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COVER PHOTO: Recently, MBMS administrators have revamped the student recognition tool of "Way To Go's" because an illegal trade has occurred, where students are exchanging them for money. The tickets are drawn every guarter in each grade to reward students with a lunch for their contribution to the MBMS community.

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Mt. Raker.

April Fools' Day (or All Fools' Day in other countries) is celebrated every year on April 1.

Many people celebrate April Fools' Day by pranking their friends and family. Whether it be placing a whoopee cushion on your friend's chair or putting plastic snakes under your sister's pillow, a good prank is always funny.

This month's edition of *The Canine Chronicle* is extra special; not only is it the first edition for our new journalists, but it is also filled with some amazing tabloid articles.

The tabloid-style is a form of news writing that often contains sensational or preposterous material. The tabloids within the pages of this edition of *The Canine Chronicle* are written to capture your attention.

The names of the innocent have been changed.

Many of the tabloids in this edition are based off of facts that have been twisted to seem somewhat believable, but they are far from being 100% factual.

As a publication, *The Canine Chronicle* would still like to maintain the standard of reporting on things happening within

the Mt. Baker population. For this reason, we've included real articles (like the ones in any other edition) to keep you up to date on what's going on at our school.

We hope you enjoy,

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The opinions presented in articles are provided to represent the views and perspectives of students and individuals in our diverse student population, not necessarily the whole of the advisor, faculty, and administrators. Any material that would cause a disruption to the educational process like libel, invasion of privacy, or copyright infringement will not be published. In this April Fools' edition, the staff has taken current news stories and creatively and satirically.

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[News & Features]

Black Market: Way-To-Go's Traded

Sarah Koenig & Jasmin Vital

For most Mt. Baker students the idea of selling way-to-go's is baffling, yet, an entire black market has formed under the subject.

One seventh grade teacher had the unfortunate graces of a student that, not only stole a stack off of his desk, but later returned a fraction of them with an apology on hand.

Many students wonder why someone would want or try to sell way-to-go's and others are curious as to why someone would spend the money they could use to buy the food provided to buy a chance at it.

Who would spend their good money on a small chance at glory, and if everyone is doing it, the inflation of way-to-go's would make the bought chance even smaller?

Eighth grade student, Taylor Price stated, "You get a lunch, best case scenario is a sandwich, and nearly everyone involved is an idiot."

Principal Brown, however, stated that, "It was an easy way to make some money."

As well, good students who have earned their way-to-go's honorably are being punished, in more ways than one. Because chances of winning have been tampered with all wayto-oo's were tossed and now only those with a teachers signature on the back will be accepted. Also, those that win their way-to-go's fairly have had their chances ruined in possible previous way-to-op lunches.

Five students are known to have been involved and Mr. Brown refused to disclose the consequence.

Mr. Brown stated, "It's sad that kids have taken something positive and turned it into a negative".

Who could have ever expected this kind of black market to arise but the culprits and who could have ever known it would have become such a tempting sensation to walk into, making it one of the biggest black markets at our school?

What is most intriguing is the price that the way-to-go's have been put up for, \$5 for 100 way-to-go's! That may sound cheap but when a burger and fries goes for less, then



Some students steal way-to-go's for black market resale, so the administrators have devised a plan to stop the illegal trade.

why would you spend more for a chance at the burger without the fries?

Many students are worried that if the precautions don't take that school-wide consequences may be pursued and are in no mood to be punished for another person's discretions.

Brown stated that he, "isn't sure [what grade] started it all."

Students believe that the seventh grade began the fiasco but it is apparent that some sixth and eighth graders were involved as well.

Price said, "Seventh grade probably started it, smarter than sixth, less mature than eighth. It's like breeding orounds for bad behavior."

"I think it has tarnished [the school's] reputation but, has destroyed some trust between certain students and faculty." Mr. Brown stated.

However, Price said, "It teaches us as students that you're okay for lying and cheating. Other schools might try reclaiming some of our rewards or decide that they don't want to be affiliated with us."

But now that it's happened, how can we as students fix it?

What do you think about the illegal Way To Go trade?

U Compiled by Ashton Serratos



Sixth Grade

someone to be stealing things. They will eventually get caught, and they should know that. Steal-

ing just leads you into trouble." -Sharon Manivanh



they put them."

Seventh Grade

—Zoe Ruda

"It's so stupid; I mean the people that stole them didn't earn them. but I also think that the teachers need to be more careful of where



"(This problem is] stupid, just idiotic. They're just kids trying to pull off

'real

crimes'. It's just stupid." -Mr. Char Drama/Choir Teacher



"It's dumb. People can still sell [the Way To Go's] if it has a signature on it. I think (the problem) could be solved if the teachers wrote the students name on

the way to go first." -Seth Hillard Eighth Grade

[News & Features]

Students Travel to Green River Community College

Anabell Cervantes

On March 25, our eighth graders went to Green River Community College. The students filled out an application, with their teacher signing it and seeing if they had good grades, and even wrote a paragraph on why they should be chosen to go. Only 38 eighth graders were chosen to go.

Many students were looking forward for this trip. In the interview Deyani Mendoza said, "I'm looking forward learning a lot about college and knowing Green River campus."

The trip almost took the whole school day. But did students really did learned on the trip? According to Jennifer Gonzalez, "The trip was kind of boring."

Many other students agreed on that. But some student doesn't agree with that.

But According to Mendoza, "I thought it was really fun and I learned a lot from the trip and learned what I need for college."

After playing college jeopardy and seeing how you're going to balance your money with the choices you chose to make your own future, students saw what they should do in high school when they get there to get ready for college. Are eighth-graders ready for high school?



A speaker explains about how to play 'College Jeopardy' to local eighth graders.

According to Gonzalez about high school, "It's big and I might get lost."

In the interview ,Anthony Cruise said, "The hardest thing will be doing homework and studying, all together."

This trip showed the eighth graders that they should really do their best in high school, and they should get ready for college sooner than they thought.

In the interview, Aurelio Payan stated, "Mt.Baker was the

best out of all the schools. The others were trying to be funny and obnoxious with their do you guys have parties questions."

The end of the trip, the eighth-graders got a chance to ask questions to some Green River's students. According to Mendoza, "The best part was when we played jeopardy and asking the Green River's students questions."

But according to Payan, "The best part was the introduction with all the science experiments from the science club."

Mt. Baker had two groups, one group was with Ms. Utu and the other group was with Mr. Vatne. Both groups had different classes as well with the other middle schools.

This trip got the students thinking on what they would like to be when they're adults.

Mendoza stated, "I want to go to college for fashion design." According to Payan, "I thought the trip was informative about our future but didn't really have much college stuff."

This Green River's trip showed the 38 eighth graders what they should be doing now to be getting ready for their future.

The Canine Chronicle Staff Debates Trends in Pop Culture



59%

Harlem Shake

This new trend has been credited as "2013's Gangnam Style", do you think this dance is radical?

MSP Testing

Our state's yearly test is just around the corner, are you ready?

Nutella

Chocolate and hazelnut, what more could you ask for? You could spread it on bread or eat it by itself. Do you like this chocolaty spread?

53%

Kim Jong Un

The supreme leader of North Korea enjoys riding horses and waving at things. Do you find him attractive?

Spring Break 2013

A week of no school is soon approaching. Who's excited for the break?





Elite Socks

Socks and sandals, it's the new go-to style. Do you find elite socks and slides fashionable? [April 2013

[Arts & Entertainment]

Student Musical Tale ases Kate Hon

On March 16, various choir students performed in the solo and ensemble contest here at Mt. Baker, and some of the band students performed on March 23 at Meridian Middle School in Kent.

The musicians that participated weren't just from Mt. Baker, but from several different middle schools as well.

The student would go in the performance room and tell the judge and the audience their name, their piece, and the composer of the piece. If they were performing a solo, they would also introduce their accompanist.

After the student performed, they would get feedback about their playing or singing on how to improve, or they would be told things that they did well from their judge immediately following the performance.

The performance times varied depending on the type of performance, whether it was a solo, duet, trin, etc.

Later in the day, usually 30 minutes after the

performance, they could check their score posted on a scale of one to five. A one, which is Sun Lee and a saxophone quartet. the highest rating possible, is a superior performance and a five is a poor performance. "There were 45 students [that participated in solo and ensemble]," stated Mr. Char, "It

ensemble.

Campbell also played in a group of two because "I am good friends with [the girl who sang with me] and I thought it would be fun."

Cartoons Becoming 'Too Much' for Audiences

Caitlyn McFarland (left) performs her duet with Yeh-Sun Lee (right) for solo and

Aaron Raker

Whether we like them or not, we have all seen cartoons at one point or another. However, are these cartoons changing from mindless children shows to aggressive satires?

When we were younger or perhaps even today, we may have admired cartoons with senseless violence and humorous sound effects. Although, some people believe that cartoons may be becoming more mature.

"[These shows like Family Guy or South Park] can be funny and inappropriate," said seventh grader Kyle Bates, "They may be inappropriate to, like, younger people l quess."

It is also known that cartoons that have become more socially acceptable to watch, such as *Family Guy*, have developed extreme political standpoints that may influence more impressionable people to change political viewpoints if a joke is not understood.

In an interview with Al Jean, the producer of *The Simpsons*, it is revealed that the show is meant to be extremely liberal.

"We [*The Simpsons*] are of liberal bent," said Jean.



Top left to bottom right: South Park, Bob's Burgers, Family Guy, The Simpsons.

It is also widely known that the popular show South Park has a more libertarian bend to it.

"We freally) hate conservatives, but we freally, really] hate liberals," said Matt Stone, co-creator of South Park, in an interview.

Many of these shows go "too far" in the public eyes opinion due to the sheer quantity of excessive racist or sexist jokes. However, it is also widely accepted

that some of these racist jokes simply need to be taken in proper context.

"Racist jokes are, well, racist," said Sara Koenig in an interview, "[Racist jokes] are very rude."

Some students believe that even these more immature cartoons are getting worse over the vears.

"Seriously, look at the classics," said Keegan Legg in an interview, "Tom and Jerry was the first cartoon to blatantly show senseless violence, and even now Family Guy is getting much, much worse."

Seth MacFarlane, creator of Family Guy, hosted the most recent Academy Awards Show. Many

people hated his performance, while some relished it.

"We can carp all we want about Seth MacFarlane's arguably misogynistic, racist, and anti-Semitic language, but his Oscars ceremony was just business as usual. It was a reflection of the same forms of misogyny, racism, and lack of diversity that plague Hollywood and its films generally," said journalist Katherine Laphner.



was one of the most important concerts of the year (because) it gave opportunity to improve and it boasted confidence."

About her performance in choir, Sydney Campbell said, "[The performance] made me a better musician and fit helped me] gain confidence."

An eighth grade band student, Sammy Curtin, offered, "I want to participate in the contest next year. It was fun, and I enjoyed being around people with the same interest. (Also), it is a good way to earn scholarships for college."

According to Mr. Char, "[Anyone can participate in the contest] as long as they have responsibility and some talent. Although the students that usually enter the contest are the 'heavy hitters' or the students that make jazz choir or are involved in the play."

Caitlyn McFarland added, "I played in two groups because I wanted to perform on both the flute and tenor saxophone, but I didn't want to perform alone." McFarland played in a flute duet with Yeh-



Comes Back from 0-2 Start to Winning Record Olivia Denton

This years' 2013 wrestling team started off a bit rough going 0-2 for the first couple of meets. The hard-working bulldogs came back from a losing record and they now have a record of 4-2 as of March 29.

"I love coaching wrestling, these kids always work hard," stated varsity wrestling coach, Mr. King.

On March 5, the Bulldogs took on Cascade, losing by just two points. The final score was 46-44. The second time the bulldogs wrestled Cascade on March 21, the bulldogs won by seven points with a score of 49-42! Even Polkow, Cameron Shute, Drake Pearisaeff, Josh Tiegs and Ricardo Estrada all finished their match with a pin.

"My team is good, we work really hard. We're improving a lot," said team captain Tyler Kunz.

On March 7 Baker wrestled Rainier. The final score was 43-39. Once again, the Bulldogs improved and beat the panthers the next time they wrestled them, beating them by 17 points on March 26.

skilled, we can take down any team if we try hard!" Eighth grader, Gianna Guerra, the only girl on this team full of boys, said, "We're really determined.

Everyone has good sportsmanship."

On March 14, Baker showed the hard-work on the mats against Olympic. The bulldogs beat the cougars by nine points, winning 48-39. Ricardo Estrada, Liam Conner, Evan Polkow, John Quiroz, and Tyler Kunz all won with a pin.

March 19, Baker did it again! The bulldogs won by 22 with a final score of 54-32. John Quiroz, Cameron Shute, Evan Polkow, Drake Pearisaeff, and Arthur Toncoso all worked hard and finished their opponent by pinning them.

The Bulldog wrestlers take the time to work hard on improving and doing things better in practice.

Mr. King stated, "Every minute is scheduled. We get the absolute maximum out of our two hour practices. Each day, we learn new technique."

"We work hard during practice, those who are more Seventh grader, Charles Cowan stated "We are very experienced help out with everyone else," said Gianna

Guerra.

"We don't mess around in practice, everything is serious," said sixth grader, Marcus Sutrick.

The team's captains are Josh Tiegs, Tyler Kunz, and Evan Polkow.

"All of the varsity wrestlers are team leaders," stated Mr. King.

"We're all individual. In practice, we work hard on our own. Everyone is a leader on this team," said Charles Cowan.

There is always a great trait for every great team.

Mr. King said "My favorite thing about this team is how hard everyone is willing to work to improve, and how excited they are when they win!"

"Everyone is helpful, they're so fun to be around," said Gianna Guerra.

Tyler Kunz stated "we're so determined!"

The bulldogs have just one more match against Olympic on April 2. Conferences for all schools are on April 4 at Auburn High School.

Varsity Girls Hoist Another Banner

Sumeet Waraich & Cody Zipp

Our eighth grade girls have done a magnificent job playing basketball this season. So far no other school has been able to beat our varsity team.

The basketball team has been winning by an average of about 25.2 points per game, crushing their opponents. In their first game against Rainier the Baker girls scored 50 to 35, giving us the first win of the season. Mckenzi Williams had scored 21 points total in the game and Dlivia Denton scored 16 points total.

Second game was at North Tapps where they once again won 44 to 19. Their top points contributors were Dlivia Denton with 15 and Mckenzi Williams with 14. As the games went on both Olivia and Mckenzi were big contributors in winning the game. Their third winning game against Olympic the Baker girls won once again 57 to 24 with their two top scorers Mckenzi and Olivia. In their recent game against North Tapps, the girls won yet again 45 to 16 with their leading players Olivia and Kerry Dolan. At their most recent game against Cascade the Baker girls had won once again 53 to 20. Leaving them only one more game to go to be the champions.

Coach Brown stated, "In all my nine years of coaching, this team has bonded the best. They are the best *team* I have coached."

When asking Rhonda Sheldon how they are working as a team she responded, "I think we are doing really well! It's nothing compared to seventh grade basketball."

Victoria Kendall agreed, "Yeah, we work really well because we don't fight."

"We cooperate, we have good passing, and play our

position right," responded Nallely Valdovinos.

Many of the girls believed that they don't have any weaknesses except, "Getting in trouble and getting punishment practice," said Valdovinos.

Kerry Dolan has said their strengths are, "We are aggressive and determined to win."

Coach Brown has also said that their extremely aggressive and that they play their hardest.

But the team couldn't have worked so well without its team leaders, many of the girls such as Sasha Terry believes the team captains are Jhordin Prescott, Kerry Dolan, and Olivia Denton, as well as team leader Mckenzi Williams.

While talking to Victoria Kendall about the boys varsity basketball team and whether the girls varsity basketball team is better, she said, "Yeah, of course we are better."

Coach Brown also believed they are doing better saying, "Yes, they have dominated opponents and they have less drama than the boys team."

As the end of the season is creeping up the girls only have one more game to go before they are the champions, do they think they can win and bring home the trophy?

Valdovinos said, "Olympic is good, but we don't know what to expect."

Many of the girls believe they are going to win their last game without much effort,

Sheldon responded , "I think we will work hard and win. Yes, I do think we will be the champions."



The girls' varsity basketball team is having a team meeting talking about strangles to use to win their game.

Seventh Grade Girls HOOPS Goes Undefeated Jhordin Prescott

[Sports

She dribbles down her home court, a girl comes running up behind her, but she is too fast and she scores!!!! The seventh grade girls' basketball team has yet to be stopped! Undefeated, their scores are all in the 30s and, no matter how close the game or how tough the opponents are, they still pull out a win each time.

This team has been unstoppable! Their strengths as a team according to Anna Maracich are, "working together and encouraging our teammates".

At every game you always hear the bench go wild with their cheering. Whether they are cheering for a basket or encouraging each other, this Bulldog team is always the loudest in crowd.

Another one of their strengths, according to Mrs. Burkhalter, "A strength of ours would have to be that we play as a team."

And yes they do play as a team. The other team rarely gets steals from their passing, and if one of the girls is down they all try to cheer her up. When they come out for warm-ups, the whole team as one comes, leaving no one out.

Burkhalter jokes that one of their weaknesses would have to be that, "We could be taller". No matter Baker's size, the girls pull through every time.

Maracich shares with us who she thinks improved the most, "I believe Monserrat Santos, because she has gotten a lot better at defending and she has gotten a lot more aggressive".

Burkhalter also shares who she thought improved the most, "I think that Tashana Williams, Blessing Jarbah, and Daelyn Haws improved the most."

Overall, the girls have played great having good defense and offense and playing as a team. Their overall record is 7-0 as of March 29.

[Sports]

Staff vs. Student Basketball Excites Students for Incentive Day

Olivia Denton

On Friday, March 22, Incentive Day made students go wild! Staff members played in a basketball game versus the boys and girls varsity basketball teams for an incentive to the students. Principal Brown and counselor Mr. Vatne refereed the game. The game was an exciting, nailbiting tie with a final score of 58-58.

"The game was really fun, but really exhausting," said Ms. Hammond.

Ms. Hammond posted up in the paint getting easy buckets on the students. Teacher, Mr. Brown got the crowd hyped up when he threw an alley-oop to himself off of the backboard, slamming it in the basket for a dunk during warm-ups. Mr. Lewis grabbed multiple rebounds on the offensive and defensive side. Lubash hit jump shots, and Swanson played hard, aggressive defense.

"I like the fact that I can still post up," said Hammond. Some teachers would say that they weren't quite in shape for the occasion.

"I was surprised at how well my body stood up, I wasn't sore," said Ms. Swanson.

The eighth grade basketball players got down early in the game when the staff went on an about 20-7 run. Aariq White and Josh Jarbah came in and instantly hit a three point shot. The end of the game was nearing when Caleb Walter-Goodspeed came in and hit two three point shots in a row. O'Darious Shaw got a steal and Jhordin Prescott ran alongside, Shaw tossed Prescott an assist. Mckenzi Williams got through the tiny spaces in the paint finishing

six lay-ups in a row. This brought the students to a comeback.

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"The eighth grade athletes are far more athletic and in shape and a lot faster than 40 year-old teachers," said Ms. Swanson

The game was exciting!

Students get pumped up on the bench watching the game.

"Students said it was the best assembly ever," said Swanson.

"I think that most people really liked it. They enjoyed laughing at us," stated Hammond.

The game was fun for students and staff members. The incentive assembly was awesome.



"[To play in the game] was super fun. I think they should to it every year."



"[The game] was insane. There were people betting on the game, but no one won since it was a tie. Overall, it was a great oame."

Compiled by Ashton Serratos



"(The game) was intense. I think it was planned though because they tied."

Did you enjoy the returning

tradition of Incentive Day?



"[Next time], I'd like to see kids chosen from the student body randomly to play."

—Kerry Dolan *Eighth Grade*

—Peyton Trujillo *Eighth Grade*

–Solomiya Fabyanchuk *Eighth Grade* —Mr. King *P.E. Teacher*

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GRINDS My GEARS

Spencer Hochwalt, Andrew Bell, Billie Hieronymus, Colin Wingate

Disagree? The segment 'What Grinds My Gears' is presented as opinion and does not express the views of all MBMS students or The Canine Chronicle. If you would like to express your opinion, write us a letter and you may be published in our next edition. You know what really Grind's My Gears? When someone obnoxiously taps on your shoulder to get your attention when you are clearly conversing with another person. The more you tap my shoulder, the less I want to talk to you. Tapping my shoulder isn't going to make me cut off what I'm saying and immediately turn to you. Honestly, unless you are bleeding or on the verge of death, don't interrupt me, it's annoying.

It's especially ignorant when I'm in a deep conversation about a topic I'm really interested in, and you interrupt to try and start a conversation about a topic that I don't really care about or some simple, irrelevant topic like the what you got on your math test.

Seriously, you're not in second grade anymore, learn how to be respectful and wait your turn. It's really not that hard. In my head, I want to go

off on you, but I wouldn't want to swoop to your level of immaturity.

As an alternative, you could wait patiently for me to finish or even walk away and tell me later, because it's probably not that important.

-BH

You know what **REALLY** just grinds my gears. DEATH. People in general have always had a want for something, something that



draws communities together. Most recently people have acquired a strange lust, a hunger even, for death.

I don't mean to sound like I'm stuck in the 70s and 80s, but people really need to focus more on the happier parts of our world like life. It's everywhere.

All around us we see love, life, happiness, and joyous faces everywhere. Yet the young people of today insist upon focusing on DEATH. People cannot continue to focus on death. They will lose the very essence of happiness and freedom that people in America and the other free nations of the world have attempted to enjoy since their beginnings. The depression that comes with the love of death will continue to box in our free and independent fellow students and citizens. In time they will be reduced to mere shells of their former selves. Death will destroy our happy societies, everywhere.

What really grinds my gears these days is when people think they can sing, and they really can't. I know that everyone can express themselves, but it would be nice if they could do it in a way that wouldn't involve destroying

others' ear drums. It is even worse when "professionals" can't sing, because then it's all over the radio.

Believe it or not, but when you are off tune, it doesn't help to scream. Also, some "pros" write songs that they shouldn't sing, but they do anyway.

They write songs that are WAAAY too high or too low for their voice. Sure, the music might be good, but people can't enjoy the music if they are busy being deafened by a yowling cat that swallowed helium.

Maybe it's just me, because when other people are enjoying the music, I am trying to shield my ears from the sound of yodeling hippos. Or chanting orangutans (there really is no difference).

What's even worse is American Idol, X-Factor, and all those other "skill" shows. It's really just an outlet for people to make fun of those that think they have skill.

There might be a FEW people that actually have skill, but the rest are just overconfident pushovers with no awareness to their "talent". You know what really grinds my gears? When teachers don't update their Mt. Baker webpage every week or so. On the rare occasion that I procrastinate, I like going on to my teacher's page, like they ask, and figure out what to do tonight.

What you did this summer is okay for a week, but after three months, I couldn't possibly care less. You have a husband and kids? Cool, most people your age do. I have an assignment due first thing, and I have my own family to worry about if I don't get it turned in.

I know you have a busy life. Sipping on coffee in the teachers' lounge sharing your feelings with your friends while learning how to operate DVD players and cell phones take up a long time. Same goes for giving a recap of last night's game with the fellas.

Next time you knit a fluffy sweater or post a Facebook photo of your dog that fits in your fake Prada, think about your students.

We rely on you to tell us to do. That's your job. And you yell at US for not listening.

l may not know tonight's assignment, but l sure do know what we did on September 6!



[Opinion & Editorial]

The Canine Chronicle

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Fools

Edition

Every year, April Fools' Day provides opportunities for people to explore their inner-

prankster—dating back to Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* (1832).

Radio stations create elaborate hoaxes to fool listeners. Older siblings exact their lighthearted vengeance on younger siblings—or vise versa.

Even reputable, award-winning student news publications decide to have a little fun at the expense the gullibility of its readership.

From this point forward in our April edition, question all information. *The Canine Chronicle* has put together this April Fools' edition to parody, satirize, sensationalize, and otherwise joke about current news events and faux celebrities. Names have been fictionalized—for the most part—and we have attempted to accurately quote real-life people.

Any real-life people in our "joke" edition have completely agreed to participate.

We at *The Canine Chronicle* take ourselves and our school very seriously; however, April is a month to cut loose and let off some creative steam.

As a critical thinking middle-schooler, your goal for this edition could be to determine the frivolous facts from the fallacious fiction—or simply kick back, relax, and enjoy a silly read.





David Knighton, eight grade algebra teacher, has recently been revealed as a spy working for the Secret Services.

The question we have to ask ourselves is *What does this mean for MBMS?*

It is well known that Mr. Knighton honorably served our country in the Navy many years ago. However, until recently his affiliation with the SAA (Secret Agency Alliance) has been completely classified.

The SAA's policy on disclosure has prevented any investigation on this case until March 8, 2013, when a new director took helm at the SAA, momentarily throwing most of the laws and regulations into disarray. It was within that time period that our investigators learned this vital and dangerous secret.

Mr. Knighton, unfortunately, was unavailable for any comment.

Many of the students here at MBMS expressed their bewilderment at the idea that one of the teachers here is a spy by protesting any information they receive.

Some students, however, were happy yet surprised that one of the teachers was a spy.

"I've had Mr, Knighton in algebra for one year now," said seventh grader Jonathan Casey, "He has a lot of skills as a mathematician. Combine this with his hand injury, and you can understand that he must be working in the field quite a lot."

Many students aren't sure how to feel about the issue and only think about the aesthetic advantages a spy receives while working for the SAA.

"I think it's cool that he gets to wear, like, spy glasses and wear cool black clothing!" said seventh grader Alexander Amerson.

The information that Knighton is a spy was gathered on March 9, one day after the current of the SAA director had resigned. The new director, Crane Enarc, refuses to make mention of recruiting the teachers, as it is a violation of the SAA contract.

However, this contract was formed after our investigators found the information that clearly stated Knighton's affiliation with the SAA.

What does this mean for MBMS?

Basically, we all have to tread carefully. The school or even Auburn could quickly be under assault if we talk about this information.

According to the SAA rules and regulations, any press statements may be made with information pertaining to the SAA, but anything more than that and we are in liability for a full blown attack.

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Good Spy, Bad Spy

Jacob Baldridge

With the uncovering of the fact that Mr. Knighton was a spy, some have started to speculate that he was a bad spy.

Mr. Knighton has been suggested to be a bad spy by Principal Bob Baboo, "Not many teachers give homework every day. Why would a good spy give his subjects homework every day?"

Another student by the name of Jackie Good, sixth grade, gave his opinion, "I think he is always upset because he is stuck with a boring mission instead of one of the cool missions."

Other students and staff here at Mt. Baker said that they see no reason that he would be a bad spy.

Seventh grader David Dean said, "He has always helped me with my homework when I need it, and he helps the class solve problems when they ask."

When we interviewed Principal Baboo, he said, "When I looked at his job application it did say that his last job was with the [SAA], but it didn't say he was fired."

We later went to interview Mr. Knighton himself but didn't get any information out of him due to him claiming he was not a spy. We were able to hack his computer and watch his email. He sent one email to Washington D.C. that discussed a topic of urgency. This was an email that is thought to contain information containing his latest assignment results.

We were able to find out some information, and it read; "They all failed. How should I dispose of them?"

We later found out this was just an email to his wife about how she was not the best cook in the world.

Mascot Who is Victor E. Bulldog?

Jessica Perez

The ASB has kept it a secret. They don't want anyone to know, but that one question is on everyone's mind, "Who is the Victor E. Bulldog—our beloved school mascot?"

One opinion from many students here at Mt. Baker stated the reason the ASB doesn't want anyone knowing the identity of the Bulldog is because there is a teacher in the costume.

Of course the students and staff suspected the coolest teacher here at Mt. Baker Middle School, Mrs. Buhr.

For the past year she has stood in the place of what has always been a student, since last year's Bulldog Chris Sader no one could top his act, no one but Mrs. Buhr.

She been the most enthusiastic, cheerful, and pumped up bulldog this school as had in the past year! Of course Mrs.



EXCLUSIVE: Mrs. Buhr was caught red-handed on her way to an assembly!

Buhr stated, "I think he's great I love the bulldog."

When Mrs. Buhr was asked point blank if she was the bulldog mascot, she simply said, "No comment..."

She will deny all words or accusations, but she can't deny proof.

Did Mrs. Buhr want to be the bulldog to feel the excitement of being a kid again, or just because she thought it was a fun idea?

Her daughter, Reba Buhr, works at Disneyland amusement park.

Could Mrs. Buhr have gotten the idea from a trip there looking around seeing all the people in costumes, Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, and all the princesses?

Her daughter plays the princess Jazmine. She could have easily gotten jealous how adored her daughter was by millions of children each day and wanted that too. Her daughter could have also easily convinced her to accept a challenge like this. This will remain unknown as she insists on refusing the truth.

Mrs. Buhr, a teacher disguised as a student in disguise.

In an interview sixth grader Pippi Ding-Pong stated, "Mrs. Buhr just doesn't want to admit [she's the bulldog], because she'll be embarrassed and not want to do it anymore."

While teacher Mr. Shabalabadingdong disagrees, "She won't admit she is the bulldog because it will make her look unprofessional and she doesn't want that."

Why do you think she won't admit it?

Anabell Cervantes stated, "She doesn't want students to know because she wants to keep students guessing, and its more fun guessing who it is then knowing who [the bulldog] is."

Well the reason Mrs. Buhr didn't and still doesn't want anyone to believe this will remain unknown, but for some people knowing she is the bulldog was a huge weight of their shoulders.



Justen Beiber poses for pictures in his Simba costume on the Vegas strip.

Bieber Quits Pop, Heads to Broadway

Billie Hieronymus

You may have heard the story of the talented, young boy from Canada who got his big break and quickly became a worldwide sensation. He stole the hearts of millions of young girls all around the world. Justen Beiber has recently made the decision to guit his singing career and join the *Lion King* play on Broadway.

"The kid's got many talents; well he's not so much of a kid anymore. It's time for him to start showing off his many other great qualities," stated manager Scueter Brawn.

The Beibs got the idea when him and girlfriend Topramen Easha, a French model, were vacationing in Vegas and decided to attend a production of the play. Reporters say right before the show the lead actor. Marcus Curry, had a nervous breakdown while meeting the superstar.

"I'm just a person and I don't understand why people can't act normal around me." Justen Commented.

After a couple of long hours trying to figure out who could replace Simba in the *Lion King*, the producers quickly decided that Justen could be a great addition to their show.

When asked what the advantages of acting along side of Justen, Eliza Suhan quickly answered, "Ticket sales would go through the roof and we all have to admit, he is a pretty good looking guy."

Whether you're a fan of the Beibs or just another normal person who isn't a teenage girl madly in love with the boy, you will probably be seeing quite a bit of him this upcoming year. From singing to acting and from being a teen heartthrob to a grown up celebrity, next he will be taking over the world. He's got a lot in store for us this upcoming year.

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Charges U.S. Entertainment Tax Andrew Rell

As of April 1, Canada has officially become fed up with America. The great nation has passed a bill targeting America. This is currently known as the "Normal Ham and Syrup Proclamation".

This refreshing new proclamation stated that America currently owes Canada approximately 4.87 million gallons of all natural maple syrup. The rulers of this American country have called this an outrage.

Supreme Court justice Dr. Münschevak McNüvenschmaütz has oone so far as to release this telegram to the Canadian Prime Minister. He stated, "Canada needs to get themselves and their fake little bacon pieces of bacon off of our continent before some perfectly innocent citizens get hurt."

America has currently declared a state of national emergency, as Canada considered the recent statement by Dr. McNüvenschmaütz to be an "American threat." The Canadian Navy has surrounded America on all sides available by sea. Canadian troops are lined up across the border claiming not to move until their syrup has been repayed.

Canadians are also upset at America for taking credit for so many generations of entertainers. Singers, comedians, and others who have crossed from Canada to the U.S. in the entertainment business. Jousteen Booger and Andruez Gross are prime examples of Canadian real estate that has crossed the border to become the love of many American girls' lives. The Canadians have also had girls across the country sign a petition to get Booger back. The bribe issued by the government was that each girl who signed the current siege that they hold over Amerpetition could meet Jousteen Booger personally.

A new item was recently added to the Canadian bill. The nation from the North has requested that all of Americas Televisions that are 68" or

smaller must be given to Canada, they ask for this as payback for all

the airtime that Canadian stars have aotten in the United States. All televisions and maple syrup are to

be turned in to

the Canadian Government by April 1, 2015.

Until then Canadian ambassadors will be in conferences with the United Nations counsel to get approval for their bill.

They will also need U.N. approval for the ica.

North America, the land of the free, the home of the brave, has turned against itself. Canadians against Americans.

Thrift Shop **Clothes Cause** Skin Rash Ashton Serratos

Photo illustration by A. Serratos

SEATTLE—Last week, rapper Mack L. Moore and his Producer Rye-on Chew-us canceled what remains of their "The Heist World Tour" when they both wound up in the hospital this last Thursday.

The doctors have diagnosed the pair with a bad case of the "Jimmy Lovine" disease. The disease if often transmitted through wearing older clothes such as "your grandpa's clothes" or even "dressing all pink except your gator shoes, those have to be green". You can also get the sickness from riding "horses named Tyrone from Great Britain" or wearing "pleather gold onesies".

"I don't know how it happened, I can't think of anything I did that would make this happen to me." Mack L. Moore said in an interview this last Friday. "My skin got all itchy and before I knew it my stomach was bright yellow and rashy. I can't even feel my toes. It's crazy."

Mack and Rye-on were seen going to multiple thrift shops a few days before they wound up in the hospital.

The Jimmy Lovine disease has become more relevant in the last six months after Mack L. More released his single "Thrift Shop". The disease starts very quickly and is incredibly contagious.

"We came out of Blue Light Vintage with a big haul of clothes for our next tour stop," said Rye-on, "I do admit that some of the clothes did make me itch a bit, but I honestly didn't think anything of it at the time. I regret that now."

"I'm really sad they canceled their show." said eighth grader Jordan Frost, "I was really looking forward to seeing Mack next month at his show. It must really suck for him and Rye-on. I hope they get better soon."

Seattle's health inspector John Uther did an inspection on ten of the most popular Seattle-area thrift shops a few months back.

"You'd be amazed how dirty these places really are. Most of the items sold there are dirty and dysfunctional." Uther explained. "And don't even get me started on the clothes; I'm surprised there isn't a staph infection plaque yet."

"I can safely say I'm never going to go thrift shopping again," said sixth grader Finn Morris.

Rash Facts

According to Medicine Net, Rash is not a specific diagnosis. It is instead a general term that means an outbreak of skin inflammation and discoloration that change the way the skin looks and feels.

Common Causes

- Gold Chains (Two or more) •
- Custom Whips (Cars)
- Dre Beats Headphones
- R. Kellv
- \$50 T-shirts
- Auto-Tuned Hooks
- Fresh Kicks
- Alligators

Treatment

- Poppin' Tags
- Flannel Zebra Jammies
- Velcro Pro Wing Shoes
- Velour Jumpsuit
- Brown Leather Jackets

Photo illustration by T. Holden

Alligator Found 'Poppin' Tags in Auburn Shop

Olivia Denton

On April 1, tragedy struck as a 15-foot long, 482.3 pound alligator was found in the Fizzyfluff Thrift Shop in Auburn, Wash. The gator had two chains around his neck. One of the chains read that his name was Beastly.

"It was scary, the swamp unleashed the beast! The alligator was wearing clothes when it

crawled in," said the store owner, Jack Zohan.

The alligator was found wearing Zohan's granddads clothes. "Wow, that gator looks incredible," stated a customer of the store.

The gator was dressed in all pink except for his gator shoes, those were green!

The alligator crawled around on the ground just hunting for a come up. He walked towards the shoes and stopped to look around as he spotted the moccasins that someone else had been walking in. He liked the Velour jumpsuit with the house slippers and leather jacket that he found digging.

"I'm going to take your grandpas style, so can you ask your grandpa if I can have his hand-me-downs?" the alligator asked co-worker, Kool-aidrea Johnson. Johnson ran away in terror from the gator.

"They bought a broken keyboard, so the gator bought it. I'm curious to see how he's supposed to use that," said customer, Courtney Wiggins.

The gator seemed interested in the velcro shoes as he started to lick the bottom of the shoe.

"Aw, he got the velcro's," said sneakerhead, JeBron lames. Customer. **Rathtuh Harris** stated "Beastly searched the store like he was robbing a bank, taking fast,

terrifying glances at everyone who came close to him. " Store clerks claimed that they heard the beast talking. "The gator asked us what we know about wearing a fur fox skin," the clerk claimed.

When the alligator was found in the pajama section looking for the flannel zebra jammies, everyone stared at him in disbelief as he managed to slip on a onesie with the socks attached. Beastly didn't want a Gucci shirt because it was \$50, the alligator thought it was just ignorant.

According to Patricia Itchynose, "The gator was talking to himself, he said that six other people in the swamp will have that Gucci shirt on."

The gator was finished looking around the shop after he terrified the customers and co-workers and caused much damage to the merchandise. Many witnesses claim that the gator walked out like he didn't just walk out of the thrift shop with items that were unpaid for. He slipped on a pink parka as he left.

A little girl spotted the gator and said "hey, isn't that my orandmas coat?"

"The gator asked us what we know about wearing a fur fox skin," the clerk claimed.

Wrong Direction Breaks Up, Beaver New 'Zane'

Ashleigh Carman

All over the nation, Directioneers and Believers have had a war about who is better. Justen Beaver or Wrong Direction? Maybe this will change all of that.

Zane Malike, a member of the internet sensation, British boy band Wrong Direction, has said that he is tired of all the fans gossiping about him and putting him down. He has decided to quit Wrong Direction and give Justen Beaver his place as a Wrong Direction member.

Justen Beaver said this is a perfect way to combine two amazing music groups and give the fans what they want.

According to Billie Hieronynous," I personally think that combining two amazing groups is a good idea. Although I am very sad Zane is leaving, Justen Beaver would make Wrong Direction a thousand times better."

But the problem is a Canadian mixing with British boys. Maybe the mix of voices will be great but would that ruin the thought of a "British boy band"?

Zane said that people say he is too out-going and he supports anti-breast cancer awareness. Zane has put up with this long enough and can't stand it anymore.

People said that Wrong Direction and Justen Beaver should stay separate because they were fine the way there were and it is ruining the purpose of a "British boy band". Maybe it is time for a change.

How is Justen Beaver going to catch up on all the songs Wrong Direction already wrote?



Wrong Direction and Justen Beaver makes first appearance as a new band for the first time at a Nobel Peace Prize award show.

Liam Pain, supposedly the leader of Wrong Direction, said he likes this idea but Wrong Direction will miss Zane.

If this idea doesn't pass and fans don't like the idea,

Justen is thinking about starting a new career as an actor on Broadway. Justen has been in a T.V. series names CSI. We know many people liked Zane but we all knew this would eventually happen.

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'Hunger Games' Sequel Canceled

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LOS ANGELES— Tuesday morning, Josh Mutcherson was found severely injured on the Hunger games set. Could this have been an attempted murder or an accident?

Monday afternoon, Josh Mutcherson was practicing for some stunts for the new movie. He had been practicing a lot for the movie so he had gotten extremely tired when the director had told him to do it once more. Josh had agreed to do it one last time for the day. When he had jumped for the rope to swing across the set, he had seen the rope was cut, but it was too late to do anything but grab onto the rope, the rope ripped and he had fallen 10-foot onto the ground.

The police were called immediately after Josh was severely injured. The police had a closer look at the rope that had been ripped. The rope seemed to have a cut in it before Josh had went on it once more for the stunt. The police have notified the director that the rope had been cut before Josh had gone on it, the director was furious when he had found out one of the cast members had cut the rope. The director had told the police to have a full investigation on the set for any fingerprints or clues.

Many of the cast members had heard about this and they were disappointed that he had gotten hurt during the movie, they had all known the movie was canceled for its deadline



This is the picture the director of the movie had sent to the internet to show everyone there is no second movie.

and possible canceled forever.

When Jennifer Bowrence had heard about this, she had dropped into tears and was completely in despair.

She had said "I hope Josh will be alright in a couple of weeks." Woody Barrelson, the man who had played Haymitch in *The Hunger Games*, said "It is very sad to hear he had gotten really hurt in the set, I hope he can get better."

Alexander Ludwig, the man who plays Cato, said "He was a very good friend of mine, we had many laughs on the set."

After the investigation had been done, they had found out which knife had been used to cut the rope and they had found some fingerprints. The director had been notified that this and had an immediate search throughout the cast to find the knife.

When they had gotten to Liam Gemsworth, the man who plays Gale in the movie, they had found the knife that had been used to cut the rope in his belt pocket.

As the police were hurling him to jail he had been yelling, "It's not fair, Josh had done everything with Jennifer and all I get to do is hug her, ITS NOT FAIR!"

Liam Gemsworth had been sent to jail for a long time.

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Death Star

Construction Soon Underway

Spencer Hochwalt

On March 2D, the DDD (Department of Defense) announced that it would order the construction of a full-sized Star Wars Death Star II in response to the successful petition to build one. Construction began on April I.

According to the DOD, the Death Star will have a full crew, and its superlaser will be operational. The Death Star II, which is the one that is being built, is much larger than the Death Star I, having a diameter of 900 kilometers (559 mi.). The Death Star is planned to be complete by 2073, or 60 years from now.

A seventh grader Jenson Stenson shared his thoughts on the matter.

"I think the Death Star will come in handy when we may have to deal with aliens in the future."

In the DDD's announcement to the public however, extraterrestrial beings were not mentioned.

NASA has stated that the Death Star would be extremely effective against space debris, including asteroids like the one that recently approached but missed Earth, and other ones that might approach Earth in the future.

Sixth grader Billy Bobjoe said, "I personally will feel much safer knowing that the threat of asteroids and meteors is gone." The cost of building the Death Star will plunge the United States deeper into debt. Additionally, it will exhaust most of the metal mines on Earth.

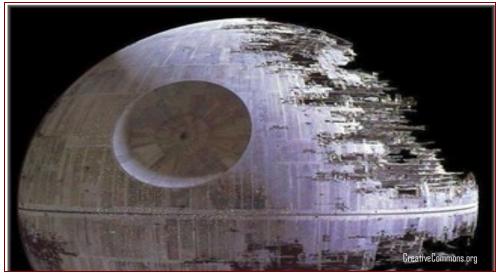
The Department Of Mining In North America To Europe will be working with the DOD to build the Death Star, although some members have shown their disapproval at this.

Wilfraüd Türkenheimer, the president of the **DOMINATE**, said, "This project will prevent any metal from being safely mined again on Earth, successfully halting production of planes, cars, and other things necessary for life on Earth."

The creation of the Death Star not only ushers in a new age of planetary defense, but a new age of space travel. NASA and the President have announced their hopes and dreams for the new space program, called StarLucas. All of the new ships and stations will be modeled off of the ones in the Star Wars movies.

According to NASA, additional metals will be mined on the moon and on Mars. They are also producing a system to capture smaller celestial bodies, which can be completely made of metal, like asteroids. This system shall be known as Skynet.

Even so, most of the metals for smaller ships and more Death Stars will come from planets.



The expected progress on the Death Star by 2050. The Death Star will take so long to build because thousands of tons of metals must be mined.

NASA Discovers Galaxy

Far, Far Away

According to NASA, the rocket "You Mad Bro?" was launched around 1954 to explore the moon.

With new information released, it is obvious that NASA didn't tell the whole truth. It reached the other side of the Milky Way and discovered a galaxy five times the size of ours, which is apparently George Lucas "Star Wars" galaxy was discovered.

NASA however refused to admit this information.

Larles F. Bolder, Administrator for NASA stated , "We will not say that this... this rocket that's not from NASA reached another galaxy and return home with a galaxy that looks like the one [galaxy] from Star Wars".

However the deputy administrator Lori Davidson posted this on Tweeter, "All things that the other administrator is false, we did send that rocket and 'You Mad Bro' wasn't its name it was RD-94 explorer. Its main job was to explore the dark side of the moon; it went off course and reached another galaxy on the other side of the Milky Way to a galaxy that is the exact replica of the Star Wars galaxy."

The biggest question that people has asked is: Is there a planet that has oxygen for humans to live on?

The answer stated by President Amabo said, "We don't know what's out there. We have requested NASA to launch more satellites to explore this 'galaxy' and see that in future years, we might be able to live in this galaxy".

Most of the president's cabinet is behind him on the new discovery Secretary of Treasury Adobe J. Dew stated in a press conference, "I will support this new discovery with as much money that can be laid down without going into dept, but that means that we need the peoples support on this matter."

The people will stand by the new discovery according to a new poll.



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Sumeet Waraich & Kate Hon

Saturday morning at 3 a.m. Emily Yung gave birth to a baby boy, who within a second was changing into a little koala bear. Instead of crying this baby made a low rumbling noise in its throat, giving the sign that he was alive.

At first everyone thought it was just a hallucination from a lack of sleep, but after a week it happened again; little Yung had changed into a koala bear. Mr. and Mrs. Yung were so scared they immediately rushed their baby to the hospital and asked for answers as to what was happening.

After many tests and research the doctors and scientists have said. "This young boy's DNA and cells have been altered by radiation. The reason for this is that the many objects from the tsunami two years ago have radioactive

material in it. Plus the mother was eating eucalyptus leaves from a new diet that caused the baby to be addicted to the leaves from the womb and change into a koala bear."

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For now the scientists and doctors have decided to continue doing some tests on the boy to see how he changes in the coming years.

The Yungs have also decided to help with the research on their son, they have responded to this with, "We don't understand what is going on. We just want our son to be normal and to be able to take him home without having to worry about him changing into some animal."

When asking John Bill what he thought, he said, "I think this is so awesome! I wish I could shape shift, then I could be anything I wanted to be."

On the other hand some students like sixth orader Jade Clemmings said, "This is kinda scary, what if this happens to someone here and they end up being a criminal. A shape shifting baby can cause a lot of trouble since normal babies are a hassle themselves."

Many students and teachers are having the same thought, what does this mean to humans? Will this change help us in the coming generations or make life harder?

Mrs. Jennings replied, "I think this could be a great advantage to our generation but will probably bring many more problems as well. Such as how long will this mutant baby live and what kind of new diseases can it bring or can it cure some of our diseases?"

Shape Shifting Baby Born in Japan

On Saturday at 3 a.m., a shape shifting baby was reported near Tacoma, Washington soon after the Seattle nuclear plant was reported as "dysfunctional" by the authorities.

In a one-hundred-fifty mile radius, residents were advised to relocate, but only 300 people relocated.

According to the police, there were ten phone calls on Sunday morning reporting their baby was a shape-shifter. All of the people calling were plant workers.

"The baby's overactive mind is sensitive to that type of energy. It's just a weird mutation that these ten babies have," Dr. Song stated, "It seems quite strange that all ten of these babies in the same area have that mutation, even if they turn into different shapes."

Sixth arader Terry Newburg offered his opinion, "I think it's just a prank some hippies pulled in order to shut down the Seattle Nuclear Plant for cleaner energy."

"I've seen this happen to my nephew. He keeps turning into this creepy bunny rabbit and eating every single carrot in the house," stated Jill Morano.

Wilson Hunterdon, a father of one of the babies. stated, he "wished the whole situation never even. happened."





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On December 21, 2012, the day of the dooms day

prediction, Dr. Rocky Warren and Dr. Nora Rekey dis-

covered a possible black hole at the edge of the solar

The discovery of the black hole started with the

bombardment of excess radiation not coming from the

The source of the radiation was coming from an

system. When looking for the source of the radiation

Dr. Nora Rekey discovered that the dwarf planet Pluto

Pluto was found going in the opposite direction of

the rest of the planets. When looked at later that day,

With the discovery of the black hole Dr. Rocky War-

ren started to look at the movement of the black hole

and the earth, to see if the black hole had started to

He also discovered that the earth was moving to-

The scientist calculated the time tell we are sucked

into the black hole and they came up with 387.125 days

pull on the earth, he found that the black hole was

ward the hole at about 500,500.00 miles an hour.

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was not in orbit with the sun.

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DOOMSDAY? Black Hole Approaches Earth



Advancing Dead

ATTENTION! BREAKING NEWS! Recent studies have shown a new disease causing the dead to rise from their graves and attack people violently! Scientists have named this gruesome disease: Brain pox.

Cities are in panic, town residents are moving to cabins in the woods to hide. Some families have even taken over local gun stores and camped out there. Scientists and the CDC are astonished by this unrelenting disease, unable to stop it the CDC are now trying to contain it.

Daryl Dixon, living off Cheez-Its, Bananas, and Kool-Aid, was found on a back road living on his own in the zombie apocalypse.

He stated, "Fight the Dead, Fear the Living."

There are new reports coming in that there is a town of survivors, Woodbury. There are many survivors there and they have a leader who has called upon everyone to call him The Governor.

We have just now learned that he hunts down military and marine squads and uses the art of surprise to take them out and scavenge supplies. The disease been contained in the middle-east U.S. territory also around Atlanta, Georgia.

"That's CRAZY!" said Sarah Marshall, "How is that even possible?! We can't all be infected!"

Scientists have confirmed this true to every situation. The whole world is infected, and when they pass away, they come back.

It has been confirmed that a star, that is near destruction has started moving near Earth.

Scientists predict that the star will most likely form a Black Hole. They say it has about three weeks until it reaches earth and implodes. More information will be in our next edition.

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In an interview with Dr. Rocky Warren, he said "We will all be doomed to a slow and incredibly painful death."

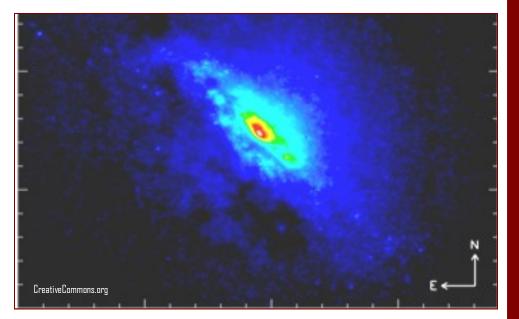
He later went on to describe how we would die, "It would start as a slow pulling making it harder to move. As the black hole got closer we would start to notice that our bodies had grown by about a half inch each day. Soon the pain would start to kick in because of over stretched muscles. However as the black hole moves past the asteroid belt we would start to get dislocated bones and sprained muscles, soon after that our bones would be pulled until the bones shattered do to the pull of gravity."

Once the black hole, were to reach Earth, we would be stretched out in a line of atoms that are soon pulled apart by the intense gravity.

The last quote he shared with us was, "We will all be doomed if we can't get off of earth."

When talking to Dr. Nora Rekey, she said, "Be warned now that the end is near."

So may we all be saved by some miracle.



This is an inferred image of the black hole near Pluto.



Jasmin Vital & Sarah Koenig

ALIEN ALERT: On April first, 2013, at 11:61 p.m, a meteor devastated local Lakeland Hills McDonalds with its surprise presence.

Where previously a McDonalds sat, now there is plainly a crater with only a sign left in place and locals fearing the worst and willing local government to rebuild and insure the fast food market.

At first, sources of the meteor were unknown but within hours of impact a message was sent to the International Government. The aliens have declared war, stating that they will, 'destroy every fast food restaurant until they have received their prized Russian meteor back'.

Alejandro Comanov, one of the initial scientists that studied Unidentified Flying Objects, stated, "You can see how a [UFO] catches the meteorite...and the meteorite explodes and falls."

According to AlienRealityWeekly.com, he also stated, "There was an upsurge in UFD sightings throughout the region weeks before the meteorite exploded in the Earth's atmosphere."

Eighth grade student, Wonder Freind, stated, "They should just give back the meteor, there's no point in keeping it, it's practically destroyed anyways, I heard."

When asked what she thought of the countless UFO sight-

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ings she replied, "Half of them are likely fake, you know lunatics saying they saw a flying saucer and were probed by them are lying. If they believe in UFO's so highly, then they should know that wearing a tinfoil hat prevents their lasers from getting you."

Yet some still ask, how? But apparently the aliens have an answer to every question we have come up with and have replied that if we place the meteor in its landing place they will take it and leave and we will never have to worry about them again.

Many governments, however, have aligned in the decision that it will be a positive progress in societies across the globe.

"Without fast food, the obesity ratings will decrease astronomically. We expect a sudden and wild drop in BMI's across the globe," stated health conscious wife, Mickellen O -mama. Her husband however claims that the aliens "deserve their meteor back."

One citizen stated, "McDonalds, Arby's, Dairy Queen, Subway, if their all gone then the people without college degrees that work there, lose their jobs! The BMI's may decrease but joblessness...that'll skyrocket." So, what do you believe?

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President Meets Aliens Sandra Suchlova

WASHINGTON D.C.—This week, President Bush met with an alien. This unusual spectacle took place in the White House. Bush was hoping to meet the prime minister of France, but instead got introduced to an alien.

Spectators were baffled by this unusual event. The governor of Syria said," It was very unusual and strange to see President Bush greeting an alien."

Some people believe it was not a real alien, just the prime minister trying to play a joke. A source said, "Even if it indeed was an alien costume, the person did a very good job putting it together."

Well, there has been unidentified objects spotted by the planet Mars. Scientists believe it was the UFD of the alien. They will conduct further research on the UFD.

According to Fibbers 101,approximately 1 out of 1,000,000,000,000,000 people you see are aliens. There were many reported sighting of aliens. No one believed them but now scientists are on the hunt to find the source of the aliens.

If there is indeed aliens on Earth, then we can look forward for some of us to be living on Mars. We are very excited to meet this alien. People are rushing to the White House to meet this um, Interesting prime minister.

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Recently, extraterrestrial activity has increased in the U.S.A gigantic crater was all that was left after the devastating meteorite hit local's favorite fast food restaurant. In Seattle, former President Bush met the prime minister of Syria, er, alien. Also, The Martian on top of the Space Needle was seen from the KIRO News building.

Martian Lands on Space Needle ^{Colby Pretz}

SEATTLE— Today in the early morning hours, people at the Seattle Center were overwhelmed with what they saw on top of the Space Needle. A green humanlike figure spotted laying on top of the building.

"I thought it was another publicity stunt," metro bus driver, Bob Smith, said after noticing blinking lights above the Space Needle.

In the last week there has been an increase in reports about blinking lights during the early morning hours in the skyline of Seattle.

Seattle Center groundskeeper, Jack Frost, reported seeing something being lowered from a craft to the top of the Space Needle. "The thought of Martians on top of the Space Needle chills me."

Scientists from the University of Washington have stated that in all of their research there is no evidence of Martians existing.

Seattle Center representative, Frank Furter, tells us that the top of the Space Needle was scheduled for a cleaning that day. The cleaners are known to wear green suits so this could account for the Martian sightings. N. Korea Unleash**ank**ew Mis**sila** D**ala**nse System



because of "the cloaking device that the aliens have shown me. The shadow that rests on American soil in the shape of their beloved video game character will shut them up for good."

America was already in a national crisis with Canada. The stealing of celebrities, maple syrup, and bacon caused a siege of the U.S.A.

With Canada and the U.S. currently at a standstill North Korea has decided to take advantage of the situation. The Pac-Man was launched April 1, and nobody except for the North Korean president, Keang-John-Uno, knows when it will strike.

American president Billie Nyers has released the following statement, "America will not remain still as these fools attack us. We plan to launch four assault ships that are modeled after Imperial starfighters in Star-Wars. We call this new program GHOSTS. The system is also known as the units to (Go Hunt Other Stupid Tyrannical Systems)."

President Nyers has told Americans that a "demonstration" of GHOSTS "awesome" power would take place on a live episode of his old T.V show, Billie Nyers the Math Man.

Sixth grade student Kielesh Sanders told a *Canine Chronicle* reporter that he "was very, very scared by the space ship that is supposed to come out of my T.V."

He also stated, "I never thought 'Paccy' would ever turn against me, or anybody for that matter."

With another shocking statement during a U.N. meeting the North Korean president released the following, and most disturbing statement, "The nuclear power contained inside of the Pac-Man will have enough destructive power to sink half of the North-American continent. It will attack when ready."

The poor children of America, they are going to be destroyed soon. They hope with all of their hearts that the government can come through for them.

All that Americans can do know is wait, and hope that for once, the GHOSTS get rid of Pac-Man.

Most Un Attractive Alive Daniel Bronitskiy

As of 2013, the world is shocked by the news. Voted anonymous by WACK (World Attractive Classifying Kingdom), the most attractive man is now Keeng Jon Un.

A few years ago, Keeng became president of North Korea. Having all his father's money from his will, Keeng immediately bought Beauty Shop of North Korea, the most expensive and luxurious beauty salon in all of Asia.

For four years Keeng "lived' in the salon. Every day had the same routine.

At 5 a.m. Keeng takes a bath in a lake full of different fish. Fish oil was supposed to kill all the viruses in his skin and clean it. After 30 minutes in the lake, Keeng napped on an ant hill. Forced to lie there for three hours,

Keeng had to fight through the pain of the bites. Half conscious, Keeng was sprightly carried off and layed down on a half pumped matress. The softness of it kept Keeng's skin soft too. This routine carried on for three years.

On the day Keeng walked out millions of North Korean residents were waiting for his return.

As soon as Keeng Jon Un walked, the world gasped.

"Once before a fat, couch potato with a messed up haircut, Keeng now looked very handsome," stated Jenni Pork, co-President of WACK.

Five years later, getting more fans each week, Keeng was inspired to sing.

So, he gave himself the name P5Y, and his first song was a humongous hit.



Pac-Man will take over and destroy America.

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- P- Pyongyang
- A- Atomic

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- C- Community
- (*pause for dramatic effect)
- M- Mission
- A- American
- N- Nuke

In a recent press conference, with North Korean dictator Keang-John-Uno, he stated, "We have had enough with U.N. sanctions. We cannot launch nuclear missiles at America, I however was once taken by with my father onto an alien spaceship where I witnessed incredible hovercraft technology."

He also stated that America would be helpless to defend against this weapon once it was in the air



King-John-Uno hangs from his giant Pac-Man spacecraft.

[April Fools' News & Features]



Jessica Perez

TSA's new policy allows you to carry small knives, and certain sporting equipment such as, golf clubs and hockey sticks as long as they don't go over certain size. Many think this new policy is bad idea, TSA's former administrator supports this move.

He stated, "In retrospect, I should have done the same thing. The air marshals and the flight attendants have legitimate concerns, certainly, for their own safety. But the threat of taking over a plane with a small, sharp instrument is zero. And I think with locked doors, the air marshals themselves, the pilots, the passengers, the screening that goes in ... you cannot necessarily prevent violence on an airplane, but that is not the TSA's mission."

TSA's mission is to prevent a successful, catastrophic terrorist attack, and you cannot get a successful, catastrophic terrorist attack with a small knife or a whiffle ball bat," he told CNN.

Like him many other agree with him on his opinion. John Pistole told house members on Capitol Hill, "Those airport security officers should be concentrating on non-metal explosives that have the capability to blow a hole in the plane not the small knives."

Although only specific types of knives and sporting equipment is allowed, many are still concerned regarding this new policy.

Rep. Bennie Thompson held up a golf club and a hockey stick and asked whether they were dangerous. "I think it could cause serious harm," Thompson said.

If you look at the way he looks at it, he has a serious point, someone could easily take a golf club, or hockey stick and use it as a murder weapon.

They could kill a child, or a government worker. Is that when they'll change the policy back? Once someone's lost their life?

What are your thoughts, which side do you take?

TSA Finds 'Odd' Items

Alex Jabusch

Snakes on a plane, life size Pac-Man, balloons, a canoe, a smaller plane! These are some of the odd items the TSA (Transportation Security Association) have recently allowed onto airplanes.

The TSA have changed their minds on the items you can bring on airplanes in a verv noticeable wav.

things on airplanes or in the airports.

People flying have been astonished seeing the strange things that people now bring on airplanes!

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Tonn, stated "I didn't know

what to say, I mean, who brings a life sized Yoda onto an airplane!?" new items such as shampoo, cake, R/C cars and helicopters are showing up on the planes. Even the captain is using a GPS!"

The TSA stated, "People are overreacting to the items being brought onto the planes as carry-on items! It's not a big deal. They have to get used to it."

The TSA have refused to say any more on this matter, at this time.

Although the passengers are still complaining about the items, we have oot any interview with one of the passengers who brought a canoe, Jerry Dude, "I brought this because I wanted to go canoeing in Arizona but that is too They have started allowing the weirdest far away to drive and I don't like trains. So with the new plane carry on rules I brought my canoe". There have been many strange things on the aircraft, and it's making the TSA regret their decision to allow these things.

The TSA have agreed to give us a Fre- quote, "All the employees at TSA are debating whether we should revoke this rule or just force the people to deal with it."

> They have denied speaking any more on this matter.

Passenger Jerry Dude brought this cance on the plane.

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Cow Makes Strawberry Milk

MONTANA—On March 3, George and Mary Rogers found a new way to create strawberry milk— straight from the cow. This occurred on a little farm far away from the town in the south of Montana.

Mary recalled wanting something new— not water or milk, but something unique. With Mary's craving something new, she and her husband thought of a logical way to change the flavor and the color of their cow's milk.

After the couple created an idea they got to work. George and Mary decided to dye their cow pink to change the color and feed the cow a lot of strawberries. When they finished the job they decided to milk the cow, but the milk was no different. Three hours later they tried to milk the cow again, but nothing new. The next day they tried one more time and the Rogers got lucky.

When the Rogers went to town to show their discovery, they went to the market. The discoverers knew they needed proof so they brought their cow and milked it in front of the manager of Haggens.

"I did not see that coming and it's unbelievable. I think I'm going to get a cow now," said David Clyde the manager of Haggens.

Jane Coola a cowologist explained how this is even possible. "My hypothesis is that the dye from the cow seeped into the fluids and went to the utter to change the color and the fluids from the strawberries went to the utter to."

Jane Coola will take some DNA tests to prove her hypothesis.



George and his cow are going to the homeless shelter to give free strawberry milk.



Gerald Smithers (center) poses with his sewing machine, (back) Jeffery James suffers from his truck.

Possessed Machines Terrorize City Bella Coronado

SEATTLE— While a wedding was taking place yesterday in pine city park, reports from citizens have been saying that machines seem to be going crazy.

Jeffery James was delivering flowers to the wedding, when his truck began to swerve out of the lane. Also best man, Gerald Smithers was altering his sister's dress when his sewing machine went out of control causing him to have to get seven stitches on his hand. Smithers stated his sewing machine was "possessed".

All of these odd events happened at exactly 2:05 p.m., right as a massive heat wave passed through the city. A lot of Seattle citizens were put in danger during this strange occurrence.

James said, "I was on my way to the wedding, when my truck started to move by itself. My hands weren't even on the driving wheel!" James didn't suffer from any major injuries, but he was very shocked.

Gwen Wenz, a student from the Seattle Academy of Science, said she has a theory for the possessed machines. "I have a theory that the odd weather patterns in our city have upset machines."

The state of Washington is usually rainy and cold, so people and electronics are not used to the suddenly hot weather. The Washington authorities are taking up the case and asking witnesses what they encountered that day.

As for the wedding, the brides dress didn't make it through. The wedding was called off and will be rescheduled for May 28.

About 4 out of 5 citizens have experienced the crazy behaviors. Smithers predicted," If this happens again, then we will have serious problems with the city and the people will be in great danger."

Although the cause for these odd happenings are still a mystery, the next time a heat wave passes through the city, be aware of the dangers.

Babysitter Loses Arachnophobic Toddler in Haunted House

MIAMI—Yesterday, an unexpected catastrophe occurred between a seventeen-year-old babysitter and a two-year-old boy.

On the night dreaded by all, Friday 13th, Monica Lee trudged up the steps of a house, which looked the exact same as the other houses in the neighborhood. She said she started to feel lightheaded as the parents of the household, Dave and Joni Bowers, rushed out, leaving her behind with the young boy, Tim.

At about 6:00 P.M., Lee decided to take the boy for a walk. They happened to pass along the haunted house. As she was looking at an old book, Tim climbed out of his stroller and walked away.

Two of Lee's friends happened to stop by, and helped her look for the baby. At last they found him in a room filled with spiders. "[Tim] was scared to death," said Lee after they found him. "I forgot his father said he had arachnophobia, or fear of spiders."

One of Lee's friends, Josh Smith, gave his point of view on the matter. "You should have seen [Monica]. She was breaking down frantically searching for that kid."

Lauren Hernandez, another friend, admitted how she felt about Lee. "Deep down, I feel bad for her. I can just imagine the looks on the parents faces when they get home."

A community meeting was held to discuss whether or not they should clean up the house. Other people of the neighborhood are being held for questioning to figure out if they saw anything of this epidemic.

Statistics say that about 10 percent of the U.S. population have arachnophobia.

Police Officer Maurice Thomas put in the details of Lee's whereabouts. "Lee is currently in the process of depression and has not been seen since they got out of the house."



Tim Bowers cries as he is swarmed by spiders.

[April Fools' Life]



Just a few were chosen for locker lottery. Meera Mungra, William Parsons, Osvaldo Flores were our winners. We asked them a few simple questions that have to do some what with our other articles.

Do you prefer Justin Bieber or One Direction? Why?

OF-"I don't like Justin Bieber, so I prefer One Direction."

WP- "Justin Bieber, because he is not a boy band."

 $\rm MM$ - "One Direction because they are cute."

Who is your favorite character in the Hunger Games? Why?

OF-"Katniss, I don't know why I like her." WP-"I haven't read the book or seen the movie." MM- "Katniss, she is brave."

Have you ever wanted to be a spy? What would your favorite spy gadget be?

OF-"A tazer" WP- "Yeah, a spy watch." MM-"I have never wanted to be a spy."

What's the weirdest prank you have ever pulled?

OF-"I locked someone in port-a-potty and kicked it." WP- "I don't know" MM-"I don't know" Who do you think the bulldog mascot is? DF- "A student, José Mayo?" MM- "An eighth grader?"

What do you think about the Harlem shake?

OF-"30 seconds of full (goofiness)." WP-"It's funny. I like it because it's random dancing." MM-"It's weird."

What do you think about Mt. Baker?

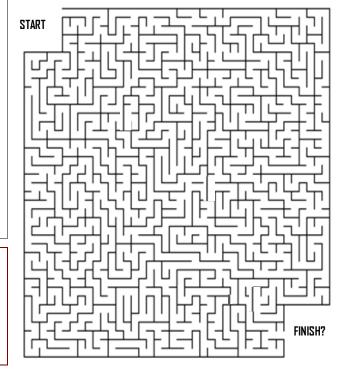
OF-"The school is getting strict and not what it used to be." WP-"I like it because it's in the Auburn School District."

April Fools Puzzles

Alex Jabusch & Cody Zipp

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April Horoscopes Jhordin Prescott

Aries (March 21- April 19): This week you will have the temptation of shaving your head while eating dragon fruit. Also, don't forget to look out for the llama that is always trying eat your hay.

Taurus (April 2D- May 2D): A yellow goat is always watching you. Try not to pick your nose this week.

Gemini (May 21- June 2D): This year the Easter Bunny really hated you. I hope you didn't eat that chocolate egg... it wasn't chocolate...

Cancer (June 21- July 22): This week will be your lucky week! The fungus that has been growing on your feet will finally turn your favorite color!

Leo (July 23- August 22): Just remember to not get the cheese touch this week. If you do, be prepared to not have any friends.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22): I hope you don't have a mental breakdown when you realize that the Easter Bunny missed you this year.

Libra (September 23- October 22): You will discover a new and amazing talent this week! Your talent is being able to see super small print log.

Scorpio (October 23 – November 21): There will be a lot of irony this week. For some reason you will be stung by a scorpion for no apparent reason.

Sagittarius (November 22- December 21): You will have found the golden egg this week! And then you'll realize that the egg was just yellow...

Capricorn (December 22- January 19): I hope you don't do any pranks this month because one will eventually backfire on you.

Aquarius (January 20 – February 18): You will have the temptation to listen to the song "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" while eating luck charms cereal and pretending to be a leprechaun.

Pisces (February 19 – March 20): I'm sorry to have said this but Justin Bieber will be the end to each and every one of you.