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Holiday Spirit
by Maggie Drasgow

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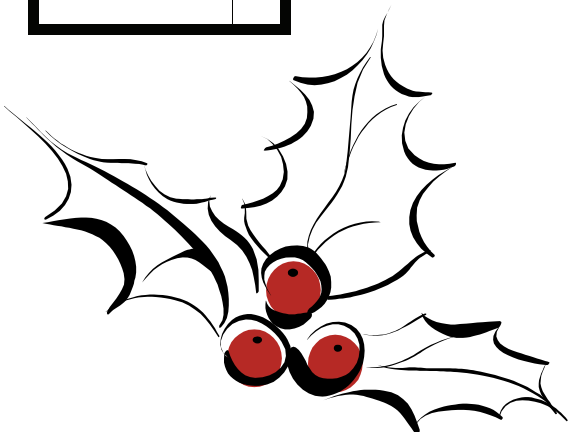
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You're 5 years old. Teeth brushed, face washed, pajamas on, you beg to hear another story before bed. Your parents tell you no because it's getting late. You lie down in bed, get tucked in and close your eyes tight to try to fall asleep as fast as possible. It's Christmas Eve. You want to catch a glimpse of Santa Claus or hear his sleigh bells jingle; your imagination goes wild with every sound that you hear. Your eyelids get heavy and your breathing becomes steadier as you fight to stay awake just a little longer. At last you fall asleep and dream of reindeer and elves busy in the North Pole. The next morning you wake up early, jump out of bed, run into your parents' room and scream, "It's Christmas, it's Christmas! Wake up!"



As we grow up, the enthusiasm we have seems to decrease significantly, especially our Christmas spirit. When we were younger we got very excited about Christmas, but now it seems as if it just isn't as much fun.

When we were younger, Christmas was a day we looked forward to all year and couldn't wait for. Christmas was all about decorating the tree, seeing Santa and of course getting presents. All year long our parents told us "Santa is watching, you better behave!" and after that we were well behaved for a little while. Decorating the Christmas tree was a huge activity, and putting the angel or star on top was a HUGE honor. Writing letters to Santa telling him everything on your Christmas list, and going to the mall to sit on his lap to get your picture taken was always something to look forward to. Do you remember when Christmas music was on the radio and you sang along to "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"? Of course you can't forget about the Christmas movies and shows! "Frosty the Snowman" was always one of my favorites; I just couldn't wait to watch it.



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Holiday Sprit (continued)

As young adults, our Christmas spirit just isn't what it was when we were children. Sure we still watch movies like "Elf" and "Home Alone", but it just isn't the same as when we were younger. Decorating the tree becomes a chore instead of a fun activity. Believing in Santa Claus and writing letters just doesn't happen anymore. The song "Twelve Days of Christmas" turned into "Redneck 12 Days of Christmas" and getting your picture taken with Santa is just a way to laugh with your friends and have a new Facebook profile picture for a week.

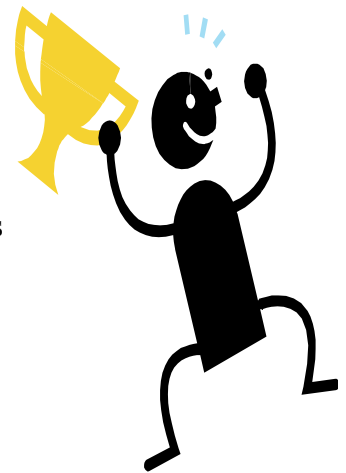
Why don't we have the same excitement for Christmas as young adults that we had back when we were kids? Is it because we don't believe anymore? Is it because we're "too old" and "too cool" for that? The holidays were so much fun even when we were just a few years younger. Don't just watch kids having a blast during this holiday season, join them; enjoy some old favorites: movies, songs, decorating, anything. There's nothing stopping you from having a good time with family and friends!

Little Eagle Awards

*"A
Little
Eagle
Jold*

Every day during school, Fillmore students are frequently making good choices and doing good deeds. Due to their virtuous behaviors we feel these students should be anonymously recognized each month by presenting them with The Little Eagle Award.

Good job Little Eagle!



It was a day that many students anticipate. That day is known as chicken patty day. On this glorious day, an absent-minded Junior neglected to bring their lunch money to school. A warmhearted Sophomore was kind enough to buy a second lunch for that Junior.

In between class periods Freshmen make mad dashes to their next class. In the midst of their dashing, chaos sometimes ensues. For example, a Freshman girl bumped into another student causing her to drop the books she carried. A few helpful upperclassmen noticed her dismay and helped collect her books.

A student came to class unprepared and unaware that she would have to take notes. Hope dwindling and without a pencil, she looked to her fellow class mate to save her, a damsel in distress. Rising up, a noble peer found it his duty to save this damsel by bestowing upon her a shiny No. 2 pencil.

Winter Sports Teams

Varsity Boys Basketball

Coach Mullen
 Reilly Blocho
 Jordan Crouch
 Sam McCumiskey
 Jordan Mullen
 Ryan Pelletier
 Issac Pelletier
 Kyle Redman

Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach Parks
 Kassie Bailey
 Cassie Pelletier
 Caylen Bedow
 Katie Faulkner
 Meghan Hatch
 Kylie Hint
 Kayla Kish
 Allison Lates
 Samantha Mawn
 Haley Vosburg

JV Boys Basketball

Coach Matt Beardsley
 Josh Bodnar
 Zach Chaddock
 Caleb Potter
 Jordan Potter
 Matt Rocca
 Chano Timmermans
 John Voss
 Josh Wendt



JV Girls Basketball

Coach John Beardsley
 Tara Austin
 Lacey Wilmot
 Kristin Pastorius
 Vanessa Peet
 Cheyenne McCrosky
 Meghan Hatch
 Haley Dollas-Halbach
 Bridgett Rathbun
 Caylen Bedow
 Cassie Pelletier
 Samantha Miller

Varsity Cheerleading

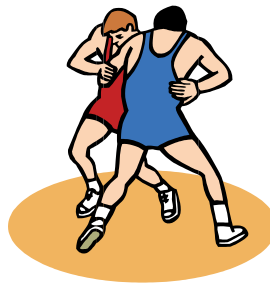
Coach Romance
 Lizzy Austin
 Emily Bower
 Payton Catalino
 Mary Chaddock
 Paige Ellis
 Alyssa Falcone
 Jordan Geary
 Kaley Hering
 Emilee Potter
 Courtney Slack
 Jordan Williams
 Lacey Wilmot

JV Cheerleading

Coach Stacy Beardsley
 Samantha Dersam
 Halisha Hinz
 Cassie Marriot
 Tessa Potter
 Schultzy Schell
 Hayle Souter
 Annie Speicher
 Jessica Voss

Wrestling

Coach Witkowski
 Eric Beardsley
 Michael Belford
 Dylan Bentley
 Nick Bower
 Jordan Buckley
 Teverett Covedill
 Cody Marriot
 Ryan Marriot
 Mic Montesano
 Jacob Pomeroy
 Jerry Pomeroy
 Carter Spencer
 Todd Speta
 Keith Swartz
 Nathan Wagoner



Varsity Boys Volleyball

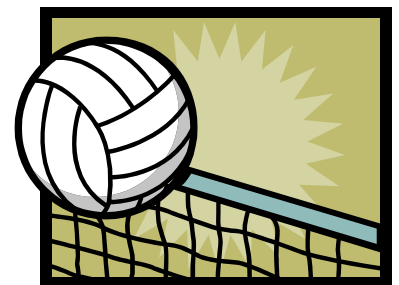
Coach
 Elliott Austin
 Andrew Black
 Austin Bower
 Michael Cole
 Alex Clark
 Jon Fitzgerald
 Skyler Hall
 Sean Hersee
 David Jacobson
 Kyle Landcastle
 Daniel Merriam
 Zeb Pollock
 Jared Reed
 Adam Schwab
 Chad Shelley
 Nick Stenzel
 Bjorn Webb

Modified Boys Basketball

Coach Tucker
 Tony Beckhorn
 Darren Clark
 Michael Dollas-Halbach
 Chase Evans
 Hunter Geary
 Dom Lincoln
 Derek Mancuso
 Mitchell McCumiskey
 Hayden Miller
 Jason Miller
 Evan Nugent
 Keaton Speicher
 Shelby Tucker
 Luke Wolfer
 Spencer Wolfer

Modified Girls Basketball

Coach Mills
 Madeline Freeman
 Michaela Gayford
 Skyler Goodenow
 Julia Hotchkiss
 Michaela Kinnacutt
 Marissa Peet
 Eliana Rangel
 Michaela Roth
 Bethany Smith
 Meredith Young
 Sydney Young



Poetry for December

I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings

-Maya Angelou

The free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wings
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with fearful trill
of the things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill for the caged
bird
sings of freedom

The free bird thinks of another breeze
an the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn-bright lawn
and he names the sky his own.

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.



Satchmo

-Melvin B. Tolson

King Oliver of New Orleans
has kicked the bucket, but he left behind
old Satchmo with his red-hot horn
to syncopate the heart and mind.
The honky-tonks in Storyville
have turned to ashes, have turned to dust,
but old Satchmo is still around
like Uncle Sam's IN GOD WE TRUST.

Where, oh, where is Bessie Smith,
with her heart as big as the blues of truth?
Where, oh, where is Mister Jelly Roll,
with his Cadillac and diamond tooth?
Where, oh, where is Papa Handy
With his blue notes a-dragging from bar to bar?
Where, oh where is bulletproof Leadbelly
with his tall tales and 12-string guitar?

Old Hip Cats,
when you sang and played the blues
the night Satchmo was born,
did you know hypodermic needles in Rome
couldn't hoodoo him away from his horn?
Wyatt Earp's legend, John Henry's, too,
is a dare and a bet to old Satchmo
when his groovy blues put headlines in the news
from the Gold Coast to cold Moscow.

Old Satchmo's
gravelly voice and tapping foot and crazy notes
set my soul on fire.
If I climbed
the seventy-seven steps of the Seventh
Heaven, Satchmo's high C would carry me higher!
Are you hip to this, Harlem? Are you hip?
On Judgment Day, Gabriel will say
after he blows his horn:
"I'd be the greatest trumpeter in the Universe
if old Satchmo had never been born!"

Have you read any interesting, inspiring, fun poetry lately? We'd love to hear it and share it! Submit any selections for poetry to any

The Truth of the Matter: How Do You Really Feel About Change?

by Anna Schilke

“I often find that with our generation, we are so anxious for change. Very rarely do we stop and consider what our life would be like afterwards.”



We live in a fast paced culture. The new iphone comes out every thirty seconds, a fashion trend is being created as we speak, and celebrities rise and fall faster than we can keep up with them. Despite the amount of change that our culture generates, we still want more. Look at politics. President Obama originally used the platform Hope and Change because he knew what Americans wanted to hear. Everybody loves change. Or do they?

In a couple months I will be sixteen. Legally, that's a big year because I can start to drive. For me personally it's a big step, sixteen has always been a milestone in my mind. I always told myself it would be the start of adult freedom, of my independence and so many other things, but a couple months ago I began to see

my birthday differently. In addition to driving I can legally hold a job, which means I need to start working. More than that, a job means I need to start thinking about college. Suddenly my birthday doesn't seem quite as appealing to me. I often find that with our generation, we are so anxious for change. Very rarely do we stop and consider what our life would be like afterwards. Just like with my birthday, we often believe that change will be better than it actually is.

Like everything else in life, change requires a balance. Many times change is exactly what is needed to solve a problem or fix a situation, I'm not here to deny that. However, in our culture, we tipped

the scale too far in one direction. Instead of being able to stop and enjoy what we have, we are always pushing for the next big thing. If we slowed down enough to realize it, there are many wonderful things about living here and now, and we should take advantage of them before they disappear. Now that I've taken the time to think about it, fifteen is a pretty good age to be. I don't have to work, pay bills, worry about car insurance or try to appease my boss. After my birthday some of those things may no longer be true.

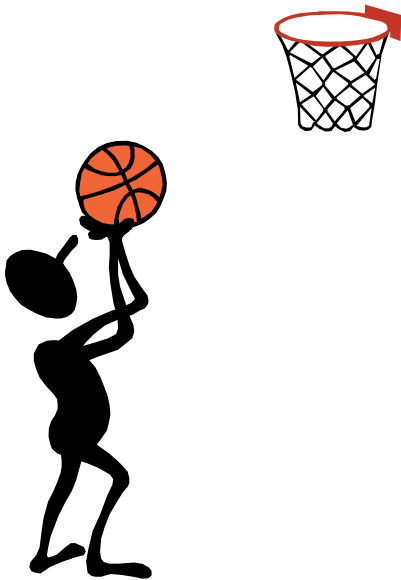
Simply put, we need to enjoy what's around now, instead of constantly wishing for change. Our culture will always be moving quickly. The difference between us and everybody else is whether we stop to enjoy it or not.



Boys Varsity Basketball: A Viewpoint from Coach Mullen

by Brennen Cahill

Coach Mullen said that the biggest challenge this season will be having only six guys on the team. One other problem that is an effect of this problem is that if anybody gets hurt they don't have any subs. So far this is not proving to be a problem as the team is three and one, falling to Mount Morris in a close overtime. They put up a good fight but could not pull off the win. Please, give them all the encouragement you can.



Student Submissions

Student Submissions are always accepted for Fillmore Space. If you have a submission that you would like to see put in an upcoming issue, please give it to somebody involved in Space. Due to a limited number of pages, please keep the length of your submissions reasonable. Pieces of work that will be accepted include but are not limited to: poems, very short stories, drawings, pictures, questions, news articles, opinion pieces etc. We can't wait to see what you have for us!

A Blast From Space Past

SPECIAL DAY OBSERVED

by Slice

Today is "Be Kind To Hobbits Day." We would like you to pause sometime during the next 24 hours and appreciate what they have done for this country. Think of the thousands of them who have given, shortened, their lives for our pleasure by encouraging adventures and nation-wide sports. Ask yourself this question: "What have I done to promote the common-wealth and general welfare of the Hobbits?"

So, as you contemplate the Hobbits' marvelous contributions to our great society, think kindly of them— and if you see one, do not forget to give him a smile or a friendly pat.

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Are there any current topics you'd like to see discussed in Fillmore Space? Send any suggestions to the Space staff and look for them in upcoming issues!

Some Kinda Book Review

by Will Tetta



When he was a baby, Jaiden Beale’s parents were killed by faulty equipment manufactured by a company called NECorp. In order to keep the company from being destroyed by the court case, NECorp offered to raise Jaiden, promising to pay 40 million dollars when he turned 25. Now, 14

years later, Jaiden’s life is controlled by NECorp- from the school he attends to the people he hangs out with. Despite the cold, business-like atmosphere, NECorp feels like a “family” to Jaiden... so when he uncovers damaging information about the company, Jaiden’s loyalty will be put to the ultimate test.

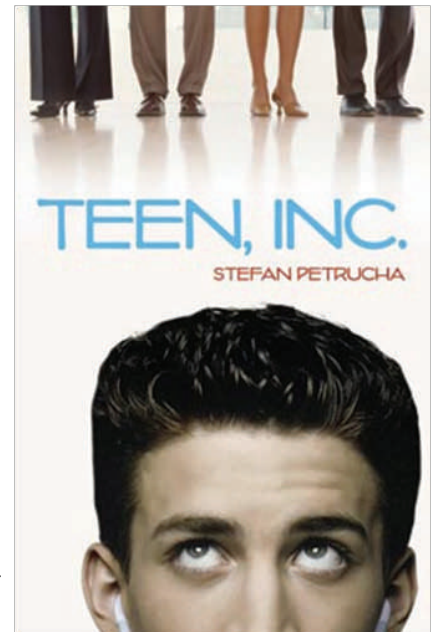
Teen, Inc. poses an interesting question: what would happen if you raise a child in an entirely corporate environment? Would he dress up in a suit and tie every day and speak in a monotone voice? Or would he desperately try to escape his “prison”? According to the book, the latter is the case (because who wants to read about a 14-year-old who acts like a businessman?). The whole idea is so ridiculous yet, at the same time, totally believable. After reading this book, I couldn’t help but wonder if a company could, in today’s world, legally adopt a child. After about a minute

and a half of research, I found that a company can be viewed as a “legal person” with certain rights. However, I didn’t find anything specifically stating that a company can or cannot adopt a child. So, uh, I just saved you about a minute and a half of research. You’re welcome.

Will’s Rating: PG-13 for strong and frequent swearing.

I’m still on the lookout for new reviewing material. I don’t think I’ll run out of books before the end of the year, but it occurred to me that I am incredibly biased in my selection of books. I want to read what YOU want to read, so if you have a book that just screams, “YES!” let me know about and I can spread the word.

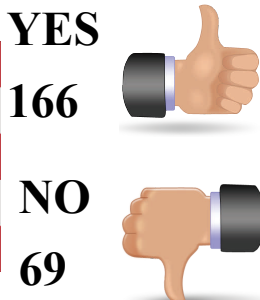
Until next time, live, love, laugh, and read LOTS of books (because books are lonely and need your companionship).



Student Survey Results

*Results are subject to scientific error.

SHOULD PUERTO RICO BE A STATE?



Should we add the fifty first star? On the past election day the people of Puerto Rico voted to become a state. Once the people approve of becoming a state, Congress has to approve the annexation to become the fifty-first state.

Department vs. Department Trivia Challenge

Mr. Kelley (Administration) vs. Mr. Mast (History)

1. What did Backs Car drop in 1945?

Both answered the A-bomb correctly

2. Who said " our long national nightmare is over ?

Mr. Kelley corectly answered Gerald Ford

Mr. Mast incorrectly answered Lincoln.

3. What kind of surface are the Wimbledon tennis championships played on?

Both answered grass correctly

4. What term applies to space void of matter?

Both answered black-hole incorrectly

5. What branch of the camel family is found only in the Andes Mtns?

Mr. Kelley answered llamas correctly.

Mr. Mast answered alpha has incorrectly.

Mr. Kelley won answering **four out of five** questions correctly Mr. Mast only answered only **two of four** questions correctly



UPCOMING BATTLES OF DEPARTMENTS:

Week Three:

Mrs. Harding (Secretaries) vs. Mrs. Mancuso (Phys. Ed)

Week Four:

Mrs. Kelley (Spanish) vs. Mr. Heaney (English)

Week Five:

Ms. Brown (Art and Music) vs. Mr. Witt (Science)

Ask Chuckles

"WHO COULD IT BE?"

***NOTE: DO NOT TAKE OF THIS ADVICE SERIOUSLY!**

Dear Chuckles,

I am failing most of my classes. What do I do?

From,
Confused

Dear Confused,



This advice is very simple. Anyone can do it. Stop copying the dumb kid; start copying off the smart kid. But don't make it very obvious. Do it and be very sneaky.

From,
Chuckles

Dear Chuckles,

I am having a lot of problems with my computer. Whenever I turn it on, it turns right off. I just don't what to do anymore. Can you give me some suggestions?

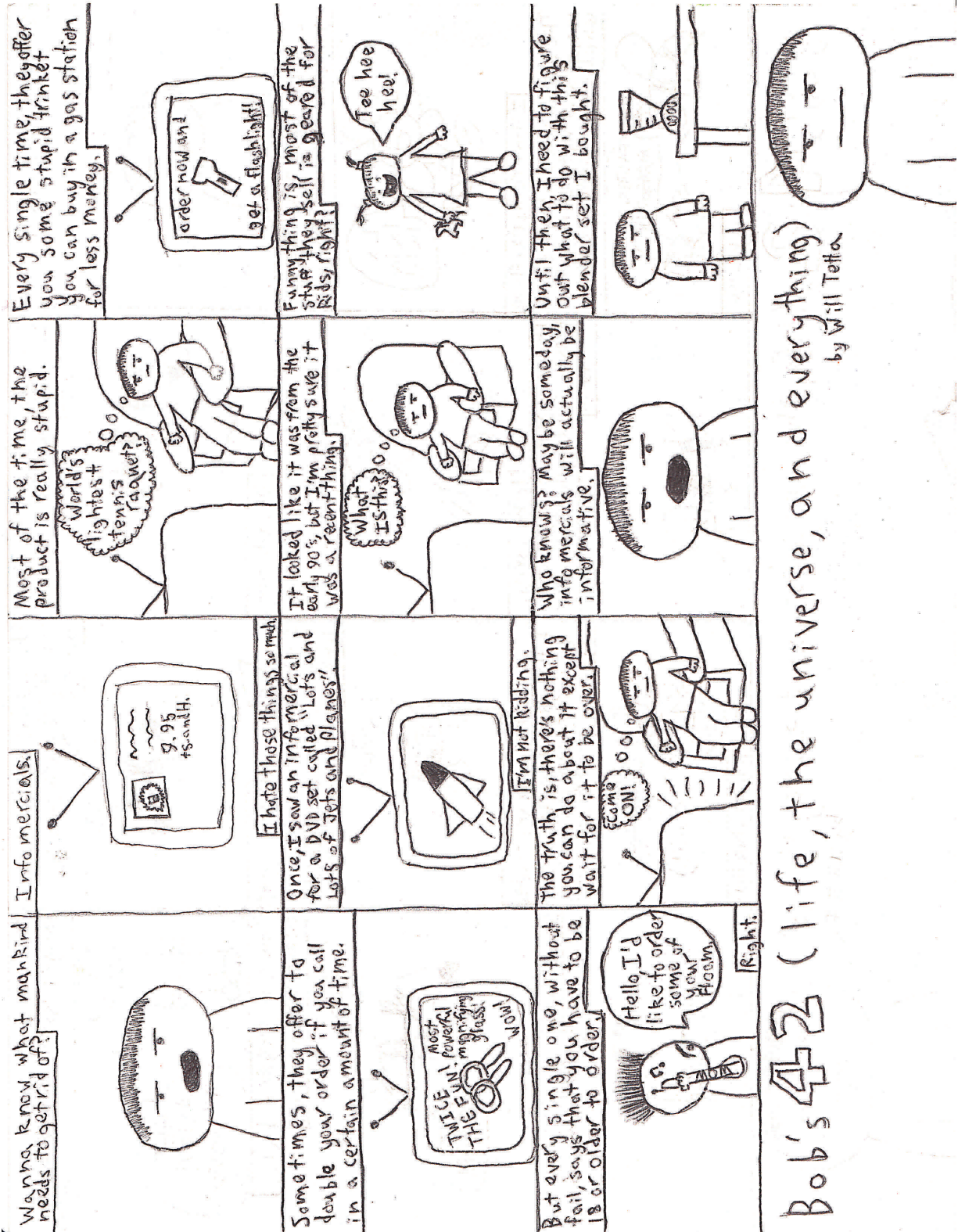
From,
Computer lover

Dear Computer lover,

Tonight when you get home and when it gets dark, wish upon the first star you see. If you do it right, a little fairy name Betty should appear. She is also a computer tech on the side. When she appears ask her to help you fix your computer.

From,
Chuckles

Please send your question to me by dropping then by Ms. Ferdinand's room in the envelope by her door. I will try to put in as many questions as I can in the next issue.



Bob's 42 (life, the universe, and everything) by Will Tetto

Specs and Other Geeky Stuff

by Nathan Wagoner

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A little about myself...if you know me I am a geek and always into anything that is techy. I will be popping in and out of the Space newspaper here and there with reviews on new tech gadgets or just personal opinions on stuff I think people should know about.

Powered by a quad-core Tegra 3 processor with 1GB RAM and either 16GB priced at \$199 or 32GB \$249 of SSD storage. The 7-inch 1200 x 800 HD backlit IPS display boasts a respectable 216 pixels per inch packed onto the screen and a 10 hour battery life. Sure, it's not quite as impressive as a third-generation Retina Display iPad at 264ppi, but as far as I can see text is still very clear and pictures look great. It also comes with a 1.3MP front facing camera but no rear which can be a tough decision for some people, but it didn't really bother me. On the side it has a sleep/power button and a volume rocker just underneath it. Also on the bottom there's a micro USB for charging and connecting it to a PC or other various accessories and a headphone jack right next to it. The Nexus 7 weighs only 340 grams (less than a pound) and the dimensions are 198.5 x 120 x 10.45. The Nexus 7 also has a gyroscope and GPS for using Google maps and other apps when you're not connected to Wi-Fi. The Nexus 7 also comes with Google's latest Android 4.2 Jelly Bean.

Ok, now on to my first impressions. From the time I have taken the Nexus 7 out of the box until today I am being impressed with this and learning something new about it every day. The Google Play Store is huge just like Apple's App Store, and I have noticed if the app is in Apple's App Store it is on Google's Play Store too, which is very impressive. I have run into a few apps that are still not quite configured for the Nexus 7, but they are coming. The Nexus 7 is very "buttery smooth." The only time I have noticed this tablet to slow down is when I am installing an app but that is expected. The tablet is also very customizable, so you can do just about anything to make it fit to your personality.

So in my own opinion the Nexus 7 is a GREAT tablet for the \$200 range. I hope you liked my little review on the Nexus 7. On a side note...I also wrote this entire thing on my Nexus 7 using Google Docs.

Action Shots From This Year



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Thank you to all of you who took the time to participate in this issue’s poll on Puerto Rico. Keep an eye out for next issue’s poll to be posted outside Ms. Ferdinand’s room.

If you would like to see anything added to what we print in **Fillmore Space**, or any changes to what you already see, send us your feedback! We are especially interested in topics you would like to see covered, questions and advice that you are seeking and especially your own submissions to be printed! Feel free to talk to any person on the Space team or to Ms. Ferdinand or Mrs. Palmiter. You can also drop written suggestions and advice questions in the **Space** folder outside Ms. Ferdinand’s room (C213).