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VEGETABLES CAME ALIVE IN LOS ANGELES

by Jose N. S. Da Costa

Last night at 7:00 pm at 311 Jade Street, Los Angeles, America the Browns were having dinner when suddenly Brian Brown's zucchini came alive!

"My zucchini came alive! It grew arms, a mouth, nose and eyes, but luckily I know Tai Kwon Do!" says Brian Brown.

He defeated the living zucchini, but the other living vegetables took his family away to an unknown place. Brian Brown walked out of his house and knocked on the neighbours' doors but nobody was home.

Brian Brown was so sad he went on top of Moonside Mountain to get a good view of Los Angeles but he still couldn't see anyone because of all of the smog.

He turned around and saw a lab. He was suspicious, so he went inside, and he saw everyone from Los Angeles tied up! Then the living vegetables blocked all of the exits, and a swivel chair swung around to



face Brian Brown.

A professor was on the chair and said, "I am professor Van Kagan, and I created this beauty of living vegetables".

Brian Brown said, "Let my family and everyone else go!"

"No I am using them to be my

slaves!" said professor Van Kagan. "And the alive vegetables will do the things humans would do and live a life like a human would. Mwah ha ha", he laughed, evilly.

Brian and Professor Van Kagan had a big fight. Brian used his Tai Kwon Do skills to defeat the professor, and he picked up the professor's

swivel chair and threw it at him. The professor was dead for sure. Then the antidote flew out of the scientist's pocket as he was falling. Brian Brown poured the antidote on the living vegetables and the vegetables went back to normal. He untied the people, and the mayor of Los Angeles named that day Brian day.



ARMED ROBBERY

By Sebastian Wooldridge

It was a cold windy morning on the 31st of March 2013. At 2am a bank alarm went off at the Queensland Commonwealth Bank. An armed robbery took place and customers are advised to use other local Commonwealth Banks. Police believe that this robbery is connected to a recent museum robbery. Police Chief Smith stated, "The Commonwealth Bank and the Museum of Cultural History at Banksia robberies are connected. We have reason to believe that John Howard masterminded this robbery. We have just been informed that at

this time there are no fingerprints nor DNA at the crime scenes."

Today, as he was leaving the police station, the bank manger of the Queensland Commonwealth Bank revealed to the public, "I have just been informed John Howard has been seen on a motorbike speeding away from a jewellery store."

The police have informed the public that the security company is under investigation. "The same security guard was working at both locations at the time of the robberies," Police Chief Smith disclosed, "I would also like to inform the public that John Howard is currently in custody."

"The security guard who worked at the Commonwealth Bank and the Museum of Cultural History is under suspicion and has been fired from

the company," The head of security at Fort Knox Security stated.

The day after the robbery John Howard held a press conference during which he stated, "I am innocent in this case. Once the case has been closed, I WILL CONTINUE AS PRIME MINISTER. That will be all. Thank you for all of your support."

BREAKING:

The robbers have been caught! Police have found a fingerprint that doesn't match Howard's at the scene of the crime.

The police have arrested the criminals, and they have been sentenced to 20 years in jail. The "fake John Howard" received a 25-year sentence for impersonating John Howard.



RUSSIA GETS HIT BY UFO.

by KAI GOES

Last night at 7:30 pm, a man whose name is 'Mick' saw a UFO outside his window.

Police are investigating people found to be dead on the floor.

"There was no trace of blood," said police officer Peter E. Police asked 'Mick' to tell them what he had seen. "I saw these green people that looked like humans but with THREE EYES," he said.

"And where did you see these green people?" asked the reporter.

"I saw them out my window," said Mick.

Now we will interview some neighbours. "So, what did you see?" asked the reporter.

"I - I heard sc - sc--screams everywhere," said Mr. Da Costa.

Now we interview Mrs. Comer.

"When I was in my house, I saw some people coming out of a space ship," she said.

Now we meet Mr. Mean, a specialist on Alien invasions and attacks, to tell us WHY there was NO BLOOD on the floor at the houses.

Mr Mean said, "So, what I think is that they had LASER GUNS instead of normal guns!"

No one knows why or how the strange aliens got here.

It is a MYSTERY!

INTERNATIONAL CRASH CRISIS!

Crashes this week in London and Sydney!



The Giant Car-Train-Plane Crash

by SAM SOLEYMAN MEYGOONI

On Sunday 7th February 2013, two trains crashed into a plane en route near London Bridge, London and the bridge exploded. The builders, workers and bridge engineers say it might take 60 or 70 weeks to repair the bridge, because they have to bring materials from Australia to London.

The cargo plane was carrying oil when it hit the ground, but the pressure was too much, and it crashed. One of each bolt cracked and fell off. Then all of the bolts fell off. The plane crashed through the airport barrier and the airport terminal before coming to land on the nearby train track.

A train that was also carrying oil crashed into the plane. It caught fire. The flames flew right up. The first police car came and then there was a kaboom! The very long freight train, which had three diesel engines, was bringing boxcars, coal cars, rail cars, oil cars and fuel cars, and flat beds, from Manchester to London Bridge.

A quick thinking worker switched the tracks so the diesel engines crashed but the freight cars went into a siding. The worker called emergency services, including the

tow trucks and fire brigades, and emergency services put out all the fires and smashed their way through the iron train. Finally, tow trucks carried away all the wreckage.

HAVOC IN NEWTOWN

by KALAISH STANLEY

There was huge traffic chaos in Newtown after school yesterday on King Street.

A car was speeding when the light turned red, and the car had to suddenly stop. Then the whole chain of cars behind it jerked and crashed violently into the back of the other cars. Even a police car was damaged.

Despite police being at the scene, many people got out of their cars and started shouting at each other. Suzy Mills was in the traffic and her car was destroyed. She said, "Why didn't you put on your brakes?" to the person behind her.

"I did put on my brakes, but I was too slow," said Sophie Jones, who had her blue Toyota damaged, as well.

"This traffic accident was the worst one I've ever seen," said Ms. Mills.

Jason Thugs was in front of Ms Mills in the traffic. He shouted, "It wasn't my fault, there were cars scattered everywhere, and they were squealing and screeching like

flocks of mad Angry Birds!"

The annoyed police pulled out a megaphone and scrambled quickly out of their car. They shouted angrily, "Stop this havoc immediately!"

Many people didn't pay much attention and started pushing and shoving in the mass of people.

Someone even got a crate and started hitting a car violently with it.

The person in the car being hit by a crate quickly evacuated the car and got some sticks, and they started fighting.

A police constable named Eric Canbon stated, "I have never seen people who haven't listened to police before. This is disgraceful, and it is making people think that police aren't capable of preventing problems."

Canbon suggested that the police should have intervened to find out the suspects who started the crash. Bill Incone admitted solemnly, "I was speeding when the light turned red, and I had to stop."

Mr. Incone had to pay a \$250 fine.

Police officer Isaac Killick added that Mr. Incone would have to meet him at the police station at 3pm tomorrow.

Five people were arrested, and 21 people were fined. 50 cars were demolished, and it took over three hours to clear the traffic.

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SHOULD STUDENTS MAKE BIG DECISIONS IN THE SCHOOL?

by ELAINE ZHONG

Students say that teachers make decisions about everything, but should students make some major decisions, too? Should they be able to decide breaks, start and ending school times, lessons, excursions and many other things, or should teachers be in charge of everything?

As a school reporter, I have interviewed some students and teachers to ask them about their opinions.

There were a variety of opinions, but those who were against gave the following reasons. Some said that students can learn and get experience from the choices teachers make. These people said that teachers make wiser choices, and that teachers understand the



rules better than the students. They also thought that some choices students make could make school and life in general harder for teacher, parents, and other students. For example, if they decided ending school times, parents probably can't pick them up on time because

of their work or family matters.

There were more students than adults that supported the decision that students should have a say in decisions. They said that students know what other students like and want the best for their friends and

peers. They also said that they could give teachers a break and help them have less stress. Another idea was that making decisions can teach students to weigh up the negative and positives consequences to make a thoughtful decision.

Obviously, it is important that students practice making decisions because most of the time, other people make the decisions for them. They can feel left out, and that their opinions don't matter. School is supposed to be a happy and caring place where students' opinion counts.

Over all, most people interviewed thought that students should get involved in minor decisions, but major decisions like starting and ending school times and safety should be made by the teachers and the school.

Should every school have a playground?

by IRENE ZHONG

Most schools have playgrounds with ladders, slides, swings and a jungle gym. But however, the equipment could be dangerous, unsafe, and it can be expensive to maintain.

Some parents and students were asked their opinion. Most people supported having a playground but we still had some people who gave reasons for not having a playground. Some of the reasons were that the school might want to use the money for something more important, for example, library books or excursions. Another reason was that children might get hurt if they fall off or if they get pushed off the equipment. Most importantly, the children come to school for learning and not for



playing at the playground.

There were more people that supported having a playground. One of the reasons was that playgrounds encourage children to be more energetic and exercise more. This can make them more relaxed, learn to better

communicate with each other, form closer relationships, and they will go back to class with a more focused spirit.

Most people say that it is important that students have fun at school as well as study.

CHECK LIST!

8 Things Every Class Captain or SRC Member Needs to Know

by CYNTHIA LIONG and IRENE ZHONG

- 1) You go to a meeting every Monday.
- 2) You need to know everyone's name.
- 3) You have to remember to wear a badge every day at school.
- 4) You need to be respectful and follow instructions.
- 5) You need to be the star of the class.
- 6) You have to be ready for everything.
- 7) You have to be on time to school every day.
- 8) You have to take suggestions from other students.

WORLD NEWS

MYSTERY VIRUS SPREADS ACROSS PLANET EARTH

by BEN FRASER

We have just received reports from North America and Asia about a mystery virus spreading across the world. Explorers, Scientists and Astronomers have no idea what it is or where it came from but one thing they do know is that the results of the infection are not good. Firstly, if you get infected or bitten by people already infected, you forget who you are and fall in love with the taste of flesh.

We're afraid, folks, that the end of the world is happening, and that Russian Armies are causing chaos by invading other countries to help prevent the diseased humans from invading the world. If they fail and the diseased humans conquer the world, we should start evacuating now!



The Fire at My Grandparent's Place



by EMMA ASKEW

"Hi my name is Emma Askew from the Daily Martian. I am reporting on a story about the fire at Pymont. Could I have a moment of your time for a few questions?"

"Were you worried when you saw the smoke?"

"Yes, I was," said the victim of the fire "There seemed to be big plumes of smoke bellowing from

the car park."

"How did you know there was a fire?" Emma asked.

"The alarm went off, and the power went out," he said. The victim claimed he was in the shower when the power went out, and he just remembered to wear clean undies before leaving.

"What time did this occur?"

"9:00 in the morning. "It was started by someone's car catching fire."

"Have you been back in your house?" asked Emma.

"No we cannot go back in for a month."

"How did you get out of the building?"

"We used the fire stairs not the lift."

"How long did the fire brigade take to put out the fire?"

"About an hour or two."

"Thank you for giving me your time for this interview."

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SWISSE COLOUR RUN

by EMMA ASKEW

The Swisse Colour Run took place on February 10, 2013 at Homebush. What made this run different? The runners were covered in colour. There were 20,000 runners. As they were running, coloured powder was thrown on them. It started with blue then pink, orange and yellow. We start by interviewing Richard Short who happened to be passing by. He was surprised to see two women with clean white clothes. Everything they wore was spotless so Richard got suspicious. Even their headbands were white.

At the start of the run I spoke to a runner, Lorna Long. "Are you excited?"

She replied, "I'm a little bit nervous actually."



I asked her, "Do you have anyone with you?"

"I'm running with my friend Matilda," she said.

"Is Matilda excited?"

Lorna said, "Yes, Matilda is very excited. When she heard about the

colours she wanted to know what it was like."

When the gun got fired it was time to run. Thousands of people began to run. When they reached the end they were covered in colour.

I spoke to one of the runners,

Rebecca Askew, the mother of Emma Askew, who had finished the run. Rebecca thought the run was "spectacular". It was the best run she had ever been to.

If you did not get to go to the run this year, there will be other chances next year.



by OWEN HIRSCHFELD

You can buy hot chips and ice-cream. I got two containers of chips. They were really good chips. An employee said, "A small packet of chips is \$3.59 and they are really salty".

There are jumps, two baby pools and scary, dark and head-first slides. You would probably see a few people getting dumped into the water. I got dumped when I was on the "Rapid River." To ride the rapid river, you need a rubber ring.

The smallest jump in the park, called "Rock", is five metres high. "The Funnel Web" is the best because you get to go down a funnel on its side. It was frightening. My friend Sandy said, "The slides are awesome, but scary."

My dad said, "It was fun, but I felt vomit-y for a week."

You can get a stamp to go in and out, a wrist band for photos, and you don't have to wait in line if you get there first. I went out twice, and I was given two wrist bands. I was lucky, because I happened to get there first, and I stayed there until the park closed. I also played mini golf. You should definitely go to Jamberoo Adventure Park.

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SYDNEY STORY FACTORY UNDERGROUND WATER PARK

by CYNTHIA LIONG

Tiffany, Mila and I saw an ad on the TV and in the newspaper. It was advertising the Sydney Story Factory.

We went to the Story Factory on Sunday 24th February 2013. When we snuck into the back room, we saw a trapdoor on the floor. We gently opened the trapdoor and discovered there was a tunnel going around and around, and down and down. We decided to slide down the tunnel.

We were amazed to see an enormous water park! Here are some of the extraordinary rides:

- **THE BOOK SHOWER.** You are asked to go into a huge bathtub and books fall from the

ceiling. As soon as the books touch you, they turn into water.

- **MOVIE POOL.** In this ride, you get into a pool and watch a movie on the big screen. You can stay in the pool until the movie ends. If you get bored, you can swim in the water.

- **THE SECRET SURPRISE.** There is nothing inside this secret room, but you might get a big surprise by water squirting in your face!

The Sydney Story Factory Water Park is an excellent water park. We recommend that you should come and see it too. It is open every day except for school holidays or public holidays. I rate it five stars.

HOROSCOPES

with EMMA ASKEW

To all star signs this week:
You will get a ticket to Luna Park Sydney!



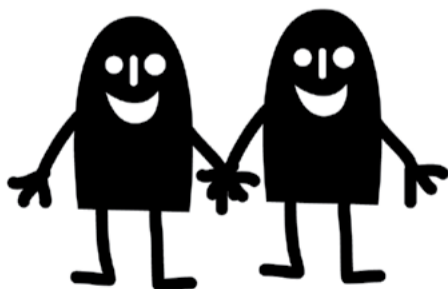
LEO

If you are a Leo something terrible will happen on your birthday.



TAURUS

If you are a Taurus you will get invited to the biggest beach party in the world.



GEMINI

If you are a Gemini you will get a free ticket to New York this week.



AQUARIUS

If you are an Aquarius you will get a trip to the Great Barrier Reef.



PISCES

If you are a Pisces you will get a scab on your knee from falling over.

Julia Gillard & Tony Abbott have banned horror from TV!



Ben Fraser gives his opinion.

WHY HORROR IS GOOD

Today many citizens of Sydney have formed an angry mob with torches and pitchforks outside Marrickville Council, trying to bring horror back to TV. Why is horror on television a good thing, you

may ask? It prepares you for a Zombie Apocalypse, and it shows you what aliens look like! I agree with the angry mob, but I wonder if pitchforks and torches are the best or most convincing way to bring horror back to TV?

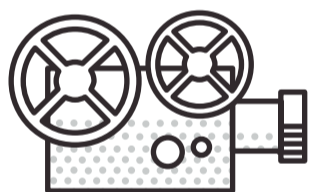
WHY HORROR IS BAD

Julia Gillard: "Goodness gracious

me, there's an angry mob outside the building, call the cops!"
 Tony Abbott: "Be reasonable Julia, perhaps we can all talk this out"
 Julia Gillard: "Tony can you hear yourself? When I said moving Australia forward, I didn't mean tilting anger and hate over to the council!"

We have just received quotes

from famous politicians Julia Gillard and Tony Abbott about their decision on banning horror from TV. Unfortunately this upset a few citizens of Sydney and will lead to calling the police, which we should hope doesn't involve arresting me. In my opinion, horror is the worst thing that has happened to society since the lead singer of the Wiggles died.



MOVIE REVIEWS

with BEN FRASER



THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

"Exciting and thrilling" Adapted from a story written by master writer J.R.R. Tolkien, this movie is an absolute masterpiece!

When J.R.R. Tolkien wrote The Hobbit no one ever expected it to become a movie, but it was brought to life by director Peter Jackson.

The movie is amazing and deserves an 8/10 star rating and an Oscar but it was a tough competition.

Also, you know what they say: "always read the book before you watch the movie" and I sure did. There were bits added into the movie that were not present in the book, plus Jackson has made the book into a trilogy of movies just as they did for J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord Of The Rings.



PARANORMAN

Funny, scary for young ages, but mainly Zomberific!

Henry Sellick, the creator of Coraline and many other movies, managed to pull off an amazing movie full of funny lines, great animation and let's not forget the best bit, the zombies!

This movie deserves an 8/10 star rating and many other awards, but it has already won my personal thumbs up, which nowadays is very hard to earn. It is about a kid who is hated by his teenage sister and pupils at school, but he does have some friends who, let's just say, aren't alive. Yes, Norman can see dead people! It was all right until the witch of the town awakens the dead and Norman must use his ability of talking to the dead to save his town. This is a must see movie!



LIFE OF PI

Sad, scary, but mainly amazing! Pi! What a weird name! He is actually named after a French swimming pool after his uncle becomes a champion swimmer. Anyways let's cut to the chase. He hasn't got many friends like Norman in my previous review (something you should read!) Pi's family happens to own a zoo though but are now moving to Canada to run their business there. On the cruise ship containing the animals a Storm hits, drowning his family and many other people and animals. Pi manages to escape on a small life boat with a Tiger. This movie is amazingly shot, filmed and directed.

This movie deserves an 8 and a half out of 10 star rating but has already won a series of Golden Globes, I do recommend this movie!



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4 FUN SCIENCE FACTS

Jose Da Costa

If you had a ball that weighed 1kg and you threw it at 2km per hour the ball will weigh 2kg in the air when it is moving.

Water turns into steam at 100C.

What goes up must come down.

Rain clouds are much higher in the air than white fluffy clouds.

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FIND-A-WORD by OWEN HIRSCHFIELD

JOKES



Q. What do you get if you cross a T-REX with TNT??!

A. DINO-mite!!!

Q. What did the teacher say to the tomato sauce??!

A. Would you please CATCHUP on your spelling!!!

Q. Knock knock??!

U. Who's there??!

Q. Interrupting cow!!!

U. Interrup...

A. Mooooooo!!!

Q. What did the boy volcano say to the girl volcano??!

A. I LAVA you!!!

Q. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

A. A carrot!

by Kai Goes

THE VERY STRANGE STORY



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