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GHOST OF BURROUGHS' AUDITORIUM LEAVES Negative Pop Show Review

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Flickering lights. Mangled seats. A message on the wall. This was the scene in the JBHS auditorium on Monday, March 7th, the morning after Pop Show concluded. No one could have been able to access the auditorium in the span of time it took for the message to be written, so there is only one possible explanation—ghosts.

The paranormality of JBHS has been a widely debated subject, but there has never been definitive proof of a Burroughs bogeyman—until now. Reporters Hope Towne and Laurelei Johnson headed down to get a closer look.

The message (which ap-

peared to be written in taco sauce stolen from the JBHS cafeteria) detailed the ghost's opinions on Pop Show. It seems the performance did not make a good impression on the auditorium apparition.

It contained a list of grievances with each of the show's acts, calling Powerhouse's Bio-Shock act "confusing," explaining that, "I didn't even know they were supposed to be underwater until the fourth show."

In fact, the only positive opinion expressed in the review was of the Sound Waves' rendition of the Backyardigans song "Castaways," which was featured in a mashup of several songs. "I liked that 'we are castaways' song. It was catchy," the review read.

We spoke with Connor

Whitaker, a 12th grader in Tech Crew, to get more information on this spectral skeptic.

"Sure, we've known about the ghost for ages," Mr. Whitaker said, adding that "she's been here much longer than any of us." According to Mr. Whitaker, they have even tried to hold a seance led by his friend, but "it didn't work because we didn't have the right candles."

Whitaker stated that Tech Crew has never been bothered by the spirit before now. Tech Crew has even lovingly dubbed the ghoul "Wallace Hubert III," after a former Techie's dearly departed hamsters, both of which were named Wallace Hubert.

Those who claim to have seen the Pop Show poltergeist

say he drifts about the auditorium dressed in a fashionable jumpsuit but prefers the seclusion of the balcony. With nothing to hint at how long the phantom has resided at Burroughs, it's quite possible that he has seen every performance staged in the auditorium.

No wonder the review, which at one point called Men at Work's act "an insult to mechanics everywhere," was so negative—the choirs have a lot to live up to.

When asked to respond to the cadaverous commentator, Mr. Jennings only stated that he was, "disappointed that such a long-time resident of Burroughs would find it acceptable to bring food into the auditorium." Jennings then declared no further comments and resumed polishing the tro-

phies in the choir room.

Perhaps Wallace Hubert III never felt strongly enough to comment on other performances. Perhaps there wasn't enough taco sauce to say all that needed to be said. Whatever the reason, this review provides definitive proof that there is a ghost in the auditorium, and it serves as a reminder to all performers at JBHS.

There is always an audience, even if they're invisible. Strive for perfection, and if that's not possible, maybe a catchy Backyardigans song will do instead.

Also, be sure to use the taco sauce packets in the cafeteria so that the footlight phantam might consider using a pencil next time.

TO BOOST MARCHING BAND ATTENDANCE, BAND DIRECTOR AGREES TO MARCHING KEYTAR

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the hardest-hit school programs has been the marching band, with last fall's participation dropping by more than half. Amid mounting pressure from students and staff, band director Mr. Arakelian has made his "last resort" to

add the Keytar to the JBHS Marching Band's current roster of accepted instruments.

"You win," a sighing Mr. Arakelian announced to his Wind Ensemble class last Thursday. "Next season, the IMA will allot funds to purchase keytars for Marching Band's newest section." Amid raucous applause and cheers, he clari-

fied that next season would be "groovier" than the last, then sadly gazed upon the framed portraits of previous years.

In a survey taken of students in the IMA eligible to participate in next year's season, their interest in marching band almost doubled. The band's Seniors are particularly excited, said one Senior:

"I mean, I've been demanding marching keytar ever since I got to Burroughs. I'm so excited that the underclassmen will have this glorious opportunity."

It's even catching the attention of non-IMA longtime keytar enthusiasts, said one Junior, "I mean, I think I speak for all of us keytarists

that this is a great move for the band. I'll be signing up for sure."

We can't wait to see what next year's marching band season will bring! At the time of writing, it is unclear whether or not Mr. Arakelian will respond to the requests for Marching Accordion.

BUSD BLOCKS AMAZON WEBSITE DUE TO TOO MANY PACKAGES BEING DELIVERED TO SCHOOL

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Due to many recent Amazon packages being delivered to school, Burbank Unified School District has had to block Amazon on all school chromebooks and on the school's wifi as well.

"This is the only way to stop people from ordering food and having it delivered to the office," said Dr. Chambers. There have been way too many call slips going out to students telling them to get their package out of the office.

"We have been absolutely flooding our office TA's with call slips telling students to come get their packages full of God only knows what." Our wonderful office secretary

Linda Rosen. She has been boxed in her own office with Amazon packages piling up on her desk.

People have also been stealing other student's packages causing many to order more and more packages and try to get refunds from the school and not Amazon itself.

Assistant Principal Knoop said, "I have had three students already ask me if they could get a refund because their package was stolen or never delivered, that's Amazon's problem and not ours. I'm so sorry we can't help you but please order your Nicolas Cage Pillow and send it to your own house. We've had way too many Nicolas Cage pillows ordered here."

Besides ordering Nicolas

Cage pillows, there has also been an alarming amount of personalized cardboard cutouts of students. Sophomore Judi Browngardt has had three delivered to her for no apparent reason than to just appear cardboard cutouts of herself.

Jeff Bezos had also posted on Instagram that he would be personally delivering the life size cardboard cutouts if they paid more than \$1,000. Currently he has gone to Burroughs three times now to deliver the cardboard cutouts of Caitlyn Hammeke, Abi Barnes, and Diego Sanchez. Since then, there has been a mad rush to order them as fast as people can.

He has been spotted coming into Building 1 only twice, he always comes during third

period, says hello to long-time friend Dr. Chambers, then quickly leaves in his private jet parked in the teachers' parking lot.

"Sometimes I don't have a mirror and this was the next best thing, it was really cheap for only \$1,620.96, I got the life-size version as well just to make sure that people know how tall I am without having to ask me." Freshman Caitlyn Hammeke said when being asked why she would buy so many of them.

There has also been the case of having some suspicious smelling packages stinking up the office causing them to become a nuisance to the staff who work in the office. One of them had to be opened to see what was causing such potent

stenches and it happened to be a bottle of febreze air freshener that had exploded during delivery.

Linda Rosen had to throw it out because the rest of the staff simply could not stand the horrid smell of a three hundred cow dairy farm in a bottle. Rosen is also trying to figure out why "Three hundred Cow Dairy Farm" is an aerosol smell and why someone would buy that.

There have been too many large, smelly and strange packages that BUSD had to finally put their foot down to end it.

As of April 1, 2022 the Website Amazon will be blocked on all school chromebooks and all school wifi. Deliveries are already banned.

FITZ SUSPECTED OF EMBEZZLING FUNDS FOR LEGO ADDICTION

BY JON EGURROLA
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The pandemic has affected many programs, and our school newspaper is no exception. You are probably aware that our journalism program is extremely underfunded. If you didn't know, it's either because you don't care or didn't even know we had a newspaper up until now. I can't blame you; I don't read the

paper either.

In March 2020, the world flipped upside down, and all of the money that our journalism program had conveniently disappeared. An envelope containing over 200 dollars in advertising proceeds was lost. The students of the journalism program had to sacrifice their dignity for just one issue to be printed.

Our great teacher, Mr.

Fitz fell into a deep depression, where he became addicted to building Legos.

This Christmas break, Mr. Fitzgerald spent over \$2,200 on Legos, which is equivalent to 550 Wendy's 4 for 4 combos and 440 little Caesar's hot and ready pizzas.

This raises the question: where did Mr. Fitz find the funds for this addiction, and why did the newspaper's

money conveniently disappear, at, in his own words, "prime Lego time."

This is assuming, of course, that Journalism had enough money to buy even one set. Financial analysts have declined to comment, stating that both the program and its funds were too "inconsequential" to be of lucrative importance for their services. Buy an ad in The Paw Print today!



PROMPOSALS GO ABOUT AS EXPECTED

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After numerous incidents costing Burroughs more than 9 million dollars in property damage, school admin are begging the class of 2022 to "cease and desist" their ambitious promposals.

The Burbank Teacher's Union has declared a state of emergency, with JBHS staff suffering the effects of their students' elaborate acts. Dr. Chambers, currently hospitalized, begged students to stop in a heart-wrenching GMJB segment: "They've given me bangs. I cannot go on."

Ms. Balian has been blinded six times this prom season. The Knoops were discovered to be strapped to the ceiling by an unknown assailant. Mr. Myers walked into class at his normal height and left at a towering 6'5". Because of all the absences, BUSD has had to lower their standards for substitutes, and an Elvis impersonator was noted to be teaching AP Lang.

A descending cloud of crows recently blotted out the sun, casting JBHS in darkness, then carried Mr. Brinton away.

Students were advised to use candlelight to see, as the transformer had been ripped off the wall and gift-wrapped.

The custodial staff stated that the Burroughs campus will "never be the same." All vegetation on campus has died, with the demolition of the choir bathroom imminent. They elaborate that "the small gym is no more." Students have found that sinks around campus run an inexplicably vibrant crimson color, although blood tests return negative. All GMJB equipment was bitten and gnawed on. Alarmed, office staff called a local deacon to cleanse the school of evil haints, geists, and/or specters. A peacock named Kevin has been wandering the grounds, and appears to have taken up residence.

Students came into school one day to find that all of the classrooms on the third floor of building 2 had been carpeted. In response, Mr. Fitzgerald was said to have removed his shoes and socks and said "new carpet." A fully functioning Starbucks was found, with a lone employee, "Phil," said to not have seen sunlight for the past six years. "I'm more concerned about the promposal that required the construc-

tion of this trapdoor than I am about Phil." Dr. Chambers stated from his hospital bed. This only further exasperated JBHS' students and staff, already embroiled in mental turmoil after finding an infant child in the lost and found.

Indeed, the effects on the student body have been unfathomably harmful. Choir has disbanded. In contrast, the

newly formed "Burbank Republic Of Yearbook" (BROY) has cheerfully announced that they are recruiting for the 2022-2023 school year. ASB has released a statement saying that they will "let students handle this one." and will offer no further comment. The custodial staff urges students to avoid physical contact with all Link Leaders due to the po-

tential of radiation poisoning.

Prom has now been placed in a "secure location," as the relentless promposals continue to bombard our campus. Dr. Chambers elaborated that it will "be on high ground." Seniors are urged to keep the dress code in mind, which has been changed to require every prom attendee to wear steel-toed combat boots. Go Bears!

FLAT STANLEY BODY-SHAMING?

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After a recent wave of book bans pushing across the country, it might be time to reevaluate the classic books shown to our youth. We have to address the elephant in the room: Flat Stanley is a body-shaming, stereotype-enforcing disaster.

First published in 1964, Flat Stanley is an outdated children's book that pushes harmful body stereotypes by romanticizing the "perfection" of being flat. This is a damaging idea to push onto children and can negatively skew their body image forever. Flat Stanley should NOT be the body standard.

This "children's" book promotes unhealthy and dangerous ways to lose weight fast. Squishing yourself to flatness with a bulletin board can have permanent effects on your overall health. Our youth doesn't understand this, and it is not age-appropriate.

Stanley's brother, Arthur, tries flattening himself by dropping a pile of books on himself. Is this the message we want to send to our children? That you should go through painful procedures just to be flat?

The outrage surrounding this hurtful book is nationwide. One sixteen-year-old CommonSenseMedia user has a fire in their heart about

this body-shaming book, stating, "you can see that Stanley is called flat Stanley to mock him and degrade him which flat Stanley is okay with due to trauma," and says people should know that this book includes violence and scariness.

The series closes off with Stanley being "reinflated" using a bicycle pump. He cannot catch a break. Between being used as a kite by his brother and being mailed across the country with nothing but a sandwich, this young boy is certainly going through it.

These body-shaming ideas' long-lasting effects are detrimental and are reason enough to ban this disgusting book. Go Bears!

TECH UNIONIZES

BY THE COOLEST CUB
REPORTER

Friday, March 11th, John Burroughs High School Tech Crew formally unionized in a vote of 88% to 10% (2% abstaining), after months of failed negotiations with the VMA/IMA/Play Pro organizations that attempted to limit work hours to 18 hours per day and a maximum of 100 hours per week.

Currently, Tech Crew is working around 22 hours per day, averaging 154 hours per week. Senior Tech Crew worker Aiden Forrest states, "we're not asking for much, just a couple hours of sleep."

"They have a couple hours of sleep if they want to. There's nothing stopping them from sleeping one, two hours a night, if they want to. But

I see them doing all kinds of things during their free time, not sleeping. Eating, I've seen them reading books like '1984' and 'The Scarlet Letter,' I've even seen them heading to the bathroom. They don't need more time to sleep if they can do frivolous activities like these," says IMA pianist Molly Boyke.

VMA singer Brooke Bailey states, "If Tech Crew isn't here at 5AM to set up, how are we going to shine?"

Play Pro actress Hope Towne adds, "And if they're not breaking down our stage until 3AM, who is going to? Us? I think not."

One seriously has to wonder, now that Tech Crew is unionized, will VMA, IMA and Play Pro be able to put on National Award winning programs? Go Bears!

APRIL HOROSCOPES

The stars have been shining in the sky. This month they have been telling you to humble yourself.

Leo: Calm down, hon. Not everything can be about you as hard as you might try. Time to retire your tirana and start thinking about being something other than just 'famous.'

Aries: Take a chill pill and cut back on the coffee. We can tell you're excited. No one knows about what but we see it.

Sagittarius: You call it traveling, I call it running away from your problems. Try staying somewhere long enough to deal with your own issues.

Cancer: Quit crying. Just stop. It's gonna be alright. I mean come on, it's not even that big of a deal.

Pieces: You know if you quit daydreaming you might get some work done? Just think about it.

Scorpio: Giving everyone a death stare doesn't solve the problem. You have to do more than just sit there looking pretty.

Taurus: Quit playing video games and do something. You can't just lie around forever.

Virgo: You don't know everything. Quit telling everyone your opinion. You might just be wrong sometimes.

Capricorn: You're not really hustling. You're just refusing to have fun while you have the chance. That money won't buy love.

Libra: If you stopped giggling and flirting with every person you see, you might be able to finally make up your mind.

Gemini: You change your mind on people so fast that you think they're a topic of conversation. And you wonder why people think you're two faced?

Aquarius: You may think you're unique but god knows you never open up enough to show any of that. Go Bears!

- Jae Meline, Staff Astrologer

THE HYPE HOUSE IS COMING TO BURROUGHS

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In an announcement from Hype House President and TikTok mogul Thomas Petrou on his Instagram live last weekend, the media clan was revealed to have been evicted from their extravagant Calabasas mansion, and they are moving to Burbank! Their eviction was long overdue, as the house was famously known for housing the late Micheal Jackson's remains.

With their arrival to Burbank, some members are

forced to return to high school following their rise to TikTok fame, and it has been confirmed that two such members are headed to John Burroughs High!

TikToker Chase Hudson (aka Lil Huddy), who has amassed over one and a half billion likes in the popular social media app, spoke out about how he is adjusting to the change of scene.

"Yeah, I mean Burbank is chill, I guess. They're making me go to one of the local high schools because you are 'legally required' to 'graduate' high school."

When pushed further about his interest in returning to school, Hudson admitted that he was nervous because he has a, "severe aversion to lunch meat," and is terrified of cafeteria ladies who wear, "the scary string hats with the holes."

Although nervous, Huddy is excited to show off his unique style; he plans to drench himself in fake blood and put on a performance at lunch for all of his fans. However, Huddy is not the only Tiktok celeb who will be refocusing on their education.

Avani Gregg, age 19, has

become wildly popular for her clown cosplay Tiktok posts, racking in a total of forty million followers.

Gregg says that she "forgot" to attend school after completing her sophomore year, insisting that TikToking quickly became her top priority. When asked how one "forgets" to go to school for two years, Gregg responded, "I forgot. I forgets a lot. Me just normal girl who make funny video."

The truth is, Gregg's absence was a result of her suspected involvement in the clown murders of 2016; she

was acquitted due to the fact that the mask "didn't fit."

Our interview with Avani was cut short when she rushed off for a lesson with LA acting coach Jobe Doberman, who also served as the director of the celebs' last four apology videos. "That girl knows how to cry on cue!" Mr. Doberman said, when we reached out for comment.

Will these celebs find similar success in their academic careers here at JBHS as they did on the internet? We don't think so but are overjoyed to welcome these new students to our wonderful school.

HAPPY APRIL 1ST FROM THE PAW PRINT STAFF!