

The Falcon Report

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Pranks Galore!

By Adrienne Gowie

April Fool's day can be a really fun holiday if one has the right practical jokes. Laughter is the best medicine, and what creates a light-hearted chuckle better than some trickery? With that being said, below are a few harmless pranks that will be sure to have everyone laughing.

1. Tic Tac Teeth

When you are out to eat and see your server coming your way, slip a few white Tic Tacs in your mouth. When the server asks how everything is stick your tongue in your cheek and with labored speech say, "I didn't want to complain, but the steak is a little tough..." That being said, spit out the Tic Tacs as if you've lost a few teeth trying to chew the meat.

2. What's That in Your Apple?

For a fruit themed April Fool's practical joke, get a few gummy worms and carefully poke them into fresh fruit, particularly apples. Give mom or dad a wormy surprise for lunch and leave a few apples on the table for friends and family members to snack on (or maybe not).

3. Got Milk?

If your milk comes in a cardboard container, add a few drops of food coloring. It's a harmless April Fool's joke, but the results are pretty colorful.

4. Clown Face

My favorite funny prank is to take makeup and make a clown face on a sleeping friend. It's a funny surprise when they wake up.

Fresh Fashion for the Spring Season

By Lindsay Cassillo

This spring, New York's top designers have been coming up with incredibly daring styles for the new season! There are three major trends that have been hitting the runway in various styles that will be available for purchase this April!

Trend #1

Hula Skirts

Stuck in the fog of city life? Take a tropical vacation for a day by just reaching into your closet! Top designers have redesigned traditional hula skirts with printed shorts underneath to add extra flair and coverage. Now you can do the hula anytime! Pair your cute hula skirt with a bright colored crop top and cute wedge and you're set for tropical day through the city streets.

Trend #2

Open Big Toed Shoes

Love the look of Keds and Vans with high-waisted shorts in the spring time, but hate when your feet get so overheated?! This spring's hottest trend is the "Open Big Toed Shoe". Designers have solved the age old debate between sandals and sneakers once and for all. Now you can have the look of a sneaker with the comfort and space of a sandal. The small hole surrounding the big toe allows your toes to breathe, and show off your brightly colored pedicure! Your toes stay cool and so will your spring look!

Trend #3

Rayban Headband

Constantly looking for your next pair of spring shades? Look no further! This year, even on cloudy days, you can sport your cute sunglasses, but these shades don't protect your eyes... they protect your hair! This will be the first ever pair of sunglasses with a headband strap to hold back unruly hair on windy days! Now, instead of another pair of sunglasses to crowd your drawer, you can grab a Rayban Headband to keep back your long summer locks and you can enjoy all your sunny (and cloudy) days!

So go now and get yourself these fabulous new trends for the season to keep ahead of the curve! You'll be sure to turn heads!



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A Recipe For Disaster

By Alicia Legland

There's no better way to celebrate April Fool's Day than with an.....



Here's what you'll need:

- A balloon
- Duct Tape
- A shallow cardboard box (with no top)
- Cool Whip
- Sprinkles
- Serving Tray
- Unsuspecting cake-lover

Here's what you have to do:

1. Tape the open box to the tray. Blow up the balloon, knot it, then tape it to the box.
2. Frost the entire thing (box included) and cover with sprinkles for an artsy touch.
3. Let the unsuspecting cake-lover cut the cake, stand back, and enjoy.

"There's no better way to celebrate April Fool's Day than with an exploding cake!"

Seniors to Spend More Time Inside

By Sarah Qasir

Recently, the Board of Education has been struggling with how to prevent high school students from causing trouble during the day. Because of this, they have decided to pass a new rule: Deer Park High School will no longer be allowing seniors to leave the school grounds to buy lunch since students often go and cause trouble or not come back for classes. This rule will go into effect by mid-April this year. It will be officially announced by the principal or another school official. It is unknown how long this closed campus will last. Members of the Board have discussed making it continue from this April to the end of this school year, while others are focused on making this a permanent ban. Many students who have been told about this rule are against it in every way, but it may be necessary to keep the students safe at Deer Park High School. The decision will be finalized soon. Although this ban will be regrettable since many students look forward to their senior year for such privileges, there is no better way to alleviate the problem.

A Modest Movie Review

By Peter Demopoulos

Movie Review: **Argo Rated-R 1.5 out of 5 Stars**

Wow, talk about a snoozer. How could someone sit through two hours of pure boredom? The \$4.95 wasn't even worth it. You would think that they would get people better than Ben Affleck and Bryan Cranston to act. I could close my eyes and act better than the both of them combined. This movie should have won worst movie of the year. I mean, who voted for Argo to win? I know for sure that I didn't. The only positive for this movie that I can think of is that it ended! The negatives, on the other hand, are numerous. The plot was dry, the cast was bland, and it won an award? I don't understand how anyone could think this snore fest deserved anything. Next, you're going to say that *Titanic* was a good movie, or that Robert DeNiro is a good actor. Overall, it was lucky to get 1.5 out of 5 stars.

Trouble With Our Idols

By Chelsea Gravely

If you didn't yet grow tired of this long running-singing-competition show, then you might have watched the Nicki Minaj-Mariah Carey spat on American Idol in late January during the North Carolina auditions. Minaj and Carey got into a heated debate about a young hopeful's "genre" in music. As the argument escalated, Minaj and Carey both grew irritated with each other's Diva-esque ways, but Minaj finally pulled the plug and walked off the panel in a rage. Consequently, production was briefly shut down.

This past weekend, TMZ and E! News has officially confirmed that Minaj and Carey have entered yet another quarrel but this time, things got a little physical. Although the story has not come out in its entirety, TMZ confirmed that during last week's live show, Minaj and Carey got into an argument backstage before the show even began-details about what the argument was about have not yet been released. E! News confirmed that Minaj threw the first punch, but before things really got out of hand, the show's security crew broke up the "fight." Minaj was said to storm off to her dressing room. Seconds before the show went live, producers asked Carey if she wanted to proceed with the show and, like any diva would, she replied, "The show must go on!"-and it did. This weekend, Minaj's agent issued a statement stating that the hip-hop queen will no longer be a judge for the remainder of the season.

If you saw last week's live shows, you can now make sense of the awkward tension that filled the judge's panel. Keith Urban and Randy Jackson looked like nervous wrecks while trying to keep the bickering between the two ladies to a minimum. As a result of this incident, many questions have arisen: Will there be a new replacement for Minaj or will producers stick to the traditional 3-judge panel? And will Mariah Carey press charges against Nicki Minaj? Despite everything that has happened within the last few days, as Ms. Mariah Carey so eloquently said, "The show must go on!"

New Rules for the Spring Season

By Sheni Chow

Recently, the school board has not been satisfied with student performance in the high school. As a result, it decided to draft a new set of rules for the rest of the year and beyond. The Falcon Report has taken the liberty to research these new rules so that we can present some of them to you. Here's a taste:

1. When the teacher says your name, you must sit up in your chair. If the teacher is a woman, you have to say, "Ues ma'am" and if he is a man, you have to say, "Yes sir".
2. When the teacher calls on you to answer a question, you must first repeat the question and then answer it.
3. In an attempt to garner more interest in music, you must sing your answers.
4. If you get you answer wrong, you have to say, "I'm sorry I have failed you."
5. You can only write in blue pen. If you decide to write in any other color, you will receive a zero for class participation.
6. If you speak without the teacher's permission, you have to write "I'm sorry I spoke without permission" 100 times on a chalkboard.
7. On April 1st, you have to say "Happy April Fool's Day" to everyone you see and if you miss a person you have to go back to him and say it.
8. If you are late to class, you have to get down on both knees and say, "I'm sorry I'm late."