

American Hero



The concept of an American meritocracy is a troubling one. Getting out of life what you put into it, reaping what you sow, these ideas are antiquated and have no place in the 21st century.

That is why this week's American Hero is the perfect personification of the new kind of successful American, the one who is appointed to high stations in life out of happenstance and the willingness to be a pawn for a much larger political machine. Is being a former secessionist an image problem for her campaign? Doesn't matter. Does being first term governor of a state with a six-figure population prepare somebody to be next in line to a presidential hopeful who may very well not make it through his entire term, possibly even his own inauguration? Irrelevant. All that matters is that Sarah Palin is the epitome of what it means to have success unduly handed to you on a silver platter, and that makes her an American Hero.

Sign of the times



This photo was taken off Highway 74 in Murphy, North Carolina. Now, granted, there are some regional colloquialisms far in the mountains that have not yet reached the rest of the world. However, this is definitely not one of them, as "Indoor Yard Sales" are universally referred to as "Garage sales". Or so we thought. Side note: The staff of *The Clarion* would love to see this "indoor yard" if it exists. If you have a picture of an awkwardly worded sign, please send it to Clarion@brevard.edu.

Horoscopes

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Aries: Looking for a quick way to become a pro athlete? Forget training, just start referring to yourself in the third person at all times.

Lucky Color: Tokyo sky brown

Taurus: Don't mess with Rosman. It's a worse idea than messing with Texas.

Lucky Color: Chrome dome

Gemini: You will be assigned to take anger management classes. Doesn't that just piss you off?

Lucky Color: Ricky Williams green

Cancer: The mold resulting from leaving a half eaten pizza on the floor of your dorm for two months will end up being the cure for cancer.

Lucky Color: Old guacamole brown

Leo: Do not take a school newspaper too seriously.

Lucky Color: The agony of defeat

Virgo: You will become a paraplegic after being attacked by a white squirrel.

Lucky Color: Erosion

Libra: Save money on Smart Water.

Go outside and open your mouth.

Lucky Color: The ooze from *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II*

Scorpio: Despite your small stature you will be offered a walk-on position with the Clemson football team and will earn a spot with their starting secondary.

Lucky Color: Jaundice yellow

Sagittarius: Popularity problems?

Carve a lightning bolt into your forehead. Looking like Harry Potter will make you new friends in no time.

Lucky Color: Whiskey blackout

Capricorn: You will get charged with assault after an argument over fantasy football goes just a little bit too far.

Lucky Color: ODB's teeth brown

Aquarius: Avoid off campus parties. You will come home tasered, beaten up, and shoeless.

Lucky Color: The real yellow pages!

Pisces: Although it seems like a good idea to show your love of America by wearing a red, white, and blue shirt during your trip to Compton, you will quickly find out that gang rivalries supercede patriotism.

Lucky Color: Travis Wireback's gutter