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Bart Crash

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What just happened to the Bart?! The two BART trains just crashed in West Oakland on February 3, 2009 at 8:45 A.M.. Somehow, the BART trains are usually operated on a computer, but one of the trains was operated manually, while the other was operated by computer. Tough luck for the BART train, but BART's luck got worse! The manually operated train passed a wait point at Lake Merritt. Soon, the other train came and crashed inside the Trans-Bay tube. Then, the two front trains went off the railroad tracks. Luckily no one died, but about 13 people had minor injuries. Three hundred people evacuated by foot on both of the trains. All 13 injured people were on medical risers. When the driver realized the problem, he stepped on the brake, but they still crashed! The two trains were trying to get on the same track. The track was shaped as a Y, and the crash is now under investigation. The luck had returned and the BART crash is cleared.

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Global Warming

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Have you thought about what might happen to you once your house is under water? Well, scientists have said that a flood might happen due to global warming. Global warming is the sun's heat over heating the earth. This is melting the ice in the Arctic, and the world. Scientists announced that in June, 2006 because of the ice melting there were "high levels of water." The Earth is the warmest it has been in the past 2,000 years. Scientists have said that it will be even warmer in the future.

This is caused by greenhouse gasses and humans polluting the world that we live in. Greenhouse gasses are being produced and are creating heat that is destroying the ozone

layer. This is causing hurtful sun rays to enter the Earth. That might cause more cancer and more extinction of animals all over the world. This is disturbing the ecosystem, and without the animals we will die of hunger. Also it is becoming very clear that humans are the cause of global warming, by releasing chemicals from factories and pollution from cars.

Little by little ice all around the world is melting everyday. If all of the ice melted, the water on Earth would rise and half the earth would flood. There are 5,773,000 cubic miles of ice caps, glaciers, and permanent snow.

When temperature rises in the Arctic Circle, it could decrease the population of the creatures -
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Help the Earth

There are ways to slowly stop global warming.

- 1: Use fabric bags when you go grocery shopping. Plastic bags need factories to make.
- 2: Plant flowers around your house for clean oxygen.
- 3: Drive less for less pollution.

President Obama: a new era of hope and change

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Three weeks after becoming the first African-American to be inaugurated as president of the United States, Barack Obama has transitioned smoothly to become commander in chief of this country. His intelligence, honesty and charisma have earned him the trust of the American people and respect from the rest of the world. His victory has shown that Americans and the world that we will elect a leader that is best for the country regardless of race or sex.

Before the election, American foreign policy was primarily military intimidation and tough talk. George W. Bush had utilized military force to control Al Qaeda and bring democracy to Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition, he had avoided any interviews or speeches with the Muslim world.

President Obama, on the other hand, is reaching out to the rest of the world. He has appeared on the Arab television network Al Arabiya to explain to the Muslim world that America is seeking peace with the Arab peoples, but still expressed his disapproval of Iran's nuclear threats along with Al Qaeda's terrorism. He communicated to the Muslim world that even though some Americans associate Muslims with the extremist terrorist groups, "the United States has a stake in the well-being of the Muslim world," and would be willing to help if countries like Iran "are willing to unclench their fist," (CBS News). This diplomatic interview was a necessary gesture to change America's reputation from a more forceful, military foreign policy to one of cooperation —
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Raining Fish

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Has a fish ever fallen on your head? Fish really can fall from the sky. Raining fish is when a strong wind picks up fish from the ocean. The strong wind goes several miles, and then it drops the fish on land. Raining fish is not like a tornado because it does not pick up houses. Raining fish is like a small dust storm. For an example, a small whirl wind may pick up fish near the top of the water. Fish deep down are too deep to be carried in the air. First the wind starts fast and picks up water and then it goes faster and picks up fish. Then the fish goes up into a cloud and the wind moves it. The fish then get heavy in the cloud and there the cloud drops the fish. In 1859 fish rained in Glamorganshire, England. Thousands of fish were jumping on the ground to the surprise of the people. Later the fishes were released into the water.



Frogs are the most common animal to fall from clouds. The next most common animal that rains is fish. Raining fish has happened in both India and Australia. A study by Gilbert Whitley in 1972 said that fish fell from the sky 50 times in

that one year. Scientists from National Geographic went to Honduras in 1970 to study this strange weather. The scientists found that the fish really did fall from the sky, and were blind. You should be careful, or a fish might fall on your head.

Salmonella Outbreak!

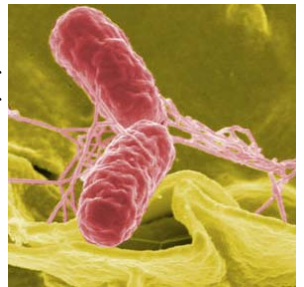
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WARNING! There's a disease going around called salmonella. It was discovered by a scientist named Dr. Daniel E. Salmon. The disease of salmonella is a type of bacteria, which is found in peanut butter, spinach, tomatoes, uncooked chicken, eggs, and chilies.

Salmonella was found in California, Idaho, and Minnesota school food. From all the states 575 people were sick but only 8 died. There was a recall of 1,300 products but the Georgia Company wasn't responsible.

Sometimes salmonella

can be spread by reptiles especially to infants, younger children, and elderly people. It causes paratyphoid fever, typhoid



fever, and food borne illness salmonellosis. If you have diarrhea, fever, nausea, abdominal cramps and/or vomiting, you might have salmonella.

Warming

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that live there. The creatures cannot survive in extremely high temperature. This probably could happen to us. Plants could also be extinct. Global warming is making the world's climate change. Certain plants can survive without water for a long period of time. Places like the desert can contain plants like that. If it rained in the desert the plants could die.

Sunlight is reflected off the ice into space and cools the Earth. If the ice melted, the only reflector on Earth would be the ocean. Darker colors take in sunlight and will warm the Earth even more.

Saving Our World: One Step at a Time

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Do you like having dirty water to drink? This could happen if we pollute our environment. A lot of people don't really listen to what could happen to our environment. A lot of people litter, but by not littering, conserving energy, water, and power, we could live a happy life.

Everyday, most everyone brushes their teeth in the morning, right? While you're brushing your teeth, you could turn off the faucet and save water. When you're in your room in the afternoons with your lights on, and there's sunlight outside, you could turn off the lights,

which is saving power. You're also saving money!

Say you're 3 blocks away from your school; instead of using your car, you could walk or ride a bike to school. This is saving energy. Everybody should try to do this everyday. Everyone should try to reduce, reuse, recycle and rot stuff (4 R's). So if you want to have a clean environment, you should try this!



Rice

Robert Gaines
Unknown

Rice (*Oryza sativa*) is a plant that grows seeds that we eat. It is grown in every continent except Antarctica. It is one of the world's most popular foods. When the New World was discovered, it was brought there and introduced to the Americas. Rice is the BEST food in the world!

Rice History

Rice has been around since humans migrated there. It spread to Africa 3,500 years ago and spread to Europe in the tenth century. It was brought to the new world when people sailed there in the 1500's and 1600's. Since then it has been widely used.

Rice Facts

Did you know white rice stays fresh longer, but brown rice is healthier? China consumes over 135 metric tons of rice each year. China makes and eats 90% of the world's rice. Rice has been planted, eaten, and harvested for over 7,000 years!

Rice Preparation

Rice is harvested with a rice muller. Then it is dried before it is milled, shelled, and polished in a machine. After that it is shipped to any place it's sold and we buy it, cook it, and put soy Sauce all over it.

Rice has been around 70 centuries unforgettably. It is the symbol of earth's taste of food. So go to a supermarket, cook it and... Enjoy!



Softball in the Olympics?

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The USA Softball Team is an excellent team and they have the potential to win every gold medal. There is just one problem; the International Olympic Committee (IOC) wants to remove softball from the Olympics. In August 2005 the IOC voted to remove this sport from the Olympic schedule at the 2012 London Games. The vote was 52 to 52, a tie with one member not voting. A vote to reinstate was defeated 47 to 43. This means softball will not play in the 2012 Olympics.

Next year there will be another vote to determine whether or not softball will play in the 2016 Olympics. There could only be 28 sports in the Olympic schedule and the IOC has already chosen 26. Softball is one of the leading candidates to fill one of those two spots. The softball players hope they will convince the IOC that softball should play in the 2016 Olympics. This interestingly could take place in Chicago, home of the Chicago Bandits which are the champions of Women's National Fastpitch Softball.

Rey Mysterio

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Oscar Gutierrez was born December 11, 1974. He was better known as his ring name Rey Mysterio. Oscar Gutierrez was a Mexican American professional wrestler. He trained and started his career in the lucha libre style. He is best known for his world championships. He has recently fought Kofi Kingston. He signed his contract World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE). His hometown is San Diego, California where he trained for pro-wrestling. He became a professional wrestler on April 30, 1989 at the age of 14 in a church in Tijuana. Oscar



Gutierrez was too young to receive a wrestling license. Rey Mysterio Jr. wrestled with his dad in la lucha libre. Later on his dad Senor Mysterio retired lucha libre. Rey Mysterio had two signature moves called 619 and West Coast Pop. He was the only wrestler to have those signature moves. He finally got a wrestling license so he went to ECW.

Presidential Candidates

MA, GA, IJ, JB, AL
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People in the News

The 2008 Presidential Campaign made history in the United States. Barack Obama and John McCain ended up being the two people running for President.

BARACK OBAMA

Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has two parents from two different cultures. He has an American mother and a Kenyan father. But his parents divorced, when he was just two-years-old. When they divorced, his father returned to Kenya. So, Obama lived in Indonesia with his mother and stepfather for part of his childhood. When he was older, he graduated from Columbia University. Then he attended Harvard Law School. After law school, he worked as a community organizer and

a civil rights lawyer in Chicago. He also taught at the University of Chicago Law School as a senior lecturer specializing in constitutional law.

JOHN MCCAIN

John McCain was born on the 29th of August in U.S. 1936 in Panama Canal Zone. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1958. When he left the Navy in 1981, he was elected as a U.S. senator from Arizona in 1986. He ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000, but was defeated by George W. Bush. McCain ran again for a republican nomination in 2008, this time he won the nomination at the G.O.P convention.

The Campaign and Making History

Barack Obama made history in June 2008. He defeated Hillary Clinton and became the Democ-

atic Candidate for President. When the evening was over, Barack Obama had beaten John McCain and became President of the United States. He had to travel around the world to make speeches and earn people's votes. It took a lot of work, but it finally paid off. He became the first African-American president. John McCain said that being the Republican nominee for presidential election was one of the great honors of his life and an experience he would never forget. He wanted us to know that he does intend to run for re-election to the United States Senate. And of course Barack Obama feels great being the President of America. He must feel special because he is the first African-American president. In conclusion, the people have selected their president.

Obama

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and peace.

Obama has also fulfilled some of his campaign promises early in his presidency. He has set a closing date for Guantanamo Bay detention camp and has strengthened environmental laws by allowing states to set individual emission standards. Most importantly, President Obama has successfully convinced members in the House of Representatives to pass

his 819 billion dollar stimulus package, which is now awaiting passage in the Senate.

We still do not know whether our new president will bring America back on its feet in a short period of time. Much has yet to be done. President Obama's victory has, nevertheless, shown the world that Americans can see what is right for this country. We can set aside our prejudices and elect a leader who will do what is morally right.

He had 2 championships: Tag Team and Cruiser Weight. Then because of the draft, Rey Mysterio went to Smackdown, then Raw. He had a friend that was also a professional wrestler named Eddie Gurrero. They were best friends. Afterwards, Eddie Gurrero died of steroids.



Dumb Robbers

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Before you read this article I must warn you there are some dumb robbers in the world. These are some of the funniest and dumbest stories in the world. Here are two stories:

The first one was one day a man robbed a store and was eating popcorn. He dropped a trail of popcorn when he left. The police followed the popcorn and found the man who stole the stuff and he was sent to jail.

The second one was about a man robbing a store and yelling to the cashier, "GIVE ME THE MONEY." The man left his wallet on the counter, so the police opened his wallet and went to his house and arrested him.

The Life of Mozart

AW, SZ, JP, AG, EJ, PK
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Do you really know who Mozart is? Here is your chance to find out. Mozart started playing music when he was 4 years old. He was very good at such a young age. At the age of seven his father, Leopold, took Mozart and his sister on a tour of Europe (playing concerts). Mozart played music until he was 35 years old because he died at a young age.

Mozart grew up in a life of pain and suffering but he was determined to play



music and compose. He was so attached to music that he played through his pain. Before he died he

proposed to Alosia Weber, who was a musician! But she refused to marry him so he married her sister.

They say that Mozart said, "Since I could not have one sister, I married the other." He also had seven children, but only two lived. Constanze was a good mother.

Mozart was a classical musician who was dedicated to music and always plays music and his legend lives on forever, and always has given us an inspiration to learn how to play an instrument.

Pastry Fashion Line

KG, QP, AK, GG, SG, MF
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Two of the Simmons family members are going on their own. Their names are Vanessa and Angela Simmons. When they were sitting down thinking about cake they came up with the name Pastry: a fashion line.

Vanessa is older than Angela. Angela is 19 years old and Vanessa is 23 years old. They moved to

Los Angeles to start their new lives and have a fashion line.

Angela and Vanessa got their new line of Pastry in a shop at the Underground Station on April 5th, 2007. Pastry is a line of footwear and clothing for women and girls around the country. Pastry may cost \$60 or more. You can see Vanessa and Angela Simmons at MTV Run House.



Are schools serving unhealthy foods for their students?

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More than 96% of high schools have vending machines, and 91% of them sell some unhealthy options, in contrast only 17% of elementary schools have vending machines on campus (scoring the food environments in 395 schools in 38 states). In Middle schools and high schools, more unhealthy choices are made. Too many vending machines are being installed, and

some of the students aren't getting the proper exercise in the daily life outside of school. Are schools serving unhealthy



foods for kids? As I've heard most parents are astonished at this fascinating news. I don't agree with most of the un-

healthy foods choices and some of the students don't even realize what's going into their own bodies! About 55% of schools examined have an agreement with an unhealthy beverage company that allows the beverage company to provide sodas and other unhealthy beverages in the school. Students that are in high school have to make the right choices in healthy and unhealthy foods because once they finish high

school they become adults. If these students leave High school unhealthy then, who knows, maybe they might live they whole life unhealthy. It's the kid's choice. Kid's unhealthy choices can raise their risk of getting Diabetes. Not all schools serve unhealthy foods. And even if your school

serves unhealthy foods you can get your daily dose of exercise and make sure you're staying healthy. The more vegetables and fruits you eat at an early age the healthier you'll be when you grow up. If you don't eat healthy enough, that might also include your risk in cancer.

Editorial

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Do you use the internet? A lot of people are getting mad about the Google virus because the virus is messing up their computers. People are afraid that the virus might wreck their computers. People are upset because the virus is stopping them from completing their work. If you go to Google for a long time, your memory might get lost.

One person was heard saying, "I hate Google because I need to do my project. It is slow and may hurt my computer. Another person told me, "I

am happy because my friend is a game freak and now he won't be able to play them anymore. He might play with me now." Some agree that Google is a problem and others don't have any problems. Some are happy that they can't use Google and some are sad. Everyone hates the virus.

I personally think that the Google virus is awful. The actual problem is that the virus redirects, sends, your computer to a different website. Google is aware of the problem and many virus scans are available to help us with our Google virus problem. Google is a good search engine. I love Google. Hurry and get fixed!

Community Events

There's a celebration coming up in October. It's the Halloween Celebration! It will happen on October 30, 2009. I think it this event would be great for kids. Hmmm... maybe even parents. The fun part about this event is the costume contest. If you have on your best costume, you have a chance to win. There will be food, drinks, and much more provided. Hope to see you there.

Event: California Flight Jazz Band Concert
Date: Friday March 20th, 2009

Event: Devil Mountain Electric Fun

Date: Saturday April 25th, 2009

Event: Farmers Market will be open.

Date: Beginning May 5th 9:00am to 1:00pm

Event: Cab Concerts 50th Anniversary Celebration
Date: May 28th-30th, 2009

Event: Downtown Car Show
Date: Each Thursday of the month starting June

Event: Fourth of July Celebration
Date: July 4th, 2009

Event: Halloween Celebration
Date: Oct.31st 5:00pm to 7:00

Future Projects: Enean Theater, Civic Center Court House, and Civic Center Mid-Rise

If you are interested in these events, they are located on Railroad between 2nd and 5th Streets. For more information, visit www.pittsburg.ca.net



The Advice Column

LQ, JG, DW, KN, AT, ER
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What if your friend starts lies about you and everyone believes them?

You tell your friend you don't want to be their friend anymore because they shouldn't be starting lies about you.

What do you do if your friend is mad at you just because you play with your other friend?

You try to explain to them that you have more than one friend that wants to hang out with you.

What do you do when you let your friend borrow a library book, but they lost the book and you have to pay for it?

It is your fault for letting them borrow the book so you can't do anything about it.

What do you do when someone is mad at you and they rip a very important paper that is due that day?

You tell the teacher so that you won't get in trouble for what they did.

What do you do if you saw your friend steal something very expensive that the teacher owns, but they don't want you to tell on them?

You should be honest to your teacher and tell them that your friend has stolen something.

What do you do when your friend goes to your house and takes something without your permission; you ask them if they saw it and they lie to you because they know they took it?

You could tell their parents that they stole it, but if they don't believe you then you go to their house and you tell their parents what they did.

What do you do if you have one friend and they want you to do something that you don't want to do? What do you do?

You tell them that's not your type of thing to do, and if they don't like what you said you shouldn't be friends.

What do you do if your friend's mom doesn't like you but you want to go to your friend's house?

You should get to know each other.

What do you do if you saw your friend get an F on her math test and she change it to an A?

You should tell the teacher that they did that or you would get in trouble for not telling the truth.

What do you do if someone younger than you is bossing you around?

You should say that's not nice and if they don't listen then tell the teacher.

What do you do if one of your best friends told one of your darkest secrets and they swore they wouldn't tell?

You tell them that you can't trust them enough for them to be your friend anymore.

What do you do if your best friend lied to you about her life?

You should tell them to tell the real truth about their life and swear to not lie no more.

What do you do if you and your best friend were going to Six Flags and you went off by yourself and your best friends left?

You tell them you're sorry and take them some other time.



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