

CRC NEWS



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INTERVIEW WITH MS. SHANNA

By: Aidan B. and Julian R.

Mrs. Shanna is a paraprofessional at Cascade Ridge Elementary. She monitors children throughout the day: at lunch, at recess, and helping kids cross at the crosswalk. She has two kids: Ellie (4th grade) and Grant (1st grade). We decided to interview Mrs. Shanna as we wanted her to be better known throughout the school. So here are some questions and answers about Mrs. Shanna.

Q: How did you find yourself working at Cascade Ridge?

A: I applied to be a substitute paraprofessional when my son started kindergarten here.

Q: Do you like working with kids?

A: I love it!

Q: How long have you worked at Cascade Ridge?

A: A year and a half.

Q: Have you ever had to break up any fights?

A: Yes, however I don't want to go into detail.

Q: Have you ever worked at any other schools besides Cascade Ridge?

A: Yes, I have worked at Discovery, Challenger, and Endeavor.

Q: If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?

A: A full time teacher.

Q: What are your daily duties as a paraprofessional?

A: I help kindergarteners in the morning, I supervise recess and lunch, and I do crossing guard in the afternoon.

Q: What is the best part of your job?

A: Talking to the students.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. SPRINGBORN'S CLASS

By: Amelie F. and Melini S.

We interviewed Mrs. Springborn and her class about... Well things in general, and 4th grade.

Q: What's your favorite part of fourth grade?

A: Class: Math, writing and Mrs. Springborn

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: Mrs. Springborn: 25 years and counting

Q: What's your favorite trait about Mrs. Springborn?

A: Class: She's funny, nice, and kind

Q: Have you taught any other grades?

A: Mrs. Springborn: Not really, I've taught 3rd grade for half a year, but other than that, only 4th grade

Q: Do you enjoy learning recorders?

A: Class: YES!...mostly

Q: If you could travel anywhere right now, where would it be?

A: Mrs. Springborn: New Zealand so I could visit my friend Harrison and his family, London so I could see my friend Sam, and Greece..for no reason at all!

Q: What's your least favorite part of 4th grade?

A: Class: Writing, Math and tests

Q: What's your least favorite part and favorite part of 4th grade?

A: Mrs. Springborn: I'm not a big fan of summer break, because I miss these funny, kind, and very naughty 4th graders, But I love it when they laugh, and I get to see their smiling faces!

Q: What's your favorite Read aloud?

A: Class: Restart by Gordon Korman

Q: Who are your favorite pets?

A: Mrs. Springborn: My dogs: Finnegan and Olive, Cat: Georgie, and my brand-new pet, I don't see him often, but his name is racoon

Q: What is your favorite art project you have done this year?

A: Class: The sunflowers/Mrs. Springborn: The Falling snowflake art that is currently hanging up outside our classroom.

SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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School Updates By Nathan W.

Many things happened this past month:

- First, the first Cascade Ridge newspaper of 2024 came out on February 2, 2024.
- Then the School wide reward which was an indoor picnic happened on February 5, 2024.
- After the School wide reward was the 3rd grade musical on February 8, 2024.
- Community learning night was also February 8, 2024
- On Saturday, February 10th was a Valentine's dance.
- Then came Kindness Week. It goes from February 12 to February 16. What you can wear on Monday is the same color as your buddy's class. The kindness challenge for Monday is to try to play, work, or do something with someone you don't know. What you can wear on Tuesday is your Adventure on t-shirt or you can match clothes with someone. The kindness challenge for Tuesday is to try to include others in class and at recess. What you can wear on Wednesday is red, pink, pastels, and hearts. Wednesday is also Valentine's Day. The Kindness Challenge for Wednesday is to try to bring a nice note or card for everyone in your class. What you can wear on Thursday is neon, yellow, orange, or smiley faces. The Kindness Challenge on Thursday is to try to smile at 3 different people. What you can wear on Friday is a shirt that has a positive message like Be Nice. The Kindness Challenge for Friday is to try to give a compliment to 3 different people. The whole weeklong Kindness Challenge was to bring new school supplies for people in need.
- The Scholastic Book Fair was from February 28 to March 1.

School Updates By Mrs. Foster

-A huge thanks to Ms. Moore for planning a great Read Across America Week. We hope you were able to make it to the book fair to get many great books. Your families can still purchase books online.

-The Caped Coyotes would like to thank all the coyotes who donated school supplies during Kindness Week. Ms. Schaffer dropped them off at Mary's Place in Seattle and they were very grateful.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO CRE** 

BY Melini S.

For this issue, the coyote times wanted to take the time to wish all the staff Members who have birthdays in this month, a happy birthday!

First, we should start by wishing our school a happy birthday which occurs on September 5th

Happy birthday to:

Mrs. Springborn whose Birthday is on Feb. 3rd

Happy birthday to Mr. Marckx whose Birthday is on Feb. 5th

Happy birthday to Mrs. Fisikelli whose Birthday is also on Feb. 5th

Happy birthday to Mrs. Page whose Birthday is on Mar. 7th

Happy birthday to Mrs. Evans whose Birthday is on Mar. 8th

Happy birthday to Ms. Riley whose Birthday is also on Mar. 8th

Happy birthday to Mrs. Donovan whose Birthday is on Mar. 9th

Happy birthday to Mrs. Trull whose Birthday is on Mar. 14th

Happy birthday to Mr. Womack whose Birthday is on Mar. 15th

Happy birthday to Mr. Lazano whose Birthday is on Mar. 18th

Happy birthday to Mr. McCulloch whose Birthday is on Mar. 21st

Happy birthday to Mr. Smith whose Birthday is on Mar. 27th

All these staff members' birthdays have already been celebrated or are going to be celebrated soon. **Make sure to make your teachers feel special on their special day!!!**

TAYLOR SWIFT

By: Ayat M.

Many people love Taylor Swift's music. I am one of them. Lots of Swifties out there don't know much about Taylor Swift, so I'm going to tell you about it! To be honest, I think a Swiftie is someone who loves all her music. Anyway, let's get started! To understand how Taylor Swift became the singer we know today, we have to start in the beginning! Taylor Allison Swift was born on December 13, 1989, in West Reading, Pennsylvania. I think you can infer why one of her albums is named 1989! Her mom named her Taylor because her mom didn't want people to guess she was a girl based off her name. Taylor Swift started singing when she was 11! This was around the time when she sang Star Spangled Banner (the national anthem) at a basketball game. She started writing music when she was 12. When she was 13, her family moved to Tennessee to be close to the countryside. And because she grew up in the countryside, she was really close to country music! That's why she also sings country music! When Taylor Swift was 14, she became a song writer with Sony, an electronics company. Her first single song was a song called "Tim McGraw". And she wrote this song about her favorite country singer, Tim McGraw. "Tim McGraw" was successful very fast! It was on the Billboard for Country Singles for 8 MONTHS! Around this time was when she made her first album, "Taylor Swift" AKA "Debut". Some of the songs in "Debut" are "Tim McGraw", "Our Song", and "Teardrops on My Guitar". Her second album was "Fearless" which was released in 2008. "Fearless", was more on the popular side of her music. The most popular songs in "Fearless" are "You Belong With Me", and "Love Story" (She wrote "Love Story" because there was a boy she liked, but her parents didn't let her date him). Her first North American tour was in 2009, one year after "Fearless" was released. During her Video Music Award (VMA) speech, rapper Kanye West interrupted her! He protested that Beyonce should have gotten the award because she had one of the best videos of all time! Soon, Beyonce accepted the award, and invited Taylor on stage to finish her speech. Luckily, some awards went exactly how they were supposed to! At the CMA awards, she won every category!!! Currently, Taylor Swift has ten albums, and a new album is coming soon!!! It's called "The Tortured Poets Department"!!! Now, let's talk about some of the eras tours she's done!!! Her first Eras tour concert was in Glendale, Arizona. Her entrance was so amazing, people started screaming their hearts out!!! The same thing happened in the other places she visited, like Las Vegas, Texas, Nashville, California, and even Seattle!!! When she was doing the Eras tour, she was dating Kansas City Chiefs football player Travis Kelce. So, in Argentina, while she was singing the song "Karma" she changed the lyrics from "Karma is the guy on the screen" to "Karma is the guy on the Chief's"! During one of her concerts, people started throwing things on the stage! So, she kindly said "I love all the gifts you all are giving me, but it freaks me out that someone might trip on it". Now for some quick facts... Taylor Swift's lucky number is 13 because she was born on December 13th, because all her albums have 13 songs, and she turned 13 on Friday the 13th. She wrote the song "The Man" because of the sexist comments people were giving her. She is the voice of Audrey in The Lorax movie. There is so much more I can write about Taylor Swift, but then this article would be the whole newspaper... Anytime you want to know facts about Taylor Swift, you can do some research on her!!! Just a reminder, her new album is called "The Tortured Poets Department"!!!

FUN FACTS ABOUT TAYLOR SWIFT

By: Zia D., Nova S. and Emily C.

1. Taylor Swift was the first person in HISTORY to have 4 albums of the year in the Grammy Awards!
2. Taylor Swift has 11 Grammy awards although she does not have the most!
3. Taylor Swift was 17 when she wrote "Love Story." Her parents didn't allow her to hang out with a boy, so she was mad. She went into her room for ONE HOUR and came back with a new song!
4. Taylor Swift grew up on a Christmas tree farm!
5. Taylor Swift was the youngest person to get a songwriting deal at Nashville Sony/ATV Music publishing!
6. Taylor Swift loves baking and cooking!
7. Taylor Swift's lucky number is 13! "I was born on the 13th. I turned 13 on Friday the 13th." Swift explained
8. Taylor Swift's elbows are both double jointed!
9. Taylor Swift's favorite food is chicken tenders!
10. Taylor Swift's favorite candy is squashies
11. Taylor Swift's BFF (best friend forever) is Abigail Anderson Berard
12. Taylor Swift was named after James Taylor!
13. Taylor Swift's full name is Taylor Alison Swift!
14. Taylor Swift has broken 58 Guinness World Records!



CHELAN

By: Brynn D.

A very fun place to go is Chelan, I love it there, In the summer it can get very hot, and there are fires whenever I drive, I see a smokey bear. If you don't know what that is it's a bear that says if there might be fires. In the winter you can go skiing and go downtown to winter fest its very fun because there are people who make ice sculptures and there is very good food some are candies, and a lot of amazing food, In a different town close to the lake is Manson, there in winter you can go tubing and in fall there is a pumpkin patch in spring and early summer you can pick blueberries and apples, back down the lake where I have been many, many times you can go down to the lake to swim its cool because many people have or rent boats there are many big to small waves but not the kind to surf. You can go fishing there as well, there are big fish they are so cool, I really hope you want to go to Chelansoon.



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REVIEWS

KEEPER OF THE LOST CITY

By: Adlia S.

If you are looking for a book filled with suspense, action, and adventure, I would recommend Keeper of the Lost Cities. This inspirational book with the theme of you can do anything you put your mind to, is an amazing find. Shannon Messenger has done an incredible job connecting a beautiful message to an even more beautiful story.

The book, Keeper of the Lost Cities by Shannon Messenger. This book is about a twelve-year-old girl named Sophie Foster. She has a secret. She is a telepath and has the unique ability to hear the thoughts of everybody around her. Something she has never told anyone, and has made her an outcast, even in her own family. But everything soon changes when she meets a mysterious boy named Fitz who comes out of nowhere and reads minds. She discovers that there's somewhere she does belong. If she stays in the human world, she will soon be in grave danger. In a short amount of time, she is forced to leave everything behind and start a completely new life in a place that is extremely different to her own.

Sophie now has skills and rules to learn, and not everybody is thrilled with her "homecoming". There are secrets buried deep in Sophie's memory, secrets that others desperately want. Would even kill for..

This is one of the best books in the universe! The moment I opened the book, I knew that this book was just for me. Keeper of the Lost Cities is such an incredible book. It is a descriptive book that just paints a picture in your mind. For example, "She tried to look for a clock, but everything was covered in weird clothes, it was like a costume shop threw up on the furniture" that is just one of those parts that was descriptive. I love this book because it is a mystery book, so you never know what could happen next. Also, the book is thoroughly entertaining because of the complex characters and the fact that there is never a dull moment. The moment you start reading you don't want to stop and when it's over, you want more. My overall rating for this book is a big two thumbs up.

OLIVE GARDEN

By: Divit C. and Reva K.

Olive Garden is an Italian American restaurant. Olive Garden brings you your food fast, to-go orders, and a delivery service straight to your door! They offer cheese, they have a variety of games to play, you can call your server, and order many desserts! They have a drink menu, allergen menu, and much more to choose from. Their breadsticks are something you will never taste again, and their food is perfectly seasoned. You can choose from many sauces to put in your pasta such as alfredo, mushroom cream, red sauce, and too many to remember. You can also reserve seats, set up a party, and get many things before you get there. One thing I would recommend for Olive Garden is to bring you to your seat faster and take your order faster. I would rate them 5 stars overall.

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WARRIOR SERIES REVIEW

By: Daria G and Yueun O.

Dive into the world of Warriors! This review shares the last five series.

Omen of the Stars

Jayfeather and Lionblaze are prophesied to be two of the three cats who hold the power of the stars in their paws. They must wait for a sign from StarClan, so they will tell them which one of their Clanmates will complete the prophecy. A StarClan warrior shall visit a new ThunderClan apprentice, and the lives of the three chosen cats will be forever linked.

A Vision of Shadows

The Clans have enjoyed many moons of peace, but a dark season approaches, and the peace will soon be over. Guided by a mysterious vision, the new ThunderClan must go on a dangerous journey... a journey that may be the Clans' only hope to save SkyClan.

The Broken Code

There is a darkness in the Clans that must be driven out.

As a bitter leaf-bare season descends on the five warrior Clans, the voices of their ancestors in StarClan have gone. There is only one medicine cat apprentice who still hears them, one that warns of a looming shadow --- one that threatens the warrior code they live by.

A Starless Clan

The dawn of a new age is upon the warrior Clans: one of peace, unity, and change. A new generation of warriors rises, and the Clan leaders agree that the warrior code must be reformed. But tragedy strikes RiverClan, and old fears become new tension unless one young RiverClan apprentice, Frostpaw, can use her unusual connection with StarClan to calm the coming storm.

Dawn of the Clans

See How the Warrior Clans Came To Be.

A mysterious vision promises a land filled with shelter; a group of brave young cats leave their harsh new territory to search for a better home. But great dangers occur and threaten to divide them.

MOD PIZZA

By: Shreyan A., Mikhil M. and Tejas M.

What pizza place is more entertaining, delicious and sanitized than MOD Pizza. When I first went there, I was so awestruck as if pigs were flying! Like, there is nothing wrong with it! The inside (and somehow the outside) is nice and sanitized, their menu is LOADED, they have extremely fast wait times, and they have a literal Shuffleboard table in the middle of it all! Perfecto!

MOD Pizza has everything a restaurant needs! Big menu? Check! Superfast delivery? Check! Entertainment? Check! And if you don't like any of the menu options, guess what? You can create your own pizza! They have a separate rewards program for free pizzas, beverages, and no name cakes! (literally, that is what they are called!) If you have never been to MOD Pizza, I am surprised. Everybody knows about it!

Personally, I would give this restaurant a big thumbs up! When my family and I go there, we usually order our pizzas, play some shuffleboard while we are waiting, and then receive our pizzas from the counter. I get the create your own pizza and a Ceaser salad. DELICIOUS! I have to say though, it is not about the quality of the restaurant or the entertainment options, but it is who you spend your time with!

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CONTROLLED BURN

By: Gemma N.

The perfect description of a delightful book, to me, is interesting, has a valuable lesson, and is filled with action. This description matches perfectly with the book Controlled Burn. This entertaining realistic fiction book takes place in Thistledeew, Minnesota. Erin Soderberg Downing, the author of this wonderful book, has done a fantastic job of creating this heartwarming scenario built into a scary situation.

Maia has been told repeatedly that she was lucky that she carried her sister to safety when she did. However, Maia is weighed down by her guilt because she believes that it was her unattended candle that may have started the fire in the first place. While her sister is recovering in the hospital, Maia is sent to her grandparents' house in Thistledeew, Minnesota for the summer. During her time there, Maia works hard to try and be a stronger version of herself and to overcome her fears and guilt. When she starts to accompany her grandfather on his daily outings to a fire tower, she learns that nature is a powerful teacher and that sometimes you are strongest and bravest when you have to be there for someone else. With the help of a loyal dog, her nine-year-old neighbor, and her grandfather, Maia finally discovers how to face her guilt. When danger strikes again, can Maia gather all her bravery and let go of her fears before it is too late?

Controlled Burn is devastating, important, and wonderful. I found this story incredibly sad to read. It is full of emotions, and you can really feel what Maia is going through. Maia does not know if her sister is going to make it, her house is demolished, and Maia's parents banished her to Minnesota for the summer. Maia is weighed down by so much of her guilt and fear, that she feels trapped inside a nightmare. She continues having horrid flashbacks of her sister in the fire, screaming. However, her time in Minnesota helped her to realize that sometimes, you just have to let go. When Maia is faced with demanding situations and decisions, she learns she must move forward if she wants to save those she loves most. This book is important because it can teach you that sometimes reliving the situation can help you move past your mistakes. I really enjoyed this book because it has a certain perspective that makes me want to read more. It is full of emotions, and you can really feel what Maia is going through. This book helped me look at the world from a different point of view. I suggest this book to anyone who wants to dig deep into emotion. I would rate this story 10 out of 10!

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KEEPER OF LOST CITIES

By: Melini S.

Ahhhhh...I just love that feeling where I can just get cozy and curl up into the couch, blanket in one hand and book in the other. For me, reading is the best way to detach myself and dissolve into an enjoyable book. But the problem, you see, is I can never find myself a good book to read. Never Fear! For I've found the best book that you and I can read and become one with the characters. Shannon Messenger takes all the best book traits; adventure, humor, sadness, joy, rebellion, and romance. Then she mashes them up into one big series; Keepers of the Lost Cities. This fantasy genre of 10 books is best for 5th grade and up, only for length and topics. Though if you're younger and up for a challenge, this is your series.

Sophie Foster is a young teen growing up in San Francisco. One day her whole life changes when Fitz Vacker, a boy about her age, tells her something nobody should have to process, except Sophie's not a nobody, she's an elf. Fitz, another elf, takes her to the lost cities which is her supposed home. Together Sophie and her newly made friends embark on a journey in which they don't know how much danger lies ahead. Sophie learns backstabbing secrets and experiences things that shouldn't have to be experienced.

All in all, this series got a big thumbs up from me. Shannon Messenger is so evil with her cliffhangers! When I started the series, I just couldn't put the book down. The story is thorough, and I believe it covers everything I want to know, literally. When a question like "who's this character" and "what do you mean she manifested?" pops up, it's always clarified on the next page by a quick explanation. Throughout the whole collection, Sophie discovers who her friends and foes are, but most importantly she explores who she really is and what's her part to play. Plot twists are a big part of the series, when you just think you know what happens next...the roller coaster story turns in the opposite direction. The audience might have a slight, no that's understating it a little, the audience might burst out laughing or cringe in their seats from the humor and embarrassing moments during the books. There are some relatable moments and perspectives which the reader might enjoy seeing which one they agree with. As well as humor, there is also some romance in the books where Sophie and other characters struggle to find who they want to be with. Another big characteristic of the story involves a lot of sadness and misery. The author builds up your sympathy for the characters, so it's like you feel what they feel. This fun-loving humorous collection was probably the most enjoyable series I've ever read. The books really made me realize how much I should embrace life while I can, there are always things that can happen any moment. I give it a 11/10 highly recommended! :)

REVIEWS

TWO INDIAN RESTAURANTS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR MOUTH WATER

By: Advay T..

Chaat House, Bellevue

Chaat house is what you call an authentic Indian restaurant. Even though it might be far from where you live, the food there is incomparable with any other Indian restaurant (except the one below this but we will get there eventually). Chaat house provides comfortable seating, and a bunch of dishes. My absolute favorite is Chola Batura. Chola Batura is a soft and light type of tortilla that is fried in heavy oil and served with a side of lentil and gravy. For the people who have eaten this delicious meal, I know that you are already hungry for it (while I am writing this, I want to eat it too). The other meal that deserves acknowledgement is the pav bhaji. Pav Bhaji is a buttery bread served with potato masala on the top. You might not have the appetite for it from the way I described it as, but the real appetite comes when you see this inviting dish! Finally, the shop contains a glass wall from which you can see all the sweets and pick them from. It is an absolute wonder to see all of them and more of a wonder when you eat one of these desserts (all of them are soooo good)!

Honest Cafe, Bellevue

This is the weekend go to place or in other words the classical Indian food heaven! This place is a complete vegetarian place, ranging from giant thalis (a big plate filled with all kinds of food), to mango lassi and rose milk, this is the Indian food paradise! But like in the last restaurant's review, I will only state the best dishes and then move on to the dessert. Thalís are always a hit or flop, but in Honest Cafe, they are always a hit. Honest's thalis are always well balanced out with a variety of different food, so you get to taste everything in a reasonable quantity. The gravies, curries and even the rice are cooked with love. Second place goes to the idly and sambar. Idly is a type of rice cake that you dip in sambar (a type of soup or stew that is served with idly or rice). The desserts are equal to chaat house's desserts (if you read above this), so I am going to move on to the drinks. Mango lassi is an Indian drink that is a type of smooth mango yogurt that is very flavorful. Next up is the rose milk which is a rose syrup on top of milk blended up, so you get that smooth texture when you drink this delight.



DIWALI

By Reva K.

Diwali is a famous holiday celebrated in India. It celebrates the homecoming of the god Rama coming from his exile in the forest. Rama was a prince in Ayodhya. His Father had three queens: Kausalya, Sumitra, and Kaikeyi. His mom Kausalya had Rama, Sumitra had twins named Lakshmana and Shatrughna and Kaikeyi had Bharata. It was the day Rama was going to be crowned king when an evil housekeeper made Kaikeyi think that Bharata should be king. Kaikeyi had a boon (a wish) from her husband because she had saved him. She went to the king's chamber and asked if Rama could be exiled in the forest for 14 years. Rama's wife Sita wanted to come and after a lot of pleading he finally agreed, and Rama's brother Lakshmana was also coming. Rama's mom wanted to come but he begged her not to, telling her that it was too dangerous. There was a king called Ravana who was the king of Sri Lanka. When Sita was in her hut, she saw a golden deer which was a demon named Maricha. As soon as Sita saw it, she wanted to keep the deer. She asked Rama if he could bring the deer to her. Rama agreed and told Lakshmana to keep Sita safe and went off to chase the deer. The deer made a scream in Rama's voice and Lakshmana thought that Rama was hurt so he drew a line with sacred chalk and told Sita to not cross the line or she would be unsafe. He chased after Rama. Ravana dressed up as a holy sage in his travels and went to the hut. He asked Sita if he could give him some water and fruits and Sita went inside and brought them, but she didn't step over the line. The sage asked if she could step over the line and give him it, but she just said what Lakshmana said to her. The sage got mad and was about to leave when Sita stepped out of the line to give him. Ravana quickly changed out of his clothes and grabbed Sita and pulled her to his flying chariot.

POETRY: GLOOM

By Ellie C.

The world is in a sheet of darkness
Rain falls lightly
Dark trees make the sky darker
The sand field makes a dark sensation
People in dark cloths hunch around
People in light cloths make the day better
The sky looks like a piece of gray paper
A light fog sits
Silence crowns the dark
Bad memories thrive
Gloom.

VOLCANOES: A NATURAL DISASTER

By Viraja K.

How do volcanoes erupt?

Underneath the earth's surface, the temperatures are so high that rocks start to melt down and become a thick flowing substance called magma. This magma slowly rises and goes into pockets called magma chambers because the magma itself is lighter than the surrounding rock. The magma pushes up and appears on the earth's surface through vents just beneath it. When the magma completely pushes up above the earth's surface, it is called lava. That lava is the substance that makes a volcanic eruption noticeable.

What are the dangers and damages?

Some of the damage caused by volcanic eruptions are mudslides, ash-slides, destruction to forests and communities, and sometimes can cause wildfires. The most dangerous thing about volcanoes though is the ash that emerges along with the magma turned lava. Depending on the fluidity of the magma, the eruption can either be super destructive, or not so much. The thicker the magma, the more gasses get trapped inside the volcano and once the pressure is enough, the volcano blows up. The more liquid the lava, the more gasses can escape which doesn't lead to a big explosion. Lava flow doesn't usually harm or kill people because it moves slow enough for people to move out of the way.

Examples:

Some of the most famous volcanoes in the world are:

- Mt. St. Helens
- Krakatoa
- Hawaii's volcanoes (Mouna Loa, Pelee, etc)

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL NEWS

By Divit and Reva

•Earthquake Forecast Approaching California

•California will be suffering lots of earthquakes! There is a chance of about 72% that California will be suffering a very large, 6.5 magnitude earthquake on the Richter Scale, possibly more, estimated to be in the next 3 decades. There is more than a 90% chance of an M6 (magnitude 6). 7 or even greater earthquakes will strike around the perimeter. There is a 75% chance of there **being** an M7 one or more times.

•Global Warming

•Global warming is on the horizon! If we look back to January 2024, the temperature is hotter than any January we have ever had! Reaching air temperatures of 13.14° C, it is astronomical heat for Winter! Climate change is behind all this! Climate change in simple terms is shifts in temperatures and everyday weather patterns. Currently, the problem we are facing is the hottest 12-month cycle we have ever witnessed, glaciers and ice sheets are melting, lake and river ice are breaking up earlier than usual, and floods are happening due to the ice melting.

•Washington Floods

•There has been a flood warning in Washington State. The chances of a flood...? There is an 80% chance we will have 10—and possibly more—flood events in any year in Washington. Seattle is considered the “wet city” because of how often it rains. The floods are mainly caused by the heavy rain and the melting snow from the winter, but due to global warming this year, we did not get much snow.

RIDDLES

By Melini S.

Q: Where does today come before yesterday?

A: The dictionary

Q: What invention lets you look right through a wall?

A: A window

Q: A man dies of old age on his 25 birthday. How is this possible?

A: He was born on February 29.

Q: A man who was outside in the rain without an umbrella or hat didn't get a single hair on his head wet. Why?

A: He was bald.

Q: There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What color are the stairs?

A: There aren't any—it's a one-story house.

Q: What question can you never answer yes to?

A: Are you asleep yet?

Q: What can you hold in your left hand but not in your right?

A: Your right elbow

Q: If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?

A: Nine, obviously

Q: What has four wheels and flies?

A: A garbage truck

Q: Three doctors said that Bill was their brother. Bill says he has no brothers. How many brothers does Bill actually have?

A: None. He has three sisters.

Q: What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

A: Silence

NATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR SPORTS

By: Eleanor S.

- The 58th Super Bowl on February 11th, in Las Vegas, Nevada was won incredibly by the Kansas City Chiefs. The opposing team, the 49ers of San Francisco, played their best, until overtime. Mecole Hardman Jr. received a pass from the Chiefs quarterback, scoring a touchdown, which sealed a triumphant win for the Chiefs at the NFL, with a final score of 25-22.
- The hockey women's Rivalry Series played its final game of the season on February 11th in St. Paul, Minnesota. The US is ranked second best in international rankings and Canada is the first. The two teams faced off incredibly, but in the end, with a score of 6-1, for the 4th time straight, Canada won the Rivalry Series Womens cup.
- The US Figure Skating Championships were on January 23-28 in Columbus, Ohio. During women's skating singles Texan skater Amber Glenn (age 24) performed a comeback program to jump back from 2nd place to 1st and took home the gold medal on January 27th. She became the first openly LGBTQ skater to win the US women's title.
- The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, announced that three new players would be inducted in the Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on July 21, 2024. The players were: Joe Mauer of the Minnesota Twins, Todd Helton of the Colorado Rockies, and Adrián Beltré who is considered the third best baseball player of all time, and played for the Seattle Mariners, Los Angeles Dodgers, Boston Red Sox, and Texas Rangers.

THE CITY OF ANGELS

By: Ashrita K.

Los Angeles, or known in Spanish, as the "City of Angels," is in southern California, US and is considered the heaven on Earth. It is the second most populous country in the US and is known for its pleasant weather, urban sprawl, traffic, and beaches.

Activities:

An exciting activity to do in LA is to visit Universal Studios. In Universal Studios, there are rides, themes, food, and tours. There are also packets of activities to do in LA like the Santa Monica Tour. In the Santa Monica Tour packet, visitors will see Santa Monica, the first concrete pier, Venice Beach, where a store in the movie Barbie took place, The Rodeo Drive, a luxury shopping street, near Beverly Hills, The Original Farmers Market, where farmers come to sell their produce, and lastly, The Griffith Observatory, where visitors can look through telescopes, explore exhibits, see live shows in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium, and enjoy a view of LA and the Hollywood sign!

FOOD FROM IRAQ

By Bhumika G.

Food is something that we all need to survive. But various places have different foods so let us talk about food from Iraq.

Iraq has a lot most mouthwatering food but let us start with breakfast. At breakfast, they eat **Bagilla Bil Dihin** which is a type of bread soaked in water but that is not it, it also has layers of bread soaked in broth, which is on the top.

Now for lunch there is a variety of food from **Dolma** the gem cuisine of Iraq to **Quzi** a rice-based meal which is immensely popular. Since **Dolma** is the gem cuisine it is also one of the many reasons why Iraq good, this dish is also another way of saying grape leaves stuffed. The beautiful meal consists grape leaves, rice, meat, and loads of spices and herbs cooked in a lemony broth. While we wrap up that other meal lets go to **Quzi** an authentic traditional food. **Quzi** the authentic traditional meal, consists of soft lamb tender right of the bone, served with yellow rice, and almond and raisins.

It has been a full day now it is time for dinner. We will sit down and have **Biryani** and **Kebabs**. Let us see what biryani a popular dish all over India includes. First, we will see the meat options include diverse types of meat like chicken, lamb, goat, beef, fish, and prawns. Now for the vegetarian options we can switch the meat for creamy potatoes, smooth peas, and a variety of spices.

That was delicious but now I am craving something like dessert. Let us see what sweet, creamy desserts we have. Oh, la la **Kleicha** is a holiday cookie but let us see what it includes, the cookies are made with flour, butter, yeast, cardamom, fennel, and nigella seeds. They are traditionally filled with a walnut filling (walnuts, sugar, cardamom) or a date filling (dates, butter, cardamom, cinnamon).

Now I hope you learned a couple of foods from Iraq. Now least summarize, at breakfast we heard about **Bagilla Bil Dihin**. Then at lunch we heard about **Dolma**, and **Quzi**. Now we cannot forget about dinner and dessert. For dinner we heard, **Biryani**, and **Kebabs**. For dessert we heard about **Kleicha**. Thank you I hope you learned about food from Iraq.

WEATHER AROUND THE WORLD

By Jacob W.

Have you ever wanted to know what is going on in the world? Well Asia might be one of them. The predictions of experts say that there will be flooding and droughts/heatwaves. They will also have some wintry weather like -40°C and as hot as 125°F . This is what we expect for the coming year of 2024. In north America there are blizzards and tornadoes coming to the coastline of California but over all its going to be freezing weather. temperatures are going to be in the lower 48 degrees Faren height. In Europe, there will be extreme weather due to climate change, floods, droughts, and fire hazards. Overall Europe is going to have a mixed year. In south America the weather is going to be, Steamy heat characterizes the tropical rain forest of the Amazon basin, while icy cold air surrounds the lofty, snow-capped Andean peaks. In general, however, most of the continent has warm weather the year around. Only in the high Andes is it always cold. In Africa expectations are broadly for a small increase in the frequency of tropical cyclones that make landfall and impact East Africa from the Arabian sea, and fewer but more intense tropical cyclones in the Southern African region (see section 2.4). The highest temperature ever recorded in Australia is 50.7°C (123.3°F), which was recorded on 2 January 1960 at Oodnadatta, South Australia, and 13 January 2022 at Onslow, Western Australia. The lowest temperature ever recorded in Australia is -23.0°C (-9.4°F), at Charlotte Pass, New South Wales, on 29 June 1994.

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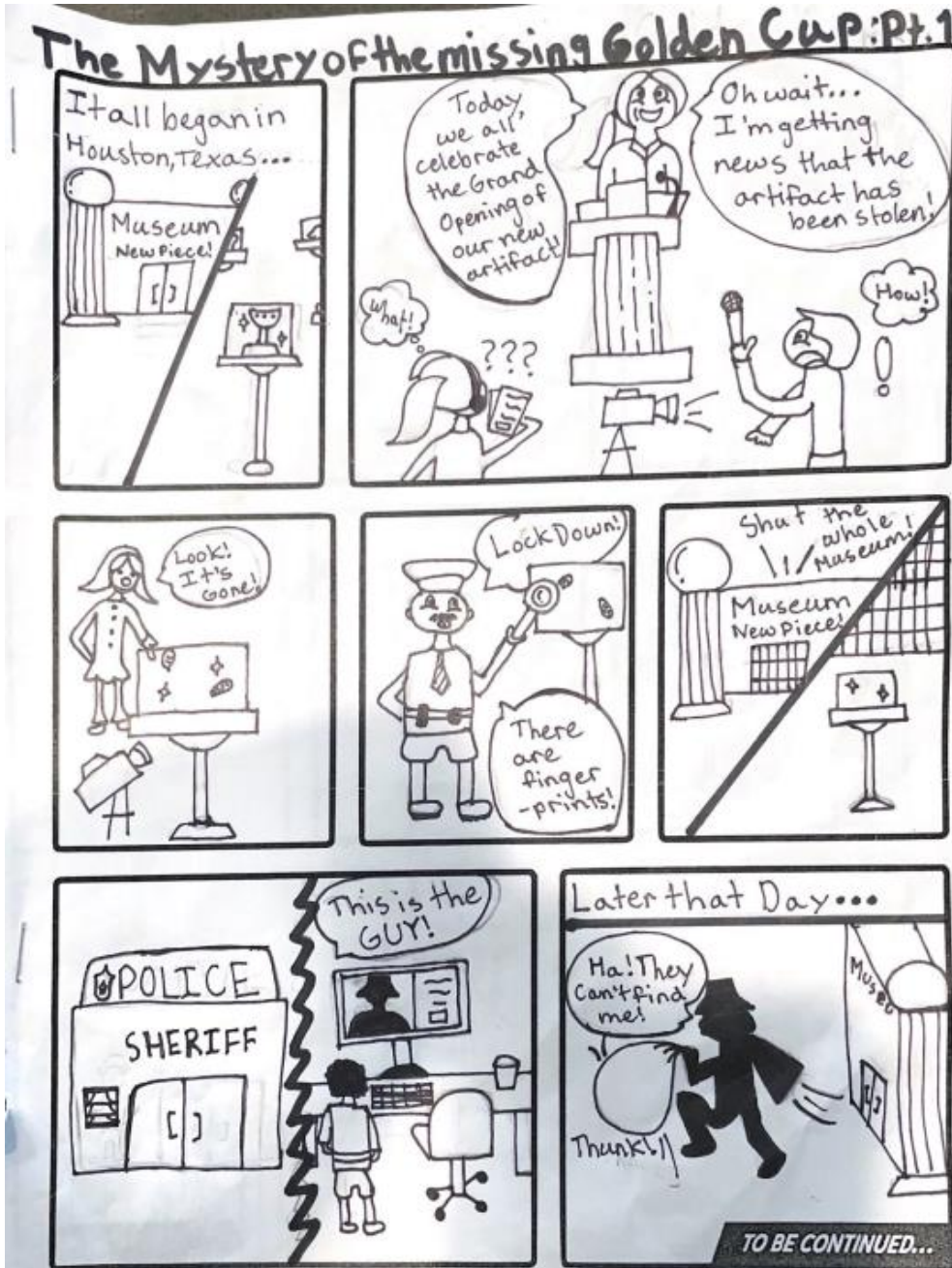


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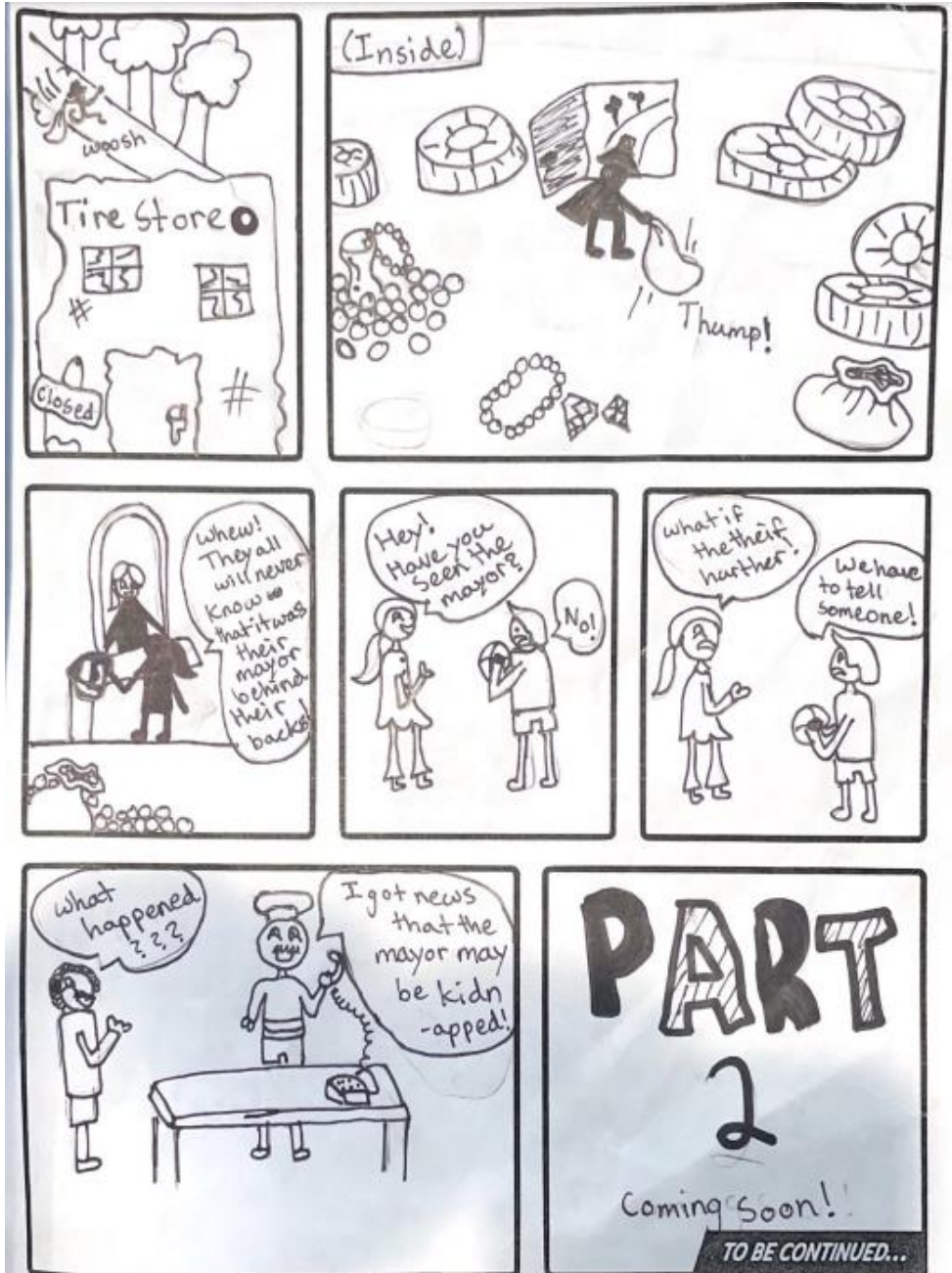
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