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Berkshire PRIMES itself for the future

By Liz Ward, BP staff writer



Berkshire High School: The school itself is full of history. It has been around for a long time, influencing people's lives, but what if there needs to be a change? Berkshire Administration and the Board of Education believe that a new school needs to be built, something bigger for all grades (K-12). A school more modern with more opportunities. PRIME (Partners in Rural Innovative Models of Education) have come up with a plan to make this happen.

If the plan for building a new school makes it through the vote in May, it would open up new doorways and opportunities for the school system. Mr. Stoddard, the Superintendent of Berkshire Schools believes that building a new school would "establish great partnerships with Kent State and local businesses, which would create more opportunities for our students." The new building is to have better equipment such as air conditioning, an auditorium and flexible spaces plus career programs that will be housed in the facility.

Plans for the new buildingare also to have more modern technology and spaces designed for 21st century education. Organizers want to give the students college opportunities and workforce skills to help them in the future.

Not only will the PRIME plan improve the daily lives of students and teachers, but it will improve the community as well. Proponents of PRIME believes the school will make the Berkshire School District look more "attractive." The upgrade would draw more families to the district and bring more businesses to the town as well as raise property values.

The "super school" plan has a lot to offer, from college benefits to better education. This new school could help bring the community together and attract other businesses. With so many improvements and upgrades, cost is of course a concern, but the state plans to pay for half of the cost, leaving a little more money to expand the school's potential and lessening the community's financial burden. So the question is, is the plan for a new school going to go through?

Escaping Earth

By Alexis Caponi, BP Staff Editor



It's pretty popular news by now; most people have heard of the Falcon Heavy demo launch. If you haven't, here's the rundown: On February 6, 2018, the company SpaceX successfully launched the Falcon Heavy rocket. Two of its three rocket boosters landed safely in a controlled blast. The third is not accounted for by the company; it was supposed to land on a dropship in the Atlantic. The reason for this demo was to test the capabilities of Falcon Heavy, but founder Elon Musk also wanted to launch one of his Tesla Roadsters on a course to Mars.

Company SpaceX was founded in 2002 with the "ultimate goal of enabling people to live on other planets." The private company wishes to revolutionize space technology. They have three vehicles, or spacecrafts, that they use: Falcon 9, Dragon, and now Falcon Heavy is added to the list. Both Falcon 9 and Dragon have been tested and used in more than one outer space mission and have successfully returned to Earth. They also have an outdated Falcon 1 that was used from 2006 to 2009.

SpaceX has hit many milestones in the 16 years since the company was founded. They are the only private company to ever return a spacecraft from low-Earth orbit, which they accomplished in December of 2010. Two years later, the Dragon spacecraft successfully delivered cargo to and from the International Space Station. At the time, this was a challenging task that had only been accomplished by government programs like NASA.

Another great feat of SpaceX is their work to cut the cost of space travel. In March, 2017, they achieved the first reflight of an orbital class rocket, Falcon 9, and then three months later, Dragon landed on Earth for the second time coming back from the International Space Station. SpaceX's Falcon Heavy is estimated to cost $90 million to launch, a definitely cheaper cost compared to NASA's SLS rocket, estimated to cost one billion dollars per launch.

Their many launch manifests include space station resupply missions, commercial satellite launch missions, and US government security and science missions. SpaceX has already secured over one hundred missions to its manifest, which all adds up to over $12 billion in contracts. One of the contract holders is NASA, who two years ago payed SpaceX a minimum of six additional flights from 2019 and onward.

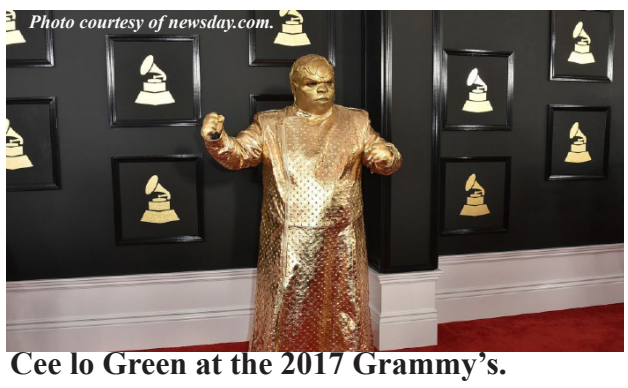
SpaceX is now focusing its resources on the BFR now, which is designed to take people deep into the solar system. The rate SpaceX has advanced these past ten years, it doesn't seem so impossible that we can see humans on a different planet in our lifetime. This could very well start another space race, and who doesn't like a good competition?

Grammy's: Messages vs. music

by Logan Byler, BP Staff Writer

Following the 60th Grammy Awards, there was outrage surrounding the winners. Outrage, like there is every single other year for every single other awards show. There's not much that stays the same with the annual Grammys, but one thing that's constant year to year is their ability to make people mad. This year, some of the main controversies included Ed Sheeran beating his female co-nominees, Kelly Clarkson, P!nk, Lady Gaga, and Kesha, for Best solo performance at the Grammys, Bruno Mars beating Logic for song of the year, and really the entire record of the year category.

I mean, Ed won best performance over women whose songs had "deeper meanings," so the voting process is sexist and rigged, right? It literally MUST be sexist if a MAN beats a WOMAN in something, right? The truth is, music isn't all about message. It's about so much more than that. It's about performance, appeal, and if the audience can relate to the song. Message plays a large roll in music, and Gaga and Kesha's songs had strong meanings and powerful messages, but that wasn't what the award was for. Gaga's hit, "Million Reasons," called out all of the men in her life who have given her justification (in the form of a million reasons) to stay with them, but are either lies or not good enough for her: "I just need one good one to stay." Speaking out about past hardships and difficulties takes incredible courage (as I'm not trying to take away from their songs and/or stories), but the song simply being about recovering from sexual abuse (as Kesha's "Praying" was), or about how men don't treat women right doesn't warrant an award for best performance. Some of the same reasoning can be used for the next controversy surrounding Logic and Bruno Mars.


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Cee lo Green at the 2017 Grammy's.

Logic's song that was nominated for song of the year, "1-800-273-8255," is a song with a huge message about suicide and the toll it takes on our world today. "1-800-273-8255" rolled in to Billboard's "Hot 100 Songs" at number 31. While the song surely deserves its time in the spotlight, people shouldn't be up in arms when the anthem loses to the obviously more popular song, "That's What I Like". Bruno Mars's R&B/Hip Hop hit came in at number 3 in the end of the year.

The largest and most prestigious award of the night is that for record of the year. There was controversy involved in this section for a different reason than the others though. It was the first time since 1999 that the category didn't include a white male in it. That's fine. What makes it NOT fine is when this so called "feat" is celebrated. Music and artists should be nominated because they're good, and not because the nomination board is trying to have an affirmative action plan. If all the nominees are non-white, that should be okay, as it should be okay if all the nominees are white. Six-time Grammy Award-winning songwriter, Harvey Mason Jr., said, "Most people don't care who sings what, there is no 'black music' or 'white music.' Make good art and people will listen to it." There are enough divisive political opinions in our world today. We NEED to stop putting them where they don't belong because, in reality, not everything has to be political. Music should bring us together.



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Suicide rates in northeast Ohio skyrocket

By Cat Lillibridge, BP staff writer

Suicide is a sensitive subject brought to the light amongst recent tragedies that have happened in our own community. According to Centers of Disease Control, in 2017-2018, more teens are committing suicide in Cleveland than any other city in the United States alone. According to their study, one in five students have at least attempted suicide. This number is almost double the rate in cities like Boston, New York City, and Los Angeles. The suicide numbers in Ohio have also tripled in the past three years. The rates among attempted suicides in the age group of 10-14 year olds has gone up 136% since 2010. This rate is staggering and something needs to be done immediately.

Students who attempt or succeed with suicide display clear warning signs, yet, no one seems to be listening. You may have heard about the tragedies at Perry High School in Massillon, Ohio. In this large school district, six students have taken their lives in the past seven months. Even in our own school, two students have taken their lives in four months. Warning signs could be giving away personal belongings, talking about committing suicide, intense emotional pains, mood swings, and feeling hopeless. Each one of their deaths were preventable in every way.

I believe that the epidemic stems from the lack of mental health awareness in schools, home, and society as a whole. The number one cause of these suicides is depression, especially if it is untreated or undiagnosed. It seems no one is making efforts to make mental health a priority in school. Even after the outbreak of these deaths, schools are still not taking steps to prevent these deaths. Minimal efforts are put forth such as small memorials and announcements during schools. However, schools are not the only ones at fault, as families and medical professionals must make efforts to raise awareness to those affected by this plague.

This plague is on the rise and schools, especially where suicides are common, should make the children's mental health a priority. Even at college campuses, mental health awareness should be made a priority as well as having on-campus psychiatric help available for struggling students and faculty members. No matter how many times this is repeated, mental health needs to be made a priority and school administrators need to make steps toward integrating classes and courses to bring mental health issues to the light. Students also need to be more attentive of their peers and how they are acting and listen to what they are saying. If more people in the Cleveland area become more attentive of their peers, suicide rates could go down at an astounding rate. In order to become more attentive, friends and family members must be more accepting and aware of the warning signs displayed by these teenagers and young adults.



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A MIRRORED REALITY

by Sam Roach, BP Staff Writer

BEFORE YOU READ. You will find spoilers in this if you have not watched the series. The television show, *Black Mirror* has taken the digital world by storm. The Netflix series is devised based on the premise of the dark side of technology and no, it is not just a show about cameras in laptops, however there is an episode about that in the episode "Shut up and Dance."

This show delves into what life could very well be like in the next decade or two through the integration of technology in the lives of people across the world and how the new technology can either destroy society improve it.

Most of the episodes take place in what looks like it could possibly be England or the U.S. in the near future. All of the episodes tell different stories, from robot dogs chasing people to implanting a device that allows people to gain access to your memories and solve a murder.

This show is very dark considering in most of the episodes someone is negatively affected by technology; however, most of the situations in this television show are problems that do not seem very far fetched in our society today, which makes this show even more terrifying.

For instance, in the episode "Nosedive", in order to be wealthy you must get people to like you, and your social media page allows this by "rating" people on a scale from 1 to 5. The protagonist in this episode becomes so absolutely obsessed with becoming popular and getting a high rating that she will go to the very extreme.

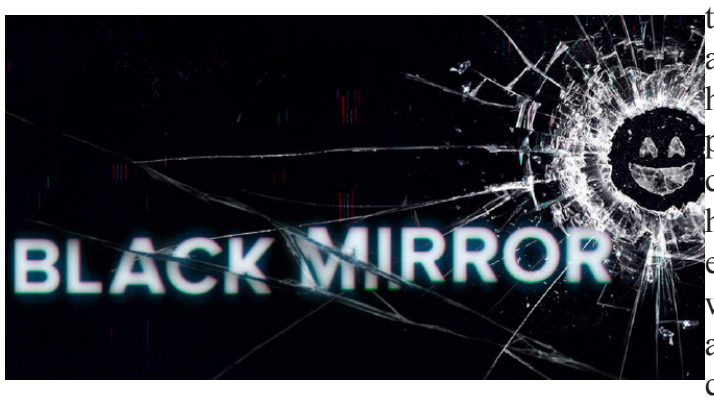
This episode is particularly scary because of the amount of social media we have today and how people will do anything for their social media accounts.

People in our society have actual diagnosed problems with addiction to social media, which makes this specific episode even more terrifying due to its reality.

Many live for the likes, the shares, the followers. Now, along with the eeriness and unsettling vibe that this show puts off, there is a near humorous tone in some episodes.

For instance, the episode, "Playtest", which includes a thrill-seeker traveling to Britain to test a virtual reality game that is truly terrifying. In this virtual reality game it takes what you are truly afraid of and exploits that fear to make this game and makes it very real.

This is yet another example of life today because virtual reality experiences and games



are becoming a major thing in the past three years. Virtual reality can be very entertaining but does this type of technology come with a lot of red flags? Black Mirror exploits the use of VR because these are truly becoming such a real and palpable experience that they could easily be used to terrify people.

Using technology also makes things like blackmail and bullying that much easier which this show exploits in many episodes.

The show *Black Mirror* just recently came out with their fourth season. Most of the episodes in the series don't connect, but rather stand alone because each episode tells a different story.

However, that is different in season four. If you look closely and pay attention in some of the episodes you will be able to see connections to past episodes.

For instance, in the final episode of season four on the news you are able to see headlines at the bottom in reference to a previous episode, which makes things even creepier because we now know that all these scary and eerie episodes are all in the same world. It puts things into perspective, like what if that was really the world we lived in, where people could rewind their memories or people willing to go to jail for their technological image.

Along with the many things that are similar to our world and society today there is a episode in season four called "Metalhead". Even though the black and white presentation implies a more historical setting, the technology is still very horrifying. This episode focuses on extreme security. In a post apocalyptic world there are robot dogs for security at an abandoned warehouse that are vicious and virtually indestructible. This correlates very closely with our world, as we are constructing robot dogs to join the army and withstand harsh environments.

Even though (*Black Mirror*) is just a television show, it exploits what is actually happening and what could possibly happen in the humanity's near future. This series is able to show the dark side of technology to a generation so focused on its benefits that is heavily reliant on technology and are not extremely educated about it.

Clean up... your act.

by Hannah Keough, BP Staff Asst. Editor

Dependably, every member of our declining society possess some crushed dream and hopeless goal. Because if you're not at the top of your class or if you're not mathematically and scientifically inclined, you're labeled as incompetent, as the scum of the earth.

No one strives to be accomplished at things that the masses do not deem as valuable. But the only way for a society to thrive is to have all positions, meager and massive, occupied. The only way for an engineer to construct the city's next skyscraper is to have the garbage man clear the area of waste and the construction worker level the site. Those jobs which we label as inferior and meaningless are the cornerstones of human civilization as we know it.

Still, nearly all of the human population looks down at the individual who parks your car when you're too lazy to find your own parking space, undervalues the boy who removes hundreds of dirty plates from dozens of tables, shames the mailman for his lack of grit and drive for personal success.

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But how do we define success? Is success money? A garbage man can make up to and over $60,000 each year. Is success happiness? Maybe serving the United States Postal Service is everything that man ever wanted, and it gives him time to spend with his family, as he's not spending every waking hour preparing for or performing heart surgery. Is success societal contribution? Without the individuals parking your car and clearing your soup bowls, the world would be devoid of order, because you would never stoop so low.

Sure, the ultimate definition of success is impossible to define globally, for it is determined on an individual basis. So rather than attempt a universally sound label, let success be whatever success is. And if someone finds his or her highest attainment waiting tables or bagging litter, stay out of the way. Maybe even applaud. Because without them, every candy wrapper you throw out of your car window would remain on the side of the highway, unpleasing to the eye and unappetizing to the passing squirrel.

And if people who cannot cure cancer or go to space are thrown to the curb, there is no one around to clean up curbside waste..

Geography for dummies

by Sam Martinjako, Geography "Master"

Ok, I get it, America is the greatest country in the world. It is large and beautiful with enormous cities and sprawling plains. However, the world is a big place, and as wonderful as our country is, there are more that deserve our attention. With how globalized our society has become, it is important to be aware of not only our surroundings, but other people's surroundings. This does not mean you need to memorize every city in every country in the world, but at least knowing a few key places and their locations on the globe can make all the difference. So, if you are not skilled in the ways of geography, pay attention!

What's the difference between England and Britain?

200 years is a long time, so it makes sense that we are out of touch with the affairs of our friends from across the pond (though much less friendly at that point). So, the question is, who were we ruled by, England, Great Britain, or the United Kingdom? In a way, all of them. England was the epicenter of the British Empire, along with currently the United Kingdom and Great Britain. Furthermore, England is the largest country in the British isles and is located south of Scotland and east of Wales. It's flag is not the red, white, and blue Union Jack you normally see; it is actually a pure white flag with a red cross going across it. It's capital, as well as its largest and most well known city, is London.

Great Britain is formed out of England and the aforementioned neighboring countries of Wales and Scotland. Wales is a small country and is probably the least known of out of any in the British Isles. It's flag is green and white with a red dragon adorning it. Contrarily, Scotland is very well known and is fairly large. This is the place known for kilts and bagpipes, as well as its famous dish, haggis. It's flag is blue with a white X going through it, and it was also the setting for the Disney movie, Brave.

The United Kingdom consists of the countries that make up Great Britain, but also includes Northern Ireland - specifically Northern Ireland, as southern Ireland is its own independent nation known as the Republic of Ireland, or just Ireland. The United Kingdom has existed since the 1500s, so every leader of England since then has really been the leader of the UK. While still a monarchy, the UK is under the leadership of a prime minister and parliament, the royal family having little power beyond symbolism and celebrity-like fame. The UK is a part of Europe, but famously decided to exit the European Union in 2016, meaning that it is now an independent nation. The Republic of Ireland, however, is still in the EU, despite the fact that all of its neighboring nations, including its own northern tip, seceded.

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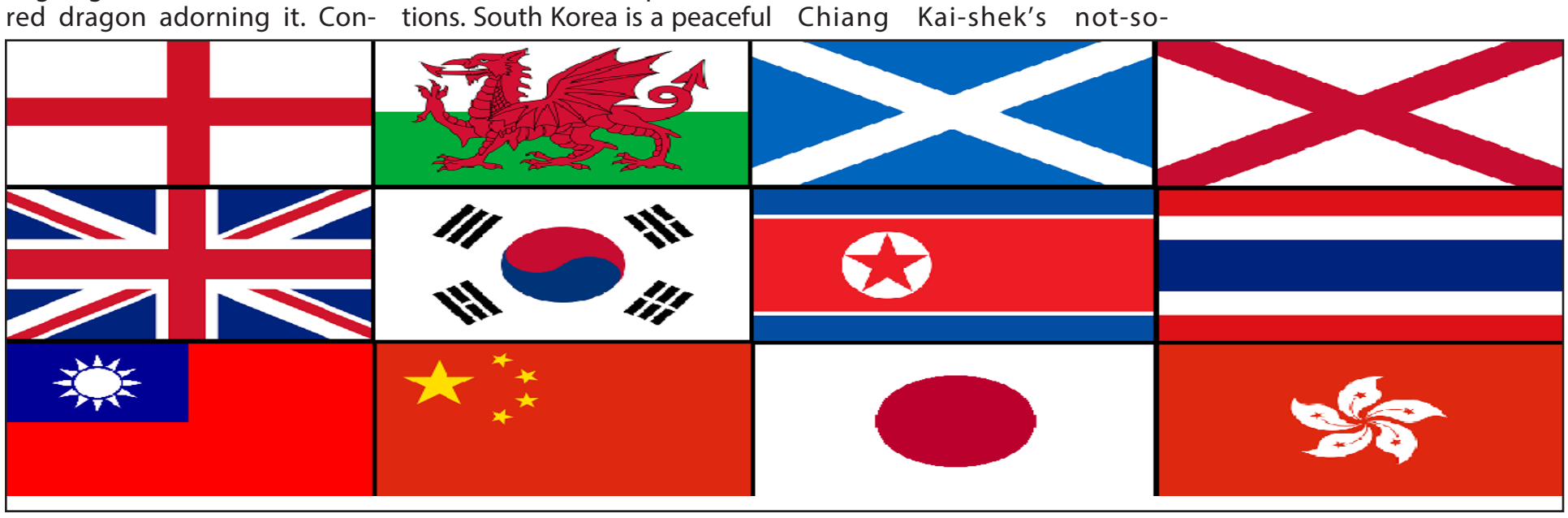
Asia is a large continent with diverse countries, so there's a lot to take into account when it comes to its geography. However, most people are primarily interested in the far-eastern countries, such as China and the like. So, keeping this in mind, the focus of this section will be some basic information about our friends from across the other pond.

To start off, let's talk about Korea. Perhaps you remember from history class, but Korea was separated by the 38th parallel north during the Cold War. Since then, it has remained as two separate nations. South Korea is a peaceful and technologically advanced nation whose capital is Seoul. North Korea, on the other hand, is an instigator nation that threatens nuclear war from its capital, Pyongyang. The South Korean government is democratically elected and their current president is Moon Jae-in. Their flag has a red and blue yin-yang symbol in the center with four bundles of lines around it. North Korea is a communist dictatorship ruled by the Kim family, their current leader being the ever-so-famous Kim Jong-Un. The North Korean flag has three stripes, two blue, one red, and a star inscribed inside a white circle on the left. South Korea is also called the Republic of Korea, and North Korea is known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which, yes, is very ironic. Both of the Koreas are, of course, on the Korean Peninsula, which is attached to China and is very close to Japan.

Now, for the namesake of this section, a brief discussion on the difference between the T(h)ais. Thailand and Taiwan are two separate places, no need to get tongue tied. The former is located in southeastern Asia next to Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam, and the latter is just off the coast of China and above the Philippines. Thailand is home of the Thai people, and their official language is Thai. At one point in time, Thailand used to be known as Siam, and their language was Siamese. Thailand is a constitutional Monarchy, its capital is Bangkok, and its flag is a blue stripe in the middle of some white and red stripes. Taiwan, on the other hand, is home to the Taiwanese people, many of whom came from mainland China after the communist revolution in the 1940s. After Chiang Kai-shek's not-so-friendly takeover, Mandarin Chinese became the official language, and thus, the Republic of China was formed. Meanwhile, mainland China had become the People's Republic of China. Much like Korea, this naming scheme is both confusing and misleading. The capital of Taiwan is Taipei, and their flag is a big red box with a smaller blue box inside of it and a small white sun inside the blue box.

Here's some final fast facts about other Asian countries that are important to remember. Japan and China are two separate (and very different) places. While they use the same set of characters for their alphabets (mostly), they are two completely different languages. Japan's capital is Tokyo, and China's capital is Beijing. India is a part of Asia, though it is also technically its own subcontinent. Despite the fact that Kazakhstan is giant and is between both China and Russia, you've probably never heard of it. Over 70% of Russia is in Asia. Finally, Hong Kong and Macau are two autonomous regions of China, which means that they're both part of the country but also self-ruling, for the most part.

Hopefully there was some value to be gained from this article. With no major focus or dedicated classes to geography, some people find it hard to correctly place a country on a map. Despite the facts that we are globalizing as a society and that America is the melting pot of the world, we still don't seem to care about the nations around us. It is natural for many people here to remember our fifty states, so it would be no challenge for us to memorize at least a few locations around the globe.



2018 Olympic Figure Sk

by Aiden Burkley, BP Staff Writer



Canada's Kirsten Moore-Towers gracefully skates her Olympic routine.

Olympic Figure Skating is one of the most highly anticipated sports to watch at the Winter Olympics. And as the events for 2018's PyeongChang, South Korean games come to an end, a magnificent appreciation can only grow for the athletes competing with only the utmost devotion. It takes an incredibly talented and dedicated skater to face the odds of this global competition in the name of their home country.

Throughout history, skaters have taken on the most difficult feats with figure skating, proving to defy their competition over and over again. For example, a move in figure skating called the Triple Axel (three spin rotations in the air) has only been landed three times in Olympic history. This move was successfully landed by none other than U.S. skater, Mirai Nagasu just recently in the 2018 games, which was a first for any U.S. competitor ever. The crowd roared with applause, and her fellow teammates were amazed. Nagasu took home a bronze medal for America, and a historic move to be remembered for ages. "This is definitely history or herstory, whatever way you want to put it," Nagasu says after her performance, "I wanted to make my teammates proud and I wanted to make America proud."

Despite this courageous and successful move by the United States, Canada reigned victorious with Gold in the Team Skating Finals. Their skaters gave strong, defining performances against the other teams, which allowed them a confident lead throughout the event. They were in no danger of losing their lead up at any point during their competition. Scott Moir comments on their victory, "I think we had a sour taste in our mouth since Sochi. We wanted this medal for four years. It feels great." Canada won silver in Sochi (2014) during these events, and was striving valiantly for gold in this one.

Canada had near flawless performances in the Men's Free Skate, Women's Free Skate, and the Ice Dance events, though Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir's paired program stood out most significantly. Their performance earned the maximum of points it could have so as to earn their team victory. These two skaters are some of the audience's favorite duos due to their dynamic on the ice and the promise in their scores.

If you have yet to witness any of the figure skating events of this year's games, it would be definitely worth the watch so as to cheer for the U.S. and earn a deeper understanding of this sport. The fluidity and seamlessness of the moves and dances performed on the ice are something only this sport can provide, and to watch history before your eyes brings an entire new wonder to it.

A Cavs mid-season update

by Rachel Breckenridge, BP Staff Writer



The new Cavaliers are ready to make an impact on the rest of the season. photo courtesy of cavsnation.com

The Cavs have had a rocky first half of the season to say the least; but shipping out six Cavaliers and getting four young, talented, and athletic guys in return has Cavs fans optimistic once again. Over the past two months, the Cavs have been the most talked about team in the league… but not for good reasons. The Cavs are currently third in the Eastern Conference with a record of 33-22. Over the past 19 games the Cavs are 6-13, but the rough first half of the season wasn't the only issue. Team chemistry and locker room issues were the basis of the problems.

Since the return of Isaiah Thomas from injury, the Cavs had not been the same team. The offense had become stagnant with little ball movement, player movement, and most importantly, no energy. Thomas was averaging career lows in every aspect of his statistics, and also causing problems for the team in the locker room. But Thomas wasn't the only problem the Cavs were having, Jae Crowder and Dwyane Wade, like Thomas, were averaging career lows in just about every aspect of their stats as well.

Both Iman Shumpert and Derrick Rose have been frankly absent this season because of an onslaught of different injuries. The Cavs were the oldest team on average in the league; the standing around, lack of team spirit, and energy proved this statistic. The Cavs were losing to teams by embarrassing margins, and after a 120-88 home loss to the Houston Rockets on February 6th, the Cavs front office had seen enough. All eyes were on the Cavs to make a deal before the trade deadline on February 8th, but fans worried since there was so much to fix that no trade would be able to help, but General Manager, Koby Altman had a plan.

In order for the team to restore their Championship aspirations, they had to get younger, faster, hungrier, and more athletic players; and on February 8th, they got just that. The Cavs sent Isaiah Thomas, Channing Frye, and a 2018 first-round pick to the Los Angeles Lakers for Jordan Clarkson and Larry Nance, Jr. Both Clarkson and Nance are averaging career highs in points, rebounds, minutes, and field goal percentage. Clarkson is shooting 45 percent from the three point line which is currently third in the league, along with that stat, he is averaging 14.5 points per game along with 3.3 rebounds, and 2.9 assists. Clarkson is having his best year statistically, and his athleticism, quickness, and ability to create his own shot interested the Cavs. Nance Jr., who is also having a career best year averaging 8.6 points along with 8.9 rebounds a game, is known for his tenacious rebounding, defense, hustle, (and what the Cavs were mainly looking for), energy. Nance is also a member of the Dunk Contest in this year's All-Star weekend.

The Cavs were also involved in a three team trade involving the Sacramento Kings, Utah Jazz, and the Cavaliers. The Cavs sent Jae Crowder and Derrick Rose to the Jazz, and sent Iman Shumpert to the Kings. The Cavs received Jazz starter and young star, Rodney Hood. Hood is a long, athletic, left handed playmaker who can shoot the ball, rebound, and pass. He's averaging 16.8 points, 3 rebounds, and 1.6 assists a game, the Cavs are excited about his playmaking abilities and his raw talent will help LeBron James carry less of a load. Cavs also recieved NBA veteran, George Hill, from the Kings. Hill is an experienced player that has playoff experience, works hard, and is able to create shots for his teammates and himself. Hill also provides defense at the point guard spot that the Cavs have been lacking all season. Hill is having career highs in field goal and three point percentage this season.

The final move the Cavs made was sending Dwayne Wade back to his beloved city of Miami, Florida and back to the Heat organization. In exchange we received a second round pick in the 2018 draft. The average age of the four new Cavaliers is 27, and that sounds much better to Cavs fans.

Everyone had their eyes on the Cavs as they took on the Boston Celtics on February 11th as they debuted the new players. There was fear that these young guys wouldn't fit well with the team, but those fears proved to be wrong. The Cavs, who were ranked 28th out of 30 teams for the worst defense in the league, played fantastic defense, moved the ball, got great shots, and played with hustle and energy which had been frankly nonexistent so far this season. Three out of the four new Cavaliers scored in double figures, and played 15 or more minutes.

The new look Cavs are off to a great start, and look to make up for lost time in the past two months. The Cavs entered the All-Star break with two straight wins against great teams in the Celtics and Thunder. With these new, young, and athletic guys, the Cavs have restored championship hopes and are ready to end the second half of the season strong.

Growing up with famous parents

by Heather Papp, BP Staff Writer

Babies may make you think of either smelly little demons or cute tiny humans. However you may think of them, every parent raises their children differently, especially if the parents are famous. Babies can be raised in a multitude of ways, but famous babies are almost all raised the same.

Beyoncé and Jay-Z's children are very popular, even though their legendary parents didn't grow up being famous as children. Their children though, Blue Ivy, Sir, and Rumi Carter will be raised in fame. A parent not knowing how to raise a child in fame is record producer DJ Khaled, who is married to the not famous Nicole Tuck, but he still treats his son, Asahd Tuck Khaled, like a king. Khaled is always posting pictures of his son in the latest fashionable clothing, gold chains, and swimming pools. Life for Asahd Khaled will be different than normal children because he will probably never feel the emotion of needing something.

Considering the issues that famous children face every day, Willow Smith, daughter of Will and Jada Smith, has stated that growing up with everyone knowing her every move is "excruciatingly terrible" and also dislikes how the public feels that they have to know everything about her life. Although Willow admires her parents for not putting themselves over people who aren't famous, not every famous parent sets such a good example for their growing children.

There are other children in the spotlight who have parents who grew up being popular in the media. The Kardashians are an example of this. Kylie Jenner and Travis Scott's newborn baby girl, Stormi Webster will be following in her mother's footsteps of being a child star. Within a day of announcing her pregnancy and birth of her baby, Jenner became wildly popular. Her baby reveal video



Prince Willaim with his wife, Kate Middleton, and their children.

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on YouTube had 28 million views in the first 24 hours and now has 56 million; her Instagram post became the most-liked picture ever with over 16 million likes. Since she grew up in the spotlight, Jenner will know exactly how to handle her baby growing up, along with help from her mother, Kris Jenner, who also raised children in the spotlight. Kylie will also look for guidance from her sister, Kim Kardashian because she and her husband Kanye West have learned to raise their own children, who are now toddlers, with the exception of their new baby daughter, Chicago West. Another example of famous children are Prince George and Princess Charlotte of Cambridge, whose parents are Prince William and Catherine "Kate" Middleton. Both parents grew up in royalty, so both of them know how to handle the popularity in media.

Famous children will never lead normal lives, no matter how hard they try. These famous babies are not raised like everyone else. Some famous youngsters have parents who raise them to stay humble about their fame, but a lot of them end up thinking they are better than everyday people. These children will grow up treating common people like they amount to nothing since these people do not have the same fame and fortune. Famous kids will be put ona pedestal by their parents and their fans, thinking they are on the top of the world. The general public will want to know every little detail about these children's lives because drama and fakenews is all the rage these days, and there's nothing these spotlight-bound kids can do about it.

The mysterious case of Kevin Murphy

by Jacob Wichert, BP Asst. Editor

From IT guys lurking in the shadows, to the ritualistic behavior of its extracurriculars, Berkshire is no stranger to conspiracies and secrets. Here at *The Badger Pause*, we've made a consistent effort to go behind the scenes and learn more about these mysterious cases, for the sake of the students. Thus, it is my solemn duty to inform you, the reader, that we may very well have stumbled upon yet another case, this time involving one of our own; the infamous Kevin Murphy.

You may recognize him by his hairstyle, which is akin to that of Jean-Ralphio, a character from Parks and Recreation, or perhaps by his ensemble of abnormal clothing during spirit week, however the potential danger that is to be found in Murphy lies not in his dress, nor his hair, but his plans for the future.

As of today, Wednesday, December 14th, little is known about Murphy, save for his seemingly obsessive appreciation for Zeppelin balloons, a form of aerial travel utilized during the 20th century. Murphy is insistent on bringing this inflated form of travel back into the mainstream, and could very well be willing to go to any lengths in order to achieve this. In early December of 2017, Kevin contacted numerous individuals, including myself with the intention to enlist their help in an effort to construct a Zeppelin from scratch.

Though he openly expresses his desires and intentions to bring the Zeppelin back into the spotlight of mainstream travel, he has kept entirely quiet as to *why*, which has raised some major red flags among the investigative branch of *The Badger Pause*. Kevin has never been one to work in the shadows, always being seemingly upfront with the intentions behind his actions, so in an effort to shine some light on what these intentions may be, we've presented a series of questions to the man himself. What we learned may surprise you.

First and foremost, Kevin is adamant about his benign intentions in constructing a Zeppelin, pointing out that "[they] don't make a very good weapon," which is certainly a compelling argument, in retrospect. Really, Zeppelins are just gargantuan balloons, which surely could be easily popped.

But wait just a minute, before you breathe a sigh of relief, Zeppelins may not make a formidable weapon, nor a particularly frightening one, but the there is still evil that can be done that does not require violence. Monopoly and smuggling, among other things could all be in the works. This isn't just wild speculation either, as Murphy has directly stated that he intends to use his Zeppelins for commercial purposes.



The only photo evidence ever captured of Kevin Murphy.

And yes, before you do a double-take, you read that correctly dear reader, Murphy doesn't intend to construct just one Zeppelin, but many. The uses for these could range from cargo carriers to passenger airships, according to Murphy. This is because of their unparalleled fuel efficiency, coupled with floor space, which would allow for a considerable amount of cargo to be carried over long distances.

Murphy also has a plan that would ensure the survivability of his Zeppelins in even the most extreme conditions, such as high altitudes, or severe weather. Assuming that these plans are successful in the future, he would have access to every corner of the Earth. This would make Murphy one of the most powerful men on Earth, and power is a dangerous thing, regardless of one's intentions.

Murphy's ambitions show no signs of stopping as he maps out a future with Zeppelins in the spotlight. Perhaps this could be beneficial, allowing for much more efficient intercontinental trade, or perhaps the opposite could occur, allowing Murphy to achieve world domination, leaving us powerless to stop him.

The Rules of comedy

by Robert O'Conke, BP Staff Editor

Why do we find things funny? Well… I have no clue, but laughter sure exists. In order to get at least a pity chuckle, here are a few common rules. This "guide" doesn't guarantee the ascension to comedy godhood or even mediocre performances. This is simply a small collection of tips and tricks that, more commonly than not, end with at least an above average release of air through the target's nostrils.

First is the "rule of three," which is "a pattern used in stories and jokes, where part of the story is told three times, with minor variations" as defined by TvTropes.com. This pattern takes many different forms and is used in songs, poetry, stories, and the current subject: jokes. Take this for example: I enjoy the finer things in life: wine, cheese, and strapping babies to rockets. While not the best joke, it uses the rule of three perfectly by building up a standard then releasing that build up with a twist.



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Next is a rule described by comedy legend David Steinberg, the white haired comedy Jesus. Keep it personal. When people relate to the subject material, they respond more positively. This rule applies more to prepared material, such as telling friends a story or stand-up, but it works just as well as off the cuff remarks.

Lastly, there's always comedy in tragedy. As David Steinberg says, "If you've had a good childhood, a happy marriage and a little bit of money in the bank, you're going to make a lousy comedian." This is a well known, almost golden, rule. Like rule two, hardship and struggle is very relatable, so using this to your advantage is a must. Comedy about taboo subjects, including but not restricted to: abortion, racism, and the incorrect use of commas. This helps relieve stress and frustration by lightening the mood and allowing time to smile and catharsis. So if anyone tells you something isn't funny to joke about, call them a terrorist.

While there's a great deal more I could cover, these three rules encompass the theme and, hopefully, are just enough to make the world just a tad bit funnier. Using these rules with proper practice could make you the funniest person you know,

Pizza!! Pizza!!

by Logan Byler, BP Staff Writer

I wish people understood that pizza toppings don't belong under the cheese. Also, I wish people understood that pizza sauce is called sauce for a reason. There's nothing that irks me more than toppings that don't want you to know that they're there. During this day in age, you never really know who you can trust anyways, and it seems as if everyone/everything's turning on you. There are already enough snakes in this world, yet pizza still feels the need to try to deceive the consumer into eating whatever treacherous (not on the top) toppings lie beneath the cheese. There's nothing worse than taking a bite of a delicious looking cheese pizza, and mushing into a deceptive piece of fungus, a crunchy onion, or a contaminating green pepper.

There is one city in the United States where this crime against humanity can be observed more than in any other place: Chicago. Although Chicago provides very attractive things to do, such as shopping in the ginormous Lego, American Girl, or Hershey's

the satanic deep dish pizzas. Now, the pizzas themselves aren't the problem, it's the sauce lying under the two inches of tachycardia inducing cheese that's the problem.

I'm extremely picky about the sauce that's on my pizza. It can't be too sweet, it can't have big chunks of tomatoes or onions, and there can't be too much of it on the pizza. After all, sauce is supposed to be smooth, right? I'm not buying a pizza in hopes that the maker ladled cups of chunky salsa onto the crust. I mean, for the love of God, you're running a pizza place and you don't know how to make a moderately decent pizza? It's like going to a steakhouse, asking for the steak medium rare, and getting a piece of Jack Links beef jerky. If I wanted onions on my pizza, I would have ordered them.

So if you're out there reading this and making a pizza, I beg you, please don't give in. Stay strong, purée your sauce, and leave the toppings on the TOP of the pizza- where they belong.

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Dad jokes

by Aiden Burkley, BP Staff Writer



I wish people understood their dad's jokes. I know it's a common thing for kids to hate their dad's jokes, naming the attempts as "cringe-worthy." But, to tell you the truth, I think they're funny, and I'm the only one who thinks that. Call me crazy, but I feel a whole new level of amusement when my dad says "Hey, your dentist appointment will be at 2:30, today," and leaves me to understand that 2:30 is actually a play on words. It sounds a lot like tooth hurty. I then, will nod encouragingly when he asks if I understand, because I do understand. I truly do, unlike every other disrespectful kid who doesn't bother to interpret this prime example of comedy. Show your father some respect.

When I go out- which anytime I do without the comic relief of my father it turns out to be quite the plain experience- I will sometimes witness this blatant disrespect right in front of my eyes. A kid, about the age of 15, rolls her eyes as her father laughs with (or at?) the cashier who asks, "Sir, would you like the milk in a bag?" and he answers, "Nope! Just keep it in the carton." The utter ignorance of this child is painful for me to watch, so I laugh as loud as I can at the father's joke. It could be an invasion of privacy, sure, but I wouldn't allow such a good joke go to waste, as a child of a humorous father and good culture, myself.

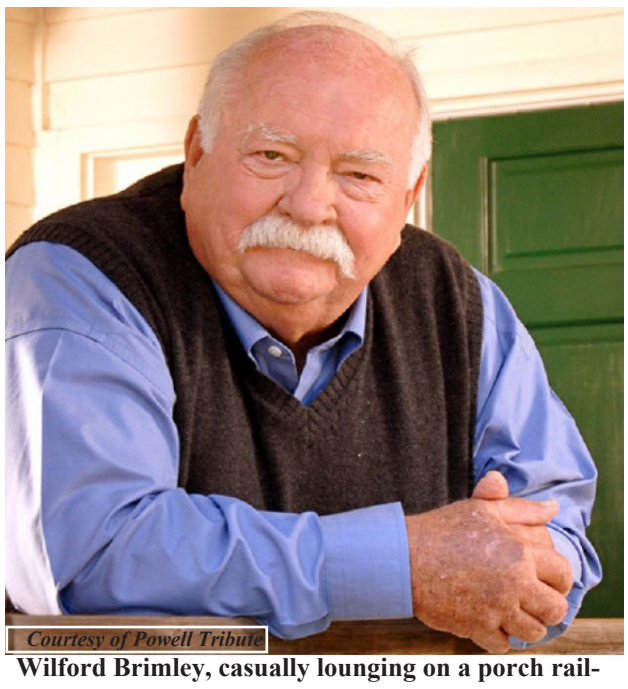
I suppose my saying this is to encourage kids to appreciate their fathers and their inevitable humor. Your father articulated, and hand crafted that wondrous, absolutely hilarious comment just for you. His only assurance that what he just said is funny is you. He doesn't have his high school friends anymore to have his back or debatably even his wife. I mean, how many times do you bring a horrible, distasteful piece of artwork up to him as a kid and he had to tell you you did great, and pat you on the back? He raised and brought you up solely so you could laugh at his cool jokes.

Consider this: you are your father's laugh track. Live up to it.

Wilford Brimley: The reckoning

by Nick Misconin, BP Staff Writer

Perhaps you've heard of this Wilford Brimley fellow? Well you see, he is probably Hollywood's best actor of all time



Wilford Brimley, casually lounging on a porch railing.

and has appeared in numerous productions. So why is he important? Well, let me explain in great detail.

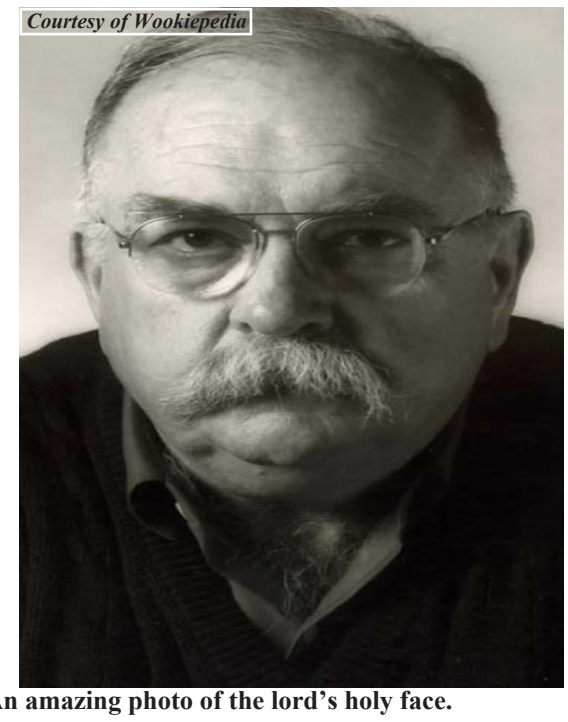
It all started September 27, 1934 on a sunny day in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Mr. Brimley was a gift to our world. Some say he just appeared from the sky and descended down from the heavens. Others claim he was born, as a wise elder. What is even more interesting is his role in our world. He is not simply a human, but a god within the threading of the universe itself.

Many of you may not exactly know what films and TV productions Brimley has appeared in. I would claim his most popular appearance was in the 1982 horror classic, The Thing, as Dr. Blair. Although, he did also famously represent Liberty Medical in a series of ads. These ads were used to spread the word of diabetes, or as Mr. Brimley states, "diabeetus". He himself has suffered from diabeetus since 1979. His efforts were honored by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in 2008 for increasing awareness of diabeetus.

Now that you have a basic understanding of who this deity is, I should introduce you to something a bit secretive. Apparently, there is a group that worships this man as the creator of the universe. If I may, I will recite some knowledge from their holy book, known as The Brimble. From the research I have conducted, have discovered that his moustache holds immense power. Its very existence can tear the fabric of the universe to shreds. Something even more fascinating is the presence of an opposite to Brimley. It is referred to as the "Yodeling Pickle" and its purpose is to destroy the creator (Brimley). This ideology seems to have a lot of depth. I skimmed some more texts and have also found that Danny Devito somehow is involved in this too.

The supposed story goes that Wilford Brimley is the creator of the universe. The Yodeling Pickle is his adversary and has some assistants, which include The King of Bees, the Herald of the Pickle, whom rules all the bees. Danny Devito plays as a



An amazing photo of the lord's holy face.

companion to Brimley and goes by the alias, "The Trashman". He acts as a protector to humanity.

Eventually this all escalates to many more deities and mythological figures playing roles into the prophesized "Ragnabeetus". A play on words of "ragnarok" and "diabeetus", this event is that of the end times. The Poker is an angry midget that spreads the word of Brimley through violence. The Pickle created a new element, known as Nicotine, that has the power to turn anything into an addicting version of itself. It gets a bit more in depth with what exactly happens, but for some reason thats where The Brimble ends for now. If I find anything new, I will update this guide for future reference.

3 ways to walk in the hallway

by Sam Roach, BP Staff Writer

Berkshire schools has many children and a very small hall space which can cause mass confusion and mess. The only way to improve the quality of these conditions is to know these 3 easy rules:



Students walking in a school hallway.

1. Simple rules of the road apply to the hallway as well!

If you've ever driven or been in a car you know that there are two lanes; a right and a left lane. As simple as this sounds there is confusion with this rule. When people try and walk against traffic you will either get pushed around or people will be very unhappy with you.

2. Walk at a decent pace.

We all know the two people who either sprint down the hallways to get to there class, or the person who seems like they are walking slow on purpose. Always walk at a moderate pace if you want to get through without people laughing or getting upset. When you sprint down the hallway you are now classified as the "Get Out" person.

3. Do not carry a excessive amount of stuff.

When you walk in the hall you know that there is going to be a crowded small walk space. When you have too much stuff then that takes up space and increases your chances to have it all knocked over. Once you get your stuff knocked over then you are in everyone's way until someone helps you. Most of the time as much as people encourage helping people to pick up stuff, people do not because they are just trying to get to class.

These ways to walk in the hall are the most basic and respectful things to do in the hallway. Hallway etiquette is the most appreciated thing in every school. When freshman or younger kids do not abide by the flow of traffic an even messier and cluttered hallway will indeed form. Stick to these basic ways to walk in the hall and you'll get by just fine.