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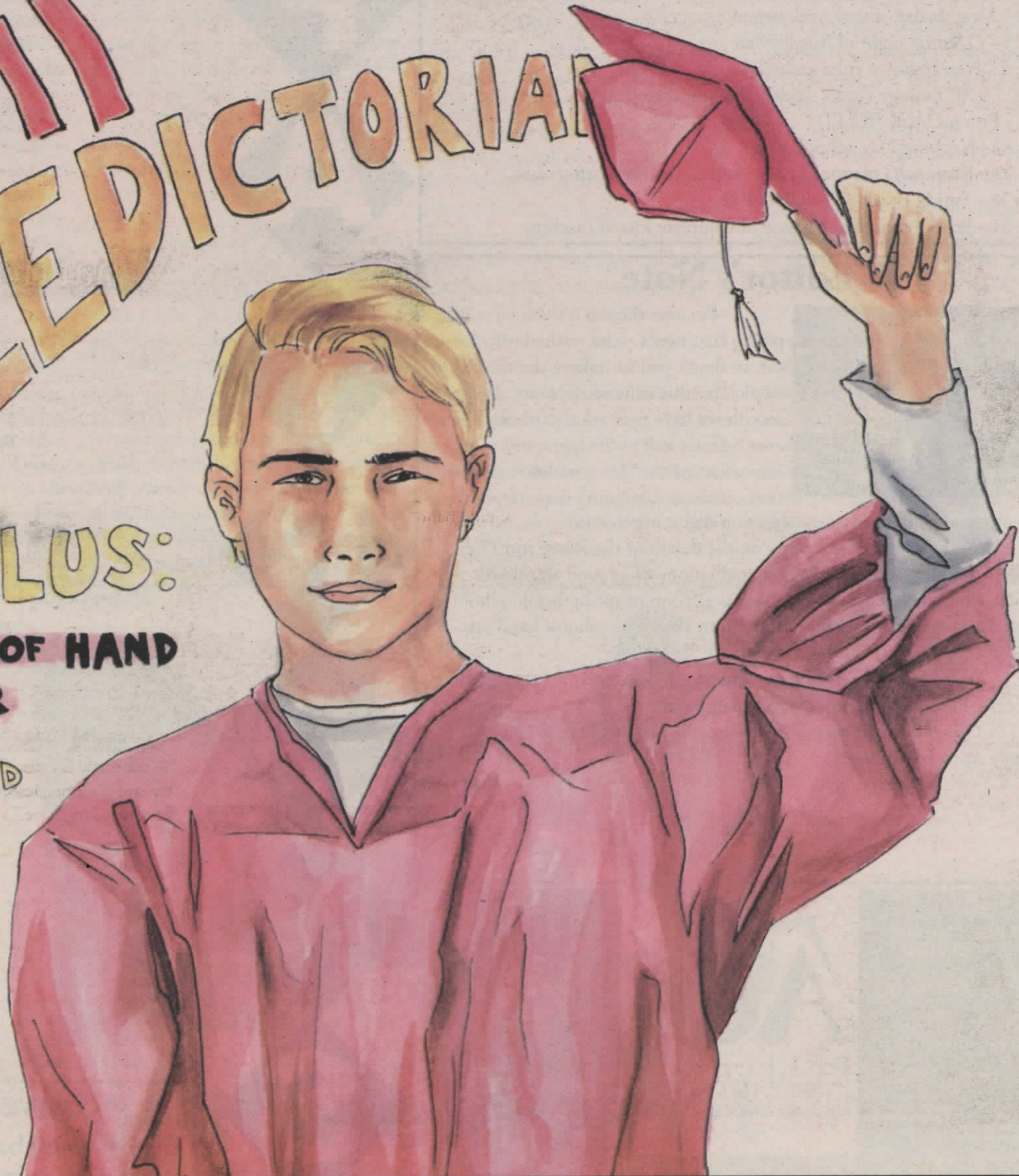
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School Calendar

April

Fri. 1 - April Fools' Day!
 Sat. 2 - New six day school week begins
 Tues. 5 - Opening night of Music Man
 Mon. 4 - New uniform rules enforced
 Thurs. 7 - AP Biology Exam, Trident Technical College
 Fri. 8 - Prom, CANCELLED
 Mon. 11 - Napping Day, school wide
 Wed. 13 - Savannah's planned attack on the creative writing class
 Mon. 18 - Spring Break, CANCELLED
 Thur. 21 - School cancelled because of complete loss of funding

Editor's Note



I'm sure there is a thick layer of pollen that needs to be washed off your car, so thank you for taking the time to pick up this issue of *Applause*. This month we have even more coverage than ever before of all of the latest and most important news. This is without a question our most intriguing issue yet, and

I'm sure you will not be sorry after you digest every word.

We have exclusive reports on the details of the Reese and Donnellon's double wedding as well as graduation, which you all missed. *Applause* has the latest news on the cancellation of spring break, school hour changes, and surprising information about the schools hand sanitizer.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, we really do not care. Please find another way to complain.

Oh, and by the way, none of the news in this issue is true.
 Happy April Fools' Day!

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Dangers of hand sanitizer are exposed

By Niksag Yeliab

After keeping the situation quiet since last December, the school has finally released a report discussing the dangers of the hand sanitizer receptacles on campus. After months of intense research, evidence has been found which proves that the hand sanitizer, which we all thought was a healthy alternative to hand washing, has been contaminated with a mysterious microscopic substance that has caused allergic reactions in many members of the student body and faculty.

The first outbreak was found in a 7th grader who came to the nurse's office reporting a sudden itch and redness of his hands and wrists. After submitting to multiple tests and inquiries, the seventh grader stated that what started as "an innocent trip to clean my hands after I sneezed" soon turned into a sudden disease that was traced back to one source: the hand sanitizer located in his math class. However, due

to insufficient evidence, this conclusion was held off to the public to keep down any terror until further verification could be discovered. Now that it has been officially stated, however, the school requests that all students refrain from using the hand sanitizer in the classrooms until the receptacles can be properly removed, sanitized, and replaced.

The school would also like to state that outbreaks only occur in 75% of users, so the chances of every student who uses the sanitizer reacting negatively is relatively low. Anyone who has used the substance and has suffered negative effects is to report immediately to the nurse's office and touch absolutely nothing on the way there. Students who believe they have an outbreak due to the sanitizer should stay home at all costs and spare the rest of us who were smart enough to read this article and not use the stuff.

Charleston County cuts spring break to add courses

By Rellim Hannavas

Charleston County has just announced exciting news to please the public schools. For the past few years students, teachers, and parents alike have been contacting the school district begging for the opportunity for students to learn more. The standard courses have become mundane for the average South Carolina student and they feel they can handle more complex, arduous material.

To meet this demand, the school district has decided to cancel spring break to introduce a new, required program for middle and high school students. During the two weeks, students get the opportunity to take specific core-related courses (examples include "Communication in International Relations" for those

interested in broadcast journalism). Considering the short amount of time, school will be held during all daylight hours to ensure the courses are completed by the end of the fourteen days. *Applause* staff asked around campus and found no negative responses. One sophomore exclaimed: "My family was supposed to go to Cancun, but I'd much rather get ahead on my GPA than my tan." Another junior stated: "I've always wanted to learn about 'Cyber-feminism' and I can't wait to take the class during spring break." Students can inquire at the front desk or Dr. Cusatis in his classroom for a list of courses. Choices must be made and returned to guidance by April 8th.



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Who Jingles More? The epic rivalry between Younts and Barnwell

By Epoc Nitsua

Mr. Younts has always, to my recollection, been the Alpha male of the Theatre Department. However, the arrival of a younger male, Mr. Barnwell, last year challenged Mr. Younts's dominance. They met several years ago while Mr. Younts was teaching a workshop on theatre, and Mr. Barnwell was but a boy. Mr. Barnwell acted continuously like an obnoxious little kid and tried to undermine Mr. Younts while he was teaching, and went so far as to put a whole tub of sap in Mr. Younts's hair, which at the time cascaded down his lower back like a luscious field of golden hay. The sap was so sticky they had to cut off his long mane at the roots, and some of it never grew back. So Mr. Younts has hated him since that day. And now that Mr. Barnwell has grown, the tension between the two has grown as well.

As soon as Mr. Barnwell entered

SOA, he tried to woo the students with high-tech equipment and fancy lights, as Mr. Younts continued to work with wooden blocks and metal folding chairs as both props and set pieces. In response to Mr. Barnwell's insistence on undermining him, Mr. Younts decided to take the big bed when they roomed together on the SETA trip, and Mr. Barnwell had to sleep on a mattress on the floor. But when questioned about the encounter, Mr. Barnwell claimed Mr. Younts was merely overcompensat-

ing. I personally shared a wall with their room and feel they must have continued to fight over the bed because I heard a lot of shouting coming from the room

and think Mr. Younts took the Lord's name in vain. After the argument, Mr. Younts tried to further undermine Mr. Barnwell by building a secret office in the rafters of the theater with a couch and a TV, but construc-

tion has slowed while he contemplates how to get a microwave for snacks up there.

Every day the fight worsens. Mr.

Younts will put the wrong gels on lights and mess with Mr. Barnwell's magic sheet that tells him what lights have been set up (he really hates it when people touch his lights), while Mr. Barnwell will saw through have the legs in Mr. Younts's set pieces. Both harbor so much hatred in their hearts they will stoop to breaking the theatre departments' oldest and most heinous taboo: they chew gum in the theater and stick it on the underside of things. DISGUSTING!

Now the two theatre animals use loud booming laughter to try to intimidate each other, and you can sometimes hear them at the back of the dark theatre hooping loudly, or jingling their keys as they walk down the halls to warn other rivals of their presence. Get out of the way if you encounter them together. They both have a large ring of keys, and each wants to take the other's as a trophy.

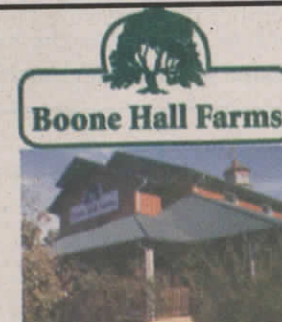


Barnwell caught attacking Younts



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SOA and AMHS kicked out of new campus: HOW RUDE

Everyone, especially South Carolinians, are aware of the United States's huge deficit and major budget cuts. Governor Nikki Haley, a member of the Tea Party movement, ran on the platform of reducing state debt. To complete her goal, one of her propositions was to cut funding on the arts throughout the state; for once a politician is coming through with her promise. Our shiny new school will not be ours for much longer.

Both SOA and Academic Magnet have until the end of the month to return to their previous locations. No changes have been made to the building except, perhaps, for the worse. All SOA students will be having class in the old fine arts building since another school is occupying the Berry Building.

In addition, we will have to return all of the desks, chairs, music stands, and other products purchased for the new campus to their companies for a refund. That money will not be going to buy new, cheaper supplies, but to reduce the state deficit by a fraction. Even the Expo markers and paper have to go.

Also, it is understood that the Bonds Wilson campus is going to be auctioned off to national and international businesses for office space. Each building will house a separate company and the theater (the future conference room) and cafeteria will be shared much like it is now.

Just as we were getting settled they hit us with this. With only a week's notice, both schools must be packed up and moved by April 8th. The short notice was rude and uncalled for.

All of that aside, there are a few positives to this dramatic change. Remember that there are clouds are still painted to the ceiling tiles in the fine arts building and even better...SOA gets it's own parking lot again.

Applause's prank list

1. Attach some magnets to the bottom of a cup (or two) and put it on the top of your car. As you drive around, people will frantically try to get your attention!
2. Glue a quarter to the floor and watch as people try to retrieve it.
3. Put saran wrap on the toilet, then put the seat down... MWAHHAHAHA
4. Put salt on your sister or brother's toothbrush
5. When the victim is asleep, change all of the clocks in the house to a later time.
6. Poke holes in the victim's drink with a safety pin
7. Act like you have an April Fools' joke planned on a really gullible friend. Walk around all day smiling and acting like you have a trick up your sleeve for them (when you really don't).
8. Change the language on your friends phone.
9. Fill your victim's hair dryer with baby powder.
10. When your victim is sleeping, hide their alarm clock in a really crazy place and set it to go off.

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Wedding details leaked By Dleifergnad Nossiahc

As most of the high school students of SOA know, Mr. Donnellon and Mr. Reese have finally proposed to their chosen women, whom they've known since birth and have been dating since middle school, and have set the date for their wedding. Notice: a set DATE. And WEDDING. Just one. Did you catch that? Yes, yes, you heard correctly. A double wedding. Combined, even. Reese and Donnellon have made sure that their weddings are in perfect synchronization and are proud to announce their plans and invitations to all of the SOA community. Indeed, even their fiancée's are matching; blonde white women. Their suits are intended to be a puçe color, and their brides will fashion gowns with 10-foot trains, the color of fuchsia.

With plans to arrange the same venue, they prepare to hold their wedding on September 22nd in front of the old slave quarters at a local plantation, in the cotton field, because of the lovely view. Their reception will be held at the cotton dock; Mr. Donnellon mentioned that it's where they like to hang. This way, their shared cultural heritage is displayed; Donnellon's Yankee-ness and Reese's slavery roots. There will be at least six disco balls as the theme they

have chosen will encompass pastoral scenes from the Antebellum south.

Food will be served and catered by the highest, most prestigious School of the Arts cafeteria, and music will be proudly played and sponsored by the SOA strings quartet. The bridal entrance accompaniment will be, instead of the usual Bridal March, Sherman's March and at the reception, guests will be expected to know how to country line dance. Finally, the last piece of information they would like to broadcast, they would like to publicize the song choices of their first dances. Applause is proud to present Mr. and to-be Mrs. Barrett Reese's song choice "U Smile" by the inspiring and successful artist, Justin Bieber and Sir Michael Donnellon and his lady's choice of "Make it Rain" by the highly accomplished Travis Porter.

Please, as you see these two exceedingly successful and prestigious men walk the halls of our school, do not hesitate to congratulate them on what will be the most cherished experience of their lives. And remember: this is an open invitation wedding, all are welcome to attend (the role of the flower girl is taken by Chaisson Marie Dangerfield. So please, you are only welcome to ATTEND).



Gordon Hay valedictorian in surprise graduation By Nilegets Yroc

Congratulations to Gordon Hay, the valedictorian of the 2011 class! The seniors have officially graduated as of Saturday, March 26, 2011 because of a conflict involving the arts majors. All of them are collaborating to produce one giant arts montage from March 25 until the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Luckily Mr. Kerr was able to get middle school band out of the March 26 performance, so Mr. Reinhart changed the date of graduation to accommodate this show. The ceremony was held in the Rose Marec Myers Theater at 7:30 PM.

Everyone but

Hay was surprised by his victory. An anonymous source says Gordon was the only student aware of a fluke in the grading system. For a reason unreleased to the public, Hay's weighted GPA was changed to a 6.0, pushing him to the top of his class.

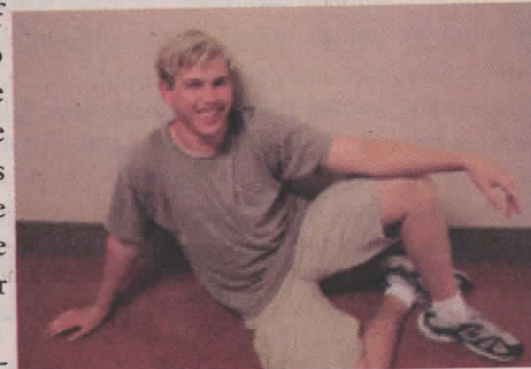
An excerpt from Hay's speech at the ceremony: "Lots of people done told me that I didn't have the brain for the school and stuff. Lots of people said I ain't got enough smarts to even be considered as in a vegetative state. Well look at me now talking for graduation at the top of my class. It just goes to show when you work and try and believe in yourself then all your dreams can come true. I speak to you class of 2011, with determination and honor for our futures, I thinking about working for mother nature so I can make snowflakes, cause

I made real good snowflakes all the time. I also like to thank Dr. Cusatis who taught me all that I know about writing and talking in right English. I could barely write my name before I entered his class, and looks at me now. But to completely truthly, I ain't know how I became the valley tourian, I haven't done any tour of any valleys this year, but I can tell I am really still happy with this honorable honor. NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!"

Hay was cut off in the middle of his speech when he fell into the orchestra pit and was impaled by an oboe. Such intelligent words from such an intelligent young man.

In honor of the late valedictorian's art major, the show continued to go on. After a brief intermission, Mr. Reinhart continued the ceremony. Each senior received his or her diploma and then enjoyed cookies and punch at the reception. There will be a ceremony commemorating the valedictorian's death in the future. Details are included in Hay's obituary on page 10.

Graduation was to die for this year. Pun intended, by the way: There was not one, but two deaths at this year's graduation. There were so many surprises, too: What with the surprise change of date, the surprise valedictorian, and the deaths were just the icing on the cake. Let's hope the 2012 class can live up to the shock of this year's graduation. Good luck.





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Where were they then: Dr. Teseniar

By Nilegets Yroc

Applause staff member **Nilegets Yroc** sat down with **Dr. Mark Teseniar** to inquire about his life before SOA.

Nilegets Yroc: Where did you grow up and what was it like there?

Dr. Mark Teseniar: My Mom and Dad were a couple of hippies. For awhile they were on the road with Kerouac and Ginsberg, and in the summer of '67, they took me to Haight-Ashbury. Can you believe that... Haight-Ashbury! I don't remember many of the details, but let me tell you, those were crazy days! San Fran, Route 66, stints in Taos and its Indian reservations, several visits to different communes, and quite a few months in Key West... we lived like a bunch of nomads. I guess you could say that in my "growing up years," I became a love child of America!

NY: Where did you attend college? Did you have any interesting experiences?

MT: Perhaps trying to correct their earlier parenting deficiencies, my folks encouraged me to go to Liberty College. When I first arrived on campus, we were personally met by the Reverend Jerry Falwell, founder of Liberty. Believe it or not, we hit it off immediately. Every Sunday after services, say

around 3:00 in the afternoon, a lot of us would meet at Jerry's house for a real home cooked meal. You know, fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and sweet iced tea. But you're not going to believe this, for dessert, Jerry would bring out these incredible magical brownies. To this day, I don't know his secret ingredient, but let me tell you, those brownies got everyone laughing and in a good mood! Oh yeah, while having dessert, we would usually play Twister and listen to Bob Marley. Man, that was great fun.

NY: What are some events that happened earlier in your life that had the most impact on you?

MT: I almost forgot, when I was 9 years old, we moved to Indonesia. My parents heard of some esoteric guru there who was dispensing extraordinary wisdom; they just had to

spend a year with him. While in Indonesia, though, I met this kid who moved there from Hawaii, and he became my best friend at school. We called him Barry, but today everyone calls him Barack. During our school



days though, Barry and I used to chase the neighbor's chickens and steal mangos. We're still friends today, and every now and then Barry takes me for a ride on Air Force 1.

NY: What were your biggest aspirations as a child, and who or what was your biggest influence?

MT: While in Indonesia, I really wanted to become a mahout. Those guys were so cool. But after find-

ing out how much it costs to insure and feed an elephant, I moved onto new dreams.

CS: Other than being a teacher as SOA, did you have any other professional aspirations? If so, why did you abandon them?

MT: Professionally, I've always wanted to be a professional 'rassler. In 1980 I met Ric Flair at the Hardees on Hwy. 76 in Timmonsville, SC. We were both chowin' down on our charbroiled double cheeseburgers when this girl in "daisy dukes" sashayed into the restaurant nice and slow-like. Ric dropped his burger and let out one of his trademark Woooooos, but the girl wouldn't give him the time of day. Having met the girl once (she worked as a cashier at the local IGA), I helped Ric out, and in return, he taught me to 'rassle. I got pretty good and made it into several WWF events. But when Rufus R. Freight Train Jones took a folding metal chair to my head, I decided I'd had enough.

NY: Besides SOA, where else have you worked as a teacher or another job?

MT: Jesse Jackson once hired me as a speech writer. "Keep hope alive!"

NY: What has been the proudest moment of your life?

MT: Serving as a liaison between RR and MG between 1989-91... but if I told you about it, I would have to shoot you.

NY: When you look back on your life do you have any regrets?

MT: Yea, gettin' in the ring with Freight Train Jones!

SOA student excels at sports

By Yah Nodrog

If you did not all ready know, the School of the Arts is an art school that does not offer league sports. Kids who want to participate in sports generally play for their home schools. There are plenty of SOA athletes, but one stands high above all the others: **Fateef Q. Williamson**, a senior piano major at SOA, plays basketball, football, and swims for his home school. Fateef has won countless state titles in every sport he plays.

Fateef was born in Sumter, South Carolina and at a young age found that he had a natural gift for sports. Fateef played for multiple community sports teams in grade and middle school. After middle school he moved to Charleston and tried out for School of the Arts.

Fateef takes turns living with

three different aunts, one lives in Goose Creek, one in Mt. Pleasant, and the last in West Ashley. Because of this situation, Fateef is able to play for West Ashley, Goose Creek, and Wando High School. He plays basketball, football, and swims for all three high schools. This was a challenge for Fateef when he played for both West Ashley and Goose Creek in a football game without subbing out. He ended up



winning both games, and taking both teams to state.

Fateef is also one of the best young swimmers in the country. He has broken countless records and has even swum across the Atlantic. His reasoning behind the Trans-Atlantic swim was simply "because I needed to cool off." Fateef can also hold his breath for 10 minutes, which allows him to practice his free styling with the dolphins. Also, Fateef is an amazing basketball player and can dunk from half

court.

In addition, his lacrosse skills are unparalleled. Fateef, being a piano major, was able to play the entire works of Mozart during a lacrosse game that he put into triple overtime. The game was finished in the forth overtime with his team in a lead of 52 points, which were all scored by him.

Fateef plans to play football in college and to be on the NFL at the same time. During college he also plans to play basketball and tennis. With his time limited by the NFL, Fateef thinks he may have to drop swimming and lacrosse. Almost every college in the south-east has drafted him and he has been presented with multiple free-rides, regardless of his 1.2 GPA. The future is looking bright for Fateef, and SOA wishes him the best of luck.

School hours to be lengthened

By Niksag Yeliab

After much consideration, the school has decided, even though the schedule has been changed for some time, that School of the Arts will return to a 3:30 p.m. release schedule. Although 20 minutes have formally been chopped off our school day since the beginning of the year and the merge with Magnet, school officials have released that, for the benefit of the students and academia alike, those 20 minutes will have to be renewed. Also, the school day must begin at 8:00 a.m. instead of the recent 8:05 a.m. just to make things nice and even and how they used to be.

Students who have heard through the grapevine of this news respond to it with much resentment, saying things such as "This is absolutely absurd" and "Imma leave at 3:10 anyway." Students are to report to homeroom after first block on the

morning of April 3rd to receive the news along with a revised schedule showing new class times. When this new policy is officially enacted on April 4th, the school expects nothing short of an uprising. However, the school (as prepared as they usually are) has set up for 56 extra security guards to be on campus that day to subdue any unrest.

Students are to take home a letter from the office detailing the reasons for the change and any additional plans made by the faculty and staff including the new policy on IDs (which involves a guillotine if you don't have it 2 days in a row. Not exactly sure what a GUILLOTINE is... it hurts my head just thinking about it.) Any complaints on the policy can be directed to the school extension "No one cares so get over it" (i.e.: 666632273776438683748).



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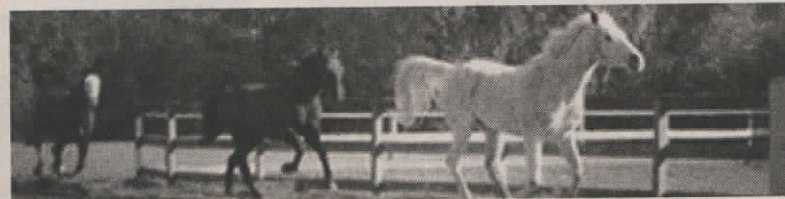
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Rebecca Black breaks onto the music scene

By Dleifregnad Nossiahc

I'm not sure if you have heard of Ark Music Factory, but personally, this specific record company is most definitely my preference in terms of my music choices. If you ever happen to take a peek at my iPod, you'll see oodles of remarkable artists including Lena, Madison Bray, Ishraq, Alana Lee, Abby Victor, and Rebecca Black. Seeing how Justin Bieber got his start through such a company, why wouldn't I focus my interests on each and every talented soul that aspires to follow in his footsteps? It is apparent that Jay Bee's dedication to his music has certainly paid off, considering he published a biography before he even grew facial hair. These skilled exclusive artists certainly match his talent, I promise you.

On the AMF website (arkmusicfactory.com) you can learn all you need to know about the label. They state that their "main objective is to discover future #1 artists and produce the next outstanding star. Our established relationships within the entertainment industry umbrella keeps us committed to producing solid results for the artists' career... [we] have certainly recognized that raw talent alone is sufficient to get noticed. However, to further advance as a professional within the music industry, it is absolutely essential for an artist to have hit singles and a well executed image - all within that marketable package!"

Just take a look at each new artist's profile page to find out all you could possibly want to know about each of the superstar's lifestyle. Success is just around the corner - especially for one exquisite young girl.

Recently one of these new artists, Rebecca Black, has released her first single, "Friday." This incredible masterpiece encompasses her successful talent and inspirational lyrics about looking forward to the weekend. She refers to Friday as being "fun, fun, fun, fun." Rebecca Black also educates listeners on the order of the days of the week. Black sings, "Yesterday was Thursday. Today is Friday. We-we-we so excited. We so excited. We gonna have a ball today. Tomorrow is Saturday. And Sunday comes afterwards." Fun and learning come together to create this stunning achievement. Listeners have commented on how aptitude and victory combine to fashion this incredible song for children of all ages.

If you haven't checked out these fantastic, unbelievably incredible new artists of the 21st century, found through the Ark Music Factory, you are missing out. Consider your life wasted. Without the sight and sounds of these extraordinary and out of this world singers, your, my fellow classmates, life is literally incomplete. Check it out. Check. It. Out.

Fantasy Mission Force: Watch it. Now.

By Epoc Nitsua

In 1983, Jackie Chan was in debt with the triads, and so was forced to help Chu Yin-Ping (a film director) make three films. The best of them was *Fantasy Mission Force*, a film that transcends genres with its rare blend of comedy and action, two things not often seen together. There are elements of the Chinese comedic style known as "Mo lei tau," and it used many innovative technical effects before its time, such as multiple explosions in the background while people in the foreground jump forward.

Set during World War II, four Allied Generals, including General Abraham Lincoln of the United States, are captured and a summit is called to decide who is best qualified to go after them. Lieutenant Don Wen is finally given the honor (Snake Plissken, James Bond, and Rocky Balboa were unavailable), and immediately begins rounding up his team. His motley crew is made up of two kilt-wearing soldiers, a hobo, the escape artist Greased Lightning, the con artist Billy, and their very own femme fatale Lily (played

by award-winning actress Brigitte Lin), who wears red knee-high boots and totes around a magical bazooka that never runs out of ammo.

While on their journey they finally meet Jackie Chan's character Sammy, who tries to steal from them but fails. Then their leader Don Wen is captured in the next frame and they continue on without him like nothing happened. Such troopers. Afterward, they encounter cannibalistic amazons but are saved when Jackie Chan comes across them while chasing a chicken. They also come across a haunted mansion with hopping zombies (a traditional Chinese monster) and a militia full of Nazis and gangsters driving muscle cars. All of this culminates to Jackie Chan's second fight scene which leaves a surprising twist ending you'll have to see to believe.

Fantasy Mission Force has influenced Chinese cinema for almost three decades since its release inspiring countless sequels and knockoffs made by people trying to get a piece of this epic *Fantasy Mission Force* pic.



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We ate at McDonald's. Be jealous.

By Niksag Yeliab and Dleifregand Nossihc

Nestled cozily right on Savannah Highway lies a place so wonderful, it can only be found in your wildest dreams. This place serves cheeseburgers fresh off the grill and French fries straight from the recipes of ancient French chefs. What is this magnificent palace of food wonder? This place is McDonald's, and it alone can stand the test of delectable cuisine. Incomparable to any other restaurant in the world, McDonald's can only be described in one word: immaculate.

After crossing the parking lot littered with cups and bags, Chaisson and I knew we had really come across a fine, 5-star eatery. This was the kind of place one should have to dress up for in order to attend, the kind of place that requires hours of prep time to even look presentable in its presence. Walking in the door, we were instantly greeted by the aroma of grease. The lady behind the counter was excited to see us. She immediately asked if she could take our order (how sweet!) and our orders of a double cheeseburger Mighty Kids Meal and chicken

McNuggets were promptly brought out to us. (It was as if the workers KNEW what we were going to order before we even walked in, it was so quick.) Accompanied by Sweet and Sour sauce and ketchup that seemed to taste better there than anywhere else ever, we sat down to eat our meal at a quaint, high-rise table. Although the lovely ladies behind the counter never came to check up on us, their loving and caring service was so apparent that it was practically tangible.

However, if you're looking for a place to chow when you've got the late night munchies, this is not that place. What-so-ever. No. McDonald's is, contrary to belief, a fine eating establishment with nothing but the leading examples of food quality and service. Make sure you PLAN (i.e. make suitable reservations) to go eat at McDonald's; this isn't the kind of place you just instinctively decide to eat your supper on a road trip to your Grandmammie's. No, McDonald's is a place for a family looking for a high-class eating EXPERIENCE.



Tiananmen Square the Musical: The soundtrack of the year

By Yah Nodrog

Tiananmen Square the Musical produced some of this year's most awe inspiring music. The melodies are those that ignite social revolutions and revolutionize entire societies. With this completely unbiased review, I will dive into the beauty and complexity that is *Tiananmen Square the Musical*.

The musical numbers were exclusively written by Eric Payne, Gordon Hay, and Devante Lee, and a couple of lines were written by Tyler Woziniak. All of the musical numbers are enjoyable on multiple levels and many of them are quite catchy. Without the lyrics these songs are still considered magical, but the lyrics are what bring the soundtrack to a godly level. Songs such as

"One Child Policy" touch on the social decay of the modern world and how true love can be found in a dead Chinese girl thrown into the river. "The American rap," on the other hand, lays down some cool beats and completely recaptures the Hip-Hop days of a younger Mr. Reese.

Overall, if you like music, or just life in general, then *Tiananmen Square the Musical* is the soundtrack for you. Let the music flow into your heart, and buy this CD. You can purchase *Tiananmen Square the Musical* soundtrack directly from Gordon Hay for the small price of \$20. Just give me the money and I will send you a CD via mail. I promise I will send it, and I promise it exists. (Suckers.)



The Obituary of Eugene Gordon Hay VI

By Yah Nodrog

It was a sunny, exceptionally beautiful, day on March 26 when **Eugene Gordon Hay VI** left this world on the golden chariot of salvation. He will be survived through his dog Candice and the rest of his family...well not really; they didn't care for him too much. His mother commented on his tragic death saying, "It was about time. I been trying to get rid of that stupid kid ever since he was born. Tried to kill him myself a couple of times. The glass that I punched in his eye when he was four almost got rid of him. Whatever, I tired of this interview, we going to celebrate and dance over his dead body."

Gordon met his end at SOA graduation during his valedictorian speech, due to being impaled by a sixth grader's oboe. After the murder, Gordon bled on the stage for the next two hours; howev-

er, they didn't worry about stopping the graduation and in fact, they stepped on Gordon's mangled corpse to accept their diplomas. Gordon will be remembered for his smile and his general optimistic outlook. Well...he probably really won't be remembered at all.

Anyways, his burial will be sometime next week at some church, but there is really no need to go to that. On the other hand, his mother is having a party on the same date celebrating his death. She happily exclaimed that everyone is invited and there will be a bluegrass band performing. Oh, and on another note, **Austin Cope** ran in front of a bus, *Mean Girls* style after finding out about Gordon's death, and honestly I have no idea who that is so I can assume that he doesn't matter either.

In memory of Eugene Gordon Hay



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Sass Attack: Ill c u nxt \$unday

By Niksag Yeliab

If ever there was something more annoying than Miley Cyrus, it's text speech. However, for sake of my April Sass Attack...I give you "An Attack in Text."

\$o y3strday, I wuz sTudyng in the libRury, r8? wh3n I saw dis rilly hawt guy wit Beebur hurr wlk-ing dwn the bi0graphie r0wn n I wuz all lyk3, "omg wut a hawt guy" s0 I leand f0rwrD in muh churr, r8? 2 g3t a bett3r luk @ him wh3n all duh \$udd3n n I sw3ar dis uz tru, muh churr f3ll ovr n I land3d r8 on muh face r8 infr0nt of dis rilly hawt guy wit Beebur hurr. It wuz s0 frickiNg emburra\$\$ing s0 I lyk3 packd muh stuFf up, r8? n g0t tha h3ck outta durr cuz I wsn't g0nna stik ar0unD 2 c him laughin @ meh.

N TH3N, omg, I sw3ar dis uz tru3 2, I wlk3d in muh h0us3 aft3r muh alr3adY h0rribl3 happ3ninG @ dah li-

bruRy n muh MuM \$tart\$ yellin @ meh b0ut muh gradz n Im ju\$t lyk3, "Rlly MuM? I'm in lyk3 dah 12th grad3. Gradz R \$0 la\$t yr. Lawlz." n den sh3 g0t all mad n n0w Im gr0und3d til Im lyk3 56 \$0 I cnt c0m3 2 dah party dis Fri. which uz lyk3 a



MAJ0R bum3r. Srry. ne-way, I just had lyk3 dah day fr0m dah d3vil n s3nding u dis txt has just mad3 meh f33l lyk3 SO much bett3r n I kn0w itll pr0lly b3 lyk3 5 pag3s 0n ur gh3tt0 ph0n3, but thx for list3ning. Ttyl. <3! Ttfn. G2G. ur muh bst fr3nn and I luv u. P.S: t3ll

ur broth3r I think h3s hawt. Caus3 h3 uz. N I wanna c0m3 ovr wh3n im nawt gr0und3d nemore.

Could you even read that? No? THEN STOP SENDING ME TEXTS "LYK3 DUS!" It's annoying and I don't understand what "ur" saying. Proper English people. K thx buhbye!

The truth about journalism

By Sotnas Enirehtac

One may assume that our *Applause* advisor is an intelligent, kind-hearted family man. However I have discovered the truth and intend to expose the ways he abuses the *Applause* staff, after all on any given day *Applause* staffer, **Gordon Hay**, can be seen curled up in the fetal position crying.

One day I came in to congratulate the advisor on his new book. What I saw shocked me. Sitting at his desk was a monster of a creature resembling Beelzebub. His bright, yellow eyes glared at me as he took another bite of his Lean Pockets. The sight of this monster caused me to retreat to the ladies room and cry furiously. I decided to investigate.

In the April 2009 issue of *Applause*, a photograph was published showing the advisor attempting to simultaneously asphyxiate and bludgeon a staff member, who could not be reached for comment. I fear that the beast has already

gotten to him. Soon the rest of us may meet the same fate.

Several students were able to lure the beast out of his classroom with a cup of coffee. In this small amount of time I was able to open one of the ceiling tiles labeled with the purple sticky notes. First a bunch of essays marked with red ink fell out; most had giant F's that the advisor had written with his claws. As I reached up to feel around I found a stash of Lean Pockets.

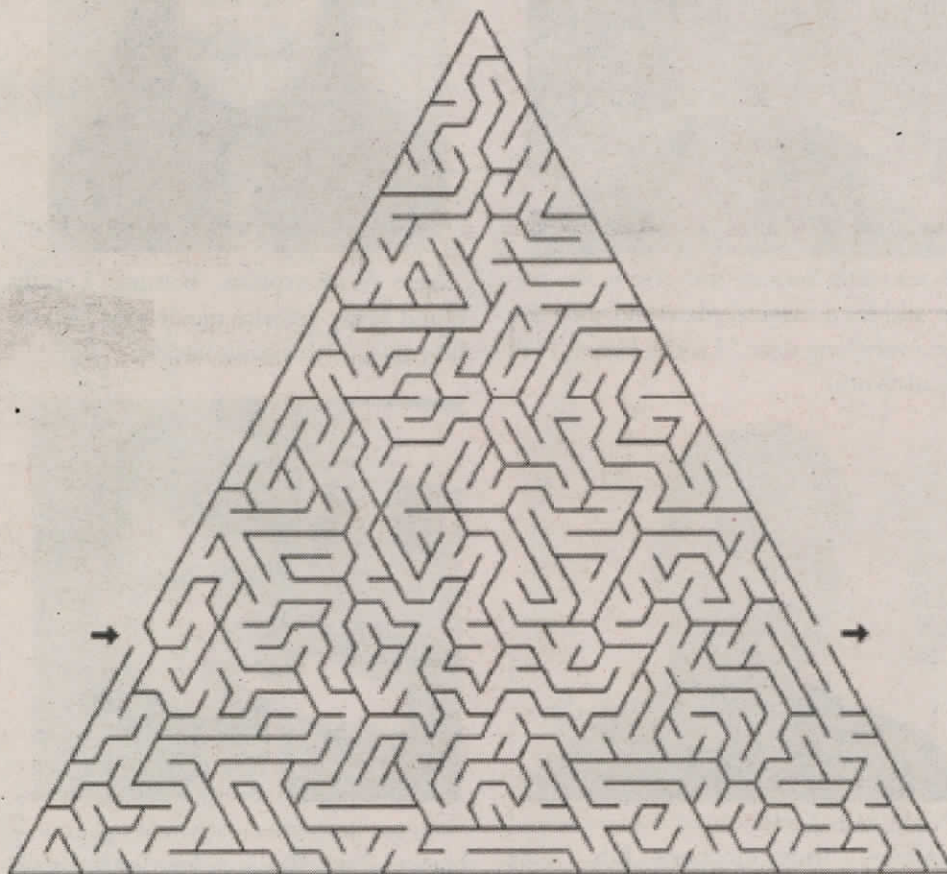
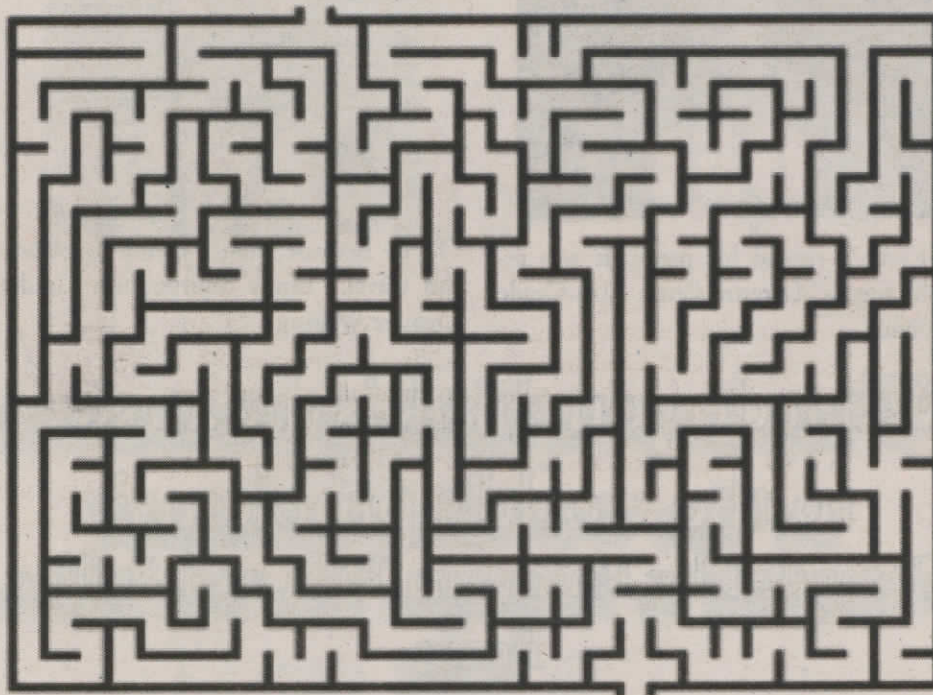
I've narrowly escaped the advisor's wrath for the time being. If he knew what I was doing he'd rip the computer out of the wall and throw it out the window. However anyone who seeks to live shoul



[Editor's Note: This unfinished article was discovered in Catherine's hovel a week after the accident. Catherine has since been unaccounted for.]

Test your Monty Python knowledge!

- In which direction is it best to fart in?
 - Downwards
 - Upwards
 - In your general direction
 - Sideward
- Finish this sentence: Your mother was a _____ and your father smelt of _____.
- What do witches often turn peasants into?
 - Frogs
 - Cats
 - Newts
 - Puppies
- How many times does a swallow need to beat its wings to maintain air-speed velocity?
 - 10 times a minute
 - 24 times a day
 - 43 times a second
 - 56754754 times a year
- How far can coconuts migrate?
 - They're coconuts...
 - 10 miles
 - From King Arthur's kingdom to Franglais speaking castle
 - 100 eons
- How did King Arthur become king?
 - They voted
 - The other king was overthrown
 - The Lady of the Lake, her arm clad in the purest shimmering samite, held aloft Excalibur from the bosom of the water, signified by divine providence that Arthur was to carry Excalibur.
 - I don't know
- What shape is the Earth?
 - Circular
 - Round
 - Banana shaped
 - Spherical
- What prevents Earthquakes?
 - Dog's barks
 - Cat's meows
 - Sheep's bladders
 - Duck feathers



Horoscopes!

Aries: The Ram (Mar. 21 – Apr. 19) - 個積極的變化在你的生命來快。睜開你的眼睛，頭腦和心臟，不要害怕自己的偉大。

Taurus: The Bull (Apr. 20 – May 20) - نأال كتحار قطانملا زواجتت. كسفن دحتل بسانملا تقولا وه ذفيظو تدجو اذاى تح، مكيدل ام لصفلا قواجمو داتعملام مرم.

Gemini: The Twins (May 21 – Jun. 20) - A nuk mbi planin. Çdo gjë mund (dhe ndoshta do të) të ndryshojë në një njoftim momente që të ndërpriten foton tuaj të përsosur. Mundohuni të përqëndrohet në pozitive dhe përdorimin cilësitet tuaja fleksibile për të arritur qëllimet tuaja.

Cancer: The Crab (Jun. 21 – Jul. 22) - Ihre Kreativität ist bei einer beeindruckenden Höhe jetzt. Vergewissern Sie sich, um diese Energie in einer positiven Weise Kanal, wenn Sie dies nicht tun, können Sie bis Ende überwältigt.

Leo: The Lion (Jul. 23 – Aug. 22) - Laat je niet trots te krijgen in de manier van uw succes! Iemand te popelen om je te helpen, maar je bent niet het type te openen en laat anderen je helpen. Wees op uw hoede van de mensen om je heen en wees voorzichtig niet te verschijnen te zelfvoorzienend.

Virgo: The Virgin (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) - Ophou om 'n perfeksonis! Niemand en niks is perfek nie, vergeet van "fine-tuning. Vandag, ontspan en die tyd neem om jou huidige situasie te evalueer.

Libra: The Scales (Sept 23 – Oct. 22) - Místo soustředění se na vzrušení, kompletní nedokončený úkol. Ale nebojte se o chybět na party, něco později v tomto týdnu bude nejlepší nějaké plány můžete zrušit.

Scorpio: The Scorpion (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) - जोन नकारासकता कि आप के चारी और चककर लगना है जाने की कीदादा करीं यदि आप एक तीस प्रयास अप की एक तरीका पता दें कि क्रम वापस जीत रहा है देखने के लिए शुख करना होगा

Sagittarius: The Archer (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) - Bir kavga yerleşmek için barış becerilerinizi kullanın. Eğer yer almak istemiyorum bile, her iki taraf daha sonra size teşekkür edecek.

Capricorn: The Sea-goat (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) - Αυτό ενδέχεται να διαταράξουν την πύρινη τοξότη, αλλά δεν κρίνουμε ένα βιβλίο από το εξώφυλλό του. Ο, τι λάμπει δεν είναι χρυσός και εάν παίρνετε το χρόνο να κοιτάξουμε πιο μακριά θα μπορούσε να σας σώσει από ένα διάλειμμα καρδιά.

Aquarius: The Water Carrier (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18) - Това може да наруши огнена стрелец, но не съди книгата по корицата. Всичко, което блести е злато и ако отделите време да погледнем по-далеч може да ви спаси от сърце почивка.

Pisces: The Fish (Feb. 19 – Mar. 20) - ნაცვრად ფოკუსირება აღტვიბება, სრულყოფილი დაუმთავრებელი დაგარებას. მადრამ არ ინგნვიულოთ შესახებ ხედიდან პარტიულ, რადაც ამ კვირის დასაწყისში იქნება რაიმე გვემები შეიძლება გააუქმოს.



"The cumulonimbus cloud." Hannah Roth, 10th Grade Dance



"Kedrick ripped his pants. It was really funny." Lorenzo Perez, 11th Grade Dance



"To fly because then I could go places and travel." Emily Shorter, 6th Grade Creative Writing

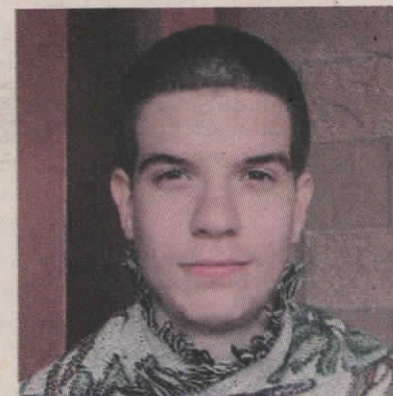


"The underground railroad." Alex Wertz, 9th Grade Band



"We're not at war." Andrew White, 11th Grade Band

What do you think is the answer to the world's problems?
Compiled by Enitsugua Eilla and Snilloc Ecarg



"More wishes." Josh Miller, 12th Grade Strings



"Getting prepared for college and starting my career." Hannah Gillespie, 12th Grade Vocal



"A sea turtle because they live in the water and it's a magical place and they live for a very long time." Dewitt Floyd, 11th Grade Vocal



"Reese Witherspoon, because Legally Blond is my favorite movie ever." Linda Wozniak, 12th Grade Vocal



"I like to listen to music." Khayla Chapman, 10th Grade Visual Arts



"The Percy Jackson series. The whole thing" Grace Novak, 7th Grade Band



"Nikki Minaj. Her music is creative and different." Tony Pinckney, 8th Grade Piano



"You got your chocolate in my peanut butter." Zach Sharpe, 11th Grade Band



"I think that we should be over there." Sophie Frizzel, 6th Grade Dance