

Seeing Spots Newspaper: Edition 4

Graduation

By: Yara Ayache

Congratulations 8th graders! We have done it. We have finished middle school and are moving on to more stress and homework. How wonderful... From the newspaper crew we wish all our 8th graders in Newspaper a good and successful time in high school and in the future. Congratulations class of 2017, you will be amazing in high school.

Graduation

Francesca Ly and Vivian Lee

Graduation. The time where us young eighth graders spread our wings and fly to different high schools. We've experienced all the ups and downs of middle school... drama, teachers we love or hate, two boring- *interesting* talent shows, two different principles,... all sorts of things. However, we all arrive to the end of the road. High School. It's both the end of a milestone and the start of a new one. Leaving people may be hard to get over, but there's many new and recurring friends at high school. We got through the school work that makes us stay up late, the fun field trips, and the new bonds (ahaha science)



It's Time to Get in the Summer Zone!

By: Maddie Antevil

Here are some good ways to have fun during the break.

1. Wear effective sun block-

During the summer, you will be spending a lot of time outside, so don't go easy on the s.p.f.!

2. Drink water-

One common thing that happen when you are out in the sun is dehydration! Don't let this happen to you, so drink lots of water!

3. Take a dip in the pool-

swimming is a great way to cool off and you get in some exercise.

4. Do summer camps-

Use this long break to enjoy your extra time. It won't last forever, so sign up for some camps!

5. Enjoy your family-

Once again, you have time off from school so why not spend some time with your fam?

6. Water gun fight-

Water gun fights are a great way to cool down while letting your competitive spirit out!

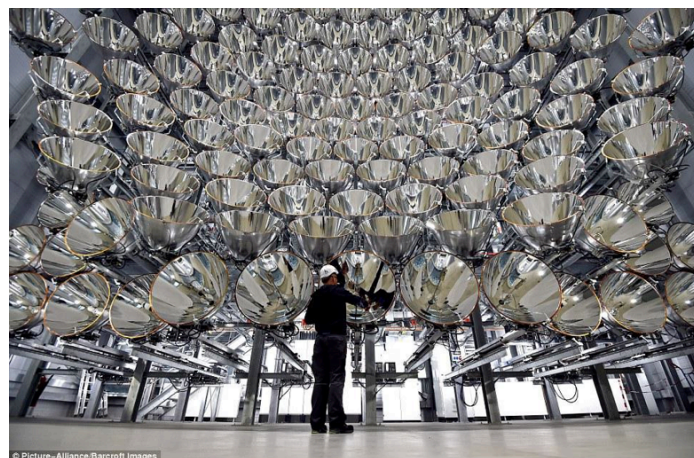
7. Get into a new book-

If you aren't the type of person who spend time outside, curling up with a great book is a good substitute!



Germany Unveils the World's Largest Artificial Sun

The Germans have an idea to create a new innovation to help with solar energy. They want to create an artificial sun. This “sun” has 149 lightbulbs and can get to temperatures up to 5400° Fahrenheit. The light is 10,000 times brighter than the real sun shining on the Earth. No one is allowed in the radiation proof room during experiments, as the heat can melt a piece of metal in just minutes. In the future, this sunlight will have a lasting effect on the environment, but whether is will be positive or negative is still unknown.



Protect Yourself Online!

By: Mollie Raymond

The digital horror story that we all have nightmares about usually includes some shady foreign breaking into your firewalls, destroying important files, and leaking private documents. Though the technology is extremely modern, this fear of spooky hackers is utterly outdated. However, instead of hackers, viruses and identity thieves are hidden where you least expect them, and are often disguised as reliable companies. Even scarier than the irrational myths about creepy computer hackers is the terrifying truth: they might be invading your privacy without you suspecting them.

Although it is getting harder to protect yourself online, here are some tips for identifying internet fraud:

- **Obscurity-** If a company or service is advertised vaguely or with a false sense of integrity then it probably means they're hiding something. Watch out for emails starting with "Hello, customer" instead of your name, or things like "Rated #1 company in the field by professionals" without being specific.
- **Urgency-** If a pop-up comes up on your computer telling you that "Time is running out!" it's most likely a scam. Be weary of flashy advertisements that demand attention.
- **Obvious lies-** It is easy to catch someone in a lie face to face however on a computer, it's not as easy to tell. The most obvious way to tell if someone is lying is if they get offended or angry if you challenge what they say.
- **URL-** You'll notice most secure websites have 'https' in the beginning instead of 'http' and it might have a little icon of a lock. This means that these websites are secure. There are also various websites where you can check a website's url and it will detect whether the site is credible.

In addition to this, most internet scams are based on deceit, and they target specific groups that are more susceptible. It is especially dangerous for...

- Senior citizens (often confused by technology)
- Little kids (impressionable and gullible)
- Online shoppers (statistically more likely to make rash purchases)



I'm Feeling Lucky

By: Anna Winterson

Google, the most common used search engine has been around since September 15th, 1996. Two men, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, started Google. They both received their Ph.D.'s at Stanford University. Starting the idea of Google as a research project at the university, they both searched for a theme for a long essay assigned to them but could not find anything. Then, Larry Page had an idea, he wanted to explore the mathematical properties of the web and they wanted to organize information to make it easier to find and use it. Page and Brin always had a sense of humor and initially named Google "BackRub" they called it that because the search engine covered all backlinks and links that comes from one website and links to other sources. However, in 1997 Page seemed to not like the name "BackRub" anymore. In addition, one of Page's friends, Sean Anderson, suggested the name "Googolplex" during a brainstorming session. Page decided to shorten the name to "Googol" later, however, when Anderson went to look up if the name "Googol" was taken, he changed it to "Google" by mistake. They ended up liking the name and kept it, making the "Google" we all know and use all the time.

Spider-Man Homecoming

By Olav Jensen

Spider-Man Homecoming is coming closer everyday to the big screen. The movie will be released on July 7, 2017 and it will be starring Tom Holland as Spider-Man. Spider-Man movies had a rough start with the Spider-Man franchise and The Amazing Spider-Man franchise, but now Marvel Studios is running the show with our favorite Web-Slinger. Spider-Man was confirmed to be in Marvel Studios when he appeared in Captain America: Civil War. When people saw Spider-Man in action during the Airport Battle, people found it astonishing. The director of this Amazing movie coming soon is Jon Watts. This man was the director of Cop Car, Clown, and AKA Blondie. These movies didn't get the best reviews but, we all hope that he does a great job on this upcoming one. Michael Keaton playing as the super villain the Vulture who is a gangster and who in the movie trailer acquires a robotic bird suit which he uses to wreak havoc. The most exciting actor returning to the big screen is Robert Downey Jr, playing as the playboy philanthropist, Tony Stark aka Iron Man. This movie should have enough Robert Downey until the next Avengers movie comes out in 2018.



The Edible Water Bubble

By: Emma Gouker

Water bottles are, as we all know, made of plastic. Plastic takes hundreds of years to biodegrade. The solution to this environmental threat? The edible water bubble. The edible water bubble is made by taking a frozen ball of water, dunking it in a calcium chloride solution, removing it, then soaking it in a brown algae extract. While it may not sound like it tastes good, or if it is edible at all, it is perfectly safe to eat and is tasteless. This may be the next big thing!

But it may have some drawbacks. While it may be inexpensive, one edible water bubble is the equivalent of one gulp of water. It may also be a choking hazard. Also, it is not the most appetizing product, you would have to eat multiple water bubbles in order to fully quench your thirst. If you want to see how to make an edible water bubble, click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-WGCSB6VSQ>



New York City's Skyline May Get Even More Interesting With The "Big Bend"

By: Serena Goyal

New York City's impressive skyline which includes iconic structures like the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building, may get even more interesting with the addition of the "Big Bend." Greek architect, Ioannis Oiaonomou, says his design is inspired by an innovative track changing system that will allow future elevators to travel vertically, horizontally, as well as in curves. If the 4,000-foot-long "Big Bend" does become a reality, it will also lay claim to being the world's longest structure! While there are some doubts, Oiaonomou is confident that the skinny skyscraper, whose only real estate needs will be two narrow plots on either side of a historic building on 57th street, will be very attractive to investors and developers, as well as buyers seeking a distinguished place to live.



Brain Teasers

By Maya Vibhakar

Can you solve them all?

1. Your parents have six sons including you and each son has one sister. How many people are in the family?
2. What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
3. Before Mount Everest was discovered, which mountain was the tallest on Earth?
4. How much dirt is there in a hole that is 3 feet deep, and 6 inches in diameter?



5. As I was going to St. Ives, I met a man with seven wives. Each kids had seven sacks, Each sack had seven cats, Each cat had seven kittens. How many people were going to St. Ives?

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The Columbia Lakefront Festival

By Victoria Uttenreither

The Columbia Lakefront Festival is a string of daily events that is held on the lawn of the Downtown Columbia Lakefront. Starting June 26th till September 24, there are many fun opportunities provided by these events. This festival includes performances by many bands that you may have heard of or may not. These artists are very varied in genre, ranging from pop, to reggae, to rock, and more. Bands playing include 49¢ Dress, The Rhythm Method, The Colliders, and so many more. Family movies take place on Monday and Friday from June 26th to August 18th, and Friday and Saturday on September 1st and 9th. All movies take place at dusk around 8:30 p.m. Movies include La La Land, Moana, Fantastic Beasts and Where To Find Them. Other events include Teen Open Mic which is a chance for you to showcase your voice on the stage. The Columbia Lakefront Festival provides many opportunities and is overall very fun for the entire family.



Bendy and the Ink Machine

By: Winston Park

Bendy and the Ink Machine is a new, unique, first person horror game created by TheMeatly. In the game, players play as Henry, a retired animator that gets invited back to his old partner's workshop. Once inside, however, you begin to realize that something is very, very wrong. Cardboard cutouts begin to shift and appear in new places. Voice recordings capture eerie accounts of past employees, and bone-chilling messages written in ink appear on the walls. The game is designed to look like an old cartoon, such as the ones Disney produced when it first began its animations. There are currently two chapters available on Steam, with Chapters 3, 4, and 5 on the way. Along with idiosyncratic sound effects, jump-scares, and a tragic lore, this game is truly idiosyncratic as both a horror and indie production.



Throne of Glass Review

By: Maddie Kim

I recommend this for a person who loves romance, action, and magic combined into one! *Throne of Glass* revolves around a beautiful, yet deadly, golden-haired assassin that goes by the name Celaena Sardothien, who, for the past two years, has been captured and put in a slave camp called Endovier. Men have beaten her; men have bruised her; men have shattered her to millions of pieces that were thought to be impossible to put back together once again. And just when she has started to lose all essence of hope, the Crown Prince of Ardan, Dorian Havilland, and the Captain of the Guard, Chaol Westfall, nominate the nineteen-year-old assassin to compete in a deadly competition. If she wins, Celaena will finally have the life she once lost: a life full of gold and handsome men and blood and sharp daggers. But while she is living like a proper lady in the glass castle, Celaena uncovers the rare, banned, magic that thrives in the castle. Will she win? What will happen to the magic? And who will she pick- the gorgeous Prince of Ardan, or his captivating Captain of the Guard? Will she shed her walls and free herself from that internal bondage? Read and find out! This novel was amazing. Sarah J. Maas couldn't have done a better job.



Sleeping in Class Is Finally Encouraged

By: Aminah Malik

With the rise of advances in technology and more stress factors, very few people are able to squeeze in the recommended 8-10 hours of sleep each night. To solve this ever-growing problem, David Lloyd Clubs, a chain of gyms and fitness centers in Europe have introduced a napercise class! This hour long class creates the ideal environment for napping: soothing music in the background alongside a perfect temperature. Participants are led in light stretches and are encouraged to put on a eye mask and cuddle under fresh sheets.

To skeptics who think the class is a waste of money, naps have scientifically proven benefits. Pennsylvania's Allegheny College has proven in a study that naps allow people to feel well-rested, as well as helping to handle stress. Additionally, a midday nap boosts learning capacity. So go ahead, take a nap, treat yourself.



Existential Dread

By: Tibor Mester

Stealing the warmth from his body, the cool morning air rolled in. The refreshing greeting fell on deaf ears. He didn't notice for his mind was not with his body. Sitting at the serene spot on the tracks, his sanctuary, he could hear the birds, chirping in the early hours. He could smell the trees, their fragrance wafting. He could feel the morning air, the moisture settling on his skin. His mind off in the distance, he thought about his situation. Annoyed at its conclusions, his mind moved on to the past. His mind still dwelling, when a noise startled him. Looking up, he saw her.

"I thought I could find you here," she said, approaching the tracks.

Annoyed at the interruption of his thoughts, pacific and serene, he snapped, "What do you want from me?"

"Just to talk," she replied. Taking a seat across from him, she asked, "What do you want?"

"According to them, I'm a coward and I don't want to serve!" he answered, disgust in his voice.

Quickly, she responded, "I know that's not the problem." Her voice pleading for him to calm

down. However, she acted too late. Sitting on the tracks on that cool spring morning, he had come to a conclusion.

"Why does everyone think they understand what I'm going through!" he exclaimed, spittle flying from his lips. In a calmer tone he continued, "I'm not supposed to go to Korea. I had a plan; I was going to go to dental school." Raising his voice, he spat, "Then I would serve my owed years." His rage dissipated as he finished, "Afterwards I would start my own private practice. And then I would retire. And finally I would die."

"You have your entire life planned out, yet do you really know what you want?", she inquired, breaking the brief moment of silence.

Rising from his spot, he exclaimed, "I know I don't want to be in the military." Promptly, he turned and walked off into the woods. Annoyed at the confrontation, he picked a random direction and started walking. The last statement she had made lingered in his mind, festering and growing. Like a malignant tumor, the question remained no matter how much he ignored it. However,

he knew she was right. He hadn't thought of what he wanted.

Blocking all light, the forest enclosed him. The wind stopped howling, the leaves as motionless as a corpse. The chirping of the birds ceased to be heard in the silent forest. Leaning against a tree, he realized he was lost. However, he didn't care, for he had thought of what he wanted. He had also thought of the purpose behind his life and life in general. And to those questions he had no answer. Wanting to get away, he climbed up a tree. Looking down, he saw his answer. Feeling the cold air against his skin, he took off his belt. His face emotionless, he tightened his belt into a loop. Placing his hands behind his back, he slid the belt over his wrists. Bending his knees, he dove off the branch, aiming his neck for the ground. Feet leaving the branch, he regretted his decision. Trapped behind his back, his arms couldn't brace his fall. Knowing this was his last moment in existence, he felt a feeling of comfort. Then his head hit the ground. Jerking from the impact, his neck snapped. There he lay, dead on the forest floor, he ceased to exist.

Brain Teasers Answers:

1. Nine. Two parents, six sons, and one daughter. All of them have one sister (not six sisters).
2. Short
3. Mount Everest. It was still the tallest before it was discovered!
4. There is no dirt. It's a hole!
5. One. I'm the only one going to St. Ives

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