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“Never forget who you are, where you come from!”

“Laughter is the best way to conclude a strike. A joyous sound!”

Pawsitive Politics

Sami Ortmann, Natalie Munoz, Carlos Saenz, Neon Gonzoles

In July through August of 2024, Beulah, Colorado had an election for their mayor. Here’s the catch, the mayor can’t be a human. There were many dogs running, numerous cats, a couple bears, a horse, llama, and even a statue of a cow! The people of Beulah were enthusiastic to vote, costing \$1 per vote and able to vote more than once. On September 1st, the winner was announced: Milo! Milo is a basset lab who has lived most of his six-year life in Beulah. He’s a friendly dog who loves many of the things that his doggy friends love too such as butt scratches, long walks, treats, and digging holes! At the end of the election, Beulah had raised \$3,167, 816 of those dollars from Milo.

An Oath for Freedom: The Rise and Decline of the Oath Keepers

The Oath Keepers have been around in the United States since 2009 and are an anti-government militia. Steward Rhodes has led this group of people to take stances to oppose the acts of the government, claiming that they must accept the consequences of their actions. Made up of many law enforcement officers and military members, the Oath Keepers claim that they are not anti-government, but rather an anti-tyranny group instead. Within this group, many believe in conspiracies such as that the government is being run by a global government. While many of their conspiracies may seem outlandish, some of their points make sense. They believe that the government should be held accountable, and that Americans should not be stripped of their rights. They believe in protecting civil liberties, gun rights, and resisting what they perceive as government outreach. Many times, they disobey orders that they see as unconstitutional or isn’t the right thing to do. The Oath Keepers participated in the numerous armed standoffs such as the Bundy Ranch Standoff in 2014. They are also believed to have taken part in organizing and storming the Capitol on January 6th, 2021. In the end, Stewart Rhodes was arrested, and the Oath Keepers have been disorganized and not as present, but they still believe in their values.

Haunted Hospital The Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum

SCORPION TALES HISTORICAL RESEARCH TEAM

When people ask the question “what is the most haunted place in America”, one of the most frequent responses is the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum. Formerly known as Weston State Hospital, this former mental asylum in West Virginia is a place where a lot of pain and mental suffering was experienced.

Built in 1858 to house up to 250 patients, this the largest hand-cut stone building in North America, became severely overcrowded, and by its peak in the 1950s over 2,000 patients called this place home.

Due to severe mistreatment, which involved being locked in cages, chained to walls, electroshock therapy, and even lobotomies, hundreds of people sadly died.

The grounds were also served as a Civil War military base, and this has resulted in the sighting of many apparitions in Civil War uniforms. However, the vast majority of hauntings are caused by the patients that lived and died there.



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Should the President be immune?

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Staff Writers

The president should not be immune to any crimes committed during office.

What the court's rules is unconstitutional and goes against "No one, not even the

president is above the law". This power provided sets up an easy access for a

president to become a tyrant. The President could commit crimes of murder or

embezzle Unites States funds, and we would not be able to prosecute him or him

because of this immunity law. The law is very unfair because if a citizen commits

the same crime as the president, only one would be charged for the crime.

Project 2025, a Step-by-Step Guide to Being a Fascist

Staff writing project

Project 2025 is a conservative plan that discriminates against many people. The plan takes away many human rights for other Americans, especially members of the LGBTQ+ community and people of other ethnic culture minorities. The plan takes away life, liberty, and the happiness of many people from an established community. This plan takes away the right to peaceful protest and petition, taking away the people's right to choose. With Donald J. Trump becoming the 47th president, many of these actions and more will be taken against the American population. A scary and upsetting realization, that this country is truly in great danger at the hands of a fascist. The government, despite its use being to bring people together, is failing to do so with this election and the choices made by the citizens of the United States. Instead, the people of this nation are drawing further apart from one another. Project 2025 is just one of the many plans that the president intends to put in place as soon as possible, and all the others are just as grim.

McSpadden: Box of Suprises

Gonzales, Saenz, Ortmann, Munoz

When you get dropped off or step off the bus in the morning, you walk to the front door. There he is, standing there with a smile. In the halls, watching to make sure everyone gets to their class on time, there he is. Mr. McSpadden, one of DPHH's finest English teachers to boot. McSpadden walks around with a gruff, angry expression. Many people think he might be mean, but they couldn't be farther from the truth! McSpadden makes it a priority to be kind and interact with his students in a thoughtful manner. A man who served in the military with a head full of stories and advice that always brings a smile to students faces. He teaches just as well as he inspires, many students find themselves more confident when writing about certain topics. A man of the people, a teacher of the students. McSpadden is an alright guy who participates in school events and shows school spirit beyond just wearing a T-shirt. We are proud to have Mr. McSpadden as a part of this school!



The Winter Formal, A primer

Winter formal dances have their roots in the early 20th century, evolving from debutante balls and formal gatherings. These events became popular in American high schools and colleges, offering students a chance to dress up and celebrate during the winter season. Typically held in December or January, winter formals feature elegant attire, music, and dancing. They provide a festive atmosphere, often coinciding with the holiday season, and have become a cherished tradition in many educational institutions. and community.

Coach Guerrero Wants you! Basketball, which Coach Guerrero considers the SUPREME, ALL-TIME Winter sport! Starts on

Join the Coach and your fellow Scorpions in the joy of Raging in the Cage!

Scorpion Basketball!

Make sure you are keeping up on your Service hours! Check with Mr. McBee or Ms. Padilla!

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To dance is to live, to live is to dance!

**INSIDE KYLA AND CAT'S
COLLECTIVE MIND**
KYLA MELTON & CATRIONA BAXIN-VIGIL
Staff Columnists

Quincy Jones

Quincy Jones was an American musical performer, producer, arranger, and composer. He is described to be the "titan" of the music industry, having worked in jazz, rock, rhythm and blues, pop, and hip-hop. He is particularly known for serving as a producer in Michael Jackson's blockbuster album *Off the wall* (1979), *Thriller* (1982), and *Bad* (1987). Jones also collaborated with Frank Sinatra, Ray Charles, Count Basie, and many, many other artists. He has composed soundtracks for movies such as *The Color Purple*, *The Pawnbroker* and *Cold Blood*. Jones has accomplished and done so much, there's not enough words to describe everything he's achieved. Unfortunately our legend Quincy Jones just recently passed at age 91 on November 3rd, 2024. His work will most definitely be remembered, as will his name, hopefully Jones can rest knowing he's done so much, and that there will never be another like him.

Dear Sting!

Taking questions At
dearsting14@gmail.com

Advice for the asking!

Dear Sting: Grades are becoming a problem for me. Do you think my teachers will offer extra credit?

Dear Grades: all you can do is ask. If the teachers give you the option for extra credit, make sure you do it!

Dear Sting: I'm scared my significant other is looking the other way. What should I do?

Dear Scared: Talk to them, quiet conversation is better than a screaming match in the hall.

Dear Sting: Should I go all out for the winter formal?

Dear Asking: Yes!

This Space is waiting for your want Ads!

Wanted: People interested in hard work, great rewards and The experience of a lifetime! Coach Franklin is looking for you! 11/18 Scorpion Wrestling starts! Come join us on the mats!

(Keeping this one up for educational purposes. *Editor*)

Dear Sting: Why are all the staff giving us a hard time about being in the bathrooms? We ain't hurting nothing, and we got nowhere else to hang and chill. What's the issue? Unsigned

Dear Unsigned: I think I'm gonna let Mr. McSpadden handle this one.

Thanks, Sting, I figure something has to be attracting 10 plus individuals into an area that has the capacity of 2 areas to void bladders. My question is why? Are you unaware that people utilize this area to excrete human waste? There have to be better places to hang out.

Got a question, a burning desire? Hit us up! Need some advice?

Dearsting14@gmail.com

Questions to be asked! Answers to be had! Opinions to be known! Right here in Scorpion Tales!

