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Budget crisis solved

Museum of Art buys Bromfield mural



by **R.N. Tyclever**

Bromfield has stumbled upon the perfect solution to its recent budget crisis. In March, the mural in the gym lobby will be sold to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for a total of one million dollars. Principal Jim O'Shea, who has negotiated with several art museums throughout the past month, has decided that the Met would be the most appropriate and beneficial location for the work of art.

The mural was first discovered in December by Malcolm Rogers, director of the Museum of Fine Arts, who came to Bromfield to watch his nephew's basketball game. Rogers was so captivated by the painting's intricacies

that he never even reached the gym.

"The piece is simply exquisite," says Rogers. "When I walked into the Bromfield lobby, the way the glaring fluorescent light illuminated the brilliantly garish blend of color and shape truly took my breath away. I knew right away that the museum needed this piece for its collection."

Rogers made the mistake of bragging about his discovery to the curator at the Museum of Modern Art. Word of the uncovered masterpiece soon spread and O'Shea was forced to take a day off from work just to field calls from possible buyers.

The school received calls from The New Museum of Contemporary Art,

The Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Museum of Fine Arts all within one hour. Assistant principal Scott Hoffman was soon called in to receive calls on another line.

"This mural is a masterpiece. I've never seen anything like it," exclaimed one excited buyer during a phone call to Hoffman. "The intricate detail combined with the bold, abstract shapes is truly intriguing. When I saw the segment that depicts a baby being placed into a grinder, I was truly speechless. The image's poignant beauty brought tears to my eyes. It penetrates deep into the heart."

A photograph of the mural recently made the front cover of *American Contemporary Art*. "The giant woman with dark circles under her eyes, the spider so masterfully painted that it could almost be real, and the misshapen gray building chugging soot complement each other in such a way that leaves any viewer deeply perplexed and enthused at the same time," wrote art critic Ima Paynter in a review of the artwork.

Last week, O'Shea was contacted by the Louvre. The museum was so eager to get hold of the coveted artwork that the buyer offered to double the highest price offered. However, school

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Fetid Fishbowl spreads disease *Hoffman calls in Board of Health expert Sean Doocey*

by S. Mel Sbad

Over the past several weeks, an increasing number of seniors have visited the nurse complaining of ghastly migraines and weird visual hallucinations. Unable to determine the cause of these bizarre symptoms, Nurse Colleen Nigzus has been issuing basic headache medicine to remedy the pain. However, within an hour these same students would flood the nurse's office again grumbling about strange mental distortions. "It's almost like I am shrinking into a miniature person," explains senior Brendan Kenney. "Everything becomes twisted and it's like I'm permanently looking at myself through a magnifying class."

Within a week, the number of seniors excusing themselves from class to see the nurse reached a catastrophic level. Assistant principal Scott Hoffman, decided something had to be done. "At first I thought it might just be a few seniors over-exaggerating symptoms of a common winter cold to get out of class, but when I noticed a line outside the nurse's office one day, I knew this was a way more serious issue."

The fact that only seniors were suffering from these odd symptoms puzzled Hoffman. "How could only a single class out of the entire student body experience such bizarre sensations?" he wondered. After extensive observation and concentrated investigation, however, Hoffman was able to determine the Fishbowl as the link between the infected seniors and the illness. Hoffman explains, "The Fishbowl is the only place in the school that only senior students frequent," he explains. "Whatever virus they are getting must be stemming from

some suspicious activity in that room."

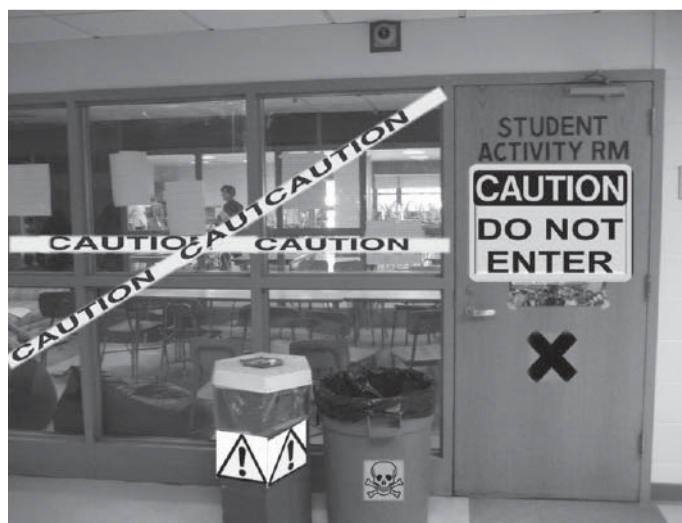
This speculation is not hard to believe. Over the past several months, the senior hangout has resembled a pig-sty. Remains of last week's bean enchilada sit in the corner accumulating a carpet of green mold, while mysterious stains are slowly covering the entire couch.

"It's quite disgusting," states senior Jamie Flaherty. "I can't even sit in there anymore, let alone eat in that room. Ewww!" Senior Emily Kibbler adds, "The smell from that room is repulsive. I have to hold my breath!"

Hoffman's theory surfaced when school janitor Ray Cangnan felt extremely dizzy after replacing a light bulb in the Fishbowl. "As soon as I came out from that room, I felt like I was hallucinating. My body seemed to morph, getting smaller and smaller and then larger and larger. I haven't felt like that since the sixties!"

With no possible clue as to what is causing these symptoms, school officials decided to initiate further investigation. The Harvard Board of Health was called in to inspect. Board member Sean Doocey conducted a series of complex experiments using the EMT squad to test the air quality and mold build-up in the confined space.

What he found was astonishing. Doocey concluded that an unusual combination of fermenting food particles, fumes from the recently painted walls, and magnetic vibrations from the



The seniors fishbowl was off limits during the investigation and subsequent fumigation.

computer wireless network resulted in a chemically altered air quality which, after even short exposure, affects the brain. After studying the symptoms of the students, in conjunction with the results of the investigation, Doocey determined that the senior class was suffering from Alice-in-Wonderland syndrome, a strange phenomenon most often associated with the expansion of a person's ego, a specialty of Doocey's. "Patients with the Alice-in-Wonderland syndrome," states Doocey, "have feelings that their entire body or parts of it have been altered in shape and size. The syndrome is usually associated with visual hallucinations and distortions."

In order to prevent further infection, the Fishbowl underwent complete sterilization. The removal of the mold and decaying matter will ensure safety and comfort for all current seniors. In addition, Hoffman has instigated a strict set of "Fishbowl Rules" which are to be followed by every student. These rules include sanitizing your hands before entering and exiting the room, wearing a breathing mask when entering the Fishbowl, cleaning your spot with disinfectant wipes before leaving, and using plastic covering to protect couch cushions. "If all these rules are followed," states Hoffman, "I think the Fishbowl will be a clean tank!"

Reality TV comes to Bromfield

Ms. Hyde's English class readies for the glare of cameras

by Henry Jekyll

Sophomore English teacher Jessica Hyde has penned a deal with the ABC network to create a reality show based on her job as a teacher. The pilot for the show, which is tentatively titled *The Classroom*, will be filmed in April.

"Since I began teaching, I have wanted to create a sitcom to show

Beckman coming to my class dressed as hippies and clowns, I realized that the best way to show the truth behind the job would be through a reality show." Bromfield and Hyde will allow cameras to be placed inside of her classroom to capture the antics of her students throughout the day.

Kistler, who helped to organize

Musical Day in English class in which students sang all of their responses; and Sock Puppet day, looks forward to being on the show. "I'm going to be the star of the show," Kistler anticipates.

"We're definitely going to have to bring back Musical Day, maybe with some choreography, when the show is taped."

"I can't wait to be on the show," student Craig Stacey muses. "Ms.

Hyde's class is my favorite class, and I think America is going to love it too." Stacey is planning to put on a magic show and beauty pageant with his classmates for the pilot.

Albert Barry Cohen, the ABC executive who approved Hyde's pitch for the show, thinks that it will be a big hit. "It will be the biggest show since *Dancing with the Stars*," Cohen gloats. He also believes that it will be more successful than other classroom-based reality shows, such as Gene Simmons' *Rock School*, because it will take place in a real classroom, not one staged for the show.

Anonymous sources have revealed that the show may also feature appearances from former reality TV stars. "Cohen is trying to get Jessica Simpson or Flavor Flav to reenter high school as a student," an anonymous source revealed.

"Donald Trump will make an appearance, 'firing' students who don't put forth their best effort on this year's research paper," adds another source. Cohen believes that these celebrity guest appearances will boost the show's popularity and hopefully make it the highest-rated reality show in history.



what the job of a teacher is really like," Hyde explains, "but when I came to Bromfield this year, and I had students like Garrett Kistler singing to me and others like Teddy Bunker and Mina

Mysterious disease plagues drama festival cast

Wiley and the Hairy Man actors perform cursed play

by Pierre LaBete

The Bromfield Drama Society is widely known for its riveting plays and outstanding reputation for reaching Massachusetts High

School Drama Festival finals 25 times in the last 30 years. When one of the leading actors in Bromfield

contracted a newly discovered disease, it caused understandable panic.

"I just woke up one day covered with hair," says Senior Jon Olsson. "I

looked like a big red bush! At first I thought I was trippin' out of my mind, I mean... I was practically drowning in my own delicious, burgundy locks, and they just wouldn't stop growing, even after I yelled at them! I was flipping out, dude."

After a visit to Emerson Hospital, the high school star discovered he had swampcitis, an ailment which, among other symptoms, quintuples the host's hair growth rate.

Swampcitis is highly contagious, and members of the Drama Society quickly became infected after Olsson's first attendance of play practice following his return from the hospital.

"They all look absolutely ridiculous," chuckles Michael McGarty, long time head of Bromfield Drama, in reaction to his actors' and actresses' condition. "At first I was worried. What were we going to do with walking carpets as actors?"

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Hairy Man disease afflicts actors

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But McGarty soon stumbled upon a solution to his heinous, hairy problem. He dusted off an ancient script entitled *Wiley and the Hairy Man*.

"I've been saving this one for a rainy day...or should I say hairy? Heh heh heh..." joked McGarty. "Seriously, though, the only time I've been able to pull this play off was back in the 60s when my students didn't shave. You know... hippies. And even then we were lacking in the hair department!"

Other effects of swampicitis are discoloration of the skin, usually turning it greenish brown; irresistible urges to crawl on all fours; the delusion of being a witch/warlock; and an increase in "sketchy" behavior. Reports run rampant of spell-casting by the actors of *Wiley* in and around Bromfield.

"So I'm walking down by the library, minding my own business,

right, when suddenly Jon jumps out from around the corner," recounts traumatized sophomore Mariah Katz. "He started chanting something weird that I couldn't really understand, flailing his arms around like a crazy person. Before I could run for help, it started snowing in the hallway and my hair had dissapeared."

That is not the only strange encounter that has been reported by Bromfield students. Eighth grader Mitchell Williams was hospitalized on February 26th with lacerations all over his body, allegedly

induced by classmate Jordan Davy. Davy, a swampie in the play, had been convinced she was an alligator. Soon after, Davy was institutionalized in a mental hospital for psychological evaluation.



Senior Jon Olsson was confined to his home as it became apparent that the Hairy Man disease had stricken him.

Schools funding saved by art lover's purchase

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administrators have decided that the mural should be displayed in a location more accessible to Bromfield students.

"This mural will one day be an icon," says art teacher Mrs. Cook. "Bromfield students will visit the Met with their grandchildren and tell them with pride that they walked the Bromfield hallways alongside this masterpiece."

"It's as if the Mona Lisa was hanging in the front office," says Ms. Chandler, middle school art teacher. "I don't know why I never recognized the mural's true value. I always thought it was pretty cool, but I guess I never truly appreciated its significance."

The wall will be carefully dismantled beginning in June. Though the Met asked that the mural be transported by professionals, the school

does not want to pay the moving fee, and is instead looking to the Bromfield community for help. After Bromfield teachers take the wall apart using drills and sledgehammers, Harvard residents will load up their pickup trucks and minivans and drive to New York in a convoy.

"I can't wait until this mural is gone," says a gleeful O'Shea, hopping from foot to foot with excitement. "I've been trying to get the student council to paint that old thing over forever. Now I realize that its sophisticated beauty is something that can only be appreciated by the open minds of youth. Still, I'm just thrilled to finally get rid of it."

Bromfield students are less than happy to see their beloved mural go. Ryan Renolds broke down in tears

when he heard the news, and Connor Mackenzie has not spoken for two weeks. Emily Reedich and Carrie Magee have set up camp in front of the mural and don't plan on leaving any time soon. A sign reading "Save Our Mural" states their purpose. Recently, the two have taken to chanting, "If the mural goes, so do we!"

Some attempts have been made to find the original student artists of the masterpiece; however, both O'Shea and Scott Hoffman have reservations about digging too deeply into Bromfield's filing cabinet.

"Our fear is that if contacted," says Hoffman, "the artists may demand some portion of the money we're receiving."

Mr. Murphy branded an arsonist

English teacher blames Staples for cinema fire

by *Blaze O'Glory*

The Maynard Fine Arts Theatre tragically burned to the ground after a highly destructive fire on Saturday, February 16th. The fire began in Theatre 6 and slowly spread to the other theatres. Luckily, no one was severely injured. Arson was determined as the cause.

The alleged arsonist is beloved Bromfield teacher Peter Murphy of Maynard. While watching "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything: A VeggieTales Movie" in Theatre 6, Murphy shone a laser pointer on the screen. Shortly thereafter the screen shot up in flames. "I was just having fun, and then I saw the whole screen catch on fire!" says Murphy.

After firefighters failed to contain the fire, and police arrived to take Murphy to the Maynard jailhouse. The laser-wielder protested this arrest, saying, "I'm suing Staples for this! Laser pointers are not supposed to start fires!"

The parent population of Maynard is incensed with Murphy. Resident Cheryl Moore says, "My son has nowhere to go now... He stays in the house all the time. I can't take it! Murphy is going down!"

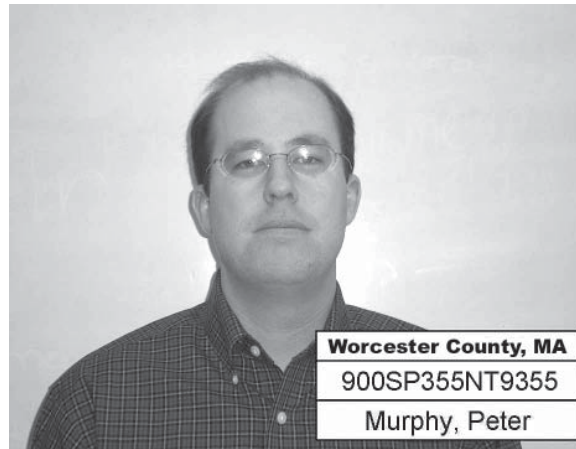
However, the 56 12-year-old

Steven Moore put it. "At first I thought the fire was part of the movie, and I was like 'Wow! How'd they make it look so real?'" he later stated.

Another 12-year-old, Casey Smith said, "As soon as the fire started I pulled out my iPhone to take pictures of it and send them to my friends on Facebook. It was sick. I got like 50 comments on the pictures within like five minutes."

Fox News used Smith's Facebook photos on their news coverage that evening. The Leaky Faucet followed Murphy to the Maynard Jailhouse and conducted another interview a week later. Murphy looked more sickly pale than usual. He commented that he did not like the lunches served at the jailhouse and that he had already contacted Chef Paul to bring him daily meals. Paul politely declined the request.

The Maynard Fine Arts Theatre is now being reconstructed. Murphy will have to pay \$14 million in damages to the theatre.



Bromfield English teacher Peter Murphy poses for his mugshot after being booked for arson in the Maynard Art Theatre fire.

children in Theatre 6 watching the VeggieTales movie with Murphy thought the scene was quite "cool," as

Glowing students attributed to Vitamin Water

by *May Dupp*

Recently Bromfield vending machines were stocked with Vitamin Water, the addictive beverage with a juicy taste and an even juicier secret. While the drink's clever names and promise of essential vitamins easily lure students in, recent reports suggest that the tasty beverage is the cause of many students' sudden ability to glow in the dark.

Just eight weeks ago, Bromfield first received shipments of Vitamin Water, starting a sweet love affair which is rapidly turning sour. For just \$1.50, students can now choose from a variety of flavors such as "Defense," "B-Relaxed," and "Revive."

"Approximately a week after the shipments arrived, several students started to come down to my office, complaining that their skin was starting to glow: not in broad daylight, but at nighttime," says Bromfield's nurse, Colleen Nigzus. "At first I thought they were just pulling my leg, but after I saw the effects I just didn't know what to tell them. I've never seen anything like it."

After an increasing number of students began lining up outside her office, Nigzus decided to tell the administration. The administration soon contacted one of Massachusetts' leading scientific laboratories for an undercover investigation concerning the sudden scandal.

These scientists have not reached a conclusion yet, but do have a working hypothesis and continue to conduct experiments to find a reason for the suddenly luminous students.

"We cannot know for sure if the glowing is a side effect of all Vitamin Water, or just the shipment that Bromfield has received, but we caution all students to take a break from the beverage, especially those who already display the common side effects," says Dr. Terry Yaki, head of the investigation. "Right now we can determine that after drinking Vitamin Water, most students will gradually begin to turn a bright

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Sophomore Emily Metzger radiates a peaceful glow after ingesting a bottle of blueberry Vitamin Water.

Ms. Mattie accused of student mind control

by Kendaleigh Kavanagh

Evidence has just been released accusing Bryce Mattie, the tenth grade World Geography teacher, of brainwashing her students with her new Smart Board.

Mattie acquired her Smart Board in the beginning of the school year after petitioning the state for a grant. The Smart Board is an upgraded version of a whiteboard which allows teachers to project pictures, Power Point presentations, and video clips onto its touch sensitive screen. However, Mattie has gone far past the limits of teaching.

Mattie's mind manipulation was discovered by Vice Principal Scott Hoffman after kidding with her about how she must have stunned the kids to keep them that focused. Mattie confessed that was close to the truth.

At first, Hoffman found himself in disbelief.

His original doubts were gradually confirmed by the behavior of the students, and he phoned the police. So far, police haven't brought any charges against Mattie. After attempting to arrest her in her classroom yesterday, the police mysteriously decided that what Mattie was doing was perfectly legitimate. People fear dropped charges are a direct result of Mattie's brainwashing techniques.

Faculty members and students alike became suspicious when tenth graders willingly volunteered to do chores for Mattie. Some students bought her coffee in the morning; others cleaned her whiteboards for her. The acts went unquestioned however, because people thought that the students were simply being nice.

"I thought it was a bit strange that Amber Sullivan wanted to wash Ms. Mattie's

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Vitamin Water infuses students with inner and outer glow

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shade of said drink, ranging from bright yellow to purple. The transformation takes approximately a week after the first sip, and the more you drink, the more you'll glow. It's really very simple."

Another scientist on the case, Faye Kah, says "Because there are no other side effects that we've found yet, besides the glowing, the choice is really left up to the students. We know the basics of the case, and we know enough to caution students not to drink it. But we still need to answer the most important question: why? How did this happen?"

While scientists may not know why students are displaying these strange side effects, many have their own hypotheses.

"In my opinion, it's probably just aliens trying to take over the Earth, yet again," states

sophomore
Halsey
Berryman. "I
am honored

,really, to be chosen by the aliens. I knew they'd come; this is just sooner than I ever could have hoped!"

Sophomore Jake Basile has a more realistic idea as to why students are suddenly glowing in the dark. "It's obviously another school who's done this to us, trying to make Bromfield as vulnerable as possible so they can beat us! It is so simple;

the question isn't 'why,' it's 'who?'"

Whatever the reason, despite these disturbing reports, students refuse to stop drinking the addictive beverage. But as scientists draw closer to a conclusion, will students stop to think before taking that first sip?

"This'll blow over in a week or two, trust me," says sophomore Emily Metzger. "I know the side effects. It's not like there's anything wrong with glowing in the dark."

Even with these recent developments, the administration seems to share a similar view as Emily. "Why ruin a good thing?" says Chef Paul. "Vitamin Water's the biggest money maker this school's ever seen! We're not going to stop selling it just because the drink 'may' cause side effects!"

So, now the choice is left up to students. 'To drink' or 'not to drink'; that is the question.

And although there are side effects, as one student puts it, there are also benefits to this newfound ability. "I don't mind the side effects," comments freshman Andrew Hong. "Sure, it's surprising when you wake up in the middle of the night and realize that there's a glowing aura of light surrounding your body, but you know, I'll never have to use my nightlight again!"

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-Andrew Hong

Students fall victim to brainwashing techniques

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car,” says Vinsula Hastings. “But I figured she was just being generous. I never would have guessed Ms. Mattie brainwashed her.”

Students have done other menial tasks for Mattie. Evan Cochrane photocopies Mattie’s papers for her, Nikki Snyder organizes her classroom, and Brock Kenyon makes Mattie’s Power Point presentations. Ben Landry even brings Mattie her favorite types of chocolates and candies.

Cases of brainwashing extend beyond the student population. Chef Paul lets Mattie have free lunches, while other teachers have to pay. Mattie has even received a twenty thousand dollar pay raise for no apparent reason, which sparked an outrage among teachers.

“I want a pay raise too,” says gym teacher Mr. Boisvert. “Hey, we all want an extra twenty grand! Why her and not us?”

The secret to Mattie’s success is the use of her Smart Board, and a program installed on it called Happy People. After thoroughly reading *Smart Boards for Dummies*, she discovered a program that allows her to flash subliminal messages on the Smart Board screen for one three-thousandth of a second. The speed is too fast for students to consciously register what

they are seeing, but is slow enough so the message embeds itself subconsciously.

“The mind control is really a simple

World Geography’ on the Smart Board and students appeared to be a lot happier during my classes.”

However, to make individual students do menial tasks for her, Mattie had to brainwash them individually. She now uses her subliminal messaging during her extra help sessions after school.

“I’ve noticed students always seemed to do what she wanted right after they met with her about their research papers,” says Jennifer Fraser, one of Mattie’s colleagues and friends.

Other school teachers feel frustrated because their classes don’t match up to hers. “All of the students love her class,”

says an anonymous colleague. “She can keep her class completely captivated with her Smart Board because she has the power of subliminal messaging...I don’t have a Smart Board, and my students never pay attention to me.”

Other teachers who have Smart Boards seemed first surprised and then excited that the machine had mind controlling capabilities. “That’s totally awesome,” says Gary Menin, one of the physics teachers. “I’m going to read *Smart Boards for Dummies* to find out how this brainwashing thing works.”



The Leaky Faucet’s secret camera manages to pick up Ms. Mattie’s Smart Board subliminal messages during one of her classes.

method of subliminal messaging,” says Quenby Winchcombe, the design manager for the Smart Board. “George Bush asked us to make him a model so he could convince people at the White House that his ideas were really the best ones.”

Originally, Mattie had been using her brainwashing techniques to help her teach her class. “I really love World Geography and I wanted other students to like it too,” she says at an exclusive interview. “During my Power Point presentations I would flash ‘You like

Students catch sight of Bare Hill monster

Reclusive creature swims the depths of the pond

by Lotta Lyen

Teenagers at the town pond witnessed what appeared to be a dinosaur like monster swimming off the beach at approximately 3:17 PM on Friday, March 28th. The reclusive creature recently acquired the

nickname “Bare Hill Barry.”

After viewing the monster, sophomore Danny Eisenberg immediately flipped his lid. “It was crazy man! I was just chillin’ with my posse when all of a sudden, a dinosaur emerged from the water!” Eisenberg

later described the monster to police as a “long-necked beast.”

Sophomores Elizabeth Haynes and Sarah Steranka, red-eyed from fear, confirmed this description. “His eyes...I can’t forget those eyes,” Steranka says. “I thought

I was seeing things, like I went off my rocker,” adds Haynes.

Police arrived at the scene at approximately 3:34 PM after an urgent call from Eisenberg. They found no

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Faucet Police Log

Monday, March 24: An Oak Hill Road resident called the station at 3:39 a.m. to report a rather scantily dressed Girl Scout trying to “sell him her cookies.” Police located the alleged scout, Elizabeth Haynes, a Bromfield sophomore, and took her into the station for questioning. When asked about her choice of attire, Haynes responded, “In my normal outfit no one wanted to buy anything from me, but with this number, people are lining up for my cookies!” Haynes was later released to her parents with a warning.

Police responded to a call about suspicious activity at the town pond at 4:20 p.m. Upon investigation police located Ayer resident Mary Jane, and after some brief questioning and confiscation of illegal substances, they let her off with a harsh scolding. She disappeared into a cloud.

Tuesday, March 25: Police responded to a call at 4:17 a.m. from a Pinnacle Hill Road resident claiming to have seen a U.F.O. circling above her house. Upon investigation, police discovered glowing footprints in the vegetable garden and green sludge trailing from the garden to the back door. Police assured the caller that there was no cause for alarm and chalked it up to top secret activity of the former Fort Devens.

Police responded to a call at 6:23 a.m. from an Ayer Road resident claiming to have seen Bigfoot lumbering around in his backyard.

Upon their arrival police discovered an intoxicated Jim Shorts, 46 year-old resident of Ayer Road, disguised in a gorilla suit digging through his neighbor’s trash. Police asked him to leave and let him off with a warning. Shorts climbed the nearest tree and swung thorough the branches to his home.

Wednesday, March 26: A Simon Atherton Row resident called police at 3:58 p.m. to report a suspicious vehicle parked outside by her mailbox. Upon investigation police discovered that the mail carrier with his arm stuck in the resident’s mailbox. After extricating said limb, the mail carrier was released to finish his rounds.

Thursday, March 27: Police responded to a call at 3:34 p.m. from local students congregating at the town pond. The students claimed to have seen a dinosaur-like creature swimming in the depths of the water; authorities, however, are skeptical of the authenticity of their claims. See related story on page 7.

Friday, March 28: At 5:26 a.m. officials cited Bromfield alum Ken Tucky for speeding and operating a tractor under the influence. Apparently he wanted to drive to the supermarket, but had lost the keys to his truck. Police towed the tractor and took Tucky to the station where he was later released to the custody of his wife.



Sophomore Elizabeth Haynes was taken into custody outside Bromfield for selling girl scout cookies.

FBI teams with forensics class to test their skills

by Shirl Akomes

Exclusive information has been released revealing that the FBI has been using Bromfield’s forensic classes to solve local crimes in the area.

Students have grown suspicious of the idea of the FBI providing corpses and expensive equipment to first year forensic students

“I thought that something was going on when some dead bodies appeared in the class one day,” says sophomore Catherine Spacciapoli, “but I had no idea that it was because of something like this!”

News of this shocking story leaked out following a report of men in the main office wearing dark sunglasses, fedoras, and dark suits with the letters FBI embroidered on the back talking to Mr. Hoffman. The

assistant principal denies the claim that men described like this entered the school.

“There is nothing connecting our forensics class to the FBI,” asserts Hoffman. “If there were, then parents and students would know about it.”

However, from the start of the school year, the FBI has been less than discreet in its dealings with Bromfield. There have been anonymous reports of high-tech equipment and life-like dummies appearing in Mrs. Nilan’s classroom. One such report states, “One day the classroom had tons of dummies, and pretty much each week, the supply of them grew even more.”

Rumors are flying through the school that the FBI is just too busy to do tasks

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Bare Hill Barry resurfaces after 36 year absence

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sign of the beast but several students, whose eyes were pink from crying, were paralyzed with fear. Officer Newman tells the Leaky Faucet while munching away on a donut, "The team is reluctant to confirm that Barry is real. We cannot find any evidence whatsoever. Maybe these kids just needed a little fun. You know how it is, doing homework after school on Fridays. However, all we found at our arrival was an Ipod under a pile of leaves with 'Puff the Magic Dragon' by Peter, Paul, and Mary, on repeat. Good song."

Police brought the students into their station later that night for further questioning. Officer Bill

Castro comments, "They mainly just talked about what he looked like. You know, big, rusty blue, crazy white eyes, and twice the size of an alpaca. The usual."



Freshmen Derek Silver and Hunter Granville are shocked to see Barry swimming from shore

This is, indeed, the second sighting of Harvard's very own monster, Barry. The first sighting was in 1971, but many were skeptical about the evidence, although Barry seems to have grown.

Regardless of these rumors' veracity, residents of Harvard are going to have a difficult time walking the fine line between fantasy and reality.

With the help of German Scientist Edvin Jerkauff, The Leaky Faucet will further investigate this mystery in the upcoming weeks.

"It is very possible that Barry is in fact real," explains Jerkauff. "The descriptions of Barry are clearly very similar to those of a plesiosaur, a

carnivorous aquatic reptile from the Jurassic Period. Plesiosaurs would swim along the bottom of bodies of water and catch their prey by snapping up their long necks, so, it is not unlikely that a descendent of this reptile could be living at the bottom of Bare Hill Pond."

In the following months, the D.P.A. [Dinosaur Protection Agency] will be involved in solving this case. Harvard residents are asking themselves whether or not this is just a joke made up by a bunch of teenagers, or if Barry does truly exist. One thing is for sure, the citizens of Harvard finally have something to talk about.

Time warp liked to Bromfield Art teacher

by Justin Tyme

Unsynchronized clocks have caused classroom chaos all year, resulting in students leaving class too late, or too early, resulting in undeserved detentions. Some clocks are off by as much as 3 hours. The administration's neglect to fix the problem has frustrated students for too long.

"The staff is having severe problems synchronizing the clocks", Mr. O'Shea states, "We all are victims of this epidemic!" Sophomore English teacher Jessica Hyde on the other hand suspects that the teachers have been causing the dilemma. "From what I've seen of some of my fellow educators, says Hyde. "I wouldn't be surprised

if they were behind this." "I'm sure that Mr. Degara is blowing chalk dust into the wiring."

Sophomores Mina

Beckman and Clara Verheyen blame the situation on art teacher Ms. Cook. They believe that the large black and white, tribal looking balls

decorating the art wing carry paranormal force that disrupts the clocks in the school. "She seems like a pretty devious person". "Maybe she has some sort of Australian power that can make her toy with clocks", says Beckman. Verheyen agrees, "And all of that strange art work is really frightening, adds Verheyen, so it's possible that she made her students create that stuff, like the floating head that hangs over her computer. She's got a very twisted mind."

The floating head however has been causing the most concern. "The bald head's eyes are always staring at you in class", claims Erin



Faucet staff photographer Flick Flash captured this surprising image of Ms. Cook near a clock in the art room.

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Forensics students work to solve real FBI cases

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that high schoolers are able to complete and that it is just easier to drop off evidence including human remains at Bromfield. Consequently, the FBI receives insight on local homicides, the work gets done, and students receive credit for the course. It is believed that the class is solving local cases like

murders and shootings in Boston.

This does not upset the forensics students at all. Eryk Lorenz-Kruk says, "I have no problem with this. The class gets credit for solving real cases; it's a great learning experience, even if the halls constantly reek of formaldehyde."

Bromfield graduate deemed threat to national security

by D.C. Snoop

A bizarre incident took place on the south lawn of the White House Sunday March 23rd. White House intern Sean Doocey of Harvard, Massachusetts, handcuffed himself to President Bush, his idol.

The politically ambitious yet impatient Doocey apparently was dissatisfied with his most recent assignment as intern in charge of jelly beans for the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. The President is reported to have

said to the agitated Doocey, "Whoa there, little buddy. You don't think I got here overnight, do you?"

A clearly distraught Doocey was led away by the Secret Service and was heard muttering, "I just want to be one of them!"

When approached by this reporter, Doocey's mother, Margaret Grogan said, "I knew my baby should never have left Harvard I just wish he would have been satisfied with the Board of Health." His case is pending.



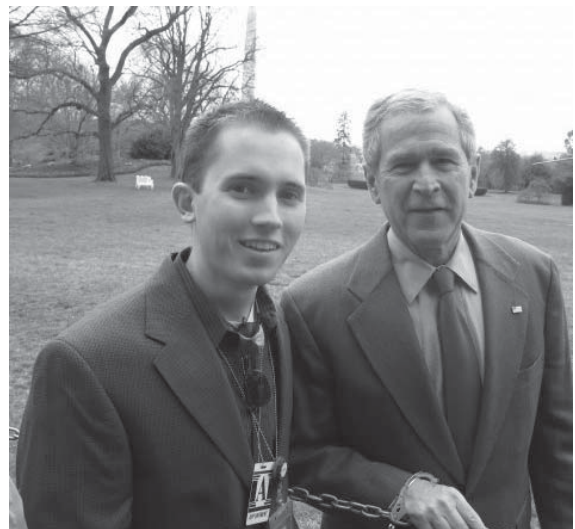
Seniors Nikki Fitzgerald (left) and Emily Norris (right) talk with CSI expert Gil Grissom about a local case.

Teacher accused of time warping

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Shaw. "Sometimes I catch it looking straight at the clocks. I even caught Ms. Cook holding the head up to one of the clocks once." Megan Harrington has noticed Cook running around the halls with the

head in her hands. "It has that crazy look in its eyes again", says Harrington of the head. Several people are now searching for more evidence of Cook's use of artwork to tamper with clocks.



Sean Doocey, Bromfield Class of '06, in yet another shameless attempt to further his political ambitions handcuffed himself to an unwitting President Bush .