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FORMER MINISTER OF MAGIC ENJOYS A LAUGH

Cornelius Fudge, former Minister of Magic, was seen yesterday coming out of the highly successful joke shop Weasleys' Wizard Wheezes. "It's much more than a joke shop," said Fudge, "it's a 'fun' shop."

When asked what he had purchased from Weaseley's Wizard Wheezes Fudge told us that he purchased gifts for his nephew's birthday. He also mentioned that he bought a pigmy puff for his niece and a few fireworks for tomorrow's Potter celebration.

"Things are very busy these days," said Fred Weasley, co-owner of the shop. "Our extendable ears and love potions are flying off the shelves."

'Yeah, and we're having a sale right now. Buy 2 love potions and get a Limited Edition Weasleys' Wild-Fire Whiz-Bang for free," added George Weasley, co-founder of the shop.



SCRIMGEOUR ATTEMPTS TO RECRUIT POTTER...AGAIN

Rufus Scrimgeour, Minister of Magic was seen arguing with Harry Potter, yet again. "He won't leave Harry alone," said Hermione Granger, "Harry has never been interested in being the Ministry's mascot. He just doesn't agree with how the Ministry is handling everything these days."

"No means no. Leave Harry Potter alone!," shouted a protestor standing in front of the Ministry. And he's not the only one that feels this way. Yesterday, there were over 100 Harry Potter supporters protesting the actions of the Ministry. "I understand why they are protesting, but they need to find a better way to do it. I mean,

RULDOPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER - A NEW AUROR?

Rumors have been going around about the end of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named. The newest one is that Rudolph killed You-Know-Who by shining his red nose.

"That's ridiculous," says S. Clause, Father of Christmas, "Rudy has been here in the North Pole for the last two months. Besides, how do you kill a person using your red nose?"

"I think it's a bunch of hogwash," said a toy making elf, "Rudy was upset about You-Know-Who cursing his nose on Christmas, but to kill someone by using a red nose? C'mon."

The incident in question left Rudolph with a nose that would only flicker. Clause has been getting lost ever since that tragic day.



SNAPE DOES SOMETHING...NICE

"Professor Snape held the door open for me, and wasn't even in his house," said Furtula Whetherby. Fertula was a student in at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry when Severus Snape was teaching there. She was in the Hufflepuff house.

Ever since the investigation of Severus Snape began, more than a year ago, there have been many former and current students who have come forward to speak about the abuse and injustices they endured from Professor Snape. There is no doubt that he was a mean and nasty man, but every once in a while a story would surface about how Snape would do something nice. And the stories didn't just come from Slytherins either.

Severus Snape was many things - mean, spiteful, and scary - but was there another side of him? We may never know for sure.

Muggles in the area are starting to ask questions," said Arthur Weasley, Head of the Misuse of Muggle Artifacts.

Scrimgeour is planning to give up quite yet. "Harry needs to understand that it's his duty to work with the Ministry of Magic. We aren't asking him to recruit Aurors or anything. We just want to know what he's up to these days, and to get his support for the future of the Ministry. Instead, he decides he is going to finish all of Dumbledore's projects, know that Albus is dead. That just isn't Harry's job, is it."

Whether Harry supports the Ministry or not one thing is for sure, they Wizarding community is not happy with the way things are being run at the Ministry.

MALFOY DIES AT THE HAND OF A FELLOW DEATH EATER

Last night, after a terrible argument between Lucius Malfoy and Antonin Dolohov, Dolohov killed Malfoy with the Avada Kadavra curse. "They were arguing about who You-Know-Who liked better, Malfoy or Dolohov," said Nicholas Rupin, bartender at the Fire Table Tavern "Before I knew it they both had their wands out and began shooting curses at each other. Then I heard Dolohov shout out the unforgivable curse, killing Lucius instantly." Antonin Dolohov was apprehended by two Aurors that happened to be in the tavern having a couple of icy butterbeers. He faces the Dementor's kiss.



Antonin Dolohov was one of the original Death Eaters of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named who fought in both the First and Second Wizarding Wars. During the former conflict, he tortured many Muggles, as well as wizards and witches who were not supporters of You-Know-Who. He also participated in the brutal murders of Order of the Phoenix members Gideon and Fabian Prewett. Dolohov was caught and convicted of these crimes, and sentenced to life imprisonment in Azkaban. He escaped in the mass break-out of 1996, and participated in the Battle of the Department of Mysteries later that year, only to be re-captured and incarcerated once more. By the summer of 1997, Dolohov was at large once again. He attacked Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, and Ron Weasley at Tottenham Court Road, but was defeated and had his memory wiped.

PET STORE LOSES OWLS

After closing, the employees of Eeylops Owl Emporium found themselves trying to catch 40 owls that had mysteriously broken out of their cages. "We're not sure what happened. One minute all the owls are happily hooting in their cages and the next minute they are all flying around the shop," said Doogie Golander, shop employee. "Of course, everything would have been fine if Mr. Racksper hadn't open the front door."



After closing, John Racksper, the shops owner, came in to do some paperwork. As he opened the front door he was knocked back with surprise as the owls darted out the door. "We're trying to retrieve the owls but are not having much luck. I have heard that the students at the Hogwarts Americana camp in Tiburon have managed to capture a few of them. I am glad that some of my escaped owls are now being taken care of by some under-aged witches and wizards," said Racksper.

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MUGGLES SEE FLYING CAR

"Muggles are reporting that they have seen a flying car," officials say. "They don't seem to know if it's a hoax or aliens from another planet."

"I think it's something a radio station cooked up for publicity," says Colin Peterson, muggle. The last time an automobile was seen flying was when Harry Potter and his friend Ron Weasley "borrowed" the enchanted vehicle from Arthur Weasley, Head of the Misuse of Muggle Artifacts. Investigators of the Ministry are looking into the situation. As of now, they do not know who is driving the car.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Rent - 2 bedroom/2 bath home in Godrick's Hallow. Pets ok. Send owl to Diane Froogle. \$300 galleons per month, includes all enchantments.

For Rent - Room for rent at the Burrow. Small room with private bath and use of kitchen. Send owl to Molly Weasley if interested. \$50 galleons per month

For Sale - Firebolt broom, slightly used by Hogwarts Seeker. Send Owl to Johnny Trubion. \$75 galleons or best offer.

For Sale - Wands, all cores and wood. Send Owl to The Wand Master. \$7 galleons and up.

Job Opening - Madam Malkin's Robes For All Occasions is looking for a part time bookkeeper. Send owl to Madam Malkin or come in to shop for application.

Job Opening - The Toad Stool is looking for a part time cashier. Must have experience with toads. Send owl to Robert Finnegan or come in to shop for an interview.

Job Opening - Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry is once again in search of a Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher. Must have extensive knowledge of defensive spells, experience teaching, and great references. Aurors encouraged to apply. Send owl to the Headmaster for more information. Competitive pay and full benefits. Summers off.