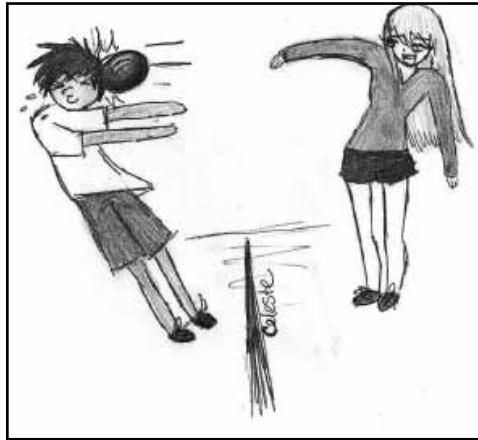


KIDS RUN TO DODGEBALL COURTS

Campus Life, a Christian youth group that allows anyone to come and join the activity of the week, is going to start up a dodge ball team. The cost is \$30, which includes tournament fees, team jerseys, and transportation. Practice begins Jan. 7 on Tuesday's and Thursday's. It is funded by the organization and its participants.

"They practice for about a week," said Ray Dollahite, jr. Skyeler Lewkowicz organizes the program.



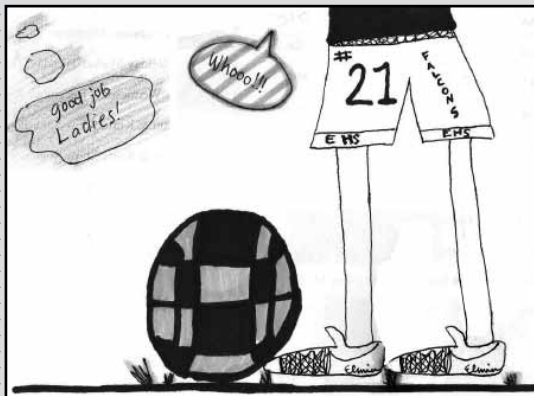
There are ten people on a team. The team meets at the school at 7 pm for practices.

Games are Feb. 13, 27, and Mar. 6; dodge ball league tournament will be Mar. 8. League games start at 6:30. Arrive at least 15 minutes early to be ready to play at the scheduled time.

For more information on dodge ball contact Skyeler at (541) 221-3252 or visit the office.

-By Nick Cayton

INDOOR SOCCER INCREASES SKILL, PROVIDES FUN



During the winter season, soccer players have a chance to practice their soccer skills indoors.

"Indoor soccer gives me a chance to test my skills and get better at them," said Allison Myers, sr, who has been playing both indoor and outdoor soccer for many years. Myers said that she prefers playing outdoor because there is more freedom to run around the field; however, when it's cold out,

it's best to keep the game inside.

"I like outdoor soccer better because of how big the field is and how the ball moves around the field," said Presley Harsh, fr.

Indoor soccer is played in the sport complex near Wal-Mart. Indoor soccer is going on now and is based more on skills than competition. Girls and boys compete on Saturdays and Sundays.

-By Tyler Miller.

Who Knows You Best?

Taylor Agnes, soph., wants to know who knows her best; her brother, Ethan Agnes, soph., or her friend Samantha Curtis, soph.



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Falcons wrap up season

Falcons' football season once again ended successfully, achieving a 9-4 record overall, 5-1 in league, which led them to the second place position in league, giving them a shot at playoffs. Winning their play in game at home vs. Mazama, Elmira secured their place in the tournament.

Their first tournament game pitted them against #3 Scappoose, a school

near Portland. The Falcons went on the road, a four hour drive, to face the Indians. The final score at the end of the hard-fought game was 32-39 Indians. The Indians would go on to lose in the next round to North Bend.

Falcons ended this football season with the title of second in league. However, the team also graduated eight seniors, many of whom were starters. Nevertheless, players and coaches are excited by the number of starters that will be returning next year.

"This season was a huge success, due in part to the fact that we have large numbers. The exciting thing is that many of our numbers are returning. It's sad that we're losing the seniors, but we have a lot of others ready to step up next year, and we could go very far in playoffs," said Coach Jason Haddy.

Inspired by success and motivated by their last loss, the team has resolved to put in the work in the off season to get even farther next year.

"I feel like we are going to have a good team next year even though we are losing key players. We have been in the weight room since the end of last season, preparing for next year," said Zane Wardwell, jr.

-By Tucker Barnes

Kelsey Shaw, sr., has been playing volleyball for four years. Shaw has also done track and field where her older brother is a coach. Shaw likes that she doesn't know who will win the game and that volleyball is a point by point game.

"If you mess up, don't get down on yourself. Try to get better and overcome it," said Shaw to people who just joined the team.

When Shaw is not playing sports and doing school work, she is hanging out with her family. Shaw said it is easy for her to maintain good grades as well as play a sport. After Shaw graduates from high school, she plans to go on and major in criminal justice.

Bo Highburger, sr., has been playing football since sec-

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Kelsey Shaw, sr.

Bo Highburger, sr.

ond grade. Highburger also plays basketball and runs track, but says football is his favorite sport.

Highburger says the best part of playing football is that you can hit people. English is Highburger's favorite subject in school. Highburger spends his time playing video games when he is not playing sports or catching up on homework assignments.

"Effort makes up for talent," said Highburger to newcomers looking for advice.

Lack of bleachers cramp students

Assemblies need seating room for the student body. The bleachers get cramped and students are not able to resolve it by going somewhere else because the top bleachers are closed. The top bleachers provide crucial room and should be open and available for assemblies because it allows teachers to keep a better eye on their classes.

If the top bleachers aren't out, all of the students are pulled into one spot and the gym will get louder than it otherwise would. If classes aren't split, the shouts would be chaotic. People would have to move around taking more time out of the day.

"The bleachers should be out all the time for the classes during the assemblies," said Shannon Hart, English teacher. Hart doesn't know why the bleachers aren't out for all assemblies.

Gary Carpenter, principal, says that the assemblies are run by leadership and it depends on the event that is taking place.

"There is a problem with the mats behind the top bleachers," said Carpenter, creating a possible distraction for students sitting in the top bleachers.

Overall, there isn't a real reason the upper bleachers aren't used regularly.

-By Nick Cayton

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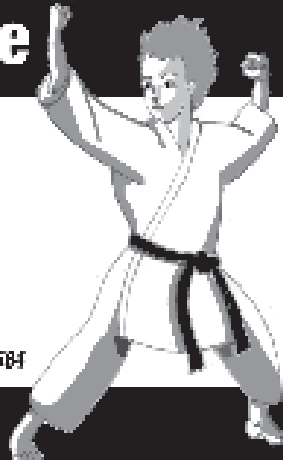
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BEAVERS OR DUCKS?

To discover whether Elmira High School would be rooting for the Ducks or Beavers, *The Falconer* polled the school. 194 of 469 students were surveyed. Here are the results:

Freshmen: Beavers: 11	Ducks: 51
Sophomores: Beavers: 12	Ducks: 35
Juniors: Beavers: 20	Ducks: 30
Seniors: Beavers: 12	Ducks: 23



Self-esteem, self-image issues happen to men

Women are concerned about their hair, make-up, weight, clothes, etc. They are vocal about how all that concerns them, yet when men want to watch their weight, watch the way they dress, wear make-up, or anything else and be vocal about it, it's construed as gay. This phenomenon occurs because things that are feminine are "degrading" in some way to men.

In our society, it is like poison to love someone who is the same sex as you. Men get harassed if they are any bit in touch with their feminine side! Take me for example. I am in touch with my feminine side. I knit, I cook, I sew, I watch romantic comedies, and I bawl like a baby whenever I watch *Bridge to Terabithia*. I am not gay. Why is it that if you don't like football, or if you don't do things that are "manly," that you are considered gay?

Men are being harassed! We,

as a society need to take a stand. Because men watch their weight, cry at sad parts of a movie, or know how to sew doesn't mean they can be harassed! Why harass someone who can live on their own?

What if you have a job interview, and you have only one shirt, and that shirt is missing a button. Does this mean that only gay men would be in luck because they know how to sew on a button? Do you go back to your mother and make her sew it on for you like she did when you were in high school?

A woman can walk around wearing pants and masculine clothes and it's totally acceptable. Yet when a man wants to wear a dress, a "girly" color, a scarf or a shawl it's a cause for ridicule.

So next time you see a man who is a little more in touch with his feminine side, don't judge him; applaud him because he can do stuff that you probably can't.

-By Troy Dardis



TERRORISM WORKS

Terrorism is something our generation is very familiar with, hav-

ing grown up with the government being insane about preventing it, and also having terrorists out there being insane about causing it. From the viewpoint of a cold-hearted terrorist, however, terrorism works. It has successfully changed the way our civilization works, and the way we think.

The 9/11 attacks had \$500,000 invested in them by terrorist organizations. So far the response by us has cost \$5 trillion. That's ten million dollars we have spent for every one dollar they spent. That's not even counting the massive economic slump afterwards. That, my friends, is one hell of a return on an investment.

All of this is also just the beginning-- the 9/11 attack killed 2,996

people. So far our retaliation has killed 224,475 people and displaced 7.8 million refugees. The closest thing to that is making every single person in Chicago move.

Due to mass media's constant reminders, the destruction of the World Trade Center didn't happen once; it happened thousands of times over a period of years, inflaming the nation and rubbing that nerve raw until we blindly plunged into a war we didn't need to fight that only served the purpose of the terrorists. We have successfully dismantled the military of two nations--Iraq and Afghanistan--and left them helpless when all of the jihadists that Al-Qaida has been training come riding over the hill to usurp the government. A bunch of terrorists wearing rags and sitting around in a cave have successfully outsmarted the United States government.

-By Jeremy Cooper



CUTTING PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING HURTS EVERYONE

When Mitt Romney was running

for president, he announced that he would be cutting funding to public services, such as PBS and Planned Parenthood. I and many others are very thankful that he lost that election because cutting funding to public services, especially ones as important as Planned Parenthood, would NOT benefit our society as a whole. The effects would be extremely harmful and detrimental to the health of those who used the service in the past. The funding provided to Planned Parenthood is extremely important and is used efficiently.

Reasoning behind cutting Planned Parenthood is that it is the house for abortions. While abortions are provided, they aren't the only service that Planned Parenthood offers. And if abortions were the only thing offered, everyone should still be entitled to making that decision on their own. For health and money related issues, it should be an option, but that is beside the point I'm trying to make. Planned Parenthood offers many forms of birth control, tests, ultrasounds, abortions and condoms in different scents. It is an important resource for the health of our society, and not just for women. Low income families and youth can use Planned Parenthood. Men can be tested or pick up condoms. In fact, anyone can.

If Planned Parenthood was taken away, abortions would still happen. They would be illegal but they would continue, the results being

much more detrimental to the health of the individual. Taking away Planned Parenthood would not only take away abortions but also birth control in all forms, which would result in many, many more unplanned and unwanted pregnancies. Abortions should remain an option because every woman is entitled to making her own decisions. Abortions make up only three percent of the total services provided by Planned Parenthood. Ten percent of clients who visited Planned Parenthood received an abortion. The other services provided break down like so: 35 percent are used for testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, 16 percent are used for cancer screening and prevention, 35 percent are used for birth control and contraception, three percent are for abortions, ten percent are for other women's health services, and the last one percent is other services (2009 Patient care report provided by Planned Parenthood.) Cuts to Planned Parenthood because of "abortion" aren't valid, seeing as the service only makes up three percent of the overall services provided. Planned Parenthood is an important service that should remain available to the public. Cuts in funding would result in greater problems that wouldn't allow our country to move forward socially or economically.

-By Grieta King



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AMERICA'S MILITARY, THE DEFINITION OF OVERKILL

The way America spends money on its military, you'd think it was preparing to launch a war against the rest of mankind. One of the biggest justifications for this is that we need to protect ourselves from terrorism. However, in the grand scheme of things, it isn't even an issue. The most recent major terrorist attack in the U.S. was the Boston Marathon Bombing, where only 3 people died, though 264 were injured. Do

we really need to butcher our economy just to prevent that? Has anyone considered the harm an unstable economy has on people, rather than just sitting in fear of terrorism?

To understand why this even matters, you have to know how much defense costs. In the 2013 budget, Defense and Overseas Contingency Operations are receiving \$672.9 billion, and Homeland Security \$55.4 billion. Granted this is out of a \$3.803 trillion budget, but these

two combined, and even just Defense on its own, are topped only by Health and Human Services, and Social Security. Everything else other than interest is below \$160 billion, most much lower.

In 2011 we spent \$695.7 billion on defense, so we've made an attempt to reduce spending. We were spending more on defense than the other top ten military powers combined, and were spending nearly six times as much as the second place military power, China, who spent \$120 billion. Everyone else is sub \$60 billion. If the rest of the industrialized world is spending so much less than us, and we're the ones over \$17 trillion in debt, perhaps we should reconsider how tax money is allocated. I can see how some people might think that we're sacrificing defense to save money, but in reality we wouldn't be, as there's hardly any threat at all to protect ourselves from.

What's being painted as a major threat to America, terrorism, isn't nearly as big of a problem as people are led to believe. Thanks to media fear mongering, terrorism is the communism of the modern day; it's a big,

scary thing that's out to get us. We've only had 2,352 incidents of terrorism from 1970 to 2010 according to the Global Terrorism Database, mostly in the 70's. 1,870 of them have resulted in zero casualties, which includes injuries and deaths.

Only 482 attacks have had any casualties at all. Only nine had casualty counts over 50, six over 101. In the grand scheme of things, terrorism is irrelevant. The only reason we're so afraid of it is because attacks are fast, loud and scary, and the media has turned it into a fear campaign ever since 9/11.

In addition, there are no large countries who would invade us beyond North Korea and some countries in the Middle East.

First, North Korea isn't going to invade. They are dependent on the international community for medical and other supplies. Plus if we went into a full scale war against them, who honestly thinks the international community would sit idly by? Good luck with

that one, Kim Jong Un.

Middle Eastern countries, as much as some of the people there hate us, are much more concerned with keeping their governments stable, overthrowing them, or shelling each other over religion. Their hatred of us is our own fault as well; America doesn't have an awfully good track record over in the Middle East. We have a nasty habit of killing civilians because we think that they're terrorists.

Overall, we've gone completely overboard. Our debt is insane right now, and seeing how things have developed with the European Union and United Nations, WWII probably isn't going to happen for a while.

-By Aidan Ohnemus

AMERICA'S MILITARY ENFORCES FREEDOM

Greece, Rome, Macedonia, France, Spain, and England all had a few things in common. One, they were a world power. In fact, they controlled or influenced their entire known world. They set laws, dictated policy and policed all which was under their command. Two, they had massive military budgets. One does not gain or maintain influence without the ability to defend one's will and decisions. Three, they were selfish and

imperialistic, using their power and influence to gain more power and influence.

America resembles these civilizations in many ways. We are a military, political, and economic world power. We have huge military spending. We are not, however, selfish and imperialistic.

Perhaps, more than anything, we have been paternalistic.

Historically, a country with power uses it to dictate and rule. America has used it to help and free. We give more in aid, both from government and from citizens, than any country in the history of the world.

And our military is no exception. From the shores of Normandy to the Korean Peninsula, Freedom is the calling card of our military might. Even our defeated enemies benefit from our military. Japan and China, for example, benefit from our protection and our rehabilitation.

When the entire world benefits from a country's ability to enforce its will, a will dedicated to freedom and prosperity, and when our very own security is on the line, it is only in the interests of the tyrants and

terrorists of the world to handicap our military.

Essentially, it comes down to one question: Would we take the first and only just and giving world power's military away, and perhaps allow another, more traditional power to take its place?

-By Tucker Barnes

December 13, 2013



Bird's Eye View:

Do you think our military is too big?



"No. I think we should spare no expense on the defense of our country." -Cooper Barnes, jr.



"No. I think we have to be able to defend ourselves."
- Drew Lightle, soph.



"I don't know. I don't follow politics."
-Brittany Falconer, jr.



"Yes. We don't need to spend so much money on our military."
-Teri Houtz, sr.

FREDDY OFFERS ADVICE TO ALL



Dear Freddy the Falcon,
I have a friend that's moving away, and I can't stop crying. She's my best friend and I don't know how I'm going to cope. Who's going to walk everywhere with me? Let me eat portions of her lunch? Help me!!

Sincerely,
Soon to be friendless

STBFriendless,

Just stay in touch! Sure, she is moving, but you have Skype, cellphones, Facebook, Face time, email... the list goes on.

You could even send her an old fashioned

Need some advice? A shoulder to lean on? Ask Freddy, Elmira High School's Mascot!

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letter! Or view this as a chance to strengthen your bonds with other friends, and maybe even make new ones. Either way, just try to enjoy the time you have left together. Why waste it mourning the inevitable?

Unless she's moving to Antarctica, or perhaps being admitted into Hogwarts, this doesn't have to be the end of your fellowship. This won't be the hardest change in your life, even though it might feel like it is. The human psyche is made for change and redaptation, whether it be environmental or situational. Just remeber the good times and strive to make the future ones even greater.

-Much Love, Freddy the Falcon

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DOCTOR WHO CELEBRATES EXPLOSIVE FIFTIETH YEAR

A blue box spirals through the stars, making a noise almost like an outer space parking brake left on. The sign on the wooden doors suggests that it should be sitting on a London street corner in the 60s, not careening through space like a meteor. The doors open (in space, of course), and a massive room is revealed. The blue box is bigger on the inside! In the center of this unbelievable room, a man and his friends run gleefully around a large console that makes entirely too much noise. Phrases like “my favorite alien planet,” “tea with Agatha Christie,” and “I’m 900-years old” are thrown around by the crew, all of whom seem to be on drugs. For many people, this might sound like an impossible fantasy, but for fans of *Doctor Who*, it’s just another Saturday evening.

Doctor Who is a popular British science fiction show. The show revolves around the titular character, The Doctor. The Doctor is an alien who travels through time and space in his ship called the TARDIS, which stands for “Time and Relative Dimension in Space” and looks like a British police telephone box from the 1960s. He takes friends with him on his travels, usually human, quite often women, to see the wonders of the universe and, more often than not, prevent catastrophe wherever the TARDIS lands.

Doctor Who turned 50 on Nov. 23 this year. Since its creation in 1963, when William Hartnell played the eccentric alien and the show had a shoestring budget of around \$3,100 per episode, it has grown to be one of the largest and

most successful sci-fi franchises of all time. It originally ran from 1963 to 1989. After its cancellation, a made-for-tv movie was made in 1996 that continued the story, but nothing more happened until 2005, when BBC writer and producer Russell T. Davies started it up again.

In celebration of the show’s fiftieth birthday, *Doctor Who* aired a 50th Anniversary Special titled “The Day of the Doctor” on Nov. 23, and released a documentary called *An Adventure in Space and*

by Peter Capaldi.

Shami Zellers, jr., has been watching *Doctor Who* since this summer, and she has seen every episode of the new (since 2005) series. She says she is in love with the show.

“It’s original, it’s obviously very funny, but it has the unique ability to change your emotions when needed,” said Zellers. “I don’t wanna make it sound cheesy cause it’s not, but the script is phenomenal and the writers are so, so talented.” She was “very excited”

is a fantastic show and has the best fans in the world. And while there may be disputes on who is the best Doctor or companion, all ‘Whovians’ agree that bow ties have never been cooler!”

Louie says she’s been looking forward to the fiftieth anniversary since at least January. She has followed all the production, writing, casting, and filming, and she eagerly read any and all news about the special.

Jane Stevens, fr., has watched the show off and on since its revival in 2005. She says the adventure is what’s most thrilling about the show. “It has really good plotlines, and it’s got a lot to do with history, which is really cool,” said Stevens.

All fans of the show have found something different to love: Stevens says her favorite incarnation of The Doctor is the 9th, played by Christopher Eccleston in 2005, because he was very funny, but also underappreciated by the fans; Zellers prefers the following version, played by David Tennant from 2005-2010, because of his “energy;” Louie’s favorite is the current Doctor, Matt Smith, who picked up the show after Tennant in 2010, because he is “silly, childish, clumsy, and funny.”

Louie says that *Doctor Who* is playing a huge influence on her holidays, because of the fiftieth anniversary that aired last month, and also because of the upcoming Christmas special, and she has been looking forward to the specials for “way too long.” Zellers agrees that *Doctor Who* is very important to her this year.

“My priorities are Thanksgiving, *Doctor Who*, then the holidays,” said Zellers.

-By Cheyenne Cox



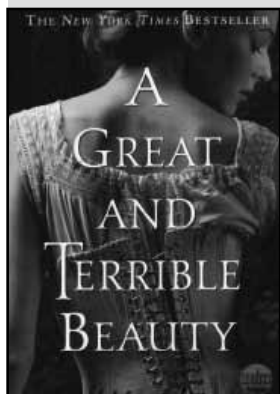
Time, which details the entire history of the show’s production.

The reason the show has endured through fifty years is a unique plot device known as “regeneration,” in which the Doctor, in times of need, can completely change his entire appearance. This is used when an actor wishes to quit, or becomes too old to continue, or for any number of reasons. This has happened 10 times so far and will happen again this Christmas, when the current, 11th, incarnation of the Doctor, played by Matt Smith, will “regenerate” into his 12th incarnation, to be portrayed

about the 50th anniversary special.

Elmira Louie, jr., is a self-professed “Whovian.” She has seen almost every episode of the show since 2005, and has seen the 1996 movie.

“I love *Doctor Who*,” said Louie. “It’s not just a typical sci-fi show. It has action, adventure, romance, comedy, and so much more. It triggers all kinds of emotions in every episode. If you have never watched *Doctor Who*, then I highly recommend you give this amazing show a chance. And if you don’t like it (which I don’t know why), then I’m so, so sorry. *Doctor Who*



Book Review: A Great and Terrible Beauty

by Libba Bray Genre: Fantasy 403 pages

A Great and Terrible Beauty is set in 1895 where sixteen-year-old Gemma Doyle is sent to a girls’ boarding school in England after her mother’s mysterious death. There Gemma has visions which give her the power to enter another realm where illusions seem real. *A Great and Terrible Beauty* is amazing. It’s a fun but also thought-provoking

read. The characters are flawed so it’s easy to relate to them and even though it’s set more than one hundred years in the past they are very similar to today’s teens. It’s kind of a hard book to read but it’s very interesting and I would definitely recommend it.

-By Katriel Connors

EUGENE MISSION CARES, PROVIDES, GIVES

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Many people are thankful for their phone, friends, TV and music. People also appreciate food, a home, clothes, warmth, and a bed. Unfortunately, many people don't have anything but the clothes on their back. Some of them live in the city of Eugene. Luckily, there is a place where these people can be given a bed, warmth, food and the gospel. This place is the Eugene Mission.

The Eugene Mission has been around since 1956 and they serve about 600 people every day. That means they are serving 1,800 meals a day with just 25 staff members. This can take a lot of work, especially during the holidays.

"You almost have to be crazy to do it all," said Clarence Martell, the food services manager at the Eugene Mission. "We run on donations so you never know what you're going to get. I like to call myself the flavor master because

you get to throw together what you have."

Running on donations can be difficult but they are never com-

needs met," said Mary Fallon, soph.

Throughout the dining room in the mission, there are posters

wouldn't make a mistake and be embarrassed. The manager was soft spoken and kind, which made me feel comfortable," said Brenda

Little who recently stayed at the mission.

"I think it's a very good thing that there are places like that [the Mission] for homeless people because there are people homeless not on their own accord. Some have lost their jobs, some left violent situations, especially the mothers and fathers with children [who want] to keep the children off the street. [At the Mission] they have a warm bed to sleep in and food for their children" said Little.

The Eugene Mission runs on donations and has been active for 57 years. It will continue to provide a place for those in need for years to come.

-By Moniqua Aubert



The Eugene Mission opens its doors to the needy.

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pletely lacking.

"It's a good cause because not everyone chooses to be homeless so the people who really need it can have shelter and their basic

saying one thing: be thankful for what you have.

"They invited me in and let me know all the rules and times for meals so I felt comfortable that I

Catching Fire brings crowds to movie theater

In 2012, *The Hunger Games* was a big movie hit. Now *Catching Fire*, the second part of the epic trilogy is here and the rebellion has started.

If you haven't read any of the books, I think you SHOULD read them, but it's okay if you haven't. *The Hunger Games* is about Katniss Everdeen, the girl who took her sister's place so Prim, Katniss' sister, wouldn't become a tribute in the Hunger Games.

Catching Fire is the aftermath of Katniss and Peeta winning seventy-fourth annual Hunger Games. After their Victory Tour, Katniss, Peeta



Customers wait in line to get snacks for opening night of *Catching Fire*.

K.Wolgamott/The Falconer

and twenty-two other Victors from past games are put in the Quarter Quell. While in the Quarter Quell, a rebellion begins around Panem.

On Friday November 22, I went to the premier of *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*. I

could not believe how amazingly correct it was. The director actually took quotes from the book. I was so happy with how the movie was made. I wasn't expecting exactly the best, but when it started, I could tell everything was different. The director of *Catching Fire* was amazing and he had better be directing *Mockingjay Part 1 and 2*. I absolutely loved it.

-By Katriel Connors

Winner Cartoon Contest Jace Brown, soph.



Thanks to all who participated!

Ask the student body

Q: What is your favorite part of the holidays?

Daniel French, fr.: Eating.

Josiah Ward, soph.: No school, time off, sleeping in, and being with the family.

Lexi Morgan, soph.: No school and being with the family.

Shelby Foster, jr.: I wish it was summer and eating good food.

Ashlee Stevenson, soph.: The food and being with my family.

Tanner Adank, fr.: No school and family time. Miranda Jensen, fr.: Eating!

Katie Mobley, soph.: I want food!

TOP 10 CHRISTMAS PRESENTS


1. Footie Pajamas
2. Cotton Candy Machine
3. Headphones
4. Good Old Board Games
5. Pajama Jeans
6. Infinity Scarves
7. iTunes Gift Cards
8. Pizza
9. Anything Nike
10. Funky Socks

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Sagittarius: Remember to stay on YOUR side of the border!

 Sagittarius (Nov.22-Dec.21): Since you didn't get your elk in November, don't be tempted to go killing off the reindeer.


In fact, reindeer genocide is illegal in the North Pole. STAY ON YOUR SIDE OF THE BORDER, YOU HOOLIGANS!


 Capricorn (Dec.22-Jan.20): Soon you will develop a strange eating disorder. You will have compulsive urges to eat anything and everything. Doesn't matter what it is. It'll look as deliciously fergalicious as a candy cane, even if it's as foul as a rotten fruit cake. It will become a whole new level of holiday splurging, if you're picking up what I'm putting down.


 Aquarius (Jan.21-Feb.19): You are quite the charmer! Using your large eyes to win over Santa! Turns out it won't be working this year, though. Sorry, but you're more likely to be getting a voluptuous sack of coal. Or maybe four cubic tons of water... you are Aquarius, after all.

 Pisces (Feb.20-Mar.20): Your future looks very bright. It appears that you will find yourself dancing passionately... on the weekends... in a onesie? Bet you didn't see that coming! I hope you aren't afraid to shake


what your mama gave you to the holiday radio station!

 Aries (Mar.21-April 20): You know what they say about freckles- that they're angel's kisses? Well if you don't have any on you right now, you will on Christmas morning! Congrats! You're a blessed child! Don't you forget it!


 Taurus (April 20-May 20): Okay, so you are definitely Santa's biggest fan. Well, you aren't the only one! On Christmas Eve you will be swept up in a stampede of Mexican bull riders riding their faithful bulls to the North Pole (that's why it's Christmas Eve because Santa's flying around on Christmas Eve)! We all know that has been something from your wildest and most beautiful dreams! Too bad you don't speak Spanish.

 Gemini (May 22-June 21): Wow! You won't believe


your glistening eyes when you see the huge present under your tree! It's for you! When you open it, you'll think you got a mirror! Oh wait... it's your twin whom


your parents never told you about because that's what happens when you're born in the end of May or beginning of June.  Cancer (June 22-July 22): Do you like seafood? You should, because you will be chosen by the jolly man himself (or his wife) to illegally traffic seafood to all the crab


lovers around the world! Santa couldn't do it himself because he's allergic to shrimp, so he chose you to do his dirty work for him! If you don't like seafood, then be thankful you don't have to risk your life over illegal seafood. Wait... why is it illegal...?

 Leo (July 23-Aug.22): You are very militant in your ways, just like the lion! Don't be afraid to do whatever your heart tells you! Sing like no one's listening, right? So when you have the

sudden urge to become a caroler and sing door to door with silky hot chocolate tight in your palms, just go for it!

 Virgo (Aug.23-Sep.22): The vibes from you are strong. You believe in things that many other people don't. Like aliens, unicorns, leprechauns, giant space artichokes, and manbearpig. Be careful this holiday season because you have a 97 percent chance of getting abducted by cats. Remember this: Don't believe the rumors that Santa actually likes milk. He doesn't, and the milk attracts the cats. So do NOT leave out the milk! They know where you live!

 Libra (Sep.23-Oct. 22): You have a tendency to be an over achiever. Just don't overdo it on the ginger bread house this time. No, Gingy does not need a ginger bread mansion. He is just a humble civilian, not Lady Gaga. No, he was not born that way because you gave him frosting.

 Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.21): Your fear of reptiles is irrational. Every time you see a snake, you start screaming about the hands reaching for you and pulling you down to California. The first step to getting better is admitting you have issues, and then throwing yourself in a vat of eggnog.

-By Celeste Dax



Things Heard in the Halls

Nice goggles!

I will shove your phone down your throat if you lick my hand sanitizer.

Sweet baby burritos!

I got a tear in my ear!

Mhmmm...
Gingerbearded Men

My grandma is faster than you, and she has a fake knee.

If tape wasn't sticky, would they still put it in a roll?

Forget being human; I'm an airplane.

If you're afraid of the dark, just carry around an old telephone.

But I don't want to be a chocolate cannibal.

I tried plugging my lamp into my eye socket, but it didn't turn on.

I know, my mom loves it.

Wacky Cake

It's so simple, anyone can make it!

Cooking Time:

25-30 minutes

Oven Temperature:

325 degrees

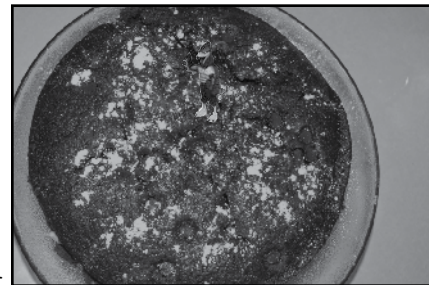
Pan: 6X10

Servings:

About 12

Ingredients:

- 1 cup water
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 Tbsp. cocoa
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vinegar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 5 Tbsp. melted shortening



Directions:

Preheat oven.

Sift the dry

ingredients

together (flour,

sugar, cocoa,

baking soda,

and salt).

Then add all

wet ingredi-

ents except

water (vinegar, vanilla, melted shortening). Now slowly stir the water into the mixture. Pour cake mix into pan. Bake for 25-30 minutes. Let cake cool, and then if desired, top your cake with powdered sugar or frosting. Serve and enjoy!