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From the Copy Desk

In case you need a dictionary with the Oct. 1 issue of CityBeat



Good morning readers! I can hardly believe it's October. This week's issue of CityBeat is full of wonderful, esoteric words. (It also has the information you need to enjoy FotoFocus 2014, the month-long celebration of photography and lens-based art throughout Greater Cincinnati. Pick one up!)

Best word in this week's issue: *besmirched*, in Kathy Y. Wilson's "[The Semantics of Weed](#)" (This is probably the only article anywhere in which the words "ISIS air strike" and "weed" are used in the same sentence).

besmirched: To besmirch is to dirty or spoil something or to

damage someone's reputation (v.)

In this issue: "Winburn drops Thomas' name like an ISIS air strike, incessantly blaming Thomas for the original 2006 weed ordinance that besmirched the records of weed offenders charged with minor misdemeanors who now have problems securing jobs, housing, etc."

Or, as Carrie Nation (a radical member of the 19th century temperance movement) once said: "Men are nicotine-soaked, beer-besmirched, whiskey-greased, red-eyed devils."

Next best word: *titular*, in the preview of the movie *Annabelle*.

titular: of, or having the nature of, a title; titled (adj.) Not to be confused with the word *titillating*, which has a much different meaning, but try saying *titillating titular* three times fast.

In this issue: "In a world filled with sequels, prequels and spin-offs developed off the flimsiest of premises, *Annabelle* arrives with solidly built awareness thanks to the presence of the titular doll in last year's horror release *The Conjuring* from James Wan (*Saw*)"

Panoply: beautiful and striking set up, magnificent decor or clothing, or a protective covering.

(n.)

In this issue: It actually appears in the headline "**Bind Dancers Present a Panoply of Authentic Indian Dance**", a piece by Katy Valin on Articulate Ability.

And lastly, *moniker*, in Mike Breen's **Spill It**. I guessed that moniker meant monkeys, or had something to do with monkeys, or maybe money, but no.

moniker: a name or nickname.

In this issue: "Despite moving from the state park and changing the moniker, the fest will continue to spotlight some of the region's finest Bluegrass and Roots music practitioners."

