

Weekend Weather

Friday: Chance of rain, highs in the 30s, but maybe not

Saturday: Chance of rain, highs near 30, but maybe not

Sunday: Chance of rain, highs near 40, but maybe not

PERVERSIONS

More fluff

No one ever reads this stuff, anyway
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SCHWARTZ

Free pie!

NMU baseball team wins season-opener
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Radio Sex and News Factory call a truce

Pain of spit balls strikes a nerve

By PAUL MARKET-FITZGIBBON-RHEA

News Manufacturer

Allegations, insinuations and spit balls began flying between Radio Sex and The News Factory two months ago, but, in an act of good will, the two sides have declared a 24-hour cease fire beginning at 7:29 p.m. Friday.

"Both sides are running out of spit balls," News Factory Editor and Chef Michael Eat, Drink and be Merry said.

"We just can't keep up with them," said Radio Sex Station Manager Bridgette Yackalot. "They have more paper than we do."

The media giants have been battling since early February when Northern Seminary Head Baseball Coach Zacarias Kidd was questioned during the radio show "Views and Spews," by campus shock jocks Collard Green and Dieter Rick, about his decision not to hit-and-run in the ninth inning against Northwind Bible College during an exhibition game last May. The Crucifixes were down 9-0.

Green and Rick suggested the coach drank too much communion wine and was drunk during the game.

Shortly after the broadcast, the show's three listeners flooded the station's telephone lines. "The attack was juvenile and crass," said Radio Sex listener Boy-meets-girl George.

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News Factory doctored photo

After the bodies of The News Factory staff members were found, Mike Fitzgibbon-Rhea arranged them in a pattern on the floor of the University Center for pickup by the mothership for transport to Florida.

Bus ride to Libya

By PUEKIS FITZGIBBON-RHEA

Brass Monkey Trainer

A hijacking attempt Tuesday by the previously unknown terrorist group Ill Facade was cut short when police officials

surrounded a charter bus which had been taking 16 Northern Michigan students on a tour of landmark-rich southern Michigan.

Three men wearing ski masks had taken control of the bus, when one of

the men shot into the cb radio. The bullet went through the radio, through the front of the bus, and was found

embedded in a traffic sign. Apparently the bullet struck the front right tire, which went flat, making it necessary for the bus

"When I was six, I had this crush on Princess Leia. I mean so bad, baby."

— Chad Mager
UFO Cult Leader

to pull over.

"Yah, we were just sitting there watching the movie when this ah, this wierdo at the front stands up,

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In the wake of the Heaven's Gate cult mass "graduation to a higher plane" came a shocking discovery: another graduation by the beloved News Factory staff.

Graduation day

By JIM BLAKE-FITZGIBBON-RHEA
Staff Chaplain

The entire editorial staff of The News Factory graduated to a higher level late Wednesday night. Their bodies — described as "vessels for their 'chi'" — were discovered early Thursday morning by their distraught Sugar Daddy, Mike Fitzgibbon-Rhea.

"I can't believe they left without me," Fitzgibbon-Rhea wailed through his tears. "I was supposed to be the first one to graduate. I started the damn group!" he shouted while stomping his feet.

Fitzgibbon-Rhea said the bodies, or "vessels" if you prefer, were stacked against the inside of the office door when he arrived to deliver papers that morning.

"I really had to push hard to get that door open," he said. "They sure had gotten fat on their cushy jobs."

Fitzgibbon-Rhea said the signal for the "graduation" was the beginning of inter-league play in pro baseball.

"I should have seen it coming," he said. "I had the schedule right in front of me when I was placing my bets the night before."

The News Factory cult left a videotaped message that included their philosophy of life and journalism.

"We are essentially an elitist bunch of eggheads with nothing better to do than piss off our readers," said

Michael Eat, Drink and be Merry, Editor and Chef, during the videotape address. "Anybody who can't take the constant verbal abuse and steady loss of moral integrity is scared off pretty quickly."

Deech, The News Factory's damage control editor, was the second member to appear on the farewell video.

"Before 'graduation' I wouldn't have been able to admit this, but, just between you, me and a fence post, I've made a mistake before. Once," he said.

Pall Market, news manufacturing editor, and Bruce Langhornee (the e's are silent), the staff pimp, appeared together on the video.

"We are the least popular people on the staff," they said in unison, like a couple of bizarre and frightening twins. "However, we are still more popular than you," they continued, illustrating paper's elitist position.

Fitzgibbon-Rhea had to put together this week's issue of The News Factory by translating the stories the staff had composed in braille earlier this week.

Pubic Safety's investigating officer, Gregorian Chant, said he's seen this sort of thing before.

"Yeah, you know. Those guys out in California. You know, those weirdos. Come on, you know who I'm talking about. The bald ones with the comet. And the spaceship. Anybody?" Chant said.

We're all so sick of the snow — you're not the only one, so quit your bitching

— Number of dogs The News Factory staff members own: 0

— Number of nights we spend at the bar: 0 (Because we never leave the office)

— Number of staff members who care what you, the reader, think: 0