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Fun Facts

Compiled by Ryan Abshire

Soldiers arrived to fight in the Battle of Marne in WWI not by foot, military plane, or military vehicle, but by taxi cabs. The French used all the taxi cabs in Paris to transport soldiers.

Because the toucan's tongue is too short for its beak, it has to juggle its food before swallowing.

Cockroaches have lived on Earth for more than 250,000,000 years. Species today still resemble their fossilized ancestors.

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Can you guess the definition of... XENOGLLOSSOPHOBIA?

Arrielle Opotowsky

Alysia Leyendecker.....a fear of lip gloss
Kenny Wang.....a fear of glass
Jennifer Finley.....unprincess-like
Bertrand Donnes.....an organism affected by glass
Austin Guthrie.....a fear of the future
Rachel Shoun.....fear of classes
Jamie Hipp.....scared of glossy surfaces
Thomas Keeling.....an extreme fear of hairy furniture
Benoit Bordelon.....fear of xylophones

Actual Meaning: fear of foreign languages

William's Weather Corner

Here's the weather this week. You guys should know by now that everyone makes mistakes. That means you can stop making fun of me for having wrong forecasts. I already told you, it's not my fault; it's the Weather Channel's prediction, not mine. But it's not their fault that they weren't born perfect. Some people are born... not perfect. Simple as that.

Well, actually, I wasn't born perfect either. I know if may come as a shock to most of you, but I wasn't.

But anyway, enough of that. Here's the forecast, brought to you by the Weather Channel.



On Monday, July 9, it will be sunny. Highs at 92 and lows at 75.



On Tuesday, July 10, it's gonna be sunny again. Highs at 92 and lows at 75.



On Wednesday, July 11, look for the rain. That's what the Weather Channel says. NOT ME!!! Highs will be at 91 and lows at 74.



On Thursday, July 12, it's gonna rain again. Just as hard. It's gonna be like a hurricane. Now if it's sunny, don't mock me, mock the Weather Channel!!! Highs will be at 91 and lows at 74.



On Friday, July 13, it's probably gonna rain again. THUNDERSTORMS!!! The highs and lows don't change.



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Government Update

Christine Richardson

At the meeting that took place on June 27 there were three bills discussed. There was a bill that called for a watch with an alarm to be in the possession of any user of a washing or drying machine. This bill, which was not passed, would enable the machines to be emptied quicker for another's use. Another bill that was passed proclaimed that

people who are issued tickets are not required to attend ticket court unless they wish to contest the charges. The last bill that was addressed was not resolved. It states that you are allowed to commandeer a computer if you need to do work, but under normal conditions you are allowed only 30 minutes of time on a computer.

"Grade A" Food?



Bryan Meche

The following is a list of some of the foods we eat in the cafeteria and some criticism on how they taste. I gave them all a letter grade on their taste.

Baked chicken—tender, juicy, and just the right amount of seasonings. I give it an A+.

Pizza—usually warm, sometimes burnt; there is not even enough sauce to taste. I give it a B.

French fries—usually warm, mushy, and not enough seasonings. I give them a B.

Salads—always fresh, never bland; taste depends on what you use. I give it an A.

Mashed potatoes and gravy—potatoes have no taste but are fluffy, and the gravy tastes like colored water. I give them a D.

Macaroni and cheese—has right amount of cheese and seasoning. I give it an A.

These are all the foods I have tasted so far. I will keep you updated on the other foods.

The Music Program



Amber Martin

As a Camelot in the program here at the GPGC, the responsibility of telling people about the music program has been handed to me. Most people here are gifted in academics. However, there are a select few who play instruments as well. Most of them play in the orchestra.

Connie Broussard, a clarinet player, says, "The music is challenging, but it helps me get a better embouchure."

At the end of the year the GPGC has many final Performances, some of which are the plays, but most are musical. Not only is the orchestra important, but there is also the choir. They have been working on a number of songs including "Sit Down Servant" and "Come Ye Sons of Art."

Many people here have had a fairly difficult time because they haven't read music this hard yet.

Katie Owen claims, "I've had to

practice a lot more now than I used to."

Many people in the musical are having a great time, mainly because they've learned a few techniques to help them with their singing.

Huaiann Tan, a Camelot violinist, says, "The music is difficult and much more challenging than last year. It's fun to get to know everyone who plays and be able to help them out."

Throughout the years the music program has been a great success and has helped many students bring out the spirit that never shined. Most of them probably didn't know that they had so much talent to sing or play an instrument. I strongly encourage you to find your talents and stick with whatever you're good at. If you do this you have a very high chance of getting a career you enjoy and are successful at.

This Month's Birthdays

Christine Richardson
July 9; 13 yrs. old
Alysia Leyendecker
July 17; 16 yrs. old
John Bourgeois
July 19; 14 yrs. old
Ben Warzeski
July 19; 13 yrs. old
Laura Eyman
July 29; 15 yrs. old

Opinions

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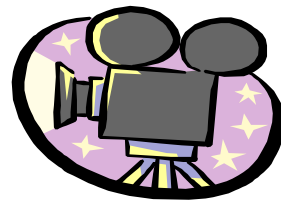
Editorial by Shane Schexnayder

After seeing "The Fast And The Furious," an interesting question popped into my mind: Why is street racing illegal? The cops could argue that it's dangerous, but rarely does someone ever get hurt or even killed. Why would you want to take away these kids' cars when all they're doing is having fun? Think about it: would you rather have a big group of kids fixing up cars, or buy drugs with the same money?

There are things that are a lot worse going on in our cities, such as drug dealings and shootings, yet they have chosen to crack down on one of the safest things that these teens could be doing. When they arrest these kids, they impound cars and take away their dreams. Some of these kids should be in college because of all the automotive knowledge that they possess.

Some of these kids may only know a few things about cars, but none of them have the time to use drugs or belong to gangs, and they don't have the money for it after fixing up their cars. Making street racing legal could give these kids a boost if they get sponsored, and it could even get them a better life.

The point I'm trying to make with this article is why smash dreams of young kids and have them turn to the bad side of street life instead of letting them do what they love?



Movie Review

Ryan Abshire

"The Spy Who Shagged Me," "The Lost World," "The Mummy Returns"—the list of good movie sequels goes on. Unfortunately, "Dr. Doolittle 2" is not one of them. The highly anticipated sequel to the hit film "Dr. Doolittle" is a flop.

This movie takes the movie-making privilege of animatronics too far. The animals speak more than the characters, and they are

very artificial looking.

It also uses the all-too-familiar theme of 'Save the Forest' in which the main characters always save the day. This movie has some funny parts, but they do not make up for its thin plot and predictability. "Dr. Doolittle 2" moves too quickly and is also hard to understand.

So, if you feel like wasting your precious time and money by seeing this flop, then you might not want to leave the theatre, blink or sneeze, because chances are you will miss a crucial part in the plot of the movie, which would therefore ruin the rest of it. And, if you don't follow my advice, save some money and feed your curiosity at the dollar theatre, so you aren't as disappointed as I was with this comedy.

Miles to Go still needs stuff!!
If you want to submit your poetry, short stories, essays, artwork, or cover design, you have until Wednesday, July 11.

Turn them in to the box at the Sallier front desk.

You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans.
—Ronald Reagan

Wacky Websites

Connie Broussard

Sparknotes.com—Sparknotes is great. Just ask those who were forced to read "The Jungle" last year for Mrs. Mistic. It has notes and character info for many books read in school.

3bp.com—This site is a collection of strange pictures, articles, and article titles from newspapers and magazines around the world.



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Person of the Week

Sean Schexnayder

The special person this week is Josh Duffy. Josh is a seventeen-year-old Camelot from Lake Charles. He was born in Metairie, but his parents moved to Lake Charles. This year is Josh's second year at the program. Josh's future plans are to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and to major in flute performance.

Q: Why did you decide to come to the program?

A: Because I had a lot of fun last year, and this was the only way I could see my friends.

Q: How long have you been playing the flute?

A: Seven long years.

Q: What is your favorite part of the program?

A: The dances. It's the only way I can get my boogie on, and shake my bon-bon.

Q: What's your favorite part of the day?

A: Right after dinner when the lobby is open because Justin (Cowash) and Daniel (Collins) are always practicing.

Q: If you had a million dollars, what would you do?

A: I'd give it to the Governor's Pro-

gram. Sike! I'd really buy all sorts of things for my parents, and then I'd build them a house.

Q: Do you have any crushes?

A: Yes. Pam, Olivia, Sarah, Alex, Amy, the lunch lady, plungerman (he's sooo sexy!), and too many others to name.

Q: Boxers or briefs?

A: Boxers.

Q: What do you like about yourself?

A: I like how I think I'm funny when everyone else thinks I'm not. Also that I'm kind, caring, smart, good at the flute, and I'm not conceited. Plus, I'm one supercool, hot dude.

Q: What's your favorite quote?

A: "Yo mizmama's on fiya!"

Q: Do you have a favorite singing group?

A: Yeah. Destiny's Child. They are all cool, nice, and hot. Oh yeah, they can sing good too.

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.
— Charles Schultz

Senior Update

Maurice Opotowsky

Money Made: \$275

Days Until Senior Trip: 12

This story of sacrifice and love begins at the beginning of each summer. During the first week, the current senior class comes together and forms the Senior Store. This is no easy task, for the participants have many differences with each other that they must overcome.

And so the saga began. As they near their final week, this question remains: will they make it?

When you go into court, you are putting your fate into the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.
—Norm Crosby

Murphy's Laws of War: When in doubt, empty the magazine.

Daniel Vorisek