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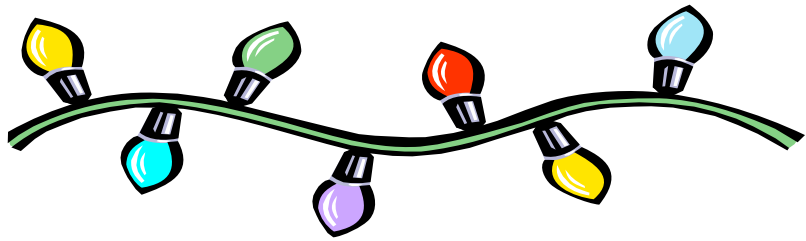


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He who knows best knows
how little he knows.
Thomas Jefferson



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Student Council Canned Food Drive

By,
Leanne Scharr

Once again, Avon Grove student council led another successful canned food drive. The entire middle school participated in a joint effort for rising over 3,500 cans for the needy families in our community. This is a remarkable achievement considering the contest only ran from November 30th to December 14th. Two homerooms in particular stand out for exceptional participation. These two homerooms are the seventh and eighth grade winners for the canned food drive. The seventh grade winning homeroom was Mrs. Maldonado with just about 700 cans. The winning homeroom for eighth grade was Mrs. Oliveré with about 600 cans. On December fifteenth, a few students gave their Saturday to help distribute cans to the needy families. These students include kids from our area and the student council cabinet members, along with Mr. Hanna and Mr. Schemmer. I congratulate any students who brought in cans, or handed them out that Saturday, to help the holidays become a little brighter for some families in our community.

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F.S.E.M.S. Basketball Fund-raiser

Last year F.S.E.M.S hosted its annual basketball fundraiser where the teachers and 8th grade basketball players battled it out in a hard fought game with a victory for the students. Although we could not find out the final score, we do know that the students won and the teachers lost terribly. The teachers had hurt feelings and they were very sad because they lost against the students again. Also some of the older teachers were very sore. Last year we had a tremendous turnout. We had over 1,000 people attend this fundraiser. In addition some amazing baskets were raffled off. One basket included Wii and others had things like gift cards and ipods.

What will be raffled off? Who will win? And will the teachers finally get their long desired revenge? Come to F.S.E.M.S. student/faculty basketball fundraiser February 28th to see what exciting events will happen this year!

By Emily Spitzenberger and Tiffany Thompson

School News By Shane Brannigan

Recycling:

Our school has started a new recycling program. From now on every Tuesday and Thursday morning, one student from each homeroom will go to one of the four main recycling bins in the hallways. Always keep in mind that every time you throw away recyclable paper, you are literally killing our planet. If you are unsure about what can be recycled, ask your teacher or check the list of what can and can't be recycled in your homeroom.

Newspaper:

The school newspaper is always looking for more people to join our team. There are many job opportunities at the newspaper. If you're interested, we have meetings every Wednesday during 8th period in the computer room.

Soldiers:

We would like to thank everyone who sent letters to the troops and brought in items to send to Iraq. They are greatly appreciated.

“See you later then,” she said, and then left.

Honda did not want to hear anything about his 18th birthday. When the ruler of the United Nation of Regilius (that is the name of the new nation) turned 18, the national governors would turn their power over to the 18 year old ruler and he would have complete control of the United Nation of Regilius. Honda had argued with himself in the past about this, but he could not accept this power. Every ruler that had complete control over a country or empire had gone crazy. He did not want that fate. If he could go back in time and stop Bush’s assassination, everything would be different. The world wouldn’t be controlled by one government, and he wouldn’t have to worry about going insane with power.

“Wait a second,” Honda said out loud.

What if he could stop it. His top scientist, Professor Purplexer, had mentioned that he was working on a time pod project. Honda immediately jumped out of his chair and ran like mad to the professor’s lab. When he finally got there, he barged through the door. He knew that Purplexer would help him. He was the only one who knew that a monarchy was a bad thing; especially if that monarch controlled the world.

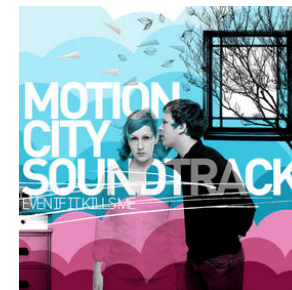
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Even If It Kills Me

Album by Motion City Soundtrack

Review by Victoria Johnson and Anthony Bernadzikowski

Even If It Kills Me was released on September 25th, and is the third major label release by Motion City Soundtrack. Motion City Soundtrack uses 2 guitars, a bass, a drum set, and a synthesizer, which plays a lot of their songs’ tunes while the guitars both make rhythm for it. It has plenty of upbeat and bright songs like “Last Night I Fell In Love Without You,” “It Had To Be You,” and “This Is For Real.” It also has many sad and emotional songs like “Hello Helicopter.” Although the band uses each instrument together beautifully, it doesn’t sound like the same band that released the previous album, “Commit to This Memory” of 2005. The songs are lacking the quality of the sound that they used to have, and many songs on this CD only have verses and a chorus, but not breakdowns or bridges, and only solos in a few songs. Still, the album has its charm, and we recommend buying it sometime in the near future. We rate the album 4 out of 5.



Interview With Miss Arnold By Shane Brannigan

Miss Arnold is the librarian at our school. She has been here for two years and she lives in Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. She taught at an Ohio high school for four years and later she taught composition to seventh and ninth graders at a western Pennsylvania school.

What is your favorite part about working in the library?

Working with students & teachers and seeing what's new as it comes in.

Would you rather teach a regular classroom, or stay in the library?

I like the freedom for creativity that being in the library gives me. I also like working with a wider variety of students than just my classes.

What is your favorite book?

This changes based on what I'm reading.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Read, watch movies (especially old ones), hangout with my friends and family, crochet, family game night, hiking, etc.

Assassination by Anthony Constantini (Story continued from 1st issue)

Honda Xu Regilius IV placed the I.B. recording back on his shelf. This was the fifth time he had listened to it today. It's not right, he thought. He knew things shouldn't be this way. It shouldn't be that everyone is forced to follow one religion, follow one ruler. He didn't want to be a prince. Yes reader, you heard right. Honda is the prince of the nation that his great-great-great grandfather had created. Knock, knock. Someone knocked on his bedroom door.

"Come in." said Honda. He saw his maid, Alexis, had brought his lunch.

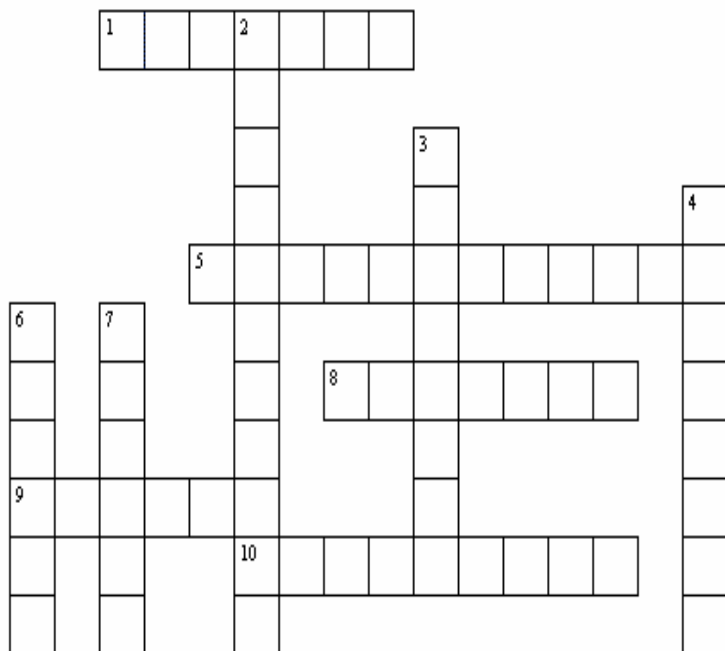
"A nice, tall, young man shouldn't skip his daily meals" She said cheerfully.

"Thank you, Alexis." Honda replied dully. His mind was still on the recording.

"Your father bought you a new suit for your big 18th birthday" Alexis exclaimed.

"Thank you for the info, Alexis," Honda replied. "I will be down in after my lunch to try it on."

State Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Most Southern State
- 5 What State We Live In
- 8 The State The Big Apple Is In
- 9 Most Northern State
- 10 Where Roswell Is Located

DOWN

- 2 Smallest State
- 3 The First State
- 4 What State That Washington D.C. Is Located
- 6 Island State
- 7 Where The City That Never Sleep Is Located

Do you enjoy having Library Squad help you?

Yes, they are a big help.

How do you decide which books come into the library?

I read reviews, listen to teacher/student requests, and try to fill in holes in the collection.

How do you determine if a book should be "retired"?

The age and condition of the book.

Have you always wanted to be a librarian?

I have changed my mind many times over the years. But now I don't plan on changing for a long time.

How many books are there in the library?

More than 26,000 books.

What is your favorite food?

Italian food, chocolate, and seafood

What is your favorite sport?

To watch: football.

To do: swimming.

What is your favorite sports team?

Pittsburgh Steelers.

THE SCHOOL STORE

By: Billy Boardman

PART 1

An interview with Mrs. Kofke Bautule

Q: What kinds of stuff do you sell?

A: Pencils, folders, pens, key chains, and anything else you would need for school.

Q: How long have you been doing the school store?

A: This is my first year, but this is the school stores 3rd year.

Q: Do you do anything else besides the school store?

A: Yes, I'm also a support teacher.

Q: When is the school store?

A: Monday and Thursday eighth period. Bring a pass and money. Only 2 students per homeroom at one time.

"Oh, right away Mrs. White!" Alice said jumping up and getting her outfit out of her drawer. "Mrs. White, could you help me with my corset?"

"Of course Miss." Mrs. White rushed over to Alice and tied the strings. Alice held her breath and sucked in her stomach.

"Good morning mother, good morning "Good morning darling." Mrs. Blackwell answered back.

"Where is Peter? He will miss breakfast if he doesn't come downstairs soon."

"Peter is upstairs still packing." Mr. Blackwell said. Well, that's my typical 18 year-old brother. Alice thought.

Alice walked outside with her family. It was a sunny day and the birds were chirping their songs. They could hear people shouting and cheering at the dock already. Alice turned around and looked at her house for one last time. Good bye England! Hello America!" she exclaimed.

"Oh my goodness!" Alice gasped as she saw the large ship. "She's beautiful!"

"Yes, indeed she is." Peter said catching up to Alice with his suit case.

"And where were you this morning at breakfast?" Alice asked curiously.

"I was still packing," her older brother lied.

"Mm,mm" Alice said looking at her brother.

Peter Blackwell was tall and strong. He had black hair and green eyes just like their father. Even though Alice was only fourteen years old, Peter treated her like a grown up. Alice was thankful to have Peter as an older brother.

There were many people on the ship. Alice saw one girl with red hair and wore ripped clothing. She quickly looked over her knowing that if she were to talk to the girl, Mrs. Blackwell would give her a big lecture about staying with your own class. She saw many proper girls and saw some that she knew from her neighborhood. Alice wanted with all her might to make a new friend on this voyage.

An Unexpected Friendship on the
Titanic

By: Brittany Loeffler

Chapter 1. A New Friend

Alice Blackwell was sitting at her window with her pad and pencil. It was a clear, crisp night. The moon was as big as can be and was brighter than a light bulb. The stars were out and the streets in Southampton, England were quiet.

Alice wrote down something on her pad; it's the night before we go on the Titanic. The streets are quiet and the sky is starry, just like back in America. They say the Titanic is unsinkable. I don't believe them though. I have been down at the library since they started to build the Titanic. I have read that any ship can sink.

She got up from her window seat and walked slowly over to her dresser. She ran her long, skinny fingers along her silver brush. She picked up her hand held the mirror and looked at her image. Her blonde hair was down to her shoulders. Her deep blue eyes were glistening. Mrs. Blackwell had always said that blondes with blue eyes were beautiful. Alice had some freckles across her little, round, nose, too.

Alice looked at the gold clock on her wall. It was 11:00 already. "I better get to bed if mother wants us to be up early tomorrow morning." she said to herself. Alice walked over to her twin-sized bed and pulled back her pink comforter. Alice got into her warm bed and dreamed about the luxurious ship.

"Alice, Alice sweetie, get up." Mrs. White said gently touching Alice on the arm.

"Huh?" Alice asked groggily.

"Alice sweetheart, you need to get up and get ready for our voyage today." her nanny said.

Things they Sell

PART 2
Menu

Erasers.....	\$0.25
Gripees.....	\$0.50
Glue.....	\$0.50
Pencil.....	\$0.15
Mechanical Pencil.....	\$0.50
Folders.....	\$1.00
Rulers.....	\$1.00
Pens.....	\$0.50

Come to the School Store

Brain Busters

You are stuck in a tree.

You have a 2 knives, a twig, and a string what do you use to get down?

You are in a dark cabin.

You have a match, a lamp (non electric), Table, and Stove (gas), what do you light first?

Fox, Chicken, Grain

You need to take a fox, a chicken, and some grain across a river. Your boat is old and will only hold you and an object. You need to get them all to the other of the river, but if left alone the fox will eat the chicken and the chicken will eat the grain. They will not eat each other while you are there, but you must be in boat with animals/ grain. The river is rough so you must use the boat.

Contest

By Shane Brannigan

Submit questions no later than 2-10-08.

Newspaper participants are automatically disqualified. One entry per person or you will be disqualified. If you get all five questions right you will be entered into the drawing for a coupon good for any snack in the cafeteria. Put your guesses in the box in the computer lab labeled "contest entries."

Make sure to put your name on your guess!

1. Which company is the largest toy *distributor* in the world?
2. Mageiricophobia is the intense fear of having to what?
3. The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents what?
4. What does doppelganger mean?
5. What was the first item to have a barcode?