

IMPACT YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Youth Culture News



Russell Armstrong, who, in association with his estranged wife, Taylor, often appeared in the Bravo reality show *The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills*, was found dead Aug. 15 of an apparent suicide. Though Armstrong did not leave a suicide note, some wonder what role the show might have played in his actions. "Before the new season even started, before he took his life, he said, 'Mom, they're just going to crucify me this season,'" Armstrong's mother, John Ann Hotchkiss, told *Headline News's Issues With Jane Velez-Mitchell*. "He said, 'I don't know what to do. I'll never survive it.'" Members of Armstrong's family are allegedly considering suing the network, according to *radaronline.com*. "Russell's dad doesn't want to talk about what happened to him with a lot of people, but everyone in the family thinks that Bravo is to blame," Wade Jackson, Russell's stepbrother, said. [ew.com, 8/18/11, radaronline.com, 8/17/11]



"When you don't have material, you go to the lowest common denominator. ... Every guy on TV has a flannel shirt and a gray T-shirt underneath, and he likes beer, and he's got a much better-looking wife than he deserves. It's buffoonery. I'm going to go out on a limb and say we're not going to do that on this show. The tide keeps it that way, but we're not going to do that."

—**Tim Allen**, discussing his new ABC sitcom, *The Last Man Standing*. Allen was responding to the question, "Why are men always portrayed as douche bags on sitcoms?"



Watch TV for an hour after the age of 25, shorten your life by 22 minutes. That's the conclusion of researchers at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia. More specifically, the authors of the study (which was recently published in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*) found that a sedentary lifestyle—such as planting yourself in front of the tube too many hours a day—contributed to the increased prevalence of heart disease and stroke. In terms of risk for those outcomes, an hour of sitting watching TV after the age of 25 was equivalent to smoking two cigarettes. [foxnews.com, 8/17/11; telegraph.co.uk, 8/15/11 stats, c&e]

Kids are less creative than they used to be. That's the conclusion of Kyung Hee Kim, a creativity researcher at the College of William and Mary, who studied 300,000 creativity tests from 1970 to 2010. Specifically, she found a drop in imaginative thought, humor and creativity among kids since 1990. Researchers believe a test-driven education system in which only one right answer exists, lack of unstructured playtime and too much screen time are the main culprits. [msnbc.com, 8/12/11 c&e]

“I love to play hide and seek with my kid, but some days my goal is to find a hiding place where he can't find me until after high school. “

Unknown Author

“Children are unpredictable. You never know what inconsistency they're going to catch you in next. “

Franklin P. Jones

“Children aren't happy without something to ignore, And that's what parents were created for. “

Ogden Nash

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YOU WILL NEED:

Sleeping bag, towels, toiletries, your Bible, notebook, an open heart and a great attitude.

We will meet on Friday at 6 p.m. in the Bethel parking lot. We will return Sunday afternoon after the 10:40 a.m.

If you have not attended any other event this year please pick up a **permission slip** from the **Impact Table**.

****Please see Pastor Mike or Angela with your money & permission slip by Sunday, August 28**

For those of you who have never attended Impact Your World Weekend. I was a Youth Leader for 13 years and most of that time has been under the direction of Pastor Mike & Angela Smith. I have found that for the students this weekend helps you to refocus for the task at hand of winning your classmates and those around you to the Lord. I have seen students come away from the weekend on fire for the Lord.

We have worship, preaching, teaching, sharing, fellowship, food and lots of fun. I would greatly encourage you to become a part of this weekend.

Blessings! *Michelle Norris*

Youth Culture News Part 2



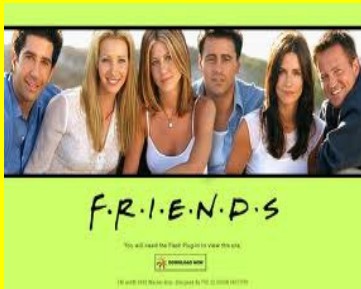
About 13% of people say they use their cellphones to avoid "unwanted personal interactions," according to a new study from the Pew Research Center. In other words, they pretend to talk on the phone to avoid chatting with strangers in an elevator or acquaintances in the hallway. "I don't know about you," writes Chris Gayomali of *Time*, **"but doesn't 13% seem kind of ... low?"**

[time.com, 8/16/11 stats]



British Prime Minister David Cameron believes Facebook and Twitter played a pivotal role in the recent riots that ravaged London and several other English cities. **"Everyone watching [the] horrific actions will be struck by how they were organized via social media,"** Cameron said during an address to parliament. "Free flow of information can be used for good. But it can also be used for ill. And when people are using social media for violence, we need to stop them." Cameron added that government officials are working with police

"to look at whether it would be right to stop people communicating via these websites and services when we know they are plotting violence, disorder and criminality." [cnn.com, 8/11/11]



The mega-popular NBC sitcom *Friends*, apparently, was all about the "benefits." **Its six primary characters had at least 85 sexual partners during the show's decade-long run, according to research done by humor site splitsider.com.** Joe Tribbiani (played by Matt LeBlanc) was the most promiscuous, sleeping with 17 different partners over 236 episodes. Phoebe Buffay (Lisa Kudrow) and Ross Gellar (David Schwimmer) weren't far behind, each racking up 16 sexual conquests. Chandler Bing (Matthew Perry) was the most reserved of the bunch: He had sex with nine women. [foxnews.com, 7/28/11]



Britain's Advertising Standards Authority has pulled L'Oreal ads featuring actress Julia Roberts and model Christy Turlington after complaints that their airbrushed pictures were misleading. Jo Swinson, a member of parliament, argued that the manipulated images were not fairly

representative of what the product could achieve. **"With one in four people feeling depressed about their body, it's time to consider how these idealized images are distorting our idea of beauty,"** Swinson told CNN.

[dailywd.womansday.com, 7/28/11; cnn.com, 7/28/11]





Destination Unknown Coming in Sept.

When: Sunday Night

Date: Sept. 11

Time: We will leave at 7 pm....be back at 9 pm.

Where: You have to come and find out!!!