991, included Christian Laettner? (2) ____
7. What food is "arachide" in Italian? (2) ____
8. What was the last name of the Spanish artist who said, "Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth?" (3) ____
9. What TV show featured Harry Morgan as Officer Bill Gannon? (7) ____
10. What game was created by Soviet Alexey Pajitnov? (2) ____
11. What's the last name of the comedian whose real name is Jacob Cohen? (1) ____
12. What measure of area is equivalent to 10,000 square meters? (4) ____
13. Americans call it a flashlight. What do the British call it? (5) ____
14. What Broadway musical featured the song "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina?" (1) ____
15. What horse won the Kentucky Derby in 1882? (2) ____
16. What was the last name of the author whose novels chronicled the rise of the Snopes family? (4) ____
17. Which of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles wears the purple headband? (4) ____
18. What chemical element was discovered by Karl Scheele in 1773, then by Joseph Priestly a year later? (3) ____
19. What was the last name of the U.S. Supreme Court Justice who served from 1939-1962? (10) ____
20. In what city can you visit the Vojanovy Gardens, the Muzem Mozart, and St. Vitus's Cathedral? (2) ____

PRINT'S PICKS

The Print staff held their own Academy Awards of what they thought were the best in movies over the past year.

Best Movie
Seven

Runner up: *Apollo 13*

Best Actor
Tom Hanks (*Apollo 13*)

Runner up: *Robin Williams (Jumanji)*

Best Actress
Sandra Bullock (*While You Were Sleeping; The Net*)

Runner up: *Emma Thompson (Sense and Sensibility)*

Age 7, 1982	Age 15, 1990	Age 18, 1993
Elizabeth Suto.		
Killed by a drunk driver on February 27, 1994, on Bell Blvd. in Cedar Park, Texas.		
If you don't stop your friend from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.		
FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK.		
<small>U.S. Department of Transportation</small>		