



The Thinker

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Science Project Plant Goes Missing

By Elizabeth B., Lydee F., and Meredith G.

A plant, part of a science experiment belonging to Gloria J., disappeared between late Saturday and around 6 p.m. on Sunday from the outside of the Collette Dorm, where the students are staying.

In science class, the Freshmen are doing a project related to plants. Each person has one, and they get to pick one thing to change about it. Some plants were being grown outside. Gloria's was one of them. She was watering her plant with ramen noodle broth, and it was the only one still living and doing well on the bench outside of

the dorms.

According to Calvin Runnels, the science teacher, the plant was last seen some time either on Friday or Saturday. Gloria and her sister, Grace, were gone for the weekend, and left at dinner on Friday, so they had not seen the plant until they got back around 6 p.m. Sunday.

The plant in question was a small purplish color in a black plastic pot with 'GLORIA' written on one side.

"I don't know why anyone would steal it," Gloria said. "The ramen broth made the plant smell terrible."

As part of learning the scientific method, Runnels told the students to water the plants and count their leaves

once a week, measure them (in centimeters) three times a week, and fertilize them once every two weeks. Other care depended on the variables the students choose.

Students had the option to let their plants grow inside or outside. Gloria J. chose outside as her area, and she decided to feed her plant ramen as her variable.

All of the plants outside were either dead or dying, except for Gloria's, students said.

If anyone comes across a nasty-smelling, small, purple bush, or has any information concerning the location, please let GPGC know. You can contact them at the front desk of Collette Hall.



This image is of a shrub of the same species as the plant that went missing.

Photo by Victoria T.

Student Body Elects Government Officials

By Meredith G.

The student body elected new government officials Friday to represent the student body and preside over ticket court.

The government's first official meeting is set for Sunday.

In Friday's election, every student voted for three justices and the leader. The newly elected justices are Abe M., Elizabeth B., and Meredith G., and the new leader of the GPGC government is Victoria T.

The justices preside over Ticket Court, deciding if stu-

dents with tickets are guilty. They are meant to uphold the constitution of GPGC and vote accordingly for who has the best argument.

Ticket Court happens about twice a week. For anyone with a ticket, attendance is mandatory, but for anyone without one, attendance is optional.

In Ticket Court, a counselor will read out all the tickets and say what they are for.

The people who received a ticket have the option to plead "contest" or "no contest."

If a student contests a

ticket, they stand up and give their side of the story of the incident and why they think they don't deserve the ticket.

The counselor (or the party that issued the ticket) then gives their side of the argument.

Students who plead "no contest" automatically get the ticket and decide not to say anything against it.

Justices then can enforce the fine or adjust the amount of the fine for the ticketed offense.

If a Judge gets a ticket, they have to sit out of the court their ticket is in, but the next court that week,

they are allowed to attend and be on the jury.

The "leader" is the head of the government. They are the representative of the student body and lead the government meetings.

Finally, each GPGC student, staff and faculty member participates in the program's government. All have equal votes.

All GPGC students should attend every meeting to represent themselves and participate in the government.

The government has five weeks to help the GPGC students, so good luck to all!

Conflict and Diplomacy

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their peers and ask Markstrom for clarification or to verify their ideas. They then spend the weekend writing a weekly report which must be turned in on Monday.

This report must contain solutions to their pressing issues but may also contain personal or international endeavors a student wishes to attempt.

For instance, students might write that they wish to send their troops over to a nearby uninhabited island

to claim it. They must be very specific, however, or their request may be denied or twisted in a way which no longer makes it what they asked for.

Throughout the week, the Grad students are often seen in the lunchroom, lobby or library, discussing their issues, making trade agreements, alliances, and treaties.

Although a significant amount of time is spent on the project, no Grad denies that they have a lot of fun.

Wishing you a happy Pride

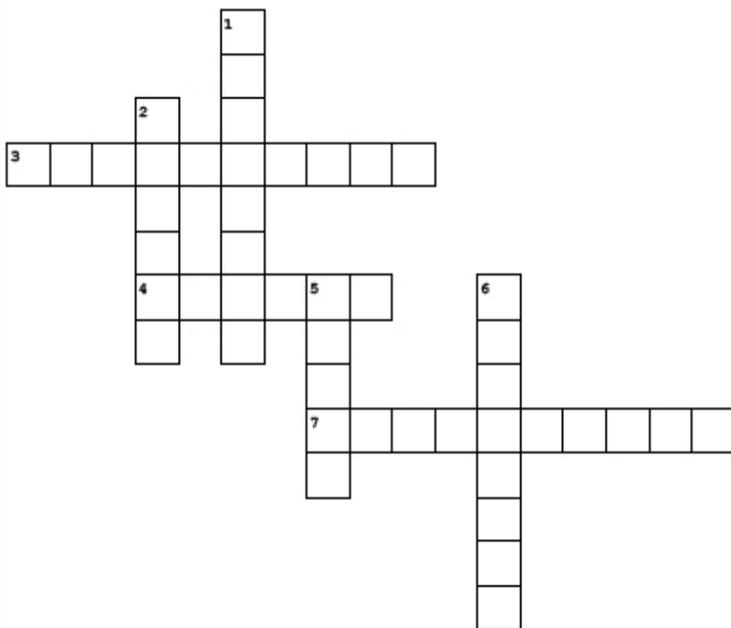
2009 was a big year for the LGBTQIA+ community. It was the year president Barack Obama signed a law extending existing federal hate crime laws to include those committed on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. It was also the year he decided to designate June as Pride Month, according to diversity.ncsc.edu. To anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community, happy Pride Month!



Picture courtesy of Northwestern University

Science Crossword

By Meredith G.



Across

- 3. The measurement that is represented as μm .
- 4. What the Freshmen are doing experiments on all summer.
- 7. The _ flask, which is usually the stereotypical bottle scientists use in movies.

Down

- 1. The light waves that are 1 picometer long.
- 2. What the columns on the periodic table are called.
- 5. The speed of light is about __ hundred million meters per second.
- 6. Atomic number 21 on the periodic table.

Word of the Week

brutalism

[broot-l-iz-uhm]
noun

(in modern architecture) the aesthetic use of basic building processes with no apparent concern for visual amenity.

“Belief in excessive violence.” - Gabe Garfield

“The act of being brutal.” - Maddie Willis

“The act of being mean.” - Gloria Jung

“Brutism, similar to dwarfism except bruty.” - Leo Kudla

“The religion of the wrestling community.” - Kai Cavell

Miles to Go Interest Meeting

Wednesday

After lunch in the Quad

If you're interested in putting your stamp on this summer's Miles to Go, meet Mrs. Bell in the Quad after lunch Wednesday. We need editors, artists, designers, and Gifties with a vision!

Meet the Counselors: Ryan Byrne

By Meredith G.

Ryan Byrne, one of the GPGC counselors, is returning this year for his second year as a counselor.

He attended the program for five years, from 2012 to 2016.

When asked why he wanted to become a counselor, he said, "I wanted to make a positive impact on children, like how I had a positive impact put on me when I was here."

His said his favorite parts of being a counselor are being able to work with close friends and being able to make a tangible difference.



Ryan Byrne.

Photo by Victoria T.

He also likes how powerful of a tool it is to develop young minds.

Ryan also thinks that it is difficult to be a counselor.

"But, that's why it's so rewarding."

Weekly Themed Trivia

By Lydee F.

Every week there will be a fun, themed trivia quiz for you to try to complete. Record your answers and hold onto them until the next week, when the correct answers will be revealed, and a new quiz will be given.

There will be 10 questions each quiz, and the 10th question will be the same every week: What was this week's theme?

We won't force you to complete the quiz, either. There are only two rules: try your best and have fun!

Question one: What is Breaux Bridge also known as?

Question two: What is Texas' official state shell?

Question three: What year did Arizona become an official state?

Question four: Which state has the nickname 'The Golden State'?

Question five: How many different climate zones does Georgia have?

Question six: Which state has the most golf courses in America?

Question seven: How many different states can you see from the top of Capulin Volcano?

Question eight: What is Mississippi's national dish?

Question nine: Which state built the first rocket to put humans on the moon?

Question ten: What was this week's theme?

Heads Up: June 24 Marks National UFO Day

By Ishan K.

Heads Up, everyone! Today is national UFO day.

A UFO is an Unidentified Flying Object. The National UFO Reporting Center reports more than 150,000 UFO sightings in its 47 years of operation.

Five reports of UFO sightings have even been reported in southwest Louisiana, according to local radio station Gator 99.5.

According to the Report on the UFO Wave of 1947, published in 1967, businessman Kenneth Arnold made one of the first UFO reports when he claimed to see a group of aerial objects that were moving at thousands of miles per hour.

His description of the objects as "like saucers skipping on water" started the idea that UFOs look like flying saucers.

In addition, according to history.com, the conspiracy theories that some UFOs are alien ships increased in number after people saw dummy like figures on the

ground that looked like aliens.

The US military later stated these figures were dummies for a top secret project, Project Mogul.

Finally, during the Cold War, the U.S. Air Force was testing an experimental aircraft at Area-51, so people saw more UFOs around there. This is part of the reason why Area-51 is believed to house aliens in modern day social media.

Nowadays, UFOs have influenced much of what we think of aliens and have also influenced movies. Many movies, such as E.T., have used flying saucers to portray alien ships and to give the viewer an idea of aliens. Many video games also use flying saucers and aliens.

Overall, UFOs have been a big part of what people think of when aliens are discussed.

Many mediums use UFOs now to entice the user or player, and UFOs have also been a hot topic in conspiracy theories of the government.

Answers to Week 2's Word Search

By Victoria T.

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The Thinker Word Search

By Victoria T.

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Word Bank Clues:

1. A range of mountains.
2. The people who guide us.
3. New York Times _____.
4. Senior _____, a day to enjoy yourself.
5. A type of radiation, as well as a classification.
6. A person who is not always in a place.
7. Knowledge from the past typically passed from person to person by word of mouth.
8. Pro league with a draft this week.
9. That situation was getting rather tense.
10. A type of dog, perhaps a highlighted one?
11. Higher than a Sophomore, lower than a Grad.
12. It's crazy to find you here! This is _____. Hint: Not a gun.
13. Unclear or difficult questions that need to be answered.
14. The Vikings were fearsome _____.
15. What fills the pages of books?

MCU Sets Additions

By Julien V.

The MCU is one of the most well known movie franchises. In fact, Marvel has made over \$26 billion in movie theaters alone, according to The Numbers, a website the covers box office revenues.

The next upcoming movie is **Thor Love and Thunder** with a release date of July 8. **Thor Love and Thunder** will introduce characters such as Gorr the God Butcher, Zeus, and Mighty Thor (Jane Foster). The movie will take place after the events of Avengers Endgame but before Guardians of the Galaxy 3.

After **Thor Love and Thunder**, **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever**, is next, due out Nov. 11. Even though the actor who previously played Black Panther (Chadwick Boseman) is now deceased, Ryan Coogler, the director of **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever**, said the character will not be re-cast nor will he be re-created using CGI or previous footage of Boseman. The movie will instead focus more on supporting characters such as Nakia, Shuri, and Okoye.

Third up is **Ant-Man And The Wasp: Quantumania** with a set date of Feb. 17, 2023. The main villain is Kang the Conqueror, a time-traveling super-villain from the future who has many aliases, some of which are common knowledge. He has no innate powers, similar to Iron Man. He is an extremely intelligent, physically ordinary human who created his own armor and made his own power.

Next week we will cover more additions to the Marvel Universe. Enjoy.

Dog of the Week

By Elizabeth B. and Lydee F.

And this week's dog of the week is...

The English Mastiff!

The English Mastiff, a very loving dog, is very good with children but not as good with other dogs, according to the American Kennel Club breed standards.

They drool a lot, don't shed very much, and don't need too much grooming. They are extremely protective and therefore not always great with strangers.

English Mastiffs are very adaptable but don't always want to play. They don't bark very much, they don't have the highest level of energy, and they are somewhat easily trained.

The English Mastiff is docile but a great protector.



Image courtesy of dinoanimals.com

Art Prompts

By Elizabeth B.

Day One: Paper Airplane

Day Two: Cherry Blossom

Day Three: Suit

Day Four: Red, White & Blue

Day Five: Mardi Gras

Have a Joke!

What did the paper say to the scissors?

You make me hole!

Seen and Heard

Farts "Bro.. Ugh" * Vomit noises* - Tyler C.

"Do you think Calvin looks like modern Bob Ross?" - Meredith G.

"You look like Avril Lavigne." - Azula T.

"Bob Ross is not bald! Bob Ross has a bush for a head!" - Gabriel G.

"Spaghetti legs that are broken!" - Grace J.

"Spiker no Spiking, Ryan." - Samson W.

"What? My butt doesn't have hands. Sorry." - Gloria J.

"Ooh, my dad texted me! Oh, it was my mom. Nevermind." - Madelyn W.

"Wait... why do we need Kathy?" - Grace J.

"He's funny. That's about it." - Madelyn W.

"Like Julien monologues to bushes?" - Leo K.

"I was opening the brown for Mr. Door!" - Brooklyn M.

"These floors are nice." - Gabriel G.

"Come on, Avril Lavigne." - Ryan Byrne

"Are dead bodies a common household item?" - Brooklyn M.

"I can't think of anything that's in a house." - Maddie W.

"I just want to eat my favorite food and just kinda die." - Grace J.

"That's the best quote: I'm six years old." - Leo K.

"Good morning, you happy little accidents." - Gabriel G.

Says nervously "The way the four curves!" - Azula T., Madelyn W.

"My hair WILL be short when I'm forty!" - Grace J.

"You hit it so hard it forgot to move," - Gabriel G.

"Gosh dang it, I can't breathe on the moon!" - Gloria J.

"On the second day of my first job I pooped my pants" - Abe M.

Gabe G.: "I care about the rules!" *laugh* "Sure, tell me another!" - Jessica Markstrom

"Maybe the napalm was the friends we made along the way." - Jessica Markstrom

"What sort of question not is it?" - Jace S.

In a mocking falsetto "I don't like acetone in my eyes!" - Azula T.

"I'm so freaking funny I'm going to pee myself again!" - Brooklyn M.

Week 2 Trivia Answers

By Lydee F.

In last week's trivia, we promised to reveal the answers this week. We would never break a promise! Here are the answers to last week's quiz, and don't forget to try out this week's quiz!

Answer one: A shrimp's heart is located in its head.

Answer two: If you sneeze too hard, you can fracture a rib.

Answer three: Just like every fingerprint, everyone's tongue print is different.

Answer four: An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Answer five: The only known fish that can blink both of its eyes is the shark.

Answer six: A cat has 32 muscles in each of its ears.

Answer seven: The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

Answer eight: It takes the average human seven minutes to fall asleep.

Answer nine: The circulatory system is 60,000 miles long.

Answer ten: Last week's trivia quiz theme was physical facts.

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