

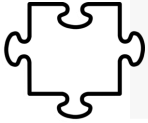


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New Paltz Middle School

The Mirror

On December 11th, the Middle School held the first Student Recognition Breakfast—an event celebrating students who “step up” day in and day out!

Recognizing Our Star Students!



The following students were recognized: Leah Blagbrough, Conor Bruley, Jamishay Cammann, Briana Carlini, Hannah Christiana, Solomon Cruz, Anthony DiMarco, Ethan Feshold, Noa Franco, Charlotte Freer, Marley Gertler, Maya Greenfield, Dylan Herter, Lily Jones-Guida, Kerry Kotalik Abigail Lemek, Anna McPherson, Jay Patel, Beatrice Persaud, Rachel Reinking, Miranda Ronk, Azalea Rusillon, Sarah Sansoni, Diego Schillaci, Emily Stryker, Cassidy Thacker, Zofia Trzewik-Quinn, Jesse Walker, Kristin Weed, Max Zurlini

By Briana Carlini

On December 11, 2014 the Guidance office held a breakfast that was dedicated to all of the star students in our lovely Middle School. Teachers nominated students who they thought exemplified what it means to “Step Up.” Students received a certificate!

Students were not recognized only for academics, but for being good people day in and day out and for adding to our school community. The event started out with a delicious breakfast including bagels, yogurt, muffins, cookies, and many more amazing foods. After everyone had something to eat, our superintendent, Mrs. Rice, said some words honoring the parents, students, and teachers here at the New Paltz Middle School. We were grateful that she took the time to attend the event.

After she said these nice things, Dr. Wiesenthal took to the podium. He told us a

story about a time when he and his son were at a home improvement store. His son saw an old woman and her husband struggling to put some 2x4’s into their car and he bolted across the parking lot to help them. His son knew it was the right thing to do. Even though this may seem like a small act of kindness, this story helped me to realize that no matter how small the act, you can still make a great difference. I think that if more people in our school helped out more often, that this already amazing school would become an even more amazing place for everyone.

Dr. Wiesenthal read a blurb about why each student was nominated. Many students were recognized for their individual good deeds or for consistently being prepared and attentive in class. Congratulations to all those who were awarded a certificate!

Banning Hoodies **by Lexcia Eisenhardt**

According to Oklahoma's Channel 6 News Oklahoma lawmakers are planning to pass a law this February that would make it illegal to wear hoodies. If the law is passed then offenders (people that go against the law) would be fined \$50 to \$500 or receive up to one year in jail. The purpose of the law is to prevent crime. Channel 6 news says that robberies caught on security cameras usually show the robber wearing a mask or hoodie to cover his or her face. However, the good news is that the law would only affect people committing crime, not people just wearing hoodies in a day to day life. This would be difficult to enforce however. According to CNN legal analyst, Sunny Hostin, hoodies are code for thug. This law is proposed because of some of the same reasons they banned saggy pants. Personally, either way, I find this quite ridiculous. Not everyone who wears a hoodie is a criminal!

G.A.M.E.S **by Patrick Hono**

G.A.M.E.S. stands for **G**ames **A**nd **M**ore **E**very **S**aturday. What do you do at G.A.M.E.S? Every Saturday from 7:00-10:00 pm you can pay \$3 to get into the Middle School. In the auditorium you can play or watch dodgeball. In the gymnasium there is basketball – either one-on-one or a team games or even just practice shooting. Finally, in the cafeteria you can buy snacks and play video games. Towards the end of the night, you have a chance to make a half court-shot to win a free drink! It is a fun experience for both Middle School and High School students and a great and safe way to spend a Saturday night!

Westminster Dog Show 2015 **By Charlotte Freer and Annsley Fischer**

If you **love** dogs, or watching dogs, then the Westminster dog show is for you! Every year in Pier 92 and 94, in New York City, there is a four day dog show called *The Westminster Dog Show*. There are two days of agility (obstacles) and two days of breed showing. Some of the obstacles include weaving through poles, running through tunnels, and ducking through hoops. All of these events are timed and the fastest times win. Breed showing involves judging how close each individual dog comes to "breed standard." All four days are on TV, but the last day for this year was Tuesday February 17th. This year the winner in agility was Tex the Border Collie. The overall best in show winner was Miss P the beagle.

Bounce **By: Patrick Hono, Cameron DiBernardo, and Jacob Ingrassia.**

Bounce is a fun trampoline attraction in Poughkeepsie. There are four activities. One activity is basketball. At Bounce you have a small basketball then you see a small basketball hoop 10ft away. You are also on a trampoline. Dodgeball at Bounce is normal dodgeball but on a trampoline. Then there is the Foam Challenge where you are on a trampoline and you can jump, flip, or spin into a big pit of foam blocks. The last thing to do is regular bouncing. You can do flips, spins, and jumps!

Morning Movers

By Sean Nielson and Annsley Fischer

Studies show that exercise increases blood and oxygen flow to the brain. This creates increased levels of norepinephrine and endorphins resulting in a reduction of stress and an improvement of mood (makes you happy)! So, here at the Middle School we have Morning Movers for students to start the day off right!

Morning Movers is a place for the students at the New Paltz Middle School to get moving in the morning! If you're interested, you can sign up in the guidance office. Morning Movers started in the end of September early October. It consists of different activities that require movement. For example, we play basketball, tag, volleyball, four square, and wall ball.

These activities mostly take place during the winter when we cannot be outside. When we are outside the activities are playing on the playground equipment, tag, basketball, wallball, and four square. During school testing days, and two hour delays Morning Movers is cancelled and participants should report to home room as normal. Morning Movers is a way for students to get going and moving instead of the normal home-room.

The Candy Selling Fundraiser

By: Sean Nielson

This winter Middle School students participated in a Candy Selling Fundraiser. In order to sell candy, students needed to get a signed permission slip and then they were all set to start selling! There were 30 candy bars in one box and cost 2 dollars each. We sold to friends and family. By the time the money is due you want to have sold 30 candy bars, 60 dollars worth. If you didn't make 60 dollars then your parents had to buy the remainder of your box.

The goal of the fundraiser was to raise money for the school trips to Boston and Washington D.C. Always keep in mind doing the fundraisers! They are a good way to raise money for your school trips! The more you sell, the cheaper your trip!

The Interview Cancelation

By Elizabeth Medrano

The comedy movie, *The Interview* was cancelled by Sony Pictures Entertainment. The movie, starring Seth Rogen and James Franco, had a plot where two journalists were instructed to assassinate Kim Jong-un, the North Korean political leader. Before the release of the movie, Sony Pictures Entertainment received multiple email threats from a user who calls itself "Guardians of Peace."

Here is a portion of one of those emails: "Warning: We will clearly show it to you at the very time and places "The Interview" be shown, including the premiere, how bitter fate those who seek fun in terror should be doomed to. Soon all the world will see what an awful movie Sony Pictures Entertainment has made. The world will be full of fear."

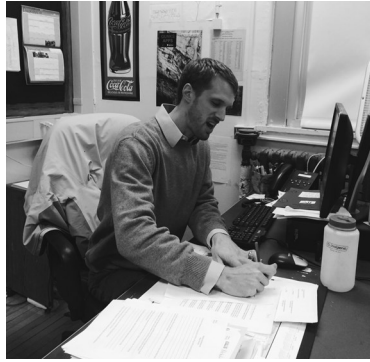
This angered many Americans because it is a violation of free speech. It is suspected that North Koreans wanted this movie cancelled because the plot centered around killing their leader. The US and North Korea are at odds politically and have very different opinions about how government should be run.

Instead, the movie was still released in some small theaters and was released on the internet. There has been no news of recent threats although the movie still has not been released in big theaters.

*** Disclaimer: This movie is rated R and is inappropriate for young audiences. Talk to your parents before seeking this movie out.



New Faces: Meet Some of Our New Teachers!



An Interview with Mr. Chervenak! **Interview by Lexcia Eisenhardt**

Q: What did you do before you were a teacher?

A: I used to be a carpenter. I was a rock climbing guide as well, and actually still am.

Q: Why did you want to teach in New Paltz?

A: They have the best kids in the country/world/solar system.

Q: What is your favorite subject to teach? Why do you like it?

A: My favorite subject to teach is history. I'm fascinated to discover why things are the way they are.

Q: What is the best thing about teaching?

A: The best thing about teaching is working with kids.

Q: What is your favorite animal? Do you have any pets?

A: My favorite animal are snakes and my favorite kind of snake is a Puff Adder. Yes, I have a dog. Her name is Lucy.

Q: Do you have any hobbies outside of school? What are they?

A: Yes, I like rock climbing.



Gunks App **By Frankie Natoli**

Mr. Chervenak's app is called Gunks App. The purpose of this app is for rock climbing and finding trails. Much like a ski mountain has designated trails, rock climbers also benefit from trails. The app shows climbers where to hike in the Gunks, labels difficulty levels, suggests the gear you may need, and gives advice. There is a photo gallery to show each possible hike. Mr. Chervenak rented a helicopter to go around the mountains and take pictures!

Reviews

Megaman 9 Review (Wii, PS3, Xbox 360)

By Brett Longo

Megaman 9 is the first Megaman game released in the series in over 10 years and it is very, very good. Megaman is a plat-forming game in which you control a blue humanoid robot, named Megaman, and he has to make it through each stage to defeat the robot master lurking at the end of it. Every time Megaman defeats a robot master, he gains a power up from them. This game is VERY hard, you will have to use continues a lot in order to beat it.

The plot is that Dr. Light, Megaman's creator, has been imprisoned because he was blamed for eight robots going crazy. In reality, Dr. Wily was the one at fault. eight robot masters are Galaxy Man, Plug Man, Concrete Man, Magma Man, Jewel Man, Hornet Man, Tornado Man, and Splash Woman. This game was made with an NES engine, because the first 6 games in the series were on the NES, then Megaman 7 was on the SNES, and Megaman 8 was on the original Playstation. The colors in this game are very vibrant, and the music is extremely catchy. I really enjoyed this game, but the extreme difficulty was my least favorite thing about this game.

I say that if you have 10 dollars to spend, then you should pick this game up, as it is totally worth your time.



I Am Malala Book Review

By Charlotte Freer

Do you remember on the news about two years ago there was a big story about a young girl who had been shot by the Taliban? The book *I Am Malala* is an autobiography of that girl, Malala. Malala was fifteen years old when she was shot in the head by the Taliban. Reading her story in her own words was really cool, because it was almost like a first-hand experience. It really makes you appreciate living in the U.S.A. where education and woman's/girl's rights are sort of taken for granted. I would definitely recommend this book!

Five Nights at Freddy's Review by Elizabeth Medrano

After playing this game, prepare to never look at animatronics the same again. *Five Nights at Freddy's*, as well as its sequel, is a creepy point and click indie game developed by Scott Cawthon. You play the role of an underpaid security guard working in Freddy Fazbear's



Pizzeria, a fun place much like Chucky Cheese. It's a place where kids can laugh and play and normally, a security guard would just tell the kids to follow the rules, but that's during the day. You're working the nightshift. Your job is to sit in a small office and check the security cameras. Pretty normal right? But, like in most horror games, there's a catch. Like Chucky Cheese, the building has animatronics, Bonnie the bunny, Chica the Chicken, Foxy the Pirate Fox, and Freddy the Bear. These animatronics get a little quirky at night. They wander the building. Now that wouldn't be so bad if they couldn't find their way to your office. If they see you they won't see you as a human, rather a metal endoskeleton. That is against they're rules so they try to forcefully shove you into a Freddy suit. That wouldn't be so bad if the costumes themselves weren't filled with wires and crossbeams. You have to survive for six hours, for five nights and at the end you get a little surprise. Overall it is a great game that has any good auditory and visual qualities. It creates a lot of tension and suspense as you wait for the animatronics to find you. I recommend this game to any horror lover or just any gamer in general. Just make sure to bring a camera to record your reaction.

House of Robots Book Review **By Annsley Fischer and Olivia Baker**

House of Robots by James Patterson is a good book and a new release. The book is about a kid named Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez and a house full of robots. The robots are the boy's mother's and father's creation. These creations are housekeepers, robot dogs, lawn mowers, and even friends. The boy has to take a robot to school for one of his mom's experiments and the robots name is E. The robot thinks he is the boy's brother. E gets in trouble at school, which leads him to get sent home. When E gets home he goes back to Sammy's mom. If you are looking for a funny and entertaining book this is the book for you! It even has illustrations!!

Amusement Park Review **by Patrick Hono and Jacob Ingrassia**

Have you ever been to an amusement park? It is fun, especially if you are not afraid to get wet, or afraid of heights. Some amusement parks have water rides such as Playland, and Lake Compounce. The three amusement parks we will be talking about are Playland, Lake Compounce, and the Ulster County Fair. We picked these three because they are close to drive to, unlike Disney Land. Playland is in Rye, NY, about 30-40 minutes away. Lake Compounce is in Connecticut, about a 40-45 minute ride. The Ulster County Fair is very close by!

Playland and Lake Compounce are just open for the spring and summer. The Ulster County Fair is open for three days in late July or early August. The rides are really cool.

The best ride at Playland is called the "Superflight." The "Superflight" is a fun ride where you go up in tiny spirals then you go straight down really fast, go upside-down, then sideways! It is super fun. The best ride at Lake Compounce is the "Lazy River/Tube Ride". In this ride you go into a big tube. You go down 80mph in a big thing of water then float into the lazy river and go around the river. If you want to get of you can, but you can also go on again! The best ride at the Ulster County Fair is a ride where you go in a cage. Then you go up really high, then get flipped over a million times! That was the best ride I have ever been on!

If I had to rate the three of these Playland is an eight out of ten. I say this because it is some good rides, but most of them are babyish. Lake Compounce is a nine out of ten because it is really fun. The only thing is it is kind of far away. Ulster County Fair is four out of ten because it is only open for three days per year.

Shatter Me Book Review **By Alana Gerber**

Shatter Me is a dystopian thriller by Tahereh Mafi that was published on November 15, 2011. *Shatter Me* is narrated by 17-year-old Juliette Ferrars, a girl with a lethal touch. The book is unique in that it contains passages and lines that have been crossed out. Juliette Ferrars was dragged from her home at 13 and put in an asylum for the murder of a little boy. She was attempting to help him in a grocery store when he tripped and fell because he was chained with a collar by his mother. The book serves as her diary. People believed that she choked the little boy to death and that she claims innocence by her touch. They have locked Juliette since then.

She lived with her parents for 14 years. Her father locked her in her room every night and her mother would scream at her for "being the abomination she was forced to raise." She also wrote in her journal that on her 6th birthday, her mother put her hand in a fire once just to see if it was a regular hand and burn. It is clear that Juliette is partly insane, both from isolation and at horror at herself, she also dreams of a bird. She writes in a small scrap of a notebook to convey her feelings as she has no one to talk to. Soon, she gets a cellmate that goes by the name of Adam Kent. One day, the Reestablishment, a government that has the world within its grasp, comes for Juliette. It is revealed that Adam is a soldier for the leader of Sector 45 of the Reestablishment. The leader, Warner, gives Juliette an offer that includes her being able to get out of the asylum in turn for her torturing any prisoners with her touch. *Shatter Me* has just the right amount of action to make it thrilling, but not exactly gruesome.

Marley and Me **By Charlotte Freer**

I recently finished the book *Marley and Me* by John Grogan. Marley is a lovable, crazy, and very energetic dog. When the Grogans take him home as a young puppy, they got more than they bargained for! Marley's story will make you laugh and cringe, and keep you turning the pages.



New Paltz Middle School Happenings!

National Geography Bee

by Ben Fromm, with reporting by Brett Longo

This January the Middle School held the National Geographic Bee in Mr. Constable's room. There were many parents watching, and even a few teachers, including Dr. Wiesenthal, Mr. Tantillo, Ms. Mouyios, and Ms. Lockard. There were twelve students trying to win the honor of the 2015 National Geographic Bee. The prize for winning was a new backpack, a medallion, and a ribbon. Ms. Mouyios conducted the bee, and by the end of the fourth round, many competitors were stressed. She announced another round, then another, then another, and all seven rounds were played out. Unfortunately, two competitors were eliminated in the first round. With ten left in the second round, everyone's blood starting pumping when Ms. Mouyios announced that a student would be eliminated if they answered two questions incorrectly. After a while, two finalists remained, Brett Longo and Ryan Dennison. The two were asked three questions in the final round, and both competitors correctly answered one question of three. After a tiebreaker question was asked, Brett Longo won the 2015 Geography Bee.

It was his third win in a row, and after the bee the competitors enjoyed the snacks given out. Brett Longo, winner of the bee, said "The questions were harder this year. Last year, I thought the questions were much easier, but the difficulty was bumped up big-time for the bee this year." The event was a blast for the students, and hopefully the 2016 Geography Bee is just as exciting!

The 7th and 8th Grade Winter Concert

By Elizabeth Medrano

On January 8th, 2015, there was the 7th and 8th grade winter concert. Both choruses and bands did an amazing job. The concert began with the 8th grade chorus singing "Kimineero" by Linda Spevacek, "Happy" by Pharrel Williams, and the "Rhythm of Life" by Cy Coleman and words by Dorothy Fields. Next, the 8th grade band played "The Incredibles" by Michael Giacchino, "Once in David's City," arranged by Jack Bullock, and "Encanto" by Robert W. Smith. The 7th grade chorus sang, singing the songs, "Winter Wonderland", words by Dick Smith, music by Felix Bernard, "The Best of Motown," arranged by Kirby Shaw, and "Let It Shine!", by Mary Lynn Lightfoot. The concert ended with the 7th grade band playing "Avenger" by Rob Grice, "The Erie Canal," an American Work Song, and the "Final Countdown" with words and music by Joey Tempest. The bands and choruses did great performances and the audience was left happy and proud of the students.



Above: This year's school champion is Brett Longo. In second place is Ryan Dennison and in third place is Cole Struzzieri.

Below: All participants involved in the contest. Good job to all!



Geography Facts:

Alaska has the longest coastline of the US—at 6,640 miles.

97% of the earth's water is salt water. That means only 3% is fresh water.

The average distance from the earth to the sun is 93,020,000 miles.



Club News

Listen to the announcements for exact dates of club meetings!

Art Club helped design and create the sets and props for the school play!

Geography Bee just had their National Geo Bee. Read more on page 7!

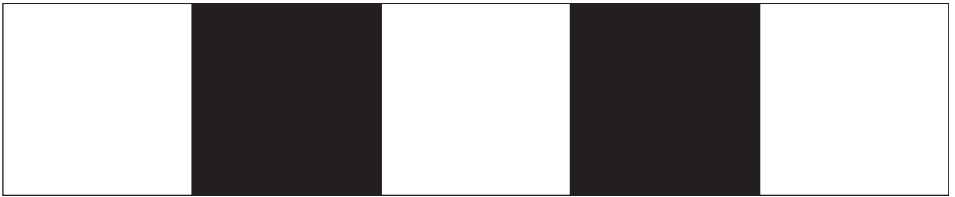
Reflections, our school literary Magazine, is always looking for contributions! See Ms. Rosen!

Student Council recently organized two Hot Cocoa mornings—treating all students to a warm drink as soon as they came in!

The Mirror, our school newspaper, meets on Wednesdays in room 47 or the computer lab. New members are always welcome!

School of Rock has had several performances so far—one after-school in the band room, another at the Winter Concert, and then during assemblies at Lenape and the Middle School!

Consider becoming more involved in your school community!!! Listen to the announcements about all club meetings!



Super “Punny” Puns!

By Talia Feinsod, Charlotte Freer, and Briana Carlini

- Paul drove his expensive car into a tree and found out how the Mercedes bends.
- Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.
- Where did Napoleon keep his armies? In his sleeves!
- How tall is the ruler of this town? One foot!
- The girl quit her job at the doughnut factory because she was fed up with the hole business.
- I was wondering why the baseballs in the park were getting bigger...And then it hit me...
- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.
- Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.
- I'm glad I know sign language, it's pretty handy.
- I once heard a joke about amnesia, but I forgot how it goes.
- I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
- The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down.
- I really wanted a camouflage shirt, but I couldn't find one.
- I did a theatrical performance about puns. Really it was just a play on words.

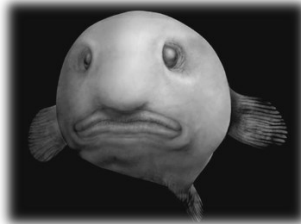


Blob Fish

By Talia Feinsod

Nature News

Blob fish, or *Psychrolutes Microporosus*, are endangered sea creatures. These extremely strange creatures can be found in the Australian and Tasmanian waters. Blob fish are related to the very rare Psychrolutidae fish. The fish are not easy to obtain and will die if the water pressure is



too low. Blob fish live on the sea floor which is 80% denser than near the surface. Very few pictures of blob fish in the sea can be found due to their tendency to stay closer to the bottom where they cannot be found by fishermen. Many people find blob fish ugly or disturbing. The blob fish has very unique face. With a flap of skin hanging above their mouth and two visible eyes; the face of a blob fish looks very much like a human's face. The blob fish has no muscle throughout its entire body. Surprisingly, the head of a blob fish weighs 1/3 of its body weight. The rest of the body is a small tail. Blob fish stay stationary for about 85% of their life, generally moving only when prey is

near. A blob fish's diet consists mainly of urchins, mollusks, crabs, lobsters, and other slow-moving ocean bottom feeders. Even though blob fish literally have no muscle, they are still able to open and close their mouth.

Inventions of 2015: Drones

By Ben Fromm

DRONES! Drones are amazing flying, hopping, and rolling robots that are used in many different ways. For example drones are used to carry packages of mail, by the military and just for some fun. Drones can withstand extreme power from a close range gun to a thousand foot drop. No matter what, a drone can probably survive. The smallest drone has a three (cm) wing span, the size of a penny. The fastest type of military drone is the hunter – "killer" drone with a top speed of 460 mph.



If you go to google and search "drones" you'll see a huge variety of drones to choose from.

** If you see me in the hallways, tell me what other inventions you'd like to see in the newspaper!

Freezing February: Why this winter has been so cold!

By Rachel Reinking and Eliza Behrke

We had a particularly cold winter this year. In fact, according to hudsonvalleyweather.com, this February was the coldest February in recorded history of the Hudson Valley, with temperatures sometimes dipping to -10 degrees Fahrenheit? But why was this winter so chilly?

The answer is probably not what you expected. One of the major reasons for these past few cold winters is global warming. Now, you might be thinking, what do higher temperatures have to do with this cold weather? But it really is very logical when you think about it.

The increased temperatures are causing more evaporation from warmer ocean water. And since there is more water in the air, there is more precipitation (like snow), and wilder temperatures in the winter and summer.

The reason for this particular cold weather is the infamous polar vortex, which "has a straight shot in to our region", according to Almanac Weekly. The strange weather pattern of wavy and looping jet streams persisted all throughout February. It is very unusual to have a weather like this for an entire month, which is why this strange weather has occurred.

In retrospect, we are lucky. We haven't felt the winter as harsh as others. In Boston, they got several more feet of snow than we did. In upper New York State, the Great Lakes are mostly frozen. The big question is: how much longer will this winter last? Almanac Weekly's answer: "It cannot last too much longer, simply because Earth's axis is now rapidly changing its tilt, so far that the northern latitudes are becoming increasingly sunlit." Hopefully Punxsutawney Phil was wrong, and that spring will come soon.

Recipes!

FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER BITES

By Charlotte Freer

Ingredients:

1 (18-ounce) jar creamy peanut butter
2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
8 ounces semi-sweet chocolate, chopped



Directions:

Using an electric mixer or a whisk, beat the peanut butter and confectioners' sugar together until smooth and stiff. Beat in the vanilla extract. Shape the peanut butter mixture into 20 (1-inch) balls and place on a waxed paper-lined sheet tray. Place the tray in the freezer for 1 hour.

Add chopped chocolate to a small bowl set over gently simmering water. Stir to melt. Remove chocolate from heat. With 2 forks, carefully dip the chilled peanut butter balls 1/2 way into the chocolate, let excess drip off, and lay onto the waxed paper-lined sheet tray.

With a fork, swirl some decorative chocolate across the top of each bite. Place in the refrigerator for the chocolate to set and the peanut butter to solidify, about 30 minutes.

Cook's Note: If it's a hot and humid day outside dust your hands with confectioners' sugar before rolling the balls. This will make it less sticky.

Potato Leek Soup

By: Annsley Fischer (formatted, and typed by Sean Nielson)

Ingredients

3 large leeks sliced into 1/4 inch medallions
2 tbsps. Butter
2 cups water
2 cups chicken or vegetable broth
2 lbs potato's peeled and diced into 1/2 inch pieces
1dash marjoram (dried or fresh)
1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped
1/2 tsp dried thyme
Hot sauce to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Cook leeks in butter with salt and pepper in a medium saucepan. Cover pan and cook on low heat for 10 minutes. Check after 10 minutes. Do not brown the leeks. Add water, chicken or vegetable broth, and potatoes. Bring to a low simmer and cook for 20 minutes. Pour half the soup in a blender, puree and return to the pan. Add marjoram, parsley, and thyme. Add a few dashes of hot sauce, freshly ground pepper, and salt to taste. Then enjoy!

Helen Keller Accused of Plagiarism By Alana Gerber

Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama June 27, 1880. She later turned deaf and blind as a result of an acute congestion. After the struggle of learning to communicate, Helen began to write creative stories. When she was 11, she wrote a story called "The Frost King". Helen's story, which was later published in a newspaper, was remarkably like the story "Frost Fairies" from Margaret Canby's book *Birdie and His Fairy Friends*. Because of this, she was accused of plagiarism. Eight teachers interrogated the twelve-year-old child for two hours and fought the issue to a draw, the tie-breaking vote being cast by Anagnos in Keller's favor. Her teacher, Annie Sullivan protested that "all use of language is imitative, and one's style is made up of all other styles that one has met," and even Canby came forward to say that Keller's version was better than her own. This incident caused Helen a lot of heartbreak. Afterwards, she had a breakdown over the whole incident and never wrote fiction again.



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If your club, organization, or sports team is having an upcoming event, please let a *Mirror* staff member know so we can cover the event. Or, do you have an idea for a story? See Miss Hughes or come to our meetings!!


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