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School Music Box Players Present: *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*



Congratulations to the cast, crew, and supervisors who put on three sold out performances!

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Other crew members: Daniel Di Giacomo, Katherine Bily, Aidan Byrne, Amanda Rosa, Constantine Marinos, James Smith, Catalina Carew, Enzo Cupani, Frank Patano, Danielle Coen, James Smith, CJ Wellbrock, Gabriel Tomasic, Farah Kabir, Maggie McLeod, Jack Dowd, Gwen Poole, Nicole Ferraro
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World News

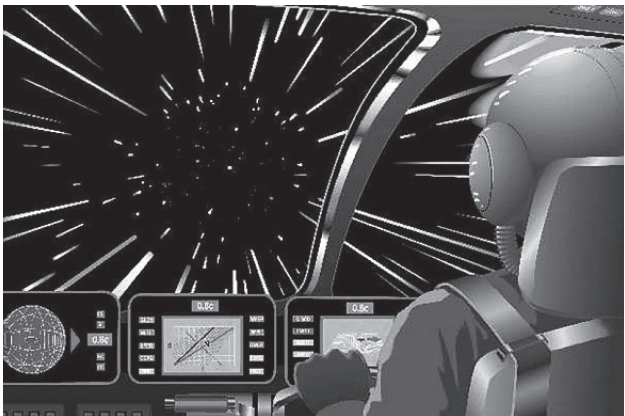


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New York City Lifts Ban on Cell Phones

By: Mathew Fiore

Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York City has lifted the ban on cell phones in New York City schools. When the ban was lifted on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 most kids and parents were very happy. Many parents say they want to be able to contact their children before school starts and on their way home to make sure they’re okay. However, some schools disagree with lifting the ban because they feel it will lead to catastrophe. They think many kids will bring their phones into class and cheat on tests and if a fight breaks out, record it and post it on social media. Even the mayor agrees with this, but thinks the students’ parents’ being able to contact their child is more important. Also, each school has to come up with where kids are allowed to use their phones. If they don’t, the kids will have to hide them all day long until they leave school.



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NASA Wants You to Travel to Far-off Worlds

By Giuseppe Schettino

NASA has always been searching for another place to live and recently found its 1,000th exoplanet. Kepler-186f orbits a star emanating red wavelength rays which could change the colors of things like grass from green to red. HG 40307g is not a very good option because it is 2x the volume of Earth and mostly composed of rock and ice. Then, there’s Kepler-16b, which NASA compares to Tatooine from the Star Wars series. Kepler-16b might be more of a Saturn-like gas giant but more research has to be done. Although, space travel to these planets is still impossible, NASA wants you to consider it in the future.



<http://si.wsj.net>

Traces of Bubonic Plague Found in New York’s Subway System

By Brandon Noll

The Wall Street Journal has released an interactive map of the bacteria in New York’s Metro System. Researchers have collected samples from all 266 Metro Stations. The Weill Cornell Medical College is doing this so we can better track down outbreaks and bioterrorism attempts. By the numbers they tracked down, they found more than 15,000 types of bacteria. From that list, they identified 562 types of bacteria, 67 of which could be dangerous to human, but, you're safe. Almost all of the bacteria were not active or were in such small quantities that they could never affect you. The scientists did find some good bacteria. You are safe, just remember to bring some hand sanitizer for the trip.

Reddit : An Inside Look

By Brandon Noll

Reddit? Ever heard of it? To a new user, Reddit looks like a mess of links, pictures, points, up votes, and down votes. Simply put, Reddit is a message board wherein users submit links. To really keep us with massive flow of inside jokes and references you need to check the site every day. Comments are key. They are the funniest and arguably the best part of the Reddit community. You won’t figure it out in one day but after a while you will find your favorite subreddits and community. After you find more, you can subscribe to those subreddits. The Reddit homepage consists of content submitted to the site’s most popular channels, or "subreddits" — Pics, Technology, WorldNews, Music, Gaming, etc. If a subreddit gains enough subscribers, it can become part of the default homepage, therefore driving additional traffic and subscribers. The number appearing between the up and down arrows is the score, the number of up votes minus the number of down votes. Reddit Karma is a total of "goodwill" you receive when users up vote your posts or comments. Go out there and enjoy it with the new knowledge that you have learned!



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The City That Never Sleeps... Until Now

By Joseph Bereswill

We all know New York City, which has been deemed the city that never sleeps. This has been true for about 110 years. The only time the city has ever gone down before this may have been when it was forced, such as during a natural disaster forced transportation services to shut down. Yet, this historical record has been recently broken, mostly because of Mayor Bill de Blasio. The record shattering blizzard occurred late at night on January 26th, and continued on through Tuesday, January 27th 2015. Mayor Bill de Blasio made the call, officially “shutting down” the city. Turns out, Manhattan received very little snow, so little that people were walking around the city as normal, although all means of normal transportation were shut down. Mayor Bill de Blasio was and is still being criticized for his choice that ended one of Manhattan’s memorable records.



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Ban Drones from Flying Over Your House

By Brandon Noll

With drones becoming more and more popular, you can finally have peace of mind that a stalker isn’t flying a drone right near your window. NoFlyZone is a company with a strange mission, to restrict where drones can fly. People who don't want drones over their houses, can go to the company's website and register their address. NoFlyZone will add geographic coordinates and the corners of the property to their database. The drones have geo-fences programmed in them. That means that when they reach the outside of your property, the drone will hover in midair and cannot go any farther. Once a month, NoFlyZone sends out updated information of these addresses to partner companies in the drone industry, so they can hard-code privacy protections into their product. Launched Tuesday, the company already has many users. Ironically, the company wants to promote drone use. “When I meet people out somewhere that see me flying a drone, I show them how to fly it, I let them fly it," NoFlyZone CEO Ben Marcus said.

News



<http://technabob.com>

The new Apple iWatch

By Joseph Bereswill

The new Apple iWatch has recently been released, and it is obvious that Apple is going for luxury with this new product. The lowest grade watch is about \$360, and increasing in price as you climb up the tiers. The watch is offered in three different styles which are offered for different personalities, and it is offered in different tiers, construction wise, ranging from plastic, leather, aluminum, stainless steel, to 18 karat gold. “The gold watch edition will be in limited supply at Apple Stores and cost a whopping \$10,000 (£8,000) to \$17,000 (£13,500, AU\$24,000), confirming prior rumors that said it'd be incredibly expensive,” As stated on TechRadar news, the watch can be used with your Apple iPhone through certain downloadable apps. Overall, many people are disappointed at the price of the watch, and would prefer a slightly lower quality watch over the insane price.



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Apple’s New Emoticons

Claire Schick

The popular company, Apple, is currently working on their new diverse emojis. Many of the users that use iPhones have been bitter about the “all white emojis” and demanded that Apple fix the problem. An Applewoman spoke on Tuesday saying that the company is working with Unicode Consortium and "We need to update the standard so that it better represents diversity for all of us.”. Almost all of the animated pictures depicted are caucasian, but they are planning for them to range from yellow to black. The emojis that are being updated are the hands, faces, families, and more to come with iOS 8.3 and OS X 10.10.3. Soon the barriers of race will be broken in the world of emoticons, and hopefully a sense of peace will come to the iPhone user community.

2015 WINTER WONDERLAND

By: Megan Villanova

The winter weather was not easy during 2015, especially on the east coast. Much of Long Island was buried under 12-24 inches of snow. In addition, Eastern New England got hit with 3 feet of snow. Most of February's temperatures were in the high 20's and low 30's. It turns out that 2015's February was the coldest February since 1934. Due to harsh weather conditions, many schools on the East Coast were closed or delayed for multiple days. The harsh weather did not relent despite spring's approach. On March 2 and March 6, Garden City Public Schools were delayed two hours. Also, due to icy roads on March 5, GC Public Schools were canceled.

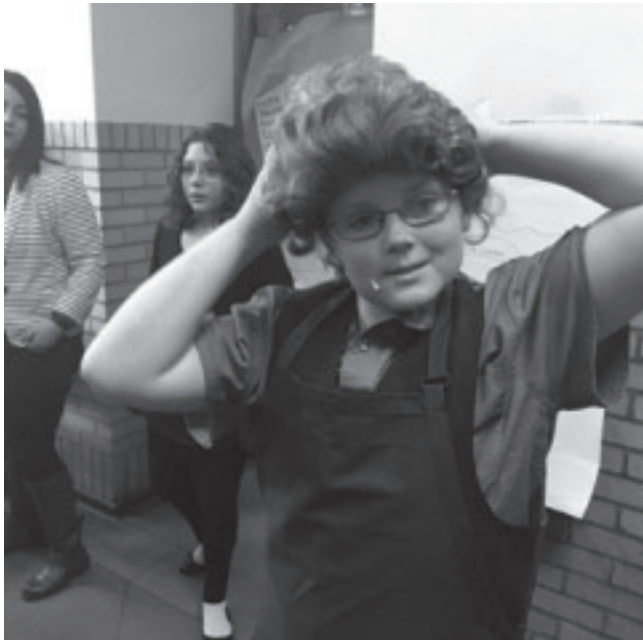
Mr. Caputo Floor Crisis

By: Paul Ostapow and Brandon Noll

Mr. Caputo came back from winter break to find that his floor in the shop classroom was severely damaged. A heating pipe froze in Ms. Economus' room over the break due to the bitter cold. The pipe broke and the water dripped down and flooded Mr. Caputo's room where the water froze and the floor buckled. Mr. Caputo opened his classroom door to find his classroom unusable. Custodial and maintenance staff worked on the floor which took about four days to create a safe and even floor. They took out the sections that were soaked and replaced with plywood. This is temporary. Mr. Caputo is supposed to get a new floor over the summer. Luckily, no equipment was damaged. Classes were held in Mr. Bury's and Mr. Augi's rooms while the floors were repaired.



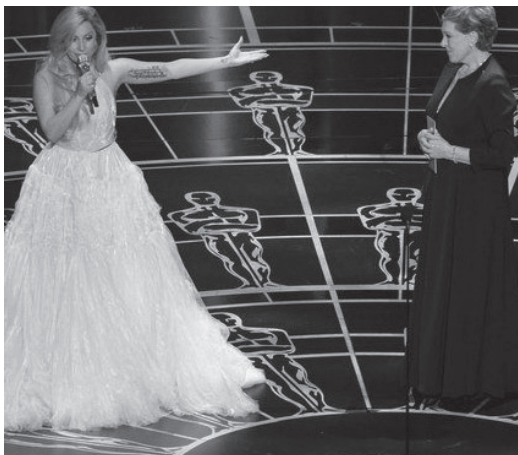
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Entertainment



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2015 Oscar Performance

By:Lauren Mistretta

Pop singer Lady Gaga performed at her first Oscars on Sunday night. Her performance was based on the 1965 hit movie “The Sound of Music”. The Robert wise film, starring Julie Andrews, won five academy awards. Lady Gaga sang an assortment of songs including "The Hills Are Alive," "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss" and "Climb Ev'ry Mountain." After her outstanding performance, Julie Andrews came out and thanked Lady Gaga. “It really warmed my heart,” said Andrews just before she presented the next award, Best Original Score. We will be looking forward to next year’s performance at the 2016 Oscars.

Do Not Get Little Big Planet 3

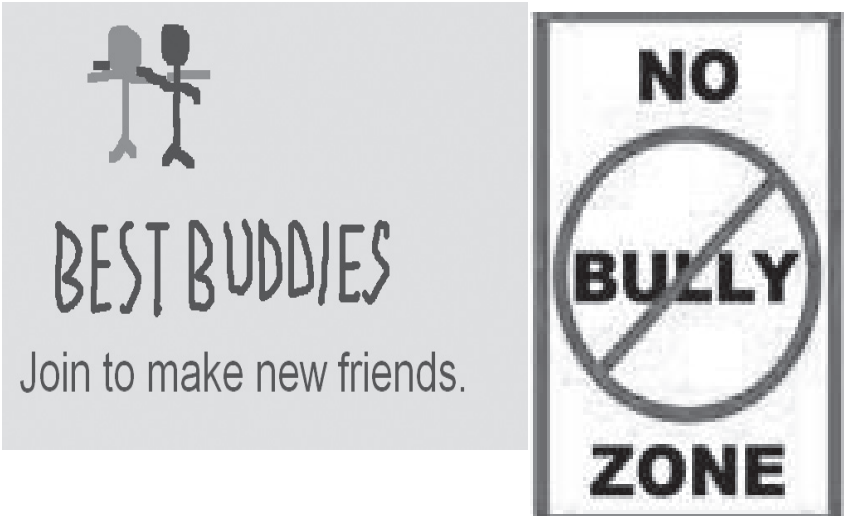
By Ally Valdes

I love, *Little Big Planet*. If you haven’t heard of it, it is about you playing as a fluffy, plush character named Sackboy (or Sackgirl.) You can dress him/her up however you’d like, and you play through a story mode to get new stickers, objects, and costumes. These things can even be used to make your very own levels! The first two entries in the *Little Big Planet* series were wonderful. The first one, of course, started the whole thing, and the second one was the perfect sequel, bringing new powerups, characters, and a better story in the story levels. There was even the introduction of Sackbots, which are robots of Sackboy/girl that you can put in your levels. It’s very upsetting to see how badly *Little Big Planet 3* came out. Media Molecule, the original makers of the game, gave the game over to Sumo Digital. The results were horrifying. The first thing you’ll notice is the super long loading screens when you first start up the game. Secondly, there are too many bugs and glitches, which were never fixed. A third thing is the new characters, which had much potential, but were barely used during the story mode. The final thing is the short story mode which I finished in two days. Some have even finished it within hours! The old games could take weeks to months to beat. So, if you like *Little Big Planet*, get the first two games, but not the third.

ROBLOX: The site where you can make any game you want!

By: Ally Valdes

You may or may not have heard of ROBLOX. Some people know it as a “copy” of Minecraft, some play it and love it, and others have heard of it, but they don’t know what it’s all about! Well, this is what it is. It is so not a copy of Minecraft. I’ve played both games and I’ll tell you this: they are really different and great in their own ways. Getting back to ROBLOX, ROBLOX is a place where users make their own games using simple blocks, images, sounds, and scripting, and publish them. When a game is published, anyone can play it, rate it, and write a comment. Many people have already made great games like the ones I play the most: Work at a Pizza Place and Robloxity (a city game.) Some other games involve minigames and obstacle courses, commonly known as “obbys.” You don’t need to spend a dime to make a great game of your own! And even if you don’t know a whole bunch about scripting, you can make beautiful architecture. I love the amazing cities, islands, and castles people have built with little to no scripting knowledge at all! There is also lots of benefit to making your own games. Every time someone visits your game, you get one ticket, which you can use to purchase a very limited amount of hats and clothing to customize your virtual avatar. But if you get enough tickets, you can trade them in for “robux,” and spend it to look really cool! There are really creative hats, faces, and gear for you to get! But that’s not the only way to get robux. Some people have just gotten all their robux by designing clothes! You can also buy robux and get a “builder’s club” membership to get daily robux, but only do that if you just want a little spare robux and you’re going to make some really nice games to make the rest of the money. So why not create a free account and get started?



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First Driver-less Car Released In Britain

By Giuseppe Schettino

The electric-powered LUTZ Pathfinder is the first car that doesn’t need a driver. The car can go 12 mph and uses sensors, cameras, and radars to avoid obstacles. It was designed by Transport Systems Catapult and is currently being used for short journeys. So far, the car only comes with two seats, but more might be added later on. The driver-less cars are now being tested in Milton Keynes, a town about 50 miles north of London. If everything goes as planned, there could be a fleet of driver-less cars roaming the London streets in the next two years.



<http://www.trinitynewsdaily.com>

Palcohol

By: Claire Schick

A new take on alcohol is sweeping the U.S. “Palcohol”, powdered alcohol, is a product that allows consumers to mix alcohol powder with liquid to create a cocktail. This product is now legal in the country ever since the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, part of the Treasury department, passed this strange law. However, USA Today claims the law was passed by accident and that they aren’t expected to hit the shelves just yet. An email sent between government officials about “Palcohol” said it wasn’t releasing any information on distribution or pricing, and the company’s website doesn’t provide details on how it makes powdered alcohol. “The concept of a powdered alcohol isn’t new.” John Coupland, a professor of food science at Penn State University, stated. He claims there have been multiple patents recorded on powdered alcohols over the years. One by General Foods Corp. in the 1970s says the product is made by absorbing the ethanol onto some sort of carbohydrate powder.



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St. Jude Math-a-thon

By: Matthew Fiore

In the 2013-14 school year, the sixth graders (presently seventh graders) raised the highest amount of money in Math-a-thon history. They earned \$69,296.47 beating all other schools. That year, the second place school had \$42,809.46, showing that the middle school beat the record by a lot. This year the current sixth graders beat out the record again with \$71,159.48. Although the results haven’t come in, Garden City has most likely come in first place, once again. Great job to this year’s sixth graders in beating a record for a great cause.



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Roosevelt Field is Under Renovations (Follow-up)

By: Matthew Fiore

The Roosevelt Field Mall is under renovations, and should be done in February 2015. Featuring a two-story Neiman Marcus and an already finished Dining District, Roosevelt Field is going to look brand new. In the Dining District there are many new places as well as a couple of places from the old food court. The Dining District features Tres Carnes, Café Spice Indian Cuisine, Potatopia, Maoz Vegetarian, Johnny Rockets, The Little Beet, Galangal Thai Noodle Factory, Meltshop, Charley’s Philly Steaks, Taco Bell, Patsy’s Pizzeria, Wendy’s, Asian Chao/Sushi Fuji, Sarku Japan, and Delicatessen and Grill/Soupman. The old food court is going to become more stores and the floor will be raised so it’s even with the rest of the second floor. Also, a new parking lot has just been finished, making the first bridge from a parking lot into Macy’s. Two other bridges are being built, one into Neiman Marcus and one into the new section of the mall when it opens. The Roosevelt Field Mall is looking really nice now, so the only thing that can happen is it getting better.



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Gravity Falls

By Julia Flaherty

Gravity Falls is an animated, mysterious show. It all begins when the Pines twins, Dipper (voiced by Jason Ritter) and his sister Mabel (voiced by Kristen Schaal) go to stay at their Great Uncle Stan’s (voiced by Alex Hirsch) place in the woods. The town and the landscape surrounding it are the settings of much super natural activity. The twins thought it was going to be a boring summer until Dipper Pines finds a journal describing all the weird things that go on in the town. With the help of his sister, Mabel, and their friends Soos and Wendy they’ll uncover the mysteries of Gravity Falls, Oregon. The show first aired June 15th, 2012 and a renewed season two episode will air June 6th, 2015. Before you watch you might want to watch all 31 episodes to get caught up.

Sports

Go Trojans



65 Division 1 scholarship offers

By: Sarah Mackey

High school athlete, Anthony Hines, already has received 65 division 1 scholarship offers and he is only in his sophomore year. Anthony is a four star linebacker who just recently turned 16 years old. Many wonder how Anthony, who just previously learned how to drive a car, has more offers then 2 or 3 five star athletes combined. Anthony has worked very hard in the weight room, plays very well in game like situations and has visited many universities with his father. On Monday, the sophomore from Plano East High School in Plano, Texas, was offered another scholarship, to Georgia. Anthony's first offer came from Mississippi State in 2013. For right now Hines has two schools on his mind; University of Southern California and Auburn. Since the 5th grade Anthony has been dreaming of becoming a FBS athlete and has worked so hard to achieve these 65 offers.

The Superbowl

By: Mark Tarian

Who do you want to win the Superbowl? Most people want Seattle to win the Superbowl since the patriots were accused of cheating in the final game before the Superbowl against the Indianapolis Colts by deflating the game balls. My opinion is the Seattle Seahawks should win because of how low the Patriots are acting. Their scandal leaves viewers to believe that they are lacking confidence in their own team. The football game will be an interesting game based on. The results of the Superbowl were disappointing to most people because the Seahawks had the potential to beat the Patriots. Most people blame the offensive coordinator, but let's not forget who threw the interception. Marshawn Lynch had some choice words for the coordinator that weren't exactly nice. The Seattle defeat was hugely disappointing. However, New England celebrated their home team win.



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Super bowl XLIX

By: Lauren Mistretta

Super Bowl XLIX was this Sunday, February 1st, and it was between the American Football Conference (AFC) champion New England Patriots and National Football Conference (NFC) champion Seattle Seahawks. This exciting event took place at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona. Super Bowl XLIX was the Seahawks' second consecutive Super Bowl, having defeated the Denver Broncos 43–8 in Super Bowl XLVIII in 2014. The New England Patriots returned for their eighth Super Bowl, and their first since losing 21–17 to the New York Giants in Super bowl XLVI in 2014. The New England Patriots will join the Dallas Cowboys and the Pittsburgh Steelers as one of the three teams that collectively share the record for most all-time Super Bowl appearances, as each has participated in eight separate Super Bowls. The New England Patriots defeated the Indianapolis Colts, 45-7, in the NFL playoffs. The Seahawks defeated the Greenbay Packers 28-22. It was a very close game between the Seattle Seahawks and the New York Patriots until; the New England Patriots pulled out a win with a final score was 28-24.