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## iPhone Intrigue!

### *Should the Government Get Access to Encrypted Cell Phones?*



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You may have heard that the FBI demanded Apple to help unlock the iPhone used by one of the San Bernardino attackers.

The leader of the FBI, Director James B. Comey, stated, "If the government succeeds in this case, it could set a precedent for others."

Apple is refusing to give the information to the FBI to unlock the phones. Apple is following the privacy laws.

In court, the judge asked the FBI, "If Apple agrees to give you the information, this will not be the last request to unlock iPhones, correct?"

Unfortunately, that is true. Not that I don't want the culprits caught, and our country to be safe, but I think privacy is a very important consideration. I feel very uncomfortable with people going into my iPhone and looking through my personal messages without my consent, and I believe that this sentiment is shared with everyone.

Bruce Sewell, Apple's general counsel, asserted that Apple's defiance of the government's court order in the San Bernardino case was not motivated by financial concerns. "This is not a marketing issue," he said, rejecting suggestions by the Justice Department, which he said "diminishes" the serious issues being debated.

In order to find out what people think about Apple's actions, I have interviewed several teachers, asking them "What do you think should happen and whose side are you on, Apple's or the FBI's?"

One teacher, Mr. Wilbert, 7th grade science teacher, responded, "I think that the

safety of citizens needs to be upheld, but there needs to be a balance of privacy and the company's willingness to aid our country's overall safety. I am not sure that I have a side."

Mr. Mullaney, 7th grade Social Studies teacher, stated, "I am probably on the side of the government, because you need to take an exception to people's privacy, while searching for justice, we need to solve more crimes and help keep this world safe."

Mr. Pappas, 7th grade ELA teacher, responded, "I am on the governments side. If the terrorists are using a phone to communicate secretly, and if that puts people at risk, then we need to know about that."

Mr. Lugo, 6/7/8th technology teacher, answered, "I am on the FBI's side when there is a big catastrophe. (However), you don't want anyone unlocking your phone for no reason, right?" More information on this topic, as it goes along.

In summary, I will be very interested to see how this pans out. On one hand, the FBI already uses search warrants to go through peoples' personal belongings, with no choice given to them, when they are suspected of having committed a serious crime. On the other hand, the two terrorists at the center of this issue killed many people, and endangered the community. There is most likely critical information on their phones, that will help the FBI catch other terrorists and keep our country safe.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2016/03/01/fbi-apple-bringing-fight-over-encryption-to-capitol-hill/>



# SMS 7th Grader John Kerins Scores

## Interview With Red Bulls' Luis Robles

### *Red Bulls Goal Keeper was MLS 2015 Goalie of the Year*



**By John (Jack) Kerins  
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I recently had the pleasure to interview Luis Robles. He is the goalie for the NY Red Bulls and he was also MLS goalie of the year in 2015.

On 2/10/16 I traveled to the Red Bull soccer arena in Harrison, NJ to interview Mr. Robles. Below is the outcome of our conversation.

**Jack: "What are your emotions when you are out on the field and every one is watching you?"**

Luis: "Most people say that when I am on the field that I am very calm."

**Jack: "What brought you to the Red Bulls?"**

Luis: "During soccer drafting, I was in 10th place, which was NY Red Bulls."

**Jack: "Why did soccer become your sport? What influenced you to play?"**

Luis: "When I was 11 years old, my best friend Sean was trying to get me to try out for a travel soccer team, I didn't get in. But their goalkeeper got hurt so they called me back and asked if I wanted to play keeper. At the time I just wanted to hang out with my friends so I said sure."

**Jack: "There are a handful of positions that you could pick. Why did you choose goalie?"**

Luis: "The coach was very particular about me playing goalie."

**Jack: "When you were a kid, what did you want to do when you grew up?"**

Luis: "Up until the time of when I was



6 years old, I wanted to be a professional baseball player but then I told my dad when I was 6 that I was going to be a professional athlete."

**Jack: "What do you like to spend your time doing when you're not on the field. What else do you like to do except for soccer?"**

Luis: "Before I had 2 kids, I liked to play Call of Duty and Golf, But now I have 2 children and they take up all of my time."

**Jack: "How did you feel when you became goalie of 2015 last**

**year?"**

Luis: "An amended sense of thankfulness."

**Jack: "What do you do to become such an awesome goalie?"**

Luis: "I train a lot."

**Jack: "What advice do you have to give to me, a 13 year old goalie?"**

Luis: "I think at 13 you still have a lot of possibilities. As I said before I spend a lot of time training. I mean we're talking about hours and hours. As soon as school is done, I go right to the soccer field with my friends."



**Jack: "What is your plan when you retire?"**

Luis: "That's a good question, but I don't have an answer for that."

**Jack: "How many Red bulls do you drink a day?"**

Luis: "I don't necessarily drink Red Bull daily, but part of my routine before every game is to drink a 'Red Bull' "





# NBA All Star Analysis

*Editor's Note: Part of this article ran last week. However, the other part was accidentally cut off. So the entire article is reprinted in this week's issue.*



**By Evan Volkman**  
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From February 11 to February 18, the NBA was busy. Between All-Star Weekend festivities and the trade deadline, every NBA GM was running around trying to make their roster better in every way possible.

On Friday, February 12, BBVA Rising Stars challenge featured players in their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd NBA season who are playing at a high level. The two teams are separated by USA born players, and other worldwide players. Similar to an All-Star Game for younger guys, there is usually very little defense played.

Last year Wolves SF Andrew Wiggins won MVP, this year it was Wolves Zach LaVine. LaVine and Wiggins are showing a promising future and the Wolves are beginning to surround their franchise around them. Here is a link to the full recap: <http://www.nba.com/news/as.rising.stars/2016-rising-stars-challenge-event-page/index.html?ls=iref:nba:specials>

On Saturday Night, the Skills Challenge took place as Wolves rookie Karl-Anthony Towns defeated Isaiah Thomas of the Celtics.

Also, Klay Thompson beat defending champ and fellow Splash Bro, Steph Curry for the 3-Point Contest. Finally, a Dunk Contest of the ages between Zach LaVine and Aaron Gordon ended with Zach LaVine winning his second consecutive championship.

Over the last three weeks, there were some pretty incredible things. There were the 369 combined points scored in the NBA All-Star Game, there was a

letdown of an NBA Trade Deadline, and there was Kobe Bryant's last All-Star appearance.

Starting with the All-Star Game, there was the high scoring that there is every year. There is slim to no defense played because nobody wants to be physical and run the risk of getting hurt. With 18,298 attendants (average NBA game is 65,000) there were not as many people as expected.

With a 5x NBA Champion Gregg Popovich coaching the West, and inexperienced Tyronn Lue for the East, most people knew what the turnout would be before the game even started. Despite having John Wall, Kyle Lowry, and LeBron James, the West was just more talented. With Steph Curry, Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook, and Kawhi Leonard, they are a powerful force. Russell Westbrook became the first player in 60 years to get the All-Star MVP award in two consecutive years.

**FINAL SCORE:**

**West 196, East 173.**

Another important event in NBA news was the Trade Deadline. Typically, teams wait until the last 48 hours or so before the Trade Deadline is up to make moves with their players, and we have seen that become more and more of an exciting event every year.

However, many people were surprised this year as it was really a letdown. Stars like Derrick Rose, Carmelo Anthony, Dwight Howard, and Kevin Love were highly anticipated to be traded, but nothing happened. A few bench players moved around, but that was it.

Last year, players like Isaiah Thomas and Goran Dragic were traded. In response to those trades, the Celtics fought their way into the 8th seed last year, and are 3rd in the East, sitting with a 37-25 record. Also, since Dragic joined the Heat, they turned around a 10th seed spot last year to a 5th spot in the East right now. Bottom line, the deadline was a bust.







## Matt Kushner's 'Time Warp' Series

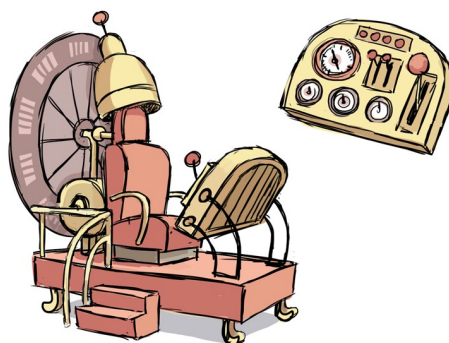
### Chapter 1

The process of going out of business is very slow. First the customers start disappearing, then you start becoming more and more desperate, making sales more and more often, and then you start holding on to the last few, loyal, customers.

Of course, little ignorant me didn't realize that right across the street was another electronics store that was draining my customers. Back then, I didn't realize that.

When I finally realized what was happening, it was too late. I put up the "final blow-out sale" sign, and sat at the cash register, very disappointed. I stared at the electronic shop across the road, which I liked to think of as a very suspicious store, like it was hiding something, but, in reality, it was just better than my shop.

At the end of the day, I flipped the sign to 'closed' for the last time, and walked upstairs. Sorry. I miswrote that. And walked upstairs to find an old man, who was probably homeless, in



front of my apartment door.

"Do you want to stop this?" he asked.

"Get out! I don't even know how you got in here, but... out!"

"You can save your shop."

"No." I said while I was nervously laughing. "No, I can't. It's dead! So GET. OUT!" I really was close to calling the local police when he said,

"I can make you time travel. To stop this from happening."

"To stop the inevitable, *hobo*?"

"To save your shop."

"With your time machine, huh? I am *not* in a good mood right now, so please, just get out of my way."

"Listen to me. I have a time machine, and you can travel back in time to stop this. Just trust me." At this point, I just really wanted to get the old man out of the way, but I was also a little intrigued. What would happen if he did?

"Fine. Come inside, and let me travel back in time with your magical 'time machine.' Can you move now?"

"Just follow me, shopkeeper...."



### Music Mayhem!

A weekly compilation of popular tunes

By Evan Volkman, Tusker Tribune Music Writer



1. Work (feat. Drake) - Rihanna
2. 7 Years - Lukas Graham
3. PILLOWTALK - ZAYN
4. Work From Home (feat. Ty Dolla \$ign) - Fifth Harmony
5. Get Ugly - Jason Derulo
6. My House - Flo Rida
7. I Took A Pill In Ibiza [SeeB Remix] - Mike Posner
8. Never Forget You - Zara Larsson & MNEK
9. Hands To Myself - Selena Gomez
10. Stressed Out - twenty one pilots
11. Love Yourself - Justin Bieber
12. Me, Myself, & I (feat. Bebe Rexha) - G-Eazy
13. One Call Away (feat. Tyga) - Charlie Puth
14. Roses (feat. ROZES) - The Chainsmokers
15. Hello Friday (feat. Jason Derulo) - Flo Rida
16. Sorry - Justin Bieber
17. Die A Happy Man - Nelly
18. Save Dat Money (feat. Fetty Wap & Rich Homie Quan) - Lil Dicky
19. YOUTH - Troye Sivan
20. Hollow (feat. Big Sean) - Tori Kelly

# Unforeseen: Prologue



**By Stephen Robeson  
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*Beep-beep-beep-beep-beep!*

I open  
my eyes and  
cry. Alarms

blazing.

"What's going  
on?!" my sister whines.

My dad is talking over the phone, and my mom is comforting me and my sister. My dad is head of the life support systems on SP-137, our space ship. "What do you mean we're out of energy?" he screams into the phone. There is a voice coming out of the receiver, but only my dad can hear it. "No, it wasn't my fault! I've had this entire week off! It was probably Kevin, that idiot! He ought to be fired." There is a long pause and finally my dad says "Yes... I can do that for you." He slams the phone down in rage.

"What's going on honey?" my mom wonders.

"I need to run an errand... on Earth."

"What? Is this a joke? Because if it is, it's not funny! There's no way you can go there; it's been abandoned for nearly 200 years!"

"The radiation isn't as strong as it used to be. I will be fine!" my dad sighs. He reaches over and kisses me and my sister on the forehead. "I won't be long. I promise."

My mom starts crying. "But earth is so far away!"

"John down at engineering perfected the jump drive. I will only be gone a couple of days,

a week at most if something goes wrong," my dad reassures, "but nothing will go wrong. Don't worry."



"Don't leave! Please!" My mother was not one to be easily convinced. They went back and forth for an hour.

"I need to do this, Judy. All 437 people on this ship... they will die if we can't get power..."

She starts crying, they hug and kiss, and she whispers something to him.

"I will stay safe," he responds, "I promise."

An hour later, the captain of the ship talks over the PA system. "Attention people of SP-137. We have sent out a crew member on a shuttle to Earth to find a power core to power the ship. Do not panic; the generators will be up shortly. We are running on reserve power currently, but the crew member will be back before the reserves run out. Thank you for your attention."

Shortly after, a second alarm starts ringing. This time, it's different. It's the air lock alarm. Now we know that he is gone, into space, alone.

He did not stay safe. He did not return in a week. It has been 10 years since I've seen him. I don't remember what happened. I was too young, but my mother had told me stories about that day. Sometimes adults come up to me and tell me my father was a great man... I wish I knew him. Anyway, I have moved on. I'm not going to sit around crying over what happened 10 years ago.



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## Nitin's Noshes! *Today's Recipe: Black Bean Bonanza!*

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To make this recipe, you will need:

**1 CUP** Black beans  
**1 PINCH** Shredded cheddar  
cheese  
**1 TSP** Taco sauce

### Steps:

- Put the beans, cheese, and taco sauce in a smallish, microwave-safe bowl.
- Mix vigorously but keep the

beans intact.

- Heat the mixture in the microwave for 30 seconds on HIGH or until cheese melts. (Time might vary for different microwaves)
- Take it out of the microwave and it is ready to serve!
- Serve at room temperature.
- IMPORTANT: Eat with a spoon.
- Enjoy!