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Hello!

This year, the staff of The Panther Press are proud to provide you with our April Fool's edition of Volume 19. Before diving into these stories, however, it's important to keep in mind that the content of this issue is parody and not meant to be taken seriously. No, alien ducks are not invading Saegertown. No, the letter "C" has not been permanently banned by our government. No, we do not have a leprechaun infestation here at the press, and, no, none of our school's teachers are secretly bats (that we're aware of). While

we here at the press strive to tell accurate, factual, and relevant stories, we also admire a healthy dose of creativity, an appetite we are happy to share with you in this issue. So enjoy the satire, the humor, the fiction, and the outright outrageous on behalf on The Panther Press!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dustin Steiger, Advisor to the Press

Saegertown officallychanges the school mascot to the "Powerful Pigeon"

By Genevieve Peters
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Saegertown has officially replaced its overused and unoriginal panther mascot with the new, unexpected, and exciting "Powerful Pigeon." On February 30, the Saegertown administration decided to make the change after hearing the heartfelt proposal from the student council. The students were inspired to make this change after they learned the sad history of pigeons.

"One day I was scrolling through my TikTok For You Page when I came across a video explaining the history of pigeons," Student Council President Rosie

Johnson said. "I was so heartbroken to hear about how we abandoned these beautiful creatures and I knew I wanted to make a change."

The history Johnson was talking about is in fact very sad. Years ago when we first needed to transport papers humans turned to pigeons. We domesticated these animals to be used to carry our papers from place to place, but after travel became easier for humans, we abandoned the pigeons. After years of being used, these pigeons relied upon us and when they needed us the most we abandoned them. We once cared deeply about pigeons and respected them above all else, only for us to one day turn our backs on them and treat them as if they were pests. Pigeons were once such elegant creatures and now thanks to us they can barely function, they cannot even make proper nests.

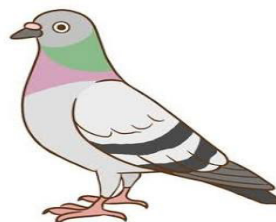
In the end, after hearing this heartbreaking story, the board

made the unanimous decision to change our mascot.

"I was so moved when I heard the true story behind pigeon's lives," school board president Jim Bob said. "I really want to give these birds a new life, and feel the best way to do this is by making them our mascot."

Over at the newly re-named Pigeon Press, the staff has found their own way to honor their new namesake. The press had decided that they would begin fundraising to buy their own personal army of paper-carrying pigeons. According to the Pigeon Press Editor in Chief, Genevieve Peters, the staff will begin by selling pigeon-shaped cookies.

"I plan that once we purchase these pigeons, we will be able to train them to carry our papers," Peters said. "I really just want to give these birds a second chance at life and bring back their purpose."



Saegertown students shine bright... LIT-ERALLY

By **Crazycatlover1357**
CAT LOVER AND COFFEE ADDICT

Students have been reported glowing in the middle of class after drinking tampered water from the school's water fountains. Community and staff become worried as their children come home not just to lighten the mood with their eventful days but to literally light up the room. "When you turn off the lights, it turns into a rave," says Bradford Wilson.

"The water tasted horrible, but that's usually how any normal fountain is," says Howard Buckleton, "That was until I noticed the water was neon and fluorescent. I was nervous and that's when I began to feel sick."

Soon after the first day, multiple students reported the following symptoms: glowing of the body, urge to take over the world, light-headedness, mild to moderate vomiting, eating paper, climbing up walls, and gaining ultrasonic hearing.

Police became involved once these outbreaks occurred as the students couldn't be contained. This led to the situation hitting national news and airing on Thursday morning on TV station, 007.

"Never in all of my years of work have I ever witnessed such a horrific event. The team tried their best to resolve the problem and calm down the citizens until we gained more knowledge as to

what the outbreak was caused by," says Sheriff Meowgy.

After weeks went by, medical researchers discovered the culprit—6,789,998,212 glow sticks were found within the water system. The liquid itself was what caused such an eruption of problems involving anyone who consumed the water. The water systems were then thoroughly cleaned. The perpetrators of the situation haven't been found, but authorities say if you have any ideas on who they are or who they may be to let them know immediately.

Don't ingest glow sticks, kids.

By **Avery Feleppa**
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

On October 21, 2025, Saegertown Jr. Sr. High School got a shocking new dress code. Our new dress code requires you to dress like the characters from the game, "Dress to Impress." The boys must dress like LYN2025 by wearing a suit everyday while the girls must dress like ELLA by wearing a pink ruffle skirt with a bright baby blue top.

Billy Jon did not agree with the new dress code at all. He said, "that is the most dumb idea ever."

Kandece Shunk did agree

with the new dress code. She said, "I would have the best time at school if we start that new dress code ASAP."

Since we're not starting the new dress code until next school year, Shunk was pretty upset because she is graduating this year, so she wouldn't be able to be a part of the new dress code.

She said, "this is a really big bummer that I won't be able to take part in the new dress code. I think I'm gonna purposely fail and get held back, so I can participate in it."

Next school year is going to be a crazy year with this new dress code. See you guys next year!

Bibble: The new official bird of the United States

By **Alaina Merchant**
PANTHER PAW AND A&E EDITOR

On March 20, 2024, the country decided to change the bird of the country. Bibble was the only one up for offer. He was the only bird that was capable of being the center of attention without wanting to hide.

Bibble was known for acting in the "Barbie: Fairytopia" movie that was released in 2006. He is amazing at following demands and can be up and moving for hours on end.

The reason people want Bibble as the new bird of America is because of his commitment to strive to make the world a better place. He wants nothing more than to have everyone follow in his footsteps.

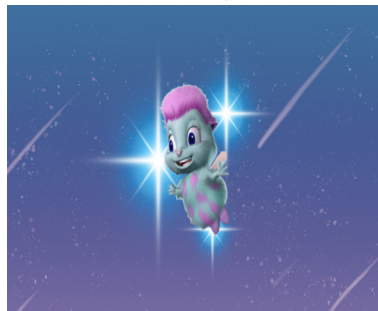
When having an interview with the famous bird he didn't talk much but when he did he said he was very excited for the future. Bibble wants to be able to change the world with him being the new face of the country.

His only request before becoming the new bird is to change the flag colors to blue and purple to

match him. The new colors of the country would then change so everyone follows him. He will then officially get voted in on April 1.

When he decided to have a contest for the new design of the country he had many entries. In total, he had 203,049 entries with one outstanding winner. The owner was himself because he loved his flag too much to pick someone else's.

He decided to go on tour so everyone had the chance to meet him. He would be going to every state and visiting the top two places in each state. The citizens were very excited to see the new bird as he toured the country.



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NEW FLAG OF THE US

Mr. Shontz has gone batty!

By **Ethan Leytrick**
OPINIONS EDITOR

Everyone knows room 111 and its inhabitants, the previous Spanish room turned English room run by Mr. Shontz. It's been said to have a cryptic and tenebrous atmosphere about it, however, yet no one has been able to pinpoint why. Until now.

It's been reported that there have been vampire sightings throughout the school, mainly in this classroom.

One student, Melisa Que says, "I walk by that room multiple times a day because my locker is right next to it and I've recently been hearing odd fluttering sounds within. Even though the lights are usually off, I can sometimes see what looks like someone hanging upside down from the ceiling."

Melisa's sightings aren't the only ones however, many students also saw some irregular activity at the school's recent blood drive.

"I was running outside for gym class and saw the blood drive volunteers loading their truck," said student Milo Marks, "What was weird though is that it was only third period, yet Mr. Shontz

was in the truck's driver's seat and left with the truck and its contents."

Mr. Shontz refused to affirm this claim, however, there is more evidence than just accounts from bystanders; there's also the cold hard facts. Mr. Shontz has traveled significantly in his life, which is a fact he shares with everyone willingly, but have you noticed that many of the places he's visited were for the purpose of learning about legends? Specifically vampiric legends? Not only has he visited places such as these, but he also knows a lot about the creatures and stories he's following, suspiciously so. Almost makes you wonder whether or not he knows more than he's letting on. He also is in room 111, which contains zero windows, meaning no light from the outdoors ever really reaches it. Convenient right?

Another student's sighting recently suggests a more concrete and personal proof, "I get dropped off early most days, and I usually see Mr. Shontz come into the building wearing a trench coat" said Jack Skyler, "a few days ago I needed to ask him a question so I went to his room only to see the coat on the floor, but something was crawling around under it. So I



picked the coat up and it was a bat! I booked it after that, so I didn't get to see where Mr. Shontz was."

Right after this sighting another student, who declined to be interviewed, said that they saw the coat lift off the ground after Jack ran out, into an almost human-like shape. And when the coat turned around, there stood Mr. Shontz.

So students, keep a look out for flying creatures and trench coats; and maybe think about bringing some garlic to class with you, just to be safe.

Mr. Shontz refused to comment on any of the contents of this article.

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." - From the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution

The third letter: International skheme diskriminates against students

By Kai Mangold

KONSERNED PATRIOT OF FREEDOM

"When in the course of human events..." These are the eloquent words our forefathers inscribed upon their parchment whilst declaring our independence from the tyrannical hand of the British Crown. I, too, invoke these beautifully written words to warn each and every one of you in our student body that democracy is in grave danger.

I consider myself a modern-day Paul Revere, riding from classroom to classroom proudly proclaiming, "The redcoats are coming!" However, instead of redcoats, the real danger is the third letter of the alphabet, the name of which I mustn't utter.

I understand how I sound like a radical, an extremist, a lunatic, but it is true! This letter, conveniently placed between B and D, is harmful to the well-being of our student body.

This aforementioned letter is not only the embodiment of discrimination, but it is also stupid and useless. This letter sometimes

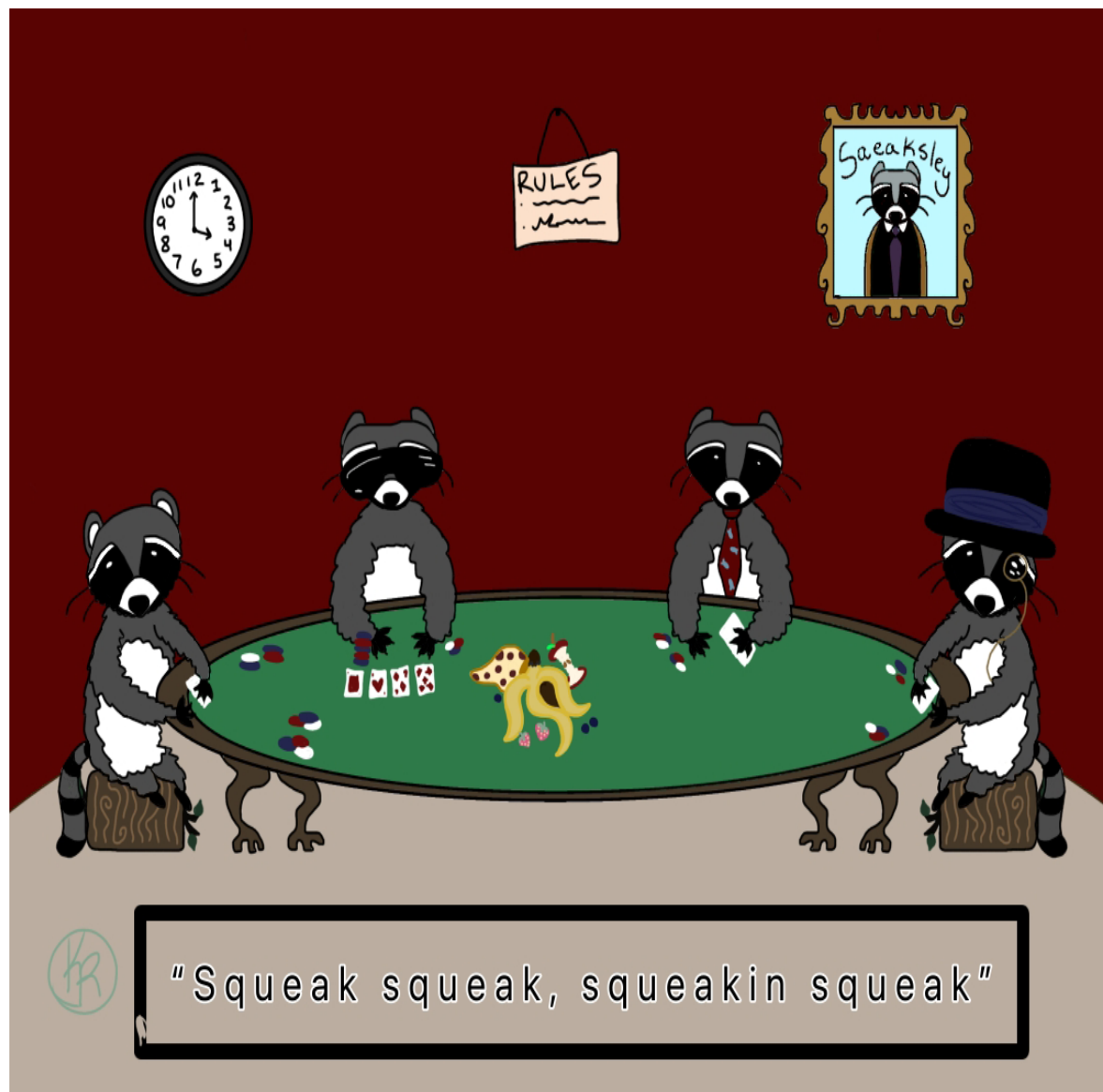
makes a 'k' sound and sometimes makes a 's' sound. It's as if the English language is mocking us! This must end.

Those students among us whose names contain the most divine and revered letter K are disgraced by those with the disgusting and useless letter.

This is my call to action; both student and staff, no matter what your name, you must abandon this letter. Today marks the final day I utter this kruel and diskriminatory letter.

Anyone who shooses to disregard these warnings by kontinuing to disrupt our way of life is to be shunned by those who kare about truth. I ask this to your student kounsil president; why are you so kontent to sit bakk as we suffer?

This opinion piесе is brought to you by the Kai Mangold Nationalist Party.



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Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Crunch!

By **Crazycatlover1357**
CAT LOVER AND COFFEE ADDICT

On April 1st, 2025, Saegertown Elementary School makes the news as rogue kindergartners devour every crayon, box included, in sight. This horrific event startles staff and students.

“Red...Orange...Yellow...they are all just so tasty!” says Nancy McFlee. “I’ll eat every crayon I can find.”

The craving for crayons is increasing as there appears to be a shortage now after the small children went off their rockers. The kindergartners have been seen scheming their next move to find more colorful, paper-covered, wax sticks of glory. Students overheard them saying that they were planning on making their moves to the High School...oh no. This definitely cannot be good.

“I heard that the big kids have lots of crayons—so I’m gonna eat them all,” says George Barnacle.

“Yummy Yummy crayons in my tummy,” says Tina Dnamino.

These kiddos are on a rainbow rampage, and what has people concerned is how they are eating not only the crayons but also the box as well. This has grossed out and heavily worried many citizens.

“The box is bright and crunchy.” Says Jasper Casper, “I can’t help myself. It’s so satisfying when I do.”

The last known update of the kindergartner’s whereabouts was just leaving the building and heading through the woods in hopes of not being seen by the “big kids.” Trouble is just around the corner. Hide your crayons, maybe even your colored pencils too, because these kids are crayon-crazed.



By **Ethan Leytrick**
OPINIONS EDITOR

Have you ever gone to collect your laundry out of the drier, start to fold it, and realize you have extra socks? Or rather, that you’re missing some? Well, this epidemic has been sweeping the nation! Socks have been found to be growing legs and walking away! Stats show that out of 20 socks going into the washing machine, 3 of them will not make it out. Where are they going and how are these legs forming? That is the question.

Shelby McDuff recently said, “I had a pair of beloved socks with flying pigs on them, but one day when taking my clothes out of the wash I could only find one! A week later I saw that same sock I was missing skipping down the sidewalk 45 miles from my house! And when I went up to it, it ran!”

Situations such as this have been happening everywhere in town and in towns throughout

Socks reported growing legs and walking away

the country. The socks are finding ways to get away by slipping through cracks people can’t get through, or such as in Shelby’s case, simply sprinting away.

Luckily a team in Seattle has been formed to track down the missing socks. “We’re going to find out where these socks are going and what they’re doing there.” said one of these members Brian Blue, “We’ve tracked a few conjugated near the Pacific coast as well as inside the Grand Canyon. They also seem to have an affliction for birds.”

This team is making it their mission to find and contain as many missing socks as possible, not only to return them to their owners but also to put a stop to whatever they may be planning and the growths they’re enduring.

Another team member, Annie Truth says, “At this point, we aren’t just trying to stop them from going where they’re going, we’re trying to stop any new developments from occurring. We don’t

know why only some socks grow legs, but we do know that they can, and because of how much they seem to like birds we want to make sure they don’t decide they’d like wings as well.”

The team is doing its best to stop the socks before it’s too late, and you can help by keeping an eye on your laundry and reporting the brand, color, or design of any missing subjects. Don’t be afraid of your fabric, and even though you should keep a lookout for any runaway socks, know that that’s all they are. Socks.



New not-so-chill government pops up in the coldest continent

By **Camryn Harakal**
SPORTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

While spring arrives in the northern hemisphere, chaos ensues in the southern hemisphere. Just this past Saturday, Antarctica faced a trivial challenge that has put them back in the attention of the media. Antarctica, which in the past has had no military, police forces, or system of government, has seen a dramatic change.

Polar bears have decided that their lack of government has caused issues regarding their day-to-day lives and have decided to make a change by setting up a dictatorship in Antarctica. This regime is led by Paul Heir, who advocates for strict government control over those who reside in Antarctica. He is a member of the Iceberger Party, the first political party in Antarctica.

“I think that this is a big

step for us,” says polar bear Barry Snowly. “Mr. Heir is going to create magic in the southern hemisphere.”

Other species, including the local penguins and seals, have found this change in government radical and are scared for their new futures. This has allowed many of them to establish a new political party, the Flipper Party, hoping to overthrow the party in power.

“I don’t think they know what is best for our kind,” says party leader Walter Waddlesworth. “We worry that they might only take into account what is best for them and leave us behind.”

People all over the world are arguing that military forces from various countries need to step in as the polar bears’ actions go against the Antarctic Treaty System, an agreement set up in 1959 by over 58 countries that reserve

Antarctica as a place for peace, nature, and science. There will be an emergency Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting held later this week in order to decide what is at stake for the country in the future, and if Paul Heir’s dictatorship is allowed to occur.



Extreme new weather: keep an eye out so you dont step in a poodle

By **Jazmine Salomon**
STAFF WRITER

People have used the term “it’s raining cats and dogs” to explain that it is heavily raining. But what if it was actually raining cats and dogs? We interviewed SHS students, staff, and locals to figure out what is happening.

“I never thought I would say it’s raining cats and dogs literally,” a local named Zach explained from his experience. “They just fall from the sky from an unknown source. They had landed on people’s heads, vehicles, and even buildings and bounced off like nothing happened. They act like normal cats and dogs but they are rubbery.”

“It is so strange,” a student named Alisha said. “It started late at night when I was studying

for my history test. Then I hear these loud noises, cats meowing and dogs barking as the surfaces plummeted to the ground.”

“I was at a basketball game and the lights just turned off. Then the loud thudding sounds started following along with cats meowing and dogs barking,” a teacher named Mr. Zichy said as he explained his experience. “Everyone went outside to see cats and dogs walking normally after they sky plummeted. I picked up one of the cats and it felt like it wasn’t made with flesh but rubber.”

You heard it right, it is literally raining cats and dogs here in Saegertown. The county government has advised the locals to move away from the small town until they figure out what is causing this strange phenomenon and if it is dangerous.

The Hunger Games becomes reality for the United States

By Alaina Merchant
PANTHER PAW AND A&E EDITOR

The nation was starting to become very separated and no one would work together. As a result of that, the government decided to hold a meeting to try to see what was going to be done to fix the problem.

In the meeting, they decided that to fix the problem, they needed a way to have everyone come together. Being convinced by the Hunger Games series, they decided to do that exact thing. Within a month, they had already made new district lines for the 14 new districts. The districts were told to be separated by wealth status and not by who lived in what state. The first game should happen after the first four months of

moving into the new districts.

This new change isn't something the majority of citizens enjoy. They've seen that the country has become more independent, but they don't think having a life or death situation could help. They want something that won't alter their thoughts on how people should think of others.

On the other end, people are so excited about the new changes coming out. People want the new structure and to gather around watching a once a year event.

"Having this new opportunity brings together life and more things to talk about," citizen Penny Davis said.

The government has been all for promoting the beginning of the new era for the United States.

They have brought in that people may place bets and make loads of money off of the games.

Let's hope that the country will become at peace with the new system of governance.



There is a troll to troll you at the bridge

By Kaitlyn Bauer
FEATURES EDITOR

In a story that seems straight out of a fairy tale, a local boy from Saegertown has reportedly transformed into a Shrek-like figure, leaving the community both bewildered and amused. Seventeen-year-old Brandon Scott Thompson, known for his odd spirit and love for the animated character, began exhibiting unusual green skin and ogre-like features after a mysterious encounter by a creek last weekend.

Witnesses say Thompson was playing with friends near the Saegertown French Creek bridge when he stumbled upon a peculiar glowing stone.

"He came running back, his skin was green, and he was laughing like he just found a treasure," recalled his friend, Mason Boleratz. "At first, we thought he was just messing around, but then



we realized he really looked like Shrek!"

As news of Thompson's transformation spread, the town of Saegertown has become a hub of curiosity. Parents and children alike have flocked to the Thompson's home, eager to catch a glimpse of the boy-turned-ogre. Local businesses have even begun selling "Shrek-themed" merchandise, capitalizing on the sudden interest.

"We've never seen anything like this," said Mrs. Justice, owner of a local restaurant. "It's like a dream come true for the kids!"

While Thompson seems to be embracing his new identity, his parents are concerned about the implications of his transformation. They have sought the help of local experts, hoping to find a way to return him to his human form.

"We just want our son back," said his mother, Michelle Thompson. "But if he wants to be Shrek for a little while, we'll support him. He's always loved that character."

As the community rallies around Thompson, many are left wondering if this enchanting tale will have a happy ending or if the boy will remain a beloved ogre forever. For now, Saegertown is enjoying the magic of the moment, with Brandon Thompson leading the way as the town's very own Shrek.

Pennkrest Skhool Distrikt seeks edukational reform

By Brady Williams
OPINIONS EDITOR

In lieu of resent bakklash against a certain letter, your Pennkrest Skhool Board has held an emergensy meeting and has voted in favor of the proposal that has offshilly renounced the abominable "third letter." This letter has been removed from all kurrikulum and any student who refuses to stop using it will be punished.

Students have evoked new and kreative methods of shanging their own names, while other more rebellious students are kurrently fasing dissiplinary akction.

"It's about time!" Says student kounsil vise president, Kaitlyn Bauer, a leading proponent of this alphabetikal shange. "It's been rigged against us K's for far too long."

Amid the shange, StuKo President __ Gjovik has refused to abide by the new polisy and is fasing dissiplinary akction at this time for refusing to take the nessessary akctions required to make her name more akseptable. A skhoolwide elekction is to be held to find a re-

placement for Gjovik.

In this elekction, StuKo member, Kai Mangold plans to run on the platform of K Nationalism, or the eradikation of extraneous letters.

"I'm basikally amazing," says Mangold. "I'm the reason we no longer have to suffer under sutsh bigotry. I've saved our skhool!"

Kurrently, Mangold is polling with 96% popularity and is expekted to win this upkoming elekction, unifying our skhool onse again.

"Quite frankly, I'm very disappointed in Ms. Gjovik, but proud that our Skhool has done the right thing by removing her."

Former president Gjovik has refused to hold an interview with the press, referring to this publikation as the work of "no good extremists."

On a kometely different note, we here at the Pigeon Press fully support the unkontested presidential kandidate Kai Mangold for president.



SHS welcomes a new student...from Platform 9 3/4?

By **Camryn Harakal**
SPORTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

This school year, Saegertown High School has had the honor of hosting a new foreign exchange student. The new student is from the United Kingdom but has most recently attended a school located in Scotland.

Upon his arrival, the boy arrived with a trunk and his pet snowy owl. He asked many students where he could put his pet owl, which students told him he wasn't allowed to have on the premises. He was later spotted trying to shove his large, red trunk into his locker. He then asked for a map of the school, which he was told did not exist. He then asked,

"How do you know where anyone is then?"

When interviewed, the student said that the school systems in the United States and Europe were very different from each other and he was still warming up to school here, however, some things were similar, including multiple classes.

"My new favorite subject is chemistry," said the student when he was asked about his favorite subject. "It is very similar to a course I had at my old school."

He originally was interested in playing sports for SHS, but nobody had ever heard of the sport that he wanted to play, forcing him to look elsewhere for extracurric-

ulars. He has become involved in many clubs, including Math & Science Club and Key Club.

A student, who shall not be named, claims to have seen the new student carrying a stick around with him in the hallways after the end of the school day, and the new student shoved it in his pocket and turned the other way.

Back in the UK, he lives with his aunt, uncle, and cousin.

"I won't have much trouble being away from them," he says. "I spent lots of time away from them and only visited them on school holidays when I went to school in Scotland."

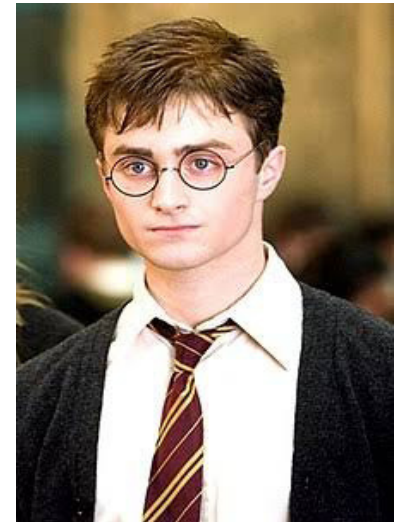
"He is slowly adapting to life here at Saegertown," says his

best friend. "Life in Europe must be very different than here in the U.S."

The new student has also begun to teach the foreign language he speaks to other students.

"It is often hard for me to teach because it came so naturally to me," he says. "However, it is still fun to teach everyone here something new. Maybe eventually I'll teach them to play my favorite sport from back home."

For now, SHS students and staff will try to make this learning environment feel like a home away from home for the young scholar.



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NEW FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Saegertown resives major glow-up under new administration

By **Brady Williams**
OPINIONS EDITOR OF THE PIGEON PRESS

Things are different around here as of late. In the wake of Kai Mangold's overwhelming viktory in the elekcion for the replasement of __ Gjovik, our great skhool has undergone major re-modifikations. Under our fearless leader, Kai Mangold, students are mutsh happier and feel safer and more proud of their skhool.

Posters of Mangold have been posted around the skhool with large lettering saying, "We are watshing, we are here." Certain authors have been removed from our skhool library. The "Evil Three" as they have been dubbed are no longer aksessible at Saegertown.

"The korrupt writings of these three prolifik authors are highly disturbing in the utmost," komments Laire Barikkman, the Student Kounsil's new director of Misinformation Detektion. "George Orwell and Ray Bradbury have dangerous ideas about government that will not be tolerated.

Roald Dahl promotes silliness, which has no plase in our skhool."

The Saegertown Alma Mater has been a staple of this Skhool for many years, but this new administration has other priorities. The Imperial Martsh by John Williams, also known as Darth Vader's theme song, is now our skhool's anthem. This is not threatening at all and no one would ever think sutsh a treasonous thing.

President Mangold shares his future plans for the skhool with us at the Pigeon Press.

"I foresee a day where we have no need for administrators, where StuKo runs this skhool by ourselves," shares Mangold. "I also plan to eradikate other extraneous letters who threaten our kause."

This is a very, very idea: sensing bad letters. This will totally not kome bakk to haunt us bekause our fearless leader Kai truly kares about our best interests.

Aqua De Water

Instructions:

1. Grab a sauce pan and add five medium sized half-oval ice cubes. Allow the ice to simmer in the pan at medium heat for three minutes and then flip for another three minutes.
2. Once the ice is almost fully liquid, take a grater and shred two medium sized circular ice cubes into the pan. Then add a splash of distilled water to the mixture and whisk it together until evenly combined.
3. Once the mixture comes to a boil take off the heat and set to the side. Then get one large square ice cube and slice into thin, even strips. Place strips into a bowl and set aside.
4. Next collect one /one and a half cups of small circular ice and blend until evenly combined. After that remove the blade from the blender (or add to a container with a lid) and add the strips of ice in the bowl to it. Place the lid back on the blender and shake until mixed.
5. Grab a cup that's at least 16 ounces and coat the sides with extra distilled water. Then add the ice in the blender, as well as three extra small circular ice cubes.
6. Take the contents of the pan and add to the cup as well.
7. Stir, chill, and enjoy!



Conniving leprechaun infiltrates the press

By The Pigeon Press

Here at The Pigeon Press, we push utmost truth and honesty in all of our publications. However, it seems one member of our press has not been honest this entire time. Wrady Billiams, one of our esteemed writers and resident turkey has actually been a leprechaun in disguise this entire time.

We first became suspicious of Billiams in late February when we started our March issue. We noticed him being awfully quiet and nervous every time we mentioned writing about leprechauns and would constantly wear the color green. This was strange, but what was even stranger was that we noticed things going missing more and more leading up to St. Patrick's Day—perhaps being the work of Billiams' mischief.

This left us no other choice but to lead a full-force investigation into this matter as well as investing the rest of our journalism funds in a state-of-the-art leprechaun trap and lucky charms for bait in an attempt to catch Billiams. Being a leprechaun, he fell

for the lucky charms and admitted that he had been a leprechaun this entire time, although we could all already tell. Billiams is now back home in his pot of gold at the end of the rainbow where he cannot cause mischief in the press any longer.

"It was really surprising, Billiams has always been a strange fellow but I never thought he'd be a real leprechaun," said Features Editor, Kaitlyn Bauer. "Although all the signs were there, I wanted to believe that he wasn't."



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LEPRECHAUN WADDY BILLIAMS
DISGUISED AS A TURKEY

The lonely angler seeking new heights

By: Kaitlyn Bauer Features Editor

On a monumental day, the world was impacted in such a way that people's breaths were taken. A ginormous anglerfish appeared near the ocean's surface off the coast of Tenerife, in the Canary Islands, and scared the local fisherman back to land. A female black seadevil anglerfish swam near the surface; they usually are found in depths of 200 to 2,000 meters, sparking excitement and intrigue among scientists and locals alike. This extraordinary creature, measuring an astonishing three meters in length, was spotted during a routine deep-sea exploration mission, leading researchers to question the limits of known marine biology.

Witnesses describe the anglerfish as having an otherworldly glow, with its bioluminescent lure pulsating in mesmerizing patterns that seemed to dance in the dark waters. The fish's massive mouth, lined with razor-sharp teeth, was unlike any anglerfish previously documented, prompting speculation about its origins

and potential adaptations to the deep sea environment.

"This discovery challenges everything we thought we knew about anglerfish," said Dr. Emily Carter, a leading marine biologist involved in the expedition. "Its size and characteristics suggest it may have evolved unique traits to survive in the harsh conditions of the ocean's depths."

Local fishermen have expressed both awe and concern regarding the sighting. While many are captivated by the idea of encountering such a mythical creature, others worry about the implications for local fishing practices.

"We've always known the ocean holds mysteries, but this is something else entirely," said Tom Jenkins, a seasoned fisherman. "We need to understand what this means for our waters and the ecosystem."

As researchers continue to investigate the supernatural large anglerfish, they are urging the public to remain cautious and

respectful of the marine environment. Conservation efforts are already being discussed to protect this remarkable species and its habitat. The scientific community is buzzing with excitement, eager to uncover the secrets behind this extraordinary find and what it may reveal about the ocean's unexplored depths.

As the story unfolds, one thing is clear: the supernatural large anglerfish has captured the imagination of many, reminding us of the wonders that lie beneath the surface of our oceans. Scientists are hopeful that further studies will shed light on this enigmatic creature and its role in the marine ecosystem, paving the way for a deeper understanding of life in the depths of the sea.

Taylor Swift becomes top football fan

By Alaina Merchant
PANTHER PAW AND A&E EDITOR

In a recent interview, Taylor Swift announced she was leaving the music industry. She had talked about how she doesn't like that when in public all of the attention is on her when it should be on her boyfriend, Travis Kelce.

She mentioned that it was difficult going from place to place while Kelce was off working very hard on his football career. Swift wants to be able to be wherever he is even if that means she has to stop what she is doing.

Swift talked about how after her tour ended, she was no

longer continuing in anything music-related. Her decision as of right now is final. She wants to become the number one football fan and attend every game.

She brought attention to the fact that she wants to get an all-time record for the most amount of screen time right behind the actual football teams. Swift wants the whole world to know she's the top fan and for everyone to worship the ground she walks on.

Her fans are all distraught with the ending of her career and think it's very stupid to choose a man over something she has always said to love. They have all started a fan project to buy tickets

to any game they possibly can. Some have even said if the tickets are sold out they are going to apply to work at Arrowhead Stadium.

The football fanatics are also not fans of her new way of life. They don't want to have to stand anymore at a game that they shouldn't have to. They began to believe that because of her recent retirement all of her fans will buy the game tickets just for her.

What are your thoughts on Swift's career coming to an end?

How To Properly Bake our Cereal

Step 1: Pour your cereal and milk into desired bowl

Step 2: Flame up that grill!

Step 3: Put that sucker in for a good 15 minutes



Step 4: Blowtorch the top for some nice crisp

Step 5: Let it rest for 2 minutes then enjoy

Anna Bradshaw

Saegertown students have begun to turn to stone

By Jazmine Salomon
STAFF WRITER

Here at Saegertown High School on the first day of April, every student has suddenly turned into stone at 1:11 P.M. We are interviewing the staff to find out what had happened to possibly cause this strange phenomenon.

“I have no clue what is happening right now,” Mr. Steiger said. “It happened during fifth period and they just turned to stone within seconds of each other. At first everything was normal but then their bellies made a loud, rumbling noise. Soon after that loud noise, they turned to stone within seconds.”

We interviewed a lunch lady that possibly knew what had happened.

“We had spaghetti today,” the employee said, “but the pasta was thicker than usual. I thought nothing of it until I saw the packaging. It was in a large

cardboard box with a warning label on it. I opened and screamed from what I saw. It was the head of a lady, and that is when I realized I recognized her head. It was Medusa and her snake hair was gone. I realized I had cooked her snakes today for spaghetti without even knowing it.”

Well, I guess that solves the mystery of why all the students of SHS have turned to stone. The lunch lady has learned a valuable lesson to check what the box says before cooking it. The school management have made decisions to prevent this issue from happening again. They promised to check what the supplier has and do a background check. Scientists have come into the school and are trying to find a cure. So far, all staff have been moved to different schools till the students return to normal. The school is left vacant with students that are stone for now.

Cereal killers?

No, a gnome gang is stealing your spoons

By Kaitlyn Bauer
FEATURES EDITOR

In a bizarre turn of events that has left residents of Saegertown scratching their heads, reports have emerged of a mysterious gnome gang allegedly stealing spoons from homes across the neighborhood. This peculiar phenomenon has sparked both concern and curiosity among locals, leading to a flurry of social media posts and community discussions.

Witnesses claim to have spotted the tiny troublemakers, described as garden gnomes, darting through yards under the cover of night. “I thought it was just a prank at first, but then I noticed my favorite spoons missing,” said resident Mary James. “It’s not just me—everyone on my street has been affected!” The spoon-snatching spree has reportedly targeted

homes during the late hours, with residents waking up to find their kitchen utensils mysteriously vanished.

Local authorities are investigating the situation, although many officers admit they are baffled by the reports. “We’ve never dealt with anything like this before,” said Officer James Reed. “While we encourage residents to report any suspicious activity, we’re not sure how to approach gnome-related thefts.” Meanwhile, the community has taken creative measures to protect their silverware, including setting up spoon traps and leaving out decoy utensils in hopes of luring the gnomes away.

While the true motive behind the gnome’s spoon collection remains unclear, residents are banding together, sharing their experiences and theories.

By Adele Pye
STAFF WRITER

Breaking news! Saegertown high school has announced a strict new dress code.

With the popularity of Fortnite YouTuber Ninja rising, all schools across the globe have transitioned to a new requirement. Every person who is currently attending school has to get a low taper fade haircut.

Not only is his new rule respectful to Ninja, it also is beneficial to the climate. As we have seen over the past years, global warming has taken serious action leaving negative consequences. The government, scientists and activists have realized that global warming will just continue to harm our plan-



New dress code requires low taper fades

et, and the only way we can stop it is getting a low taper fade. Government officials had stated “Any non low taper fade haircuts will lead to immediate suspension.”

We have gathered multiple students’ opinions on this uprising, and this is what they had to say.

Eighth grade student Melvin Wormington claims, “I think this new dress code is totally stupid! I love my hair and I will never change it.” He went missing shortly after this interview.

If you aren’t currently getting a haircut as we speak, I am required to tell you, by not getting a low taper fade you are damaging your mind. By receiving this haircut, the chemical known as keratin will send microscopic signals to your frontal lobe helping it ful-

ly develop. This process takes an eternity to complete. Once the four minutes is up, you will be an intellectual adult. I hope viewers everywhere understand how important the low taper fade is now.



All mighty Zshmuck appears in Saegertownian basement

By Dominic Dillel
PANTHER PAW EDITOR

This past Tuesday, the police received multiple reports of a suspicious man roaming backyards and inspecting manhole covers. However, whenever the police arrived at the scene, this man was gone, only to be reported halfway across town.

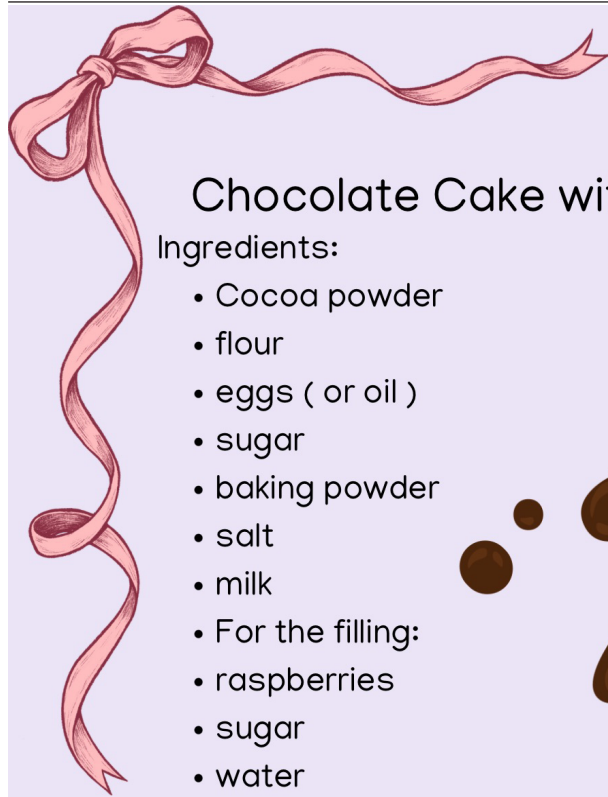
However, it was the next day that something truly strange happened. The same man who had been described to the police was found... in a basement? Local one-hundred-ten-year-old Ms. Martha Winree exclaimed her surprise to the press in an interview. “It was confusing at first, but then he kind of grew on me,” she said to the interviewer. “He was in my basement, sleeping on a pile of dirt. There was no tunnel for him to come from and no door in my basement!”

Ms. Winree continued to ramble about the situation meaninglessly for an hour and a half. When we asked if we could see the man himself, she denied us, claiming

this man had some extreme form of anxiety and that he often panicked around modern technology such as cameras. When we promised there would be no cameras and only a pencil and paper, she still refused. However, we were able to see the man through her window, which meant he wasn’t, in fact, a hallucination.

But Ms. Winree wasn’t the only person to interact with this man. As her neighbor, Mr. Todd Tind said to the press, “That isn’t a normal man, I tell you! He does things, impossible things! He turned my car into a glass of juice! He... he... Who are we talking about again?”

As Mr. Tind’s statement shows, the man who refers to himself as Zshmuck seems to be some sort of superhuman or possibly a deity. Whether anyone knew anything about him other than personal interactions, we couldn’t find out. However, we urge everybody to make sure they check their basements for other unspoken deities.

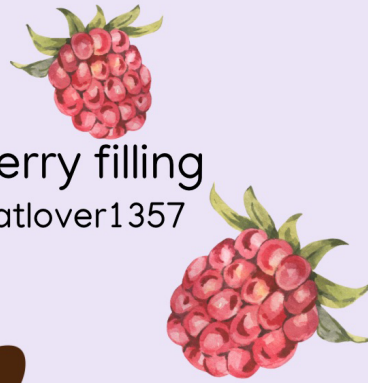


Chocolate Cake with raspberry filling

Ingredients:

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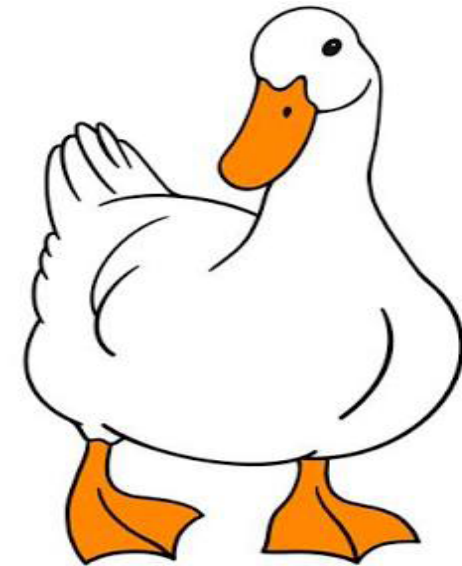
By: Crazycatlover1357



How to make:

- Cut the potatoes into quarters and place them in a large stockpot. Fill the pot with cold water until it is 1 inch over the top of the potatoes. Set the pot over high heat and bring to a boil. Once boiling, add 1 tablespoon salt and cook the potatoes for 13–15 minutes, until fork tender.
- Meanwhile, in a medium bowl mix the mayonnaise, sweet pickle relish including juices, mustard, apple cider vinegar, celery seeds, paprika, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Stir until smooth. Then chop the eggs, celery, onions, and dill.
- Once the potatoes are very tender, drain off all the water. Remove the loose peels and chop the potatoes into 1/2-inch chunks. It's okay if they are soft and crumbly. Place the potatoes in a large bowl. Gently mix in the dressing until it coats the potatoes well. Then stir in the eggs, celery, onions, and dill. Taste, then salt and pepper as needed. Garnish with fresh dill and paprika.
- Cover the potato salad and refrigerate for at least 4 hours. If you have time to make it ahead, it tastes even better on day two! Keep refrigerated in an airtight container for up to one week

You just read a recipe for some bomb-diggity potato salad



Quacking under siege: The duck invasion is waddling into town

By Anna Bradshaw

STAFF WRITER

We all know about ducks, those cute little guys that wiggle their tail feathers and waddle around? Well, that's not these ducks! Recent reports from all over the world are coming in with the latest news. Not a zombie apocalypse, but a duck apocalypse!

It began on March 31; civilians passing by reported seeing the skies turn dark at first before looking up to see alien ducks—yes, ducks—were hovering just below the clouds in ships resembling large duck eggs, slowly descending to the ground, leaving scientists and civilians alike grappling with the new surreal reality of our potential enemies. The first sighting accounted for was here in Saegertown, PA, with a singular image of a radioactive looking green neon duck, beady little black eyes focused on the Earth below as it descended from its egg ship.

A brief conference was beamed down over the homes of many local residents as the green duck stood in the middle of the screen, and all civilians nearby recalled a spew of quacking sounds before text showed up on the holo-

graphic display, stating:

“Humans, your dominance over land is not contested. But we, the Quaxorians, claim your waterways. Surrender them now, or prepare to face the might of the Quaxorians.”

With constant updates coming in, the President has refused to surrender and the United States is now under a full assault of egg bombs and dagger feathers, with the promise of Quaxorians to soon move on to the rest of the world as well.

“We underestimated them,” admitted Dr. Shoelick during an emergency briefing. “Their small size misleads us, but their technological capabilities far surpass our own.”

Humanity, however, is mounting a response. Early efforts include the military production working on new weapons to surpass the Quaxorians and be able to defeat them as the battle for Earth's waterways continues to unfold. More updates are to follow, be sure to stay safe in these trying times.

Saegertown students aren't horsing around

By Claire Barickman
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Saegertown is galloping into a new era with the addition of a hobby horse team to their sports programs. After its large growth in popularity and demand, Saegertown's very own hobby horse team will begin competing in the 2025 spring sports season.

Newly hired Coach Colt, a seasoned hobby horse equestrian, is looking forward to bringing new interest to his sport.

"I am so honored to have the opportunity to share my love for hobby horsing to the young-

er generation," Colt said. "I can't wait to get started in teaching the students what it takes to be a hobby horse equestrian."

So far the team is made up of five students from across four grades. Senior Mary Shetland was named captain after careful consideration.

"I was so happy when I learned that I was chosen to be the team captain," Shetland said. "I've always had a passion for horses but was never able to ride them due to funds, but hobby horsing has given me the opportunity to live out my dreams without the worry of cost."

The hobby horse season

will take place during the spring sports season. The team will be utilizing the football field as their area of practice and competitions. Hobby horse is both a team and individual sport. Individuals can place based on the score that they receive from judges as well as their time. The team can then place overall based on the combined score of the team members.

Make sure your trot on out to Cannon Memorial Field to support the brand new hobby horse team as they take on district rivals Maplewood and Cambridge at their first competition on April 1.



Saegertown's esports team continues to push other teams buttons

By Mason Boleratz
SPORTS EDITOR

When Saegertown introduced their esports team just five years ago, many thought it would be a complete failure. But it turns out that is quite the opposite. Many have joined the team, and helped lead it to success. The captain of the team Trandon Bompson is a five straight state winner for Fortnite (he was held back three years). He's helped hoist many trophies and raise many banners in the high level gaming lab. The team's recognition has reached national and even international levels all around the world. Countless interviews and articles have been published, focusing on the esports team. The

team so far plays Fortnite, Rocket League, and Brawl Stars, yet they plan to introduce more games in about 2075.

Up and coming third grade prospect Blubby Sneeziak is ranked number one in the nation and looks to join the team if eligible next season. He might only be four and a half years old, yet he will make an immediate impact in the winter. This past season the team faced much adversity, as multiple students suffered season ending finger injuries. This didn't stop them from accomplishing some amazing things, though.

Bompson had these inspiring words to say about his potential final year on the team: "My past five years have all worked up

to this point, and no matter the injuries or roadblocks, we are going to prove everyone wrong."

The only downside is the school has a 2.5 billion dollar debt after the extensive purchases made for the new sport. But I'm sure eventually they will be able to dig out that 2.5 billion dollars in the near 500 years.

Who knew that this new addition to Saegertown would be the one to give it some national spotlight. Many have traveled far and wide just to watch the students sit in front of computers and play video games. The school is gaining transfers just because of the team and the population has grown 136%.



Dear Addy...

By Addy LeGossip
MANAGING EDITOR

Dear Addy is a school written advice column. In order to send in your problems and receive feedback in the next issue please send any school appropriate issues to our email.

Dear Addy,

I've been struggling recently with some of my classes and teachers. I don't know what it is. I've just been struggling to get along with others. Any Advice?

Well dear loyal reader I have several ideas for how to handle this situation and boy oh boy are they brilliant like always. First of all your issue with others may be caused by your personality which isn't truly an issue in my eyes. The issue in my opinion lies with the fact that others just don't know how to handle it. If you aren't getting along with others you're right it could be an issue with you personally. Maybe you have a horrible personality or are rude and too snarky for everyone else.

But if you truly believe

that you aren't the problem which I'm assuming you don't since you wrote in. Don't change yourself for others, just change how you interact with others. The issue might be with how you come off and how you present yourself to those around you. If you are too quiet or too loud people may have an issue with you. If you don't do enough or do too much of anything people will have an issue with you.

The real problem at the end of the day is that you are never going to win the hearts of everyone because everyone else sucks. You just have to keep going and ignore the haters especially since it's highschool and you won't see half these people again outside of this place. Plus you must remember that no one else will ever be as cool as you think you are.

As long as you believe in yourself and know that those around you are worse people than you are at the end of the day, that's all that matters. So go out into the world and let them be awful while you go out and be slightly less awful than them at the end of the day.

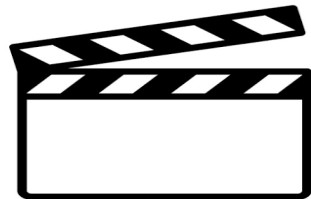


Saegertown school starts new reality series

By Camden Gjovik
MANAGING EDITOR

Saegertown High School is set to star in a new reality TV series focused on the real life drama that goes on inside a high school. The main stars will be the students who will be compensated by being given an allowance for going to school each day. Principals, staff and even the board will be featured. Administration is hoping that students will be inclined to go to school since money from the show is only offered each week to students with perfect attendance.

The show will focus on the daily lives of students and will even follow a point of view of different students throughout their days. Some students may be chosen to be followed more consistently after feedback from



viewers. In return students that are problems that cause drama or are not fan favorites can be punished with community services, detention and more consequences also voted on by viewers.

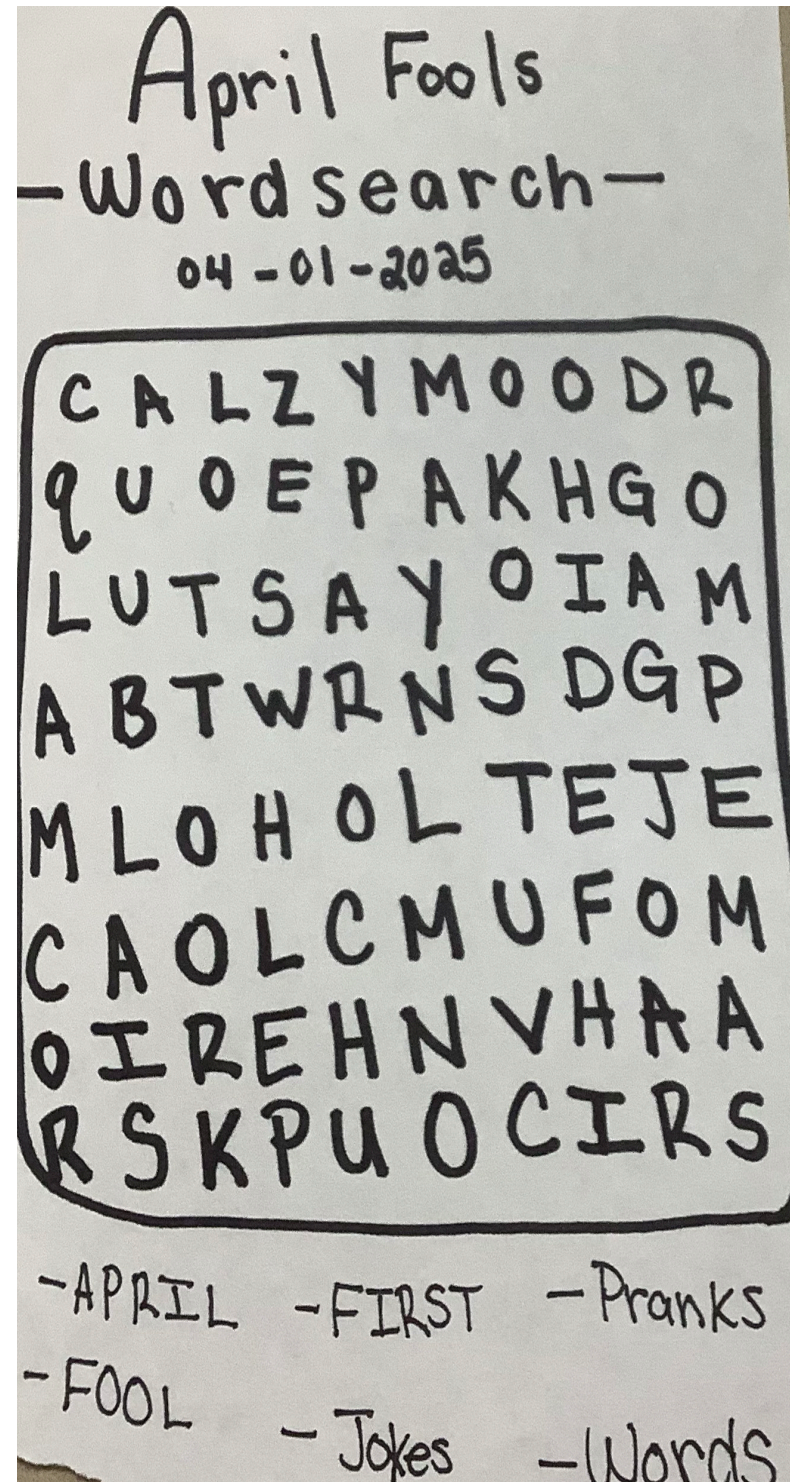
"We're hoping it brings in lots of money for the school," Mr. Greed, head principal said. "The school could always use money for improvement and I guess I can share some of the wealth if the board forces me to..."

Teachers are also anticipating the major changes that come with having a full TV crew in their classrooms. The crews will

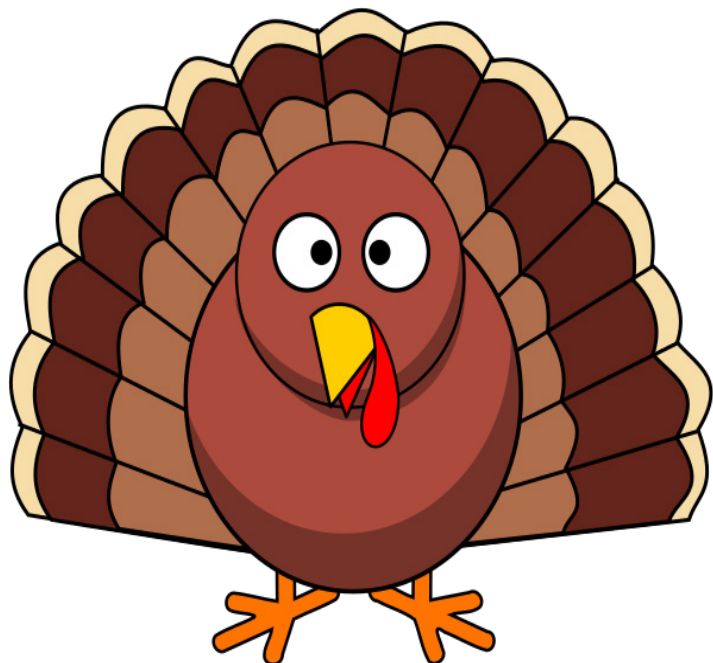
consist of about six people in addition to each student present in the class normally. The crews are crucial to following certain students whose parents consent however to be sure to fully capture what a day in the life of a Saegertown student is truly like.

"I don't get paid enough as is to teach these brats let alone them as their TV personalities as well," Mr. JoeVix history teacher said. "They don't pay attention as is, adding cameras isn't going to help that."

Overall many students are excited and joyfully fearful for all that this new show will bring to the school environment. It will be an interesting way for the school to make money and expose secrets, something that happens at every school right?



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