

Mystic Times: “Tomorrow’s News Today”

Some newspapers have bad reputations, and then there’s the Mystic Times, or as we’re more commonly known, the Mystic Fishwrap. We’re in a league by ourselves.

If you’re looking for “unusual” news, we feature it, in fact we’ll write about anything. But beware: the fact-checking department quit in a huff a long time ago, and we didn’t pay that much attention to him before that, either.

The newspaper’s most recent brush with inaccuracy was the “Prime Minister Aeron” article, which quoted Prime Minister Aeron of Zambonia in some remarks very critical of the United States. When the newspaper’s royal leaders lobbied the State Department to impose sanctions against Zambonia, it turned out that the country did not exist. In fact, the newspaper’s then-editor Melissa “Missy” Fitch had made up the place because “We need the name ‘Aeron’ if we’re going to make this week’s crossword puzzle work.” Fitch later on apologized for the hoax, stating, “Look, I’m sorry that I made up ‘Zambonia’. In hindsight, I should have named the place Iree, which would have fit perfectly in 20-across.”

Staff Bios

Alexandra Dixon

Publisher

Despite the paper’s recent scandal, I’m proud to say that I and the rest of the management team remain firmly behind the Times.

We have a proven track record of scooping our competition. How do we do it? Easy - we make everything up! This allows us to consistently publish tomorrow’s news today. In fact, we’re the paper that put the “When” in the Who, What, When, Where, and Why of journalism.

David Hill

Managing Editor

As the newest member of the Times team, I’m excited for the future of the Frisco Fishwrap, as it’s lovingly called by the local populace. I look forward to continuing the tradition of muckraking, bottom feeding, and bilge flushing for which the Times is so well known.

Larry Hosken

Intrepid Reporter

I'm out pounding the pavement every day, looking for stories to embellish. I love the smell of newsprint and the crisp look of black text on a white background. I rely on tips from the public to find my latest scoop. Send your ideas to 415-TWO-TONE.

Rex Miller

Crossword Puzzle Specialist

I pride myself on writing the best crossword puzzles I can - truth be damned! I spent a number of years in crossword school learning the tricks of the trade (although I always slept through that darn ethics class because it was too early in the morning).

Sarah Barnum

Featured Writer

If there's a story to be covered (from Abalone to Zambonia) I am on it, no matter how spurious that story is. I have traveled far and wide to bring the news to you no matter how ersatz it may be. While other reporters may pride themselves on bringing you genuine stories, I have received many kudos for the pseudo news I provide (especially from our crossword specialist).