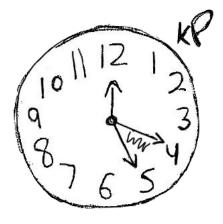
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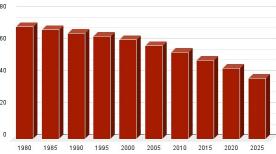
RBR caught in time warp

BY KATELYNN PARKER

For parts of the month of March, something strange was

Are the freshmen getting smaller?!

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BY RAY PAIR

As new freshmen classes roll into RBR each fall, one question plagues the sophomores', juniors' and seniors' minds when they see the newcomers roaming the halls: Why are they so short? The rest of the student body finds it alarming how, each year, the students in the grades below them are also *physically* below them by quite a substantial margin. As one anonymous sophomore stated: "Last year, I

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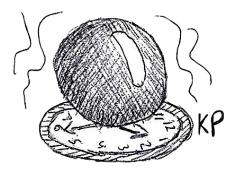
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Teachers discover time-warp device

happening on school grounds: Students were getting to class later than expected. In fact, a school study found that 170% more students were written up for being late to class during the second and third weeks of March than at any other time of the school year. We here at *The Buccaneer* student newspaper wondered, could this be the effect of Principal Julius Clark's signature disciplinary initiative, the RBR Hall SweepsTM? Evidence suggested otherwise.

While the trusty bells rang when they seemingly needed to, students were acting like it was minutes earlier! "The kids are getting on the bus before school even ends," one bus driver remarked. "What could possibly cause this?" Well, bus driver, the root of the problem has been found!

As some of the RBR science teachers — Ms. Pittarese, Ms. Klatt and Ms. Spencer — were cleaning out the department's chemical storage closet one



March afternoon, they found something shocking: a mysterious orb sitting on top of an analog clock. This orb had nothing but evil intentions:

When the teachers separated it from the clock to bring to administration, the orb created a magical force field that pushed all the clocks on school grounds to run 2 minutes faster, causing students to slowly go insane as their internal clocks didn't align with the times posted around them.

Clearly, some nefarious actor had brought the orb onto campus — but who?! The totally real RBR *Buccaneer* Newspaper Investigative Team

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Student team investigates time warp

(or RBRBNIT for short) took up the case.

The science teachers denied having anything to do with the magical orb. "Why would I report it if I knew it was already there?" Ms. Klatt pointed out convincingly.

Next, RBRBNIT turned its attention to the lunch ladies, thinking that the confusion of time would cause fewer students to be hungry for lunch, hence reducing the food service staff's workload. But these dedicated employees avowed their love for the school and the students that inhabit its halls, so they were ruled out without further scrutiny.

The members of the RBRBNIT (which, by the way, is amazing and you should totally join!) were left scratching their heads: After only interviewing two groups of staffers, it seemed like no one did it! Maybe the orb just appeared in the science department's chemical closet by



itself, the RBRBNIT started to wonder.

But, in the nick of time, this dedicated group of student investigators found the culprit — and it was none other than Mr. Clark! As the RBRBNIT was concluding its exhaustive staff interviewes, the principal was spoted running toward the parking lot with a mysterious-shaped package in his hands. A literal race against time ensued, and Mr. Clark was eventually caught and tied up Scooby-Doo style.









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Principal planted time-warp device!

This is what the school's leader had to say: "Since my Hall SweepsTM haven't been working the way I wanted them to, I thought by moving the clocks a few minutes earlier it would force students to consistently be on time. I only want my students to fully use their assigned time to focus on their academics: I just want what's best for them."

After intense study, it turns out the orb came from Colorado. How Mr. Clark had time to go there and back without missing any school days is still a mystery.

Thankfully, the orb has now been moved to the RBR Middle School, and the Hall Sweeps[™] have been reinstated. No one at RBR will have to worry about this time issue any time soon.

Next up for the RBRBNIT: What's the deal with Mr. Clark? Is he actually that tall, or is he just three kids in a trench coat?

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WORD SALAD | Chef Boyardee

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balsamic	French	Italian	parsley	tahini
blue cheese	green goddess	lemon juice	ranch	Thousand Island
Caesar	honey mustard	olive oil	Russian	vinaigrette

MISSED CONNECTIONS | Phoebe Rubinstein

Inspired by the popular New York Times puzzle of the same name, the goal of this game is to create four groups of four related words.

WELCOME PRICE SLEEP LEAD TEACHER YARD SLICE CAVE **PROMISE SCREEN HABITAT** REPORTER CONCRETE **HEIR** REBELLION **EXIT** ANSW

WORD SALAD, PAGE 8

None of the listed words appear in the puzzle. April Fools — don't hate us! ;-)

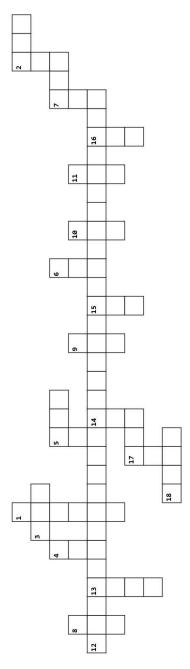
There aren't any connections! (At least, we don't think there are! Let us know if you find any ...)

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All answers are the word CAN or variations thereof.

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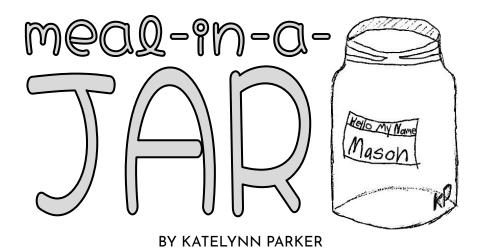


ACROSS

- 2. Country: ___ada
- 3. Bob the Builder: "___ we fix it?"
- **5.** To jar fruits or vegetables for longterm storage
- A metal container that usually holds food
- **12.** A positive mantra meant to encourage action
- 17. Translation from Morse code: -.-. -.
- 18. Not able to

DOWN

- 1. French style of dance that dates from the 1820s
- 2. "Shut up!" synonym: "___ it!"
- **4.** From "Frozen": "Let it go, let it go, ___'t hold it back anymore!"
- **5.** Three-letter word that appears in the title of this puzzle
- **6.** Tin ___ phone systems use string to conduct sound waves
- 7. Cancel minus the final three letters
- 8. Car, but spelled wrong
- 9. NAC spelled backwards
- 10. Pouvoir, in English
- 11. Opposite of can't
- **13.** Multiple metal containers that usually hold food
- 14. Poder, in English
- 15. To be able to
- 16. "___ I go to the bathroom?"
 "I don't know, ___ you?"
- 17. To have permission to



Perfect for breakfast, lunch, dinner, brunch, linner or any time in between, this self-contained snack makes up in portability for what it thoroughy lacks in flavor!

PREP TIME	INGREDIENTS		
6-7 years	1 Mason-style jar 2 beets, cut into quarters 1 pair Beats headphones, thrown across the room 5 moles of oxygen 1 extremely small onion, diced 3 tablespoons of tears from the onion 1 cup sugar 1 pie of thinly sliced pizza (pepperoni preferred, use plain as a vegan opinion) Cooked fish		
COOK TIME			
12-15 minutes			
SERVES			
Zero	1 black hole (optional) 2 teaspoons of salt Brown E's (1 bag will do)		

Instructions

- 1. Put your beets and Beats in the jar. Add the oxygen and close the lid for 3 minutes to allow for absorption of flavor.
- 2. In a separate container, mix the sugar and tears. Open the jar and add the onion, along with the sugar-tear mixture.
- 3. Put half the pizza cuttings into the jar, then screw the lid on and shake. (If something gets stuck, don't worry about it!)
- 4. Open the jar and add the fish, along with the rest of the pizza. Put the jar on the stove on medium-low and

- leave it there for 2 hours or until half your house has burned down.
- 5. Turn the stove off and, if you so choose to, add the black hole.
- 6. Add the salt, then carefully place the Brown E's inside. These are very fragile, so if they break, a hole in the universe will appear. (No pressure!) If done correctly, the mixture should collapse upon itself and turn into a \$5 bill.
- 7. Use that \$5 to buy cookies from your local store. They will probably taste better than the money anyway!



FRESHMEN, FROM PAGE 1

Is 9th-grade diminution a thing?!

did not feel much taller than my peers. But these new freshmen, I feel I've got at least an inch on most of them."

Could it be merely a misconception that comes from being shown teenagers in popular media played by fully-grown adults, making actual teens seem miniscule? Is there actual lack of growth from a deficiency of sunlight in the younger generations? Or, as upperclassmen develop over their time in high school, is it simply that puberty kicks in and it's all a matter of perspective? Put another way: Rather than the 9th-graders getting shorter, are upperclassmen simply

getting taller, making freshmen seem more immature by comparison?

I, an above-average-height freshman with no reputable sources or "facts," can say without a doubt that incoming grades have gradually grown shorter over time. If these trends continue, by 2035, I project that the school may need to invest in smaller desks to accommodate the decreasing height of the freshmen classes.

To conclude — and back everything declared in this informational and important report — I leave you with one crucial image:

