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Wiener Patrol



West Potomac's new head of security, Sparky, strutting around campus feeling rather dapper in his new uniform.

Wake Coulter

Slack City Editor

The recent financial sequester that has devastated many public institutions across the nation has caused severe cuts to ripple through the Fairfax County Public School system. One of the first noticeable effects of these cuts will be an overhaul to West Potomac's security system.

According to recent reports, the school's police officers and security faculty have been laid off, and will be replaced with a highly trained canine unit. These dogs will require significantly lower incomes and virtually no benefits like health or life insurance. However, they will likely unionize, since the social canine species naturally form into packs.

Since the financial cuts were so deep, West Potomac could not afford the widely used police dog breed of German Shepherds, and instead chose to adopt a cheaper option - Dachshunds. Commonly known as "wiener dogs", these short legged and long bodied mutts will patrol the school 24/7, making sure students do not attempt to leave the property during lunch hours, carry restricted items, leave class without a pass, or commit any crimes on campus.

The new Head of Security, Sparky, plans to change the way the school is controlled, claims his owner, Deborah Phillips. "He has always been such a nice dog, very playful. He has a loud bark, so I bet that'll keep those kids in line if they're

up to no good." She continued, "Once he gets to know you, he'll roll right over and beg for a belly rub. He loves his belly rubs!" Ms. Phillips also received a position on the new security faculty, assigned to the animal waste cleanup team.

Increased student delinquency and truancy has caused some teachers to lose hope, but Officer Ron Wilson, the trainer who taught the Wiener Patrol to keep students secure, is confident that the intimidating canine force will keep order in our troubled high school. He assured us that the canine unit has devised a detailed plan to remedy these problems. "I've seen what these dogs can do," he asserted. "A typical day for them involves waking up at sunrise, eating a bowl of Beneful, and then pretty much laying around until somebody wants to play or walk with them. They will probably do the same thing at West Potomac, but with security uniforms on."

Mr. Walls, the former head of security could not be reached for comment, but based on concurrent reports, it seems that he and the rest of the former security faculty have formed a rogue squad, patrolling the streets of Alexandria, halting crime and keeping our town safe. It brings comfort to our students they will be safe both in and out of school, protected by both wiener dogs and ex-security officers.

West Potomac gets tatted

Lily Weisblatt

**Hair flip* Editor*

Black leather chairs line the 20x20 foot room, and the air reeks of dried ink. The buzz of electric needles fills the hallway as the doors open. A 17-year-old bawls as his skin is pierced and stained with indelible ink. This is not the newest tattoo parlor on Richmond Highway, but is Ink Academy, the newest class offered at West Potomac.

Ms. Kat Von D, owner of High Voltage Tattoo in Hollywood, and star of TLC's "LA Ink," has taken it upon herself to spread her love of tattoos to the troubled youth of suburban Virginia. West Potomac will be her first venture into teaching, offering an academy class that teaches tattoo artistry from sketching to needle. Despite first reservations about safety precautions and legality of tattooing students under 18, administration has decided to approve her proposed class. Her curriculum will include how to draw and scan pictures, proper tool usage, needle techniques, skin prep, and aftercare.

A new studio has been put in half of the auxiliary gym, equipped with 30 tattoo chairs and enough medical equipment to resemble a mortuary. Students are invited to sign up with Student Services, however, they must bring both parents, a notary, and an attorney to sign and witness several lengthy waivers. Von D insists that her practice will be completely sanitary and safe, and students can not wait to sign up. "I've always wanted to use my exemplary art skills [chuckles] on other peoples' skin and this will be permanent! It'll be great to leave my mark on perfect strangers," says junior Zoe Mann.

For the first year, Ms. Von D plans on training an apprentice to take over for celebrity appearances. No official statement has been released by Von D's people but the prospects of having any TLC star at West Potomac is a dream come true for some students.



West Potomac's new tattoo parlor in Academy, equipped with 30 ink stations.

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Security is releasing Wolverines in the hallways to round up skipping students.

Kimmy K. speaks at graduation! Read about her new entrepreneurial promotion campaign and what high schools she will be visiting.



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West Po's new polo team was formed over spring break. Equestrian students from all over the United States want to join.

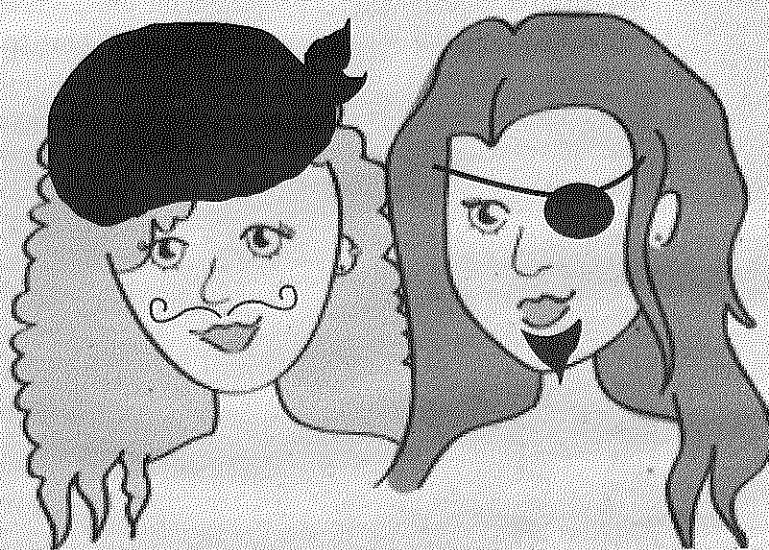


Rants and Raves

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A rant for warm weather

Shoutout to Kyle Daehnke!

He won the most recent Iron Man Triathlon in Afghanistan. Daehnke set the world record, finishing in under 37 minutes! The race consists of a 2.4 mile-swim, a 112 mile-bike ride, and a 26.2 mile-run.



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GOING BANANAS

Letter to the Animal School:

Herro,

I am a zoologist and I don't really have any purpose for writing this but it just so happens that when people write for no reason that they sometimes find a train of thought along the way. for example last week while in the ape house i discovered that while i was giving a chimp a banana that monkeys are pretty similar to us i was wondering if he would be able to read a newspaper so i gave him a newspaper and i think he understood it because then he laughed. i have never heard a monkey laugh before.

Sincerely,

Bobby Ricky

MY LIFELONG LOVE

Letter to the editorz:

I wanted to say that I have seven copies of every newspaper you print. I read one copy and then I use the other six, which is one less than seven, to create a shrine to West Potomac. I am an alumni and have never stopped being a wolverine. I graduated in 1990. I was the schools most spirited student. My shrine to the school is almost complete I just need a few more newspapers. I was hoping that you could send me a few extra copies over the next few months.

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WESLEY WESTPOTO

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Student athletes reeling in the dough

Jayme "Southpaw" Murray
Servant

For quite some time, people within Fairfax County have had the opinion that student-athletes in Fairfax County should be paid for the time and effort they put forth towards their sport.

Each school year, student-athletes raise profits for the schools' athletic department as well as the schools' boosters. The overwhelming opinion is that students should be paid for their efforts and their "job" to make money for the school. If the sport is not profitable for the school, the administrators may be forced to no longer offer the sport to students.

Commissioner of Fairfax County High School Sports (FCHSS), Bud Goodell, stated, "We are currently negotiating with the school board regarding the issue of whether or not the county should pay the student athletes. I believe all the hard work and time that the student athletes put towards their respective sports is an investment for them and I want their investment to actually pay off for them. We have a fabulous reputation of producing a vast number of student-athletes to excel at their sport in college and possibly into the professional ranks."

"Recently, there has been increased competition among colleges and professional teams for our student athletes" said Goodell. Goodell believes that we have many student athletes who have a reasonable chance at advancing their careers to the profession-

al ranks. "If the county wants to keep the superstar athletes in school rather than going to the professional ranks, we are going to be forced to find a way to persuade them to stay in college. In order for us to do that, we are most likely going to need to invest more in our student athletes."

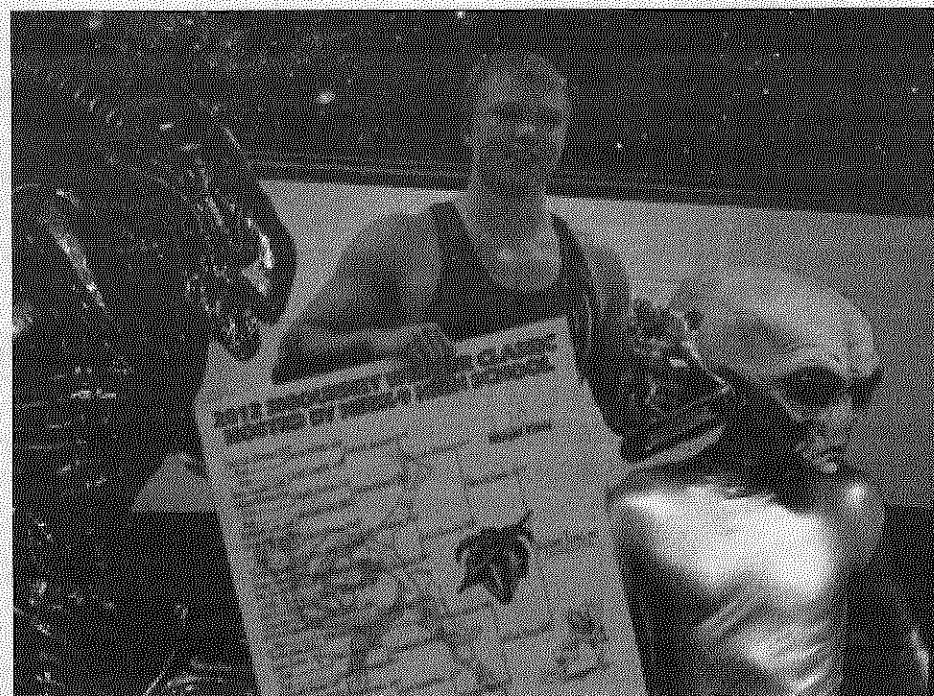
If in fact student-athletes were to get paid, what would their salary be? Fairfax County policy makers are standing behind their contract of one dollar per hour that the student-athlete spends in that sport. All athletic directors within the county have approved this contract and are excited about the future of high school sports in the county.

As for the student-athletes, there will be higher expectations brought upon them assuming the School Board does decide to go through and approve the contract for the payment of student-athletes. If the contract does get approved, all school sponsored teams will be forced to maintain a team GPA of at least 3.4. If the team is unable to meet this requirement, the county may be inclined to pull out of the contract.

Bud Goodell feels as if the county agrees to approve the student athletes contract, then it will be a win-win situation for everyone involved because the students will be compensated for their time and effort as well as improving the overall reputation of the school as a result of a strict GPA requirement.

Rupp, Intergalactic Champ

Ian "Big Worm" Thompson
Servant



Rupp with two of his opponents at the Intergalactic Wrestling Tournament that took place in March (or Giorbtany on the Intergalactic Calendar).

West Potomac wrestler Will Rupp claims he can't be beat. Rupp went undefeated this past wrestling season claiming many tournament champion titles including Virginia state champion. Although Rupp is a star, can he face his newest challenge?

Rupp has entered an intergalactic wrestling tournament. He will be wrestling against all different life forms in his quest to become the Intergalactic Champion of the Universe. Rupp has never faced such tough competition. He will be undergoing a whole new type of training and dieting to prepare him for his match.

Buzz Aldrin, one of the Apollo 11 astronauts, has offered to help Rupp train. Aldrin may know more about space than anyone on the planet so he is Rupp's best shot to win. There will be none of the normal sprints or pushups in this training routine. Rupp will have to learn zero gravity grappling techniques and undergo similar preparation as NASA astronauts. He will have to practice a new breathing

method so his body can preserve oxygen.

To keep his strength up Rupp has had to make changes in his diet. Foregoing the usual wrestler diet of 300 calories a day, Rupp will be ingesting close to 6,900 calories a day. These calories come mostly from taffy, which Aldrin explained will help his body store the energy it will need when in space.

Experts predict that for Rupp to win he will have to use his experience to his advantage. He has been wrestling for close to 12 years, which is much longer than most of the opponents he will be facing in the intergalactic competition. Rupp also has many tournament titles under his belt to boast about which should make him more intimidating to the aliens he will be challenging.

There is no doubt that Rupp has a difficult road ahead of him, but having already accomplishing great things this season, he is sure to do well. He says he will continue to train until he has won and no one stands in his way.

Double Dutch comes to West Pot

Josh "Nemo" Shelton
Sass Master Editor

Aaron Helmick, West Potomac's Athletic Director, recently announced the introduction of a 2013-2014 Winter Sport: Double Dutch. After heavy lobbying by the Double Dutch Board of Virginia (DDBV) and the Double Dutch Club here at West Potomac, the Athletic Board agreed to give Double Dutch a trial season next winter.

The excitement for the introduction to this sport can be felt all throughout West Potomac as the coaches for the team were also announced. The teams' coaches will be Corbin Bleu and Keke Palmer, stars of the Disney Documentary about Double Dutch, Jump In. When asked about how he, felt about this opportunity, Bleu said, "I am so excited for this great opportunity. There is so much talent here at West Po, I think we are going to do great."

Other schools in the district are also adding Double Dutch teams next winter season. Annandale, West Springfield, Lee, and Woodson all will be adding teams along with West Potomac and will compete next year at the Varsity level. The competition will be fierce as all the schools placed in the top 25 at the Independent State Competition. West Potomac finished best out of the five schools, leaving the



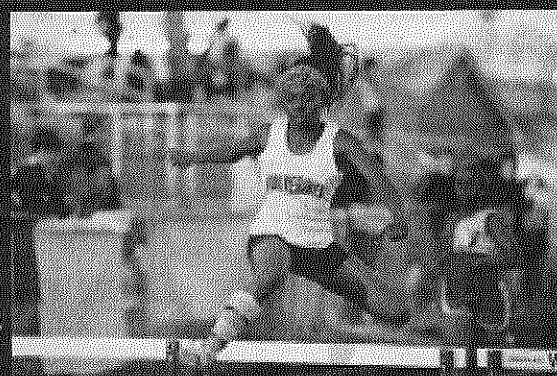
Corbin Bleu and Keke Palmer are the coaches for the newly established Double Dutch team.

competition with a fifth place ribbon.

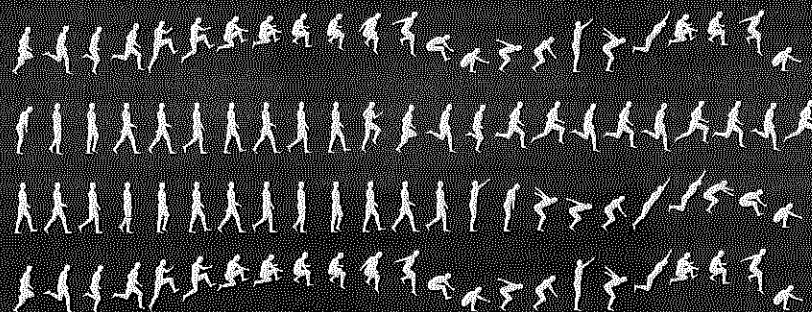
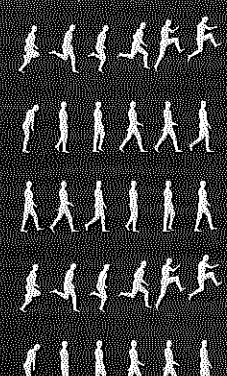
Signe King, junior and captain of the Double Duchesses, has a positive outlook on the upcoming season. "We have put so much work in previous years, we expect nothing less than winning District's and finishing top 3 in the State competition. While these are our goals, we are not limited to these. We also want to work on doing well at the National Competition in California next year."

Tryouts for the team will be May 31st-June 2nd and teams will be announced June 5th. For more information contact Coach Bleu via phone, 818-614-1600 or via e-mail, bleuman@aol.com.

NEWSFLASH



Irene Rojas



DOES NEW "JAZZ" TREND CAUSE PROMISCUITY IN YOUTH?

Louis Armstrong, Earl Hines, and Duke Ellington are names that strike terror in the hearts of regular, red-blooded Americans. These names belong to the frontrunners of a boppin' new music trend, "jazz"

A haphazard mix of instruments and rhythms, often played without music notes or even made up as it goes along, this zany new style has captured the hearts and ears of many young American teen-agers.

"These youngsters are always looking for some new way to rub up against each other or catch a glimpse of an ankle or two," says Ms. Gloria Bennett, a social studies teacher at West Potowmack High School. She's not the only adult concerned about this new trend.

Psychologists from Yale University have produced studies which reveal that Jazz music can cause the youth to perform acts they would not in a regular setting. These acts include striking up conversations with strangers, wearing revealing clothing, dancing in a fashion in which their whole body moves erratically, and using foul slang terms such as "Cool cat", "the bees knees", and "swell".

Ladies brainwashed by the plucky piano tunes and swinging saxophone symphonies of the underground jazz bars have transformed from well-behaved girls to promiscuous harlots. "Flappers", a fashion inspired and urged on by Jazz participants, are women with short hair, dresses that often stop above the knee and reveal generous amounts of shoulder, and more makeup than a raccoon. If a father's precious daughter tries to waltz out the door looking like one of these tramps, it is his duty to stop her at the door.

Parents of the youth affected by the Jazz trend are becoming more fearful as some adults begin to embrace it as well. Many respected members of the community have stooped to the low levels of playing jazz records on their home gramophones, for the whole neighborhood to hear. These public disturbances often result in violent altercations between neighbors, and seem to be contributing to the impending downfall of society. If we aren't careful, our generation will be known only for this dreadful trend: The Jazz Age.

NEW RADIO TECHNOLOGY SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE

SOUND WAVES CAN BE BROADCASTED

TEEN-AGERS ARE PRONE TO INFLUENCE

Teenage rebellion has always been a controversy in households around the world. Growing up means growing away from one's parents and becoming independent - even if that means forcing your family out of your life. Because most parents are not inclined to admit that their child does not want to be cordial any more, society tends to blame social trends and changes on the youth's misbehavior.

What is the most recent scapegoat for teen angst? The radio. This device is being attributed to violent behavior, shrill remarks, back talking, crude slang, and ultimately an unclean lifestyle. Mrs. Applebottom, a local concerned parent, has reported that since her purchase of the so-called sound machine, her 17 year-old son has been blatantly rude.

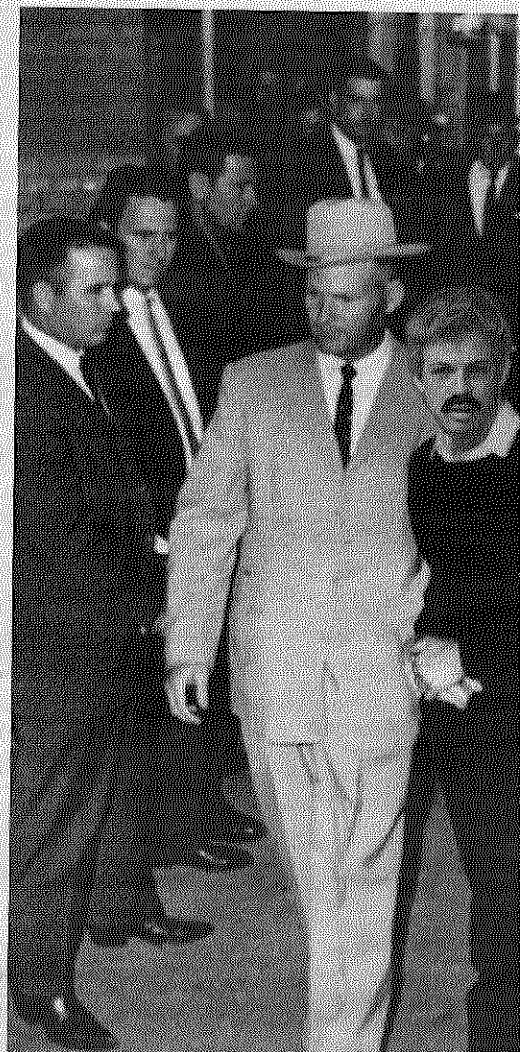
"He tells me my roast chicken breast is too dry! He has always loved my cooking in the past. He might as well tell me I am a terrible mother and slam the door in my face. What I really need to do is take away that darned machine. It encourages insubordination and recklessness." She later disclosed that she heard some of the local teens were sneaking around at night to listen to Rock 'n Roll, an activity she calls, "a disgrace to our sweet old town."

As per the parent's request, authorities are taking to patrolling the streets at night, keeping a vigilant eye out for hoodlums and misfits lurking around to the tune of a shiny radio. Despite recent efforts, the movement only seems to be getting worse for parents and officers alike.

SPORTS

BABE RUTH HITS IT HOME

Cracker Jacks flew as hoots and hollers deafened Fenway Park on Saturday, when Babe Ruth led the Red Sox to victory for the fifth time this year. "This is all I wanted to see before I die!" said Timmy Johnson, a young boy with terminal cystic fibrosis. CONTINUED ON PG. 5



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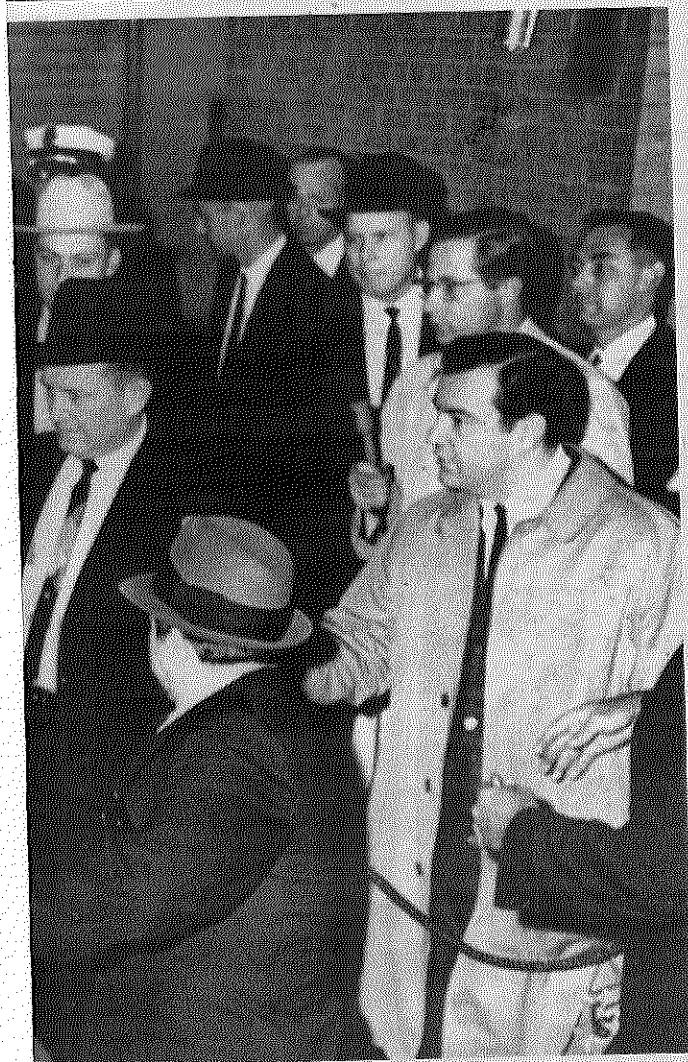
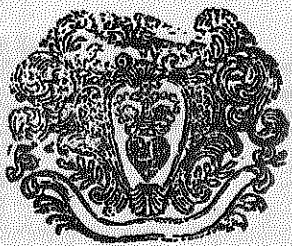
Bootleg empire discovered

ALEXANDRIA, VA - Our small town was shaken by a horrific incident Friday, when it was discovered that an illegal soda-pop distributing ring was located in the basement of our own school, West Potowmack. Authorities busted down the doors at 1:45 PM Friday afternoon, and 18 students with 4 teachers were apprehended at the scene.

When it was reported that students had been coming out of the school looking especially hyper, it was clear that something was amiss. An anonymous telegraph was sent to local police, and that sparked an investigation.

Detectives were sent out to get to the bottom of the suspicious issue, and were not surprised when they found the school grounds littered with glass bottles and caps. A trail of trash led to the basement doors, and after easily obtaining a search warrant, a raid was conducted.

Inside the secret basement room was a makeshift bar set up, complete with racks and shelves filled with all different



OPINIONS: *Should women have the right to vote?*

SUFFRAGETTES GATHER

On April 1, women gathered outside of government buildings with picket signs in an effort to raise awareness about women's suffrage.

Surprisingly, however, these women were protesting the possibility of their gender having right to vote.

They belong to an organization called The Mothers of America, their goal being to promote the belief that women have a duty to their families and no business in politics.

We interviewed one woman whose opinions on the subject were particularly strong. Mrs. Dolores Wilmington said, "The declaration of sentiments is far less reasonable than the title puts on. One might think that a declaration of sentiments, made by women, would include some values that matter to women like family and education not just a woman's right for suffrage. There is a reason that I send my children to school to learn, so that I don't have to teach them. As a woman, I specialize in household related activities. I certainly do not feel the need to shed my opinions on the world let alone influence the government - and the same goes for all other women. My place always has been and always will be in the kitchen. Any respectable woman has no place in an office or any real job because it is truthfully not what we were made for. The government was not made by the people and for the people. It was made by men and for men, and for good reason."

However ironic their message, the women are seriously dedicated to limiting their own rights. Champ Clark, woman's suffrage defender and politician said, "It certainly is curious that these women who are so against being political, are making a very controversial and political statement to the entire world, the hypocrisy is revolting."

Revolting, maybe, but their message is certainly traveling, especially with the support of their husbands. In fact some spouses joined the picket protests. Others, however, disagree. "To be honest, when my wife goes out and makes a public statement such as this, it seems to me that she is more active and therefore more worthy of having a voice in our government than I will ever be. Not only is she political but dedicated and misguided: the makings of a great politician."

DRESS CODE TIGHTENED TO PREVENT MOB ASSOCIATION

PINSTRIPE SUITS BANNED,
FEDORAS CONFISCATED

Mob signs thrown up in family photographs, vulgar threats of certain people getting whacked written on restroom walls, and students dressing like mobsters in school have led the school county to ban clothing which might lead to mob association. A recent wave of mob violence in the city has compounded the problem, and rival mobs have been facing off in school hallways in the past few weeks. There **CONTINUED ON P. 4**

New Developments FIRST PARKING SPOT BUILT

With all the world a buzz and fascinated by the automobile, Reggie Alexander will bring the excitement of the industry to our very own school, and have a custom parking area to show it.

Reginald "Reggie" Alexander, son of the creator of toaster strudel, has, from his fathers income, bought his own automobile, in fact he has acquired Ford's Model-T. This has posed an issue; where will he park his automobile?

West Potowmack has created a parking spot just for him. "We hope to build a parking area for students who may drive an automobile to school in the future, to not take spots used by our staff," commented head administrator, Charles Hammerson.

"I believe it is just ridiculous for Reggie to have his own parking spot let alone his own automobile! The rest of us would like to be able to drive an automobile to school too!" remarked Dorothy Smitherson. Although many of Alexander's peers share a hint of jealousy like Smitherson, Roy Anders disagrees, "I think Reggie driving a Model-T to school may sway my parents into letting me drive their new automobile."

Although Alexander will wait until next semester to drive to school when his spot has been created, he has said closing words on the matter, "I hope getting a custom parking spot will show the school how us young adults can handle responsibility and influence my peers to drive as well."

POTOWMACK BY BUSTED

basement of local high school

types of soda. The walls were lined with new-fangled soda machines, which were found to be filled with dirty soda money.

"I never expected something like this to happen at our school," commented math teacher Emilia Grundy. "I always saw our kids as honest and well brought up. And the teachers too! What a disgrace!"

Three English teachers and one Latin teacher were found in the basement speakeasy, and none are not expected to be returning to work anytime soon. As many know, soda was outlawed in 1919 after reform movements sparked by women's advocacy groups complaining of their husbands and children coming home late at night, smelling of cola and bouncing off the walls.

Until this incident, our town was known for its hearty cooperation with this law, but now this travesty has shown a different light upon our citizens. Who knows how many people had secretly been getting their soda fix in the basement of what was supposed to be a center for learning? Maybe your son was there, or your brother, or even YOU.

Tom Cruise Exposed as College & Career Specialist

Laraib Ilyas
Cool Headed Editor

It doesn't take long for one to realize that the new College and Career Center (C&CC) specialist, George Hardman, resembles one of Hollywood's most famous action heroes, Tom Cruise. Well, this is no coincidence because Hardman is actually Cruise in disguise.

Cruise's cover was blown last week when junior Charles Spencer spotted him driving around her urban, upper class neighborhood in his Bugatti Veyron 16.4 with daughter Suri. "At first, I couldn't believe it, but later when the information and pieces started falling into place, it all made sense," shared Spencer.

Several months before Cruise took the job, his manager called to tell him that producers are looking for more youthful action stars, and so he might not be edged out by other younger action actors. Although the millions of dollars he racked up from his acting career were more than sufficient to last him through his layoff, Cruise wanted to resort to his dream job so he could do something more valuable with his time.

"I've always wanted to encourage students to pursue their dreams, and the job description as a college and career center specialist at West Potomac High School was perfect," Cruise explained. "I'm hoping to alter the course of students' lives by helping them to the best of my ability find a college or a job right after high school."

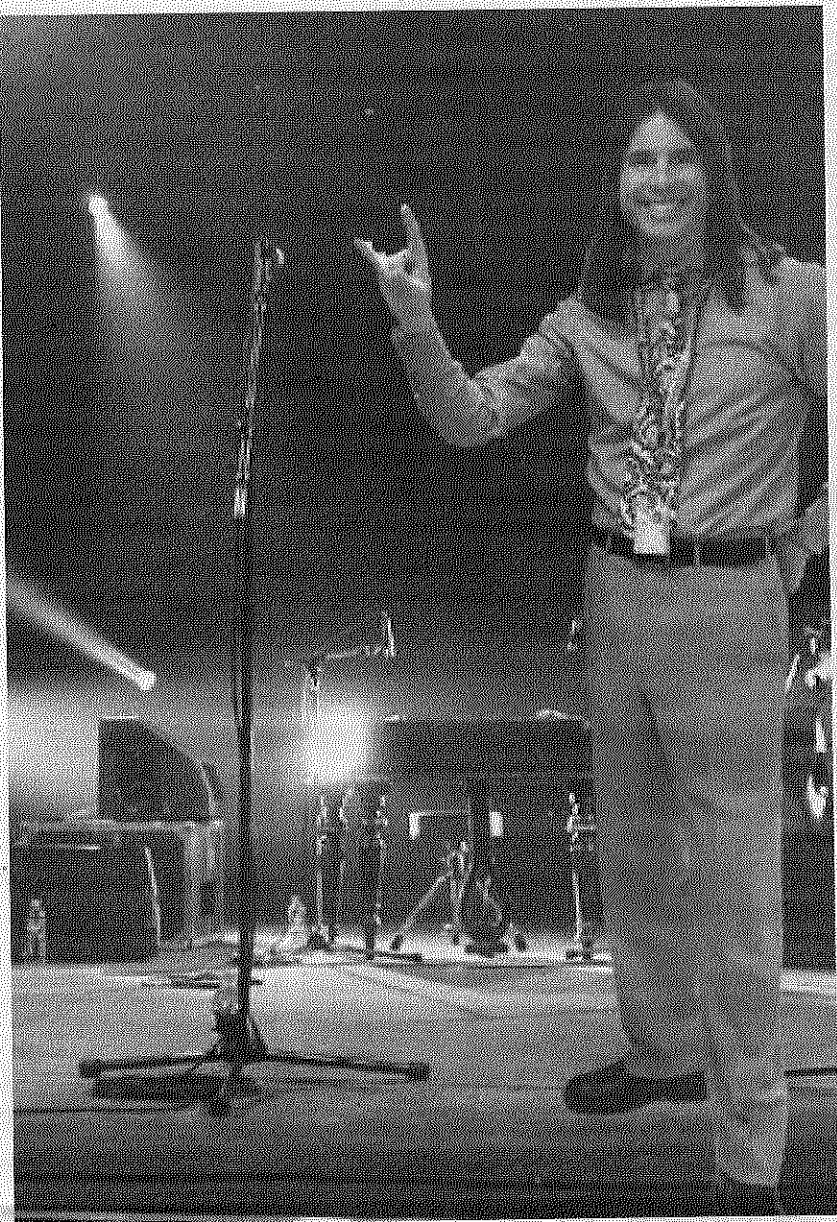
Cruise received his Masters in Education before a casting agent noticed him in his hometown of Syracuse, New York. "I always wanted to put that degree to good use, and now I can with this wonderful job!" He exclaimed.

The long hair and tall height was a shock to many students, but Cruise said, "It was all a part of the plan to not get noticed." He had to grow his hair out before he got here, but he wears unnoticeable large platform dress shoes every day to make himself look five inches taller. Not only that, but Cruise has to practice speaking in a more subtle and soft voice in his car right before school, just to fit his role.

Cruise's passion for acting is still alive, especially at West Potomac. He recently helped in the school production, *The Walking Dead*, by working with the actors backstage. "I was honored to be a part of such a fantastic production where students took into account the acting advice I shared with them. I'm looking forward to pitching in more of my ideas into future productions at this school."

As for his personal life, Cruise was devastated by his divorce from Katie Holmes. Another reason he took up the C&CC specialist job was to forget about this horrible milestone in his life. "She [Holmes] was a huge part of my life, but I've moved on," he stated. Currently, he is dating a beautiful, tall blonde who he feels will be marvelous as Suri's step-mom. Are there wedding bells in the horizon? "Maybe," Cruise replied shyly.

Overall, "Hardman's" job is at no risk. In fact, the administrators knew his real identity before they hired him. Principal Hardison was admired by his personality from the beginning. "He had all the basic credentials, but real life stunts on the Burj Khalifa, the tallest building in the world, just added a little something extra on his resume," said Hardison.



Cruise on the set of *Rock of Ages*, preparing for his role as Stace Jaxx, getting into character by rockin' the horns during a sound check

Knuckleheads in the News

Naomi Jones
Indentured Servant

If you thought this school was already teetering on the edge between wacky and normal, check out these knuckleheads in the news! Two students were arrested for assault charges for fighting on school grounds and assaulting a police officer. It turns out that they were actually filming for a school project and the officer was a student in a police costume. Those students should get an Oscar for their acting, but too bad they'll have to wait until next year for the next Oscar nominations. Maybe it'll make it in time for the Kids' Choice Awards.

Also, two students were busted for leaving school grounds just because they didn't want to eat from the school cafeteria. They weren't suspended, but now are forced to wear tracking bracelets on their wrists that will inform their teachers and school administrators of their location at all times. Talk about an invasion of privacy!

If that's not crazy enough for you, wait until you hear this one. A student wanted to ditch their last period of the day because it was, and I quote "useless." As he tried to leave campus, he was met by security, which led to a chase around the campus. The chase finally ended when the student barricaded himself up in the bathroom and refused to leave until the bell rung. Talk about being as stubborn as a mule.

What's worse: getting stuck in a zombie apocalypse, or stuck in a school filled to the brim of knuckleheads? No offense to those who actually have common sense. Uh, no offense again to... oh, whatever. The point is, who do you think was the biggest knucklehead of them all? The fake police arrest, the students with trackers, or the skipper in the bathroom? Everyone's opinion is different, so take the time to think about it. I would continue, but I see another potential knucklehead coming down the hall.

Fashion Forward at West Potomac

School board has decided to enforce a uniform policy

Noor Javaid
Missing Editor

Recently, there has been a drastic change coming for West Potomac: students will be required to have uniforms for the next school year. The moment every student has dreaded is here. Seeing as it would not be sensible to put the act in as soon as possible and with only four months of the school year left, the proposal has been put off for next year.

The uniforms are simple. For the boys, a white button up, with a blue tie, black coat, black trousers with dress shoes. For the girls, the same, except with the option of their choice for whether they would want to wear, a black skirt along with stockings or trousers and flats. Junior Santonio Holmes agrees with this proposal, saying: "Although I don't completely agree, the colors are representing our school anyway and my mornings would be easier if I already had an outfit picked out."

There is also a sense of equality when it comes to uniforms. Regularly, not everyone has the best clothes, shoes, or are keeping up with the trends. With uniforms everyone wears the same clothes, going to the same place, to gain the same education. All equally.

However sophomore Sterling Cooper disagrees, exclaiming: "I don't think that's fair because most of our expressive rights are al-

ready gone once we step into the doors of the school, and to have these uniforms would mean another freedom of expression right gone."

Freshman Georgia Watkins, agrees and states: "I love my style and I like trying new things with old shirts, pairing them to anything and everything. If we only have bland old uniforms, how am I going to do that? I won't be able to express myself by the way I dress. What about the spirit days that involve dressing up? Will those be cancelled, and our school just be a dictated prison?"

Of course, to retaliate, the fairness is that the school cares about. Is it actually fair that the school has to suddenly change to a uniform school? Junior Felicia Callaway says, "I don't think it's fair at all, it's my senior year and I have to walk around these halls in a uniform? And I honestly don't want to put any more than I have to!" It all seems to point to the fact that the majority do not fancy the idea of having to wear the same clothes. West Potomac High School anxiously waits for the new change to take place hoping it will somehow end up being beneficial.

College Board says bye-bye to SATs

Jayne Murray
Indentured Servant

GOOD NEWS! Well, maybe not. The College Board has recently announced their plan to discontinue offering the SAT to prospective students wishing to go to college due to an increase in production costs, as well as a decrease in the amount of students signing up to take the dreadful test.

This announcement took the education community by storm as many teachers and administrators in higher education professions felt it was neither a logical nor a well-thought out decision by the Board. Many concerned and incompetent parents have requested that the College Board release their data and reasoning behind the decision to no longer offer the SAT.

As a result of this decision, colleges will most likely be forced to rely solely on GPA (Grade Point Average) and word of mouth when reviewing applications from interested students. This will then cause an increase in school crimes and violations to the West Potomac Honor Code because students will feel the increased need to compete against each other for better grades. During this process, it is highly probable that students will resort to cheating as a way to

gain an edge over other students.

Students should be on the lookout and are encouraged to call the Ghostbusters if they see any suspicious or unusual activity. There is a \$500 reward for the discovery of anyone who is caught cheating or stealing from another student. Fairfax County Security Specialist, Don Diamond stated, "Oddly enough, the money for the rewards is coming straight from the College Board, they are the people who are paying for justice to be served to the students who are cheating and stealing."

Senior Petra Sucher stated, "I feel like I wasted my time and money preparing for the SAT because of this decision from the College Board." Sucher is not the only student who feels this way-- in fact, many other students feel as though they should be compensated for the time and effort they put towards this dreadful exam. Although it is uncertain how the College Board will react to the frustration from many students and parents regarding their decision, Bud Coleman, the Board's President, stated that his company will neither fail nor falter to maintain their high standards of getting students into college as a result of their decision.

Naptime for West Pot students

Kristi Snow
Reporter

Due to extreme success in high schools around the county, West Potomac is considering to implement a new naptime program. Students have been struggling with trying to stay awake during class due to their sleep deprivation, and everyone is getting sick of it. This has been an issue for high school students for quite some time, but the school board is finally coming to their senses.

In recent years, the workload for high school students has increased by an exponential amount. School nights are filled with after school activities, sports, and hours of endless homework. Colleges want to see the extracurricular activities, but they would also like to see higher level courses with good grades on college transcripts. With all of this mania, many students are constantly sleep deprived.

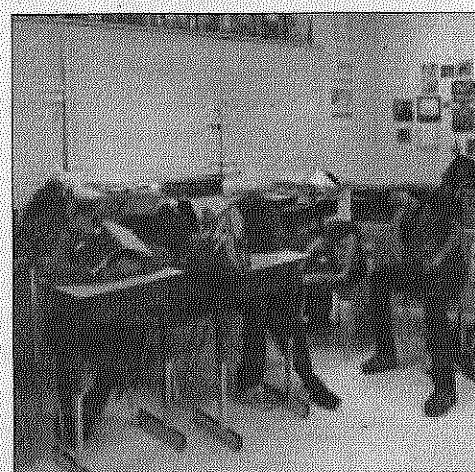
Students from East High School in Springfield, Virginia said this new program "has affected their daily lives." Rick Wessley, a sophomore at East high said, "I'm always tired during my classes, because I never get enough sleep at night. Now, I don't even need to sleep at night because I can sleep at school!"

While some students are now getting more sleep, there is also a down side. Since students know they will get an opportunity to snooze at school, some of them have started staying

awake all night to attend parties. East High student Vanessa Valley said, "Who cares if I stay out late at a party? I can just sleep during school anyway!"

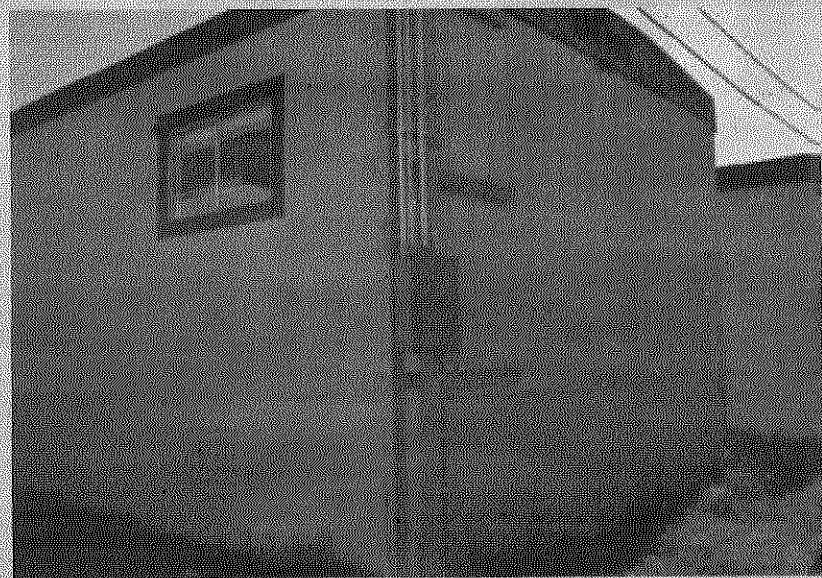
Lately, another issue with this program has begun. Some students actually have the nerve to do homework during this sacred hour of rest. Although it might be a good idea, the teachers are serious about students sleeping during naptime.

Hopefully the school board will decide to implement this program, and West Potomac will be a more well-rested school. Until then, we will have to continue to wake up in the mornings, half-asleep, and be forced to make the choice between grades and rest.



Leila Fleischman
West Potomac High School is considering implementing naptime in between classes.

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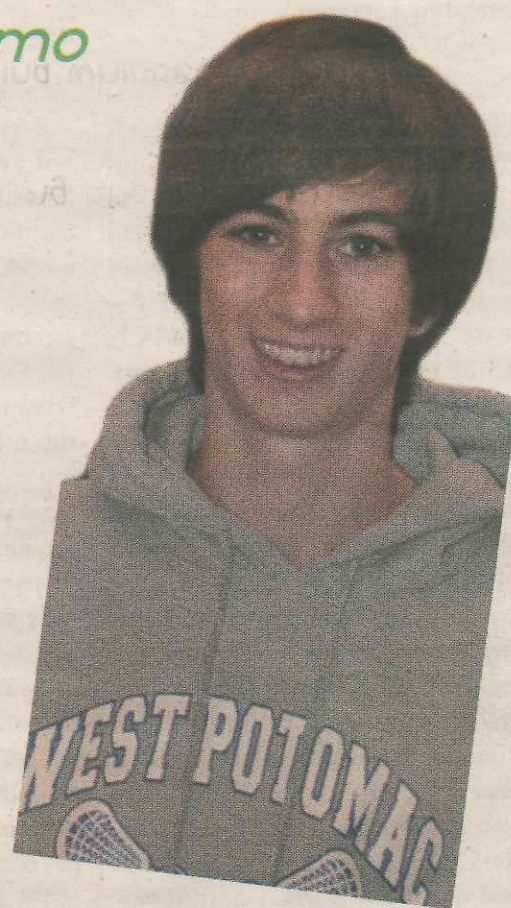
Hipstercite - Someone who claims that they aren't a hipster, makes fun of others for being hipsters, but is hipster themselves.

"Do you even lift?" - questioning someone's fitness and physical strength.

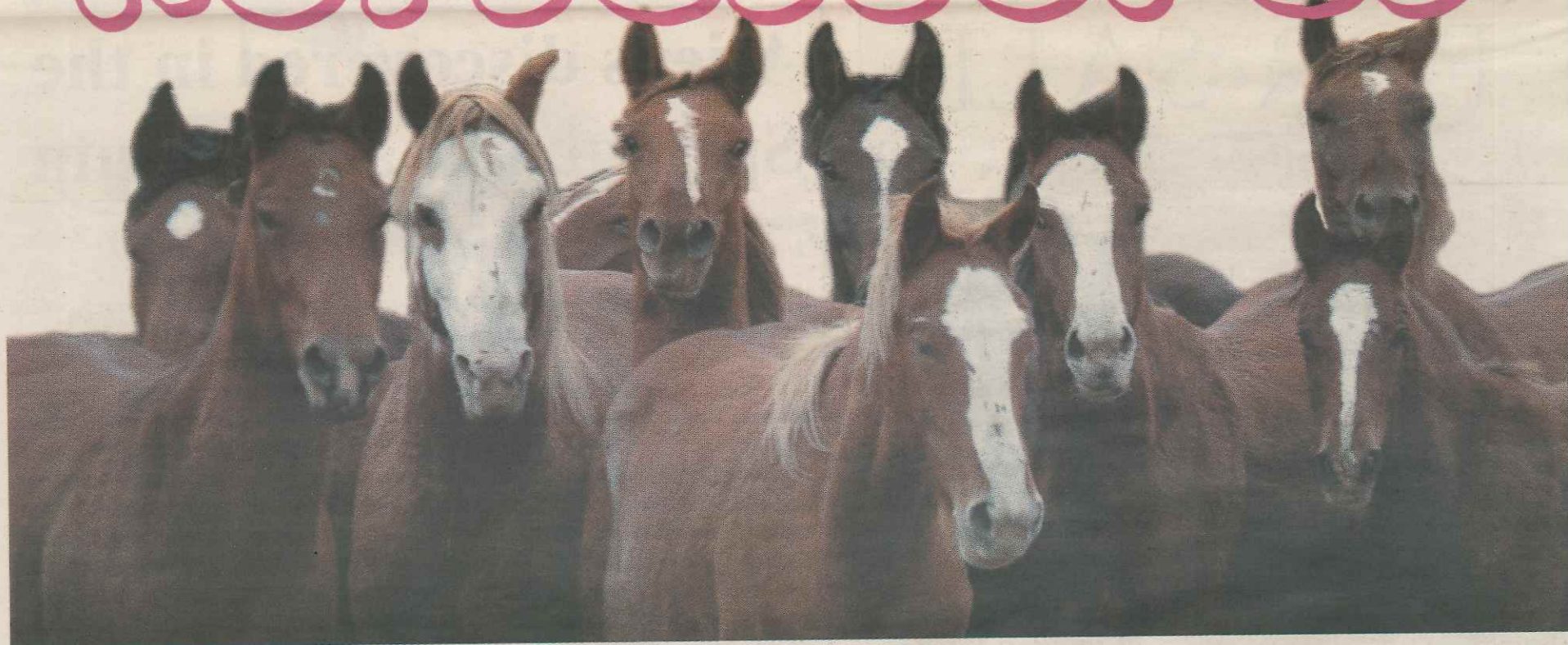
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Te'eing - Dating an imaginary person.

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Aries. Don't stirrup trouble in your circle of friend, their loyalty may be tested.

Taurus. Keep trotting along. There is always a carrot at the end of the stick.

Gemini. You've worked hard, your hooves are sore. Treat yourself.

Cancer. Today you will gallop to success.

Leo. Be safe, don't ride bareback.

Virgo. Don't bite the hand that feeds you.

Libra. Saddle up, you will soon go on a long journey.

Scorpio. HAY is for making new friends..

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Capricorn. Stop horsing around, authority figures are watching.

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