

Introductions & Titles

Startling Fact

Aching Head? Cures Are Afoot

The Incas used to treat headaches by drilling a hole in the skull. The French favored cold compresses. Today we use shelffuls of heavily advertised over-the-counter remedies: aspirin, Advil, Tylenol, Aleve. But how much do scientist really know about headaches and what causes them? Quite a bit, as attested by doctors who gathered in New York City in June for a meeting of the American Association for the Study of Headache.

--Article that goes on to reveal what all we do know about headaches and their causes.

Anecdote

At Last, a ROM of Their Own

Your name is Rockett. It's your first day at a new junior high school, and you're pretty nervous, but outside the building you meet this girl named Jessie who gives you the lay of the land ("Watch out for Niclolle." "Who's Nicole?" "Don't worry, you'll find out sooner than you'd want to"). Now, do you walk into homeroom by Jessie's side or go it alone? She's nice, but is it smart to commit to a best friend already? What do you do?

If this doesn't strike you as hot gaming action, you're probably not a girl between eight and thirteen...

--Article about socially oriented software that gives girls new ways to play with computers.

Analogy

Wings of Desire

The military demands from its soldiers an old-fashioned marriage: a vow to love, honor and obey. Love, expressed through sacrifice and hardship, to the point of risking your life and respect: keep your hair short, press your shirt, shine your shoes, salute your superior. And above all, it demands obedience without question, even to the rules that break your heart. It's a stern morality, a morality at odds with American culture, which exalts love first and then negotiates honor and obedience. In 1997, following the previous year's reports of sexual harassment in basic training at two army bases, a number of celebrated cases brought the conflicting codes of conduct into battle.

The case that attracted the most attention . . .

--Article on Kelly Flinn, Air Force star who committed adultery.

Quote

Georgie O'Keeffe

“Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant,” Georgia O’Keeffe told us in the book of paintings and words published in her ninetieth year on earth. She seemed to be advising us to forget the beautiful face on the Stiegiltz photographs. She appeared to be dismissing the rather condescending romance of extreme good looks and advanced age and deliberate isolation. “It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest.”

Rhetorical Question

Editing Peter and Paul

Did St. Paul condone domestic abuse? Hardly, say the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, who insist there is no convincing evidence that the sometimes brash apostle and biblical writer was a misogynist- despite assertions of a few scholars to the contrary.